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You can call it a comeback

Following financial tumult, the Tenants Union of Washington regroups, continues advocacy work

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

This is a comeback story that anyone with an interest in housing advocacy will appreciate.

In two years, the Tenants Union of Washington has emerged from the brink of financial crisis to a renewed vitality. Behind Executive Director Jonathan Grant, the Tenants Union is already nearing the other side of a major rebuilding effort. Already, the organization has taken the lead on a major tenant-organizing campaign in a low-income building in Seattle, and has contributed to housing policy efforts in Seattle and the state of Washington.

The group is also ramping up its tenant education program, following a brief



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Jonathan Grant, the new executive director of the Tenants Union of Washington, has helped stabilize the organization following a period of turmoil.

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Senate, House \$400 million apart on 2011-13 state budget

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

The State Senate and House of Representatives have each passed their own versions of the two-year state budget.

But the two chambers of the state Legislature are a ways apart in their versions of the state budget — \$400 million apart, to be exact.

The House budget proposal slashes state spending by \$4.4 billion, including \$485 million in cuts to higher education and another \$1.2 billion by not funding education initiatives related to pay increases for teachers and classroom-size reductions.

The plan also cuts all Disability Life-line cash grants, for about \$100 million in savings, but preserves the state's Basic Health Plan.

The proposal would also privatize state liquor distribution, generating \$300 million in revenue.

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'In Black and White': Memories of Seattle's civil rights movement

New book reveals the local struggle for equality and opportunity

BY LYNN SEREDA
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Seattle's civil rights history brilliantly came alive last month with the release of "Seattle in Black and White: The Congress of Racial Equality and the Fight for Equal Opportunity." The book, which surveys Seattle history during the turbulent 1960s, is co-authored by Joan Singler, Jean Durning, Bettylou Valentine and Maid Adams and published by the University of Washington Press.

The four women, all activists in Seattle's Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, bring the stories in the book alive through their first-hand experience. If the name Bettylou

Valentine sounds familiar, it is because she served on the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners before retiring in 2006.

On Sunday, April 3, all four authors gathered in the Microsoft Auditorium of the Seattle Central Library to discuss the book and answer questions, before a standing-room only crowd.

Valentine spoke of arriving in Seattle from Texas in 1959. She described the racism in Seattle as seemingly polite and benign, but nevertheless present.

Noticeably, blacks and whites lived in separate segregated neighborhoods. As far as employment was concerned, blacks mostly worked odd jobs.

Even African-American professionals, such as lawyers and doctors, could only open offices in the Central District, and their practice was strictly limited to their own race.

Supermarkets did not employ blacks as grocery workers, even in stores located in black neighborhoods.

Against this backdrop of racism and segregation, the Seattle Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) formed in 1961, with the underlying belief that nonviolent passive resistance is a potent force for social change.

The local chapter started by raising funds to support both the Freedom Riders in the South and its own operations in Seattle. Benefit fundraisers were headlined by the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, James Baldwin and Dick Gregory.

Seattle CORE identified three areas on which to concentrate their efforts: housing, education and employment opportunities.

Pickets were organized at the Safeway at 23rd and Union, demanding that the supermarket hire blacks. At the A & P

Supermarket, CORE organized a "shop-in." People filled their grocery carts with nonperishable items, especially those that are difficult to reshelve.

When the shoppers got ready to check out, they asked about the store's hiring policy and discriminatory practices. When they received unsatisfactory answers, they would leave the carts still full of items and walk out of the store, saying they wouldn't shop at a store that practiced discriminatory hiring.

These tactics were very successful — sixteen months after the protests were organized, the Safeway at 23rd and Union had 28 black employees.

In 1963, CORE led the first city-wide civil rights march, this one focusing on equal employment in downtown Seattle. At this time, CORE also stepped up their

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Health Notes

A column devoted to your well-being

Expo will highlight support services for the blind and visually impaired

BY VOICE STAFF

On Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sight Connection, formerly known as Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted, will be sponsoring “Insight: A Low-vision Expo” at the Lynwood Convention Center.

The event is open to the public and attendance is not limited to the blind or partially sighted. If you are new to vision loss, this is a very informative event to attend. It will be a great way to get introduced to the area and vision service agencies that are available. Eye-care professionals or others working in a field related to vision are encouraged to attend. Friends and family who have questions or are simply seeking more information about any of the topics are also welcome.

There is a \$20 suggested donation, but anyone unable to donate is still welcome to come. A box lunch will be provided, and part of the \$20 donation goes to covering this cost.

A fair will take place throughout the morning as organizations involved with assisting the blind and visually impaired will be available to answer any questions those in attendance may have. Visitors are encouraged to walk around and talk

with these vendors about their services. A full list of participating vendors and more information about how to register can be found at <http://csbps.com/Insight2011.html>.

The event will include keynote presentations on the topics of nutrition and vision and regenerative medicine for the eye, presented by Russell Van Gelder, MD, PhD and director of UW Medicine Eye Institute.

There will also be three breakout sessions that will cover such topics as fall prevention, driving and unexpected emergencies. Presenters include Susie Starfield with Snohomish County Long Term Care & Aging, Marty Richards Affiliate Assistant Professor UW School of Social Work, and Debbie Goetz with the Seattle Office of Emergency Preparedness.

A learning lab with accessible computer devices will also be open throughout the event. The purpose of the assistive technology learning lab will be to help people who are using computers and have to learn new software.

Event sponsors include Value Village, Northwest Lions Foundation, D.A. Davidson & Co., King County Mobility Coalition, and Charter Private Bank.

Starbucks employees share the joy of reading



PHOTO BY CORBIN GOODMAN

After reading time, Aneshia Coward leads a group of Head Start children in a sing-along of the hokey-pokey.

BY CORBIN GOODMAN
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What do children love more than stories? Adults coming to their classrooms and reading them stories.

Last month, Head Start Reading Week did just this, as Starbucks employees came to read to preschool students in each of Neighborhood House’s four Head Start sites, at High Point, NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace.

With infectious smiles that would brighten any Seattle day, the children warmed immediately to their visitors.

One such volunteer, Aneshia Coward, said she had a wonderful experience reading to the children at Yesler Terrace, who range from three to five years old.

“It is fun and really good to help people, especially little kids,” she said.

Coward, who came to read on multiple days, spoke of how “(the kids) are very energetic and remembered me from yesterday.”

Yesler Terrace Head Start teachers Shelley Seely and Dawn Wood could not stress enough the importance that reading has on a young child’s life, saying how “reading to children is the single most important thing you can do for young children.”

Commenting on the Head Start program, they said that “having someone read to (the children) shows them the importance of reading, and hearing it from someone beside the teacher, is especially great.

“We can only believe (and hope) the impact on the volunteer is as satisfying.”

Many of these children do not have sufficient access to books and libraries, so the program delivers a greatly appreciated need.

That said, once a person volunteers their time once it is not hard to see why many come back again.

Both the staff and students at Yesler Terrace were extremely welcoming to their visitors, which is a testament to the programs’ continued success.

Conference-call training available to advocates and other leaders

This month, resident leaders and other advocates will have the opportunity to participate in a unique training, sponsored by the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance.

Nancy Amidei, Project Director for the Civic Engagement Project, will be presenting “Federal Advocacy 101” from noon – 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 on behalf of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance’s “Learn at Lunch” Federal Policy Conference Call Series.

Since 1985, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance has been dedicated to safe, decent and affordable homes for everyone across the state. Working in cooperation with housing and homelessness organizations, funders, services providers and individual advocates, the WLIHA strives to make good ideas into effective and fair policy.

Amidei has worked in several positions, in and outside of the government, that serve the interests of low-income people. The Federal Advocacy 101 conference call will address how to become an efficient advocate for low-income

housing and other issues at the federal level, while also clarifying its differences from state level advocacy.

To register, call or email the Housing Alliance’s Federal Policy Coordinator, Alouise Umess, at 206-442-9455 ext. 203 or alouise@wliha.org.

The conference call is free for those participating. The call-in number and access code will be sent to those registering when they RSVP.

Construction and professional-technical career fair this month

Seeking to improve your résumé and enhance your interview skills? Are you pursuing a construction and/or professional-technical career? Attend a résumé and interview skills workshop on Tuesday, May 17 or Wednesday, May 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Room 509 of the Seattle Vocational Institute.

Then attend the Construction and Professional-Technical Career Fair on Thursday, May 19 at the SVI. The fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Public transit routes to the fair can be found at http://sviweb.sccd.ctc.edu/c_location.htm.

Don’t let your car get the boot

Pay parking tickets now and avoid getting your car wheel locked July 1

BY SEATTLE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

A scofflaw is someone with a vehicle that has four or more unpaid tickets. Starting July 1, scofflaw vehicles parked in public rights-of-way will get their wheel locked with a boot. If a vehicle receives a boot, and past-due infractions and the booting fee are not paid within 48 hours, the vehicle is towed. Full payment — initial parking fine, default penalties, interest, booting and tow fees — must be made before the car is released from tow. People unable to make a one-time full payment may arrange a time-payment plan.

To encourage people to pay their unpaid parking tickets before the scofflaw program launches, the Seattle Municipal Court is holding a Collections Reduction Event during the months of May and June.

The event waives all collections fees and interest on parking tickets if fines are paid in full. The Collections Reduction Event does not apply to those entering into a time-payment plan. Interpreters for all languages are available at Seattle Municipal Court.

Cash is accepted, and parking fines can also be paid at one of the seven Department of Neighborhood Service Centers. Visit

www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc/ to find the most convenient location.

Over 25,000 vehicles have four or more unpaid parking tickets, despite being provided multiple opportunities to dispute the tickets or setup a time-payment plan. Vehicles in scofflaw status are often parked in dense business and residential areas including Downtown, Capitol Hill, and the University District, contributing to parking shortfalls.

The scofflaw program improves parking availability by decreasing illegal parking, as well as increasing the number of people paying their parking fines. Payments collected go into the city’s General Fund. The General Fund helps pay for city public safety and human services programs.

Currently, scofflaws found parked illegally can have their vehicles towed and impounded. Scofflaws do not have to pay their initial parking tickets to get their vehicle out of impound. However, the lack of payment does go on their credit report.

If tow and administrative fees (typically around \$200) are not paid, the vehicle is auctioned after fifteen days. Legislation passed in December 2010 changes these requirements and created the new scofflaw program.

To see if you have unpaid parking tickets and to pay them, go to www.seattle.gov/scofflaw (English) or call 206-684-5600 (interpretation available).

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Be safe

Building security: Unlocked side and back doors pose a security risk

BY KELLY MCKINNEY
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Last month's "Be Safe" column discussed safety around the front doors. Most of the tips were directed to residents who live in apartment buildings with a common front door that opens to street.

However, these are not the only exterior doors that building residents should be concerned about. Many of these buildings have multiple entrances and exits. Some of these entry points are more visible than others.

When these doors are left open, or when strangers come into the building through these doors, it is obvious. However, other doors are not so noticeable. Strangers coming in and out of these doors are not always apparent.

Making sure these doors are secured is important. Sometimes people will block the door open or will tape the latch so the door doesn't close securely. When this happens, anyone can come in the building — and an important security measure has been breached.

If there are side doors that are frequently blocked open, it is important to inform the management staff and your building's Com-

munity Police Team Officer as soon as you notice the problem.

Some of the Seattle Housing Authority high-rises have sliding glass doors off of their community rooms. Community room doors are more obvious than side doors, because residents often use the community room.

However, after the event is over and everyone at the party is ready to go home, it is important to remember to secure these doors.

For extra security, place a dowel in the door track so the door cannot be opened from the outside even if the door is unlocked.

Never take it for granted that an exterior door is secured. It takes just a moment to check to make sure, and it will keep the building much safer.

Next Month Be Safe will be talking about summer safety.

Kelly McKinney (206-323-7084) and Allan Davis (206-323-7094) are Community Education Coordinators for Seattle Neighborhood Group. Call Allan or Kelly for crime prevention information or help with your safety and security concerns.

Food worker class now available online and in eight languages

King County residents who work in the food industry may now obtain their required state food worker card over the Internet. The class and test may be taken in eight different languages. Upon completing the class and passing the test, the student may print out the food worker card for immediate use.

The new class is available at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov. King County residents should log in, and then select "King County" to get started.

"The new online training provides the same information as an in-person experience but with the convenience of an online class," said Dr. David Fleming, Director and Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County. "Most of our customers – food workers in King County – said they wanted this option so I am very pleased to be providing this enhanced level of customer service."

The new online food worker class is an addition to the in-person classes that train

approximately 55,000 people per year in King County. The online class is being made available to food workers in King County thanks to a partnership with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, which built and maintains the site.

Key for food workers to know:

Online training is available in English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Cambodian and closed caption.

The cost of the class and test is \$10, payable with VISA, MasterCard or Discover card and debit cards with the VISA or MasterCard logo after the test is passed.

Typical users take approximately one hour to take the course and test.

In-person classes remain an option for those who choose it.

Visit www.kingcounty.gov/health/food-safety for more information about the food worker class and test, as well as a schedule for in-person classes.

able children to get to these schools. A total of 3,000 children, two-thirds black and the other third white, boycotted the regular schools and attended these Freedom Schools in this successful effort towards integrating the school system.

By 1968, CORE began to fade in Seattle. Nationally, CORE had decided to become a membership organization for African-Americans with a focus on black power. This caused a rift in Seattle's multi-racial CORE chapter.

Whites started to become involved in other causes, like the anti-nuclear and women's movements. African-Americans also left CORE to form nonprofits such as the Central Area Motivation Project, part of the War on Poverty initiatives.

Toward the end of the book reading, Adams, one of the four authors, shared what she felt was one of the most important teaching moments of her involvement in Seattle's civil rights history.

She asked us not to consider them as heroes — indeed, she said they were just



One to grow on *Garden tips for community gardeners*

With a cool summer likely on the way, think leafy greens

BY ANZA MUENCHOW
Special to The Voice

This April was a recordbreaking cold month. It seemed like winter, with the hail and snowy conditions lasting until mid-month. Now in May we are finally getting some spring weather.

We may still have a good, hot summer, but I am planning for more plantings of cool-season vegetables. I recommend lots of green leafy vegetables in your menus this summer: lettuce, mustard greens, bok choy, cabbage, and especially broccoli raab or rapini.

Consider planting these seeds much closer than the seed packages recommend, and then thin out the little sprouts for delicious early snacking. All these seedlings will combine to make gourmet salad mixes.

Be vigilant about thinning them, because the remaining plants need lots of room to mature without crowding. Crowding stresses the plants and may cause early bolting, which is when the plant flowers and develops seeds instead of leafy greens.

Leafy greens prefer a rich soil, with extra compost or other organic nitrogen sources. A liquid fish fertilizer will offer a quick and easy drink of nutrients.

This can be applied as a foliar feeding, but only on cloudy days, or it could burn the leaves. You will then want to wait a week before harvesting to allow the fishy taste/smell to disappear.

Don't allow the soil to get too dry, because leafy greens like consistent water. Using soaker hoses or drip tape makes watering easy.

These leafy greens will also enjoy overhead watering early in the day, but prefer to dry off before nightfall. Typically Northwest gardeners will have to add lime to the soil where they plan to plant any of the Brassicas: broccoli, bok choy, kohlrabi, arugula, mustard and cabbage.

Our acidic rain and heavy, wet soils can encourage the dreaded club root fungus, which stunts and usually kills many of our favorite Brassicas. Keep a map of your crop rotations to avoid planting Brassicas in the same soil for two to three years. And increase the soil pH by adding lime before planting.

This spring in particular we employed many techniques to get the soil warmed for planting. The simplest approach is to make raised beds.

The practice of piling up the compost and soil in a manageable section of the garden allows the soil to drain when the weather has given us too much rain. Also,

the elevated sides of the bed catch a few more warming rays of the sun and increase soil temperature significantly.

Warmed soil will germinate seeds faster and increase production. The size of the raised beds should be about three feet wide, to allow an easy reach to weed and harvest without stepping into the bed.

The path around the bed can be mulched with weed-free materials like cardboard, or covered with woodchips, burlap or other recycled materials that are comfortable to kneel on.

The next technique to warm the soil would be building cloches (clear tent-like structures) out of plastic or even old glass windows. These must be easily ventilated so that the plants are not overheated on sunny days. There are many designs for low tunnels (just covering the plants) and high tunnels (tall enough for people to stand under) using agricultural plastics that won't degrade quickly in the sun.

The simplest warming material to buy is floating row cover, which is a spun polyester fabric that can rest directly on the soil and little plants, so you don't need to build a structure to cover them.

Row cover only adds 3-5 of degrees of warmth, but it allows water and rain to penetrate. It saves time to not have to take off the plastic whenever you want to water your little baby seedlings. The light weight row covers are inexpensive to ship so order from catalogues to get the right weight and size for your site. They can be reused for several years.

When the spring weather is exceptionally cold, I am especially motivated to start lots of seeds indoors. I generally start many more transplants than I need in my own garden.

My little greenhouse is packed to the brim with trays of celery, broccoli, lettuce, tomatoes, basil, peppers and all sorts of fun vegetables I want to eat this year. I often start squash and corn in May, as most of the leafy greens are transplanted out by then.

If I have a particular crop failure (slugs ate the lettuce, rabbits got my broccoli, or deer got my peas) I always have another flat of vegetable starts I can substitute in that raised bed. And I always have extra vegetable starts I can share with a friend or neighbor. Also, many food banks are happy to accept donations of vegetable starts.

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Civil rights

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efforts to desegregate neighborhoods.

African-American couples began to attend real estate open houses in neighborhoods outside of the Central District. Realtors soon pulled their ads, canceled open houses and even closed their offices.

Agents countered by placing racist advertisements in local newspapers, criticizing CORE's actions and appealing to white fear. A darker side of Seattle was apparent when a city-wide referendum to prohibit unfair housing was defeated by a two-to-one margin.

One of CORE's great success stories was sponsoring a city-wide school boycott in 1966 to protest segregated schools.

For three days, "Freedom Schools" were organized at places like Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Meredith Mathews YMCA, where black history, music, science and art were taught.

Transportation was coordinated to en-

"ordinary people" who, because of their involvement, accomplished extraordinary things. It wasn't a glamorous effort, and there was ample struggle.

Adams said that each one of us, no matter how ordinary, could also become quite capable of similar achievements ourselves, as individuals and in collective action.

Lynn Sereda is a Section 8 Voucher Holder. Lately, when visiting the Meredith Mathews YMCA, she imagines what it must have been like nearly 50 years ago, when it was home to one of CORE's Freedom Schools.



Please recycle me



Successful year of women-only exercise programs



PHOTO BY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

From left, Kathleen Perez-Hureaux, Masara Hamam and Asha Sheikhismail participate in a Be Active Together exercise class.

BY FREDOLYN MILLENDEZ
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Neighborhood House staff

Just a year ago, East African women in the Greenbridge and High Point neighborhoods found it challenging just to find a space in the neighborhood where they could come together and socialize; exercising wasn't even a thought.

Now, every Friday night girls and women

attend the women-only Exercise Class at the Neighborhood House High Point Center. This program is more than a fitness class — it's a safe and friendly place that allows them to catch up, relax and burn off calories at the same time. The same can be seen on Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Wiley Center in Greenbridge.

"The women that come feel comfortable. Other exercise classes are co-ed with male teachers, and that's not appropriate for us

culturally or religiously," said Ayaan Adan, a Community Action Team member and exercise participant who doesn't miss any chance to describe the importance of a women-only exercise class.

Be Active Together offers the only exercise classes in Southwest Seattle that are reserved exclusively for women. Women-only classes are the sole option for some women to get exercise when their cultural norms prohibit women being seen exercising, especially by men.

As a simple fix, classroom windows are covered with cloths, keeping the women safe and away from public view. Some feel comfortable enough to even take off their hijabs, head coverings for Muslim women, and outside layers of clothing.

Classes are filled with a wide variety of age groups from school-aged girls to older women as well as from various cultural backgrounds. The program is not only popular among Muslim women, it is popular among women from all cultural backgrounds, because they feel more comfortable in a women-only setting. Each participant brings something unique to the class. In one year, 65 different women have attended this class.

Childcare is also a barrier for many women to exercise; in High Point, Be Active Together provides free childcare for this class.

The women often greet each other with hugs. The room comes alive in several lan-

guages, as both younger and older women chat before exercise class starts.

After exercising for about an hour, the last ten minutes of class is spent by participants taking turns to dance to the beat of a drum, played by Ayaan, in a dance circle.

Other participants from different cultural groups also participate and share dance moves they remember from their home countries.

The Tuesday class in Greenbridge has even found a common interest in using exercise hula hoops (bigger and heavier than normal ones) in class and at home.

Exercise classes are free, drop-in and for all levels. Jen Rosenbrook, an instructor for the Women's Exercise class says, "It's a unique class. It allows me to see and learn about their culture while sharing a part of the American culture with them through exercise."

Women-only swim lessons available

This spring, Be Active Together is renting the Southwest Pool to host a series of women-only swim lessons. This is the first time for most women in the program to have the opportunity to learn how to swim, as pool hours reserved for women are currently nonexistent in Seattle.

To request an exercise calendar or to sign up for the summer session of the Women of the World Swim Lessons, please contact Fredolyn Millendez at fredolynm@nhwa.org or 206-588-4900, Ext. 609.

Pathways to healing for those with a mental illness

Advocates, health care providers and those with an illness seek better options for mental health care

Editor's note: This is the second article in The Voice's two-part series covering the Thomas C. Whalen Foundation Symposium on Mental Health. The first article dealt with mental health and stigma.

BY BRENDA NETH
University House resident

If the issue of mental health stigma can be addressed, what can be done to improve the treatment and care for those who are mentally ill?

While many at the Thomas C. Whalen Foundation Symposium on Mental Health brought a focus on combating stigma, still others have focused their attention on improving solutions for treating those who are mentally ill.

Cinda and Linea Johnson, a mother and daughter mental health advocate team, have collaborated on a memoir about Linea's diagnosis and treatment. The memoir, "Perfect Chaos," will be published by St. Martin Press in 2012.

Linea has an English and Creative Writing Degree and manages and writes for the blog BringChange2Mind. Cinda is an associate professor and special education director at Seattle University.

Both Cinda and Linea stressed the importance of being open and honest about having a mental illness.

Linea said she had been extremely suicidal and had to be under constant supervision in the hospital.

It was when she was admitted to the emergency room that she saw a homeless man lying on a gurney next to her, and realized he had the same illness as she. This was when she realized she wanted to use her voice for those less fortunate.

King County Sheriff Sue Rahr spoke about how the legal system is the last stop for the mentally ill, and of her concerns for the number of mentally ill in jail.

She said the legal system needs to be more "person-centered," in which hospitals and jails partner together for continuity of care.

"We are the system of last resort, and we're the only ones that can't say no. And we're least able to find solutions for their problems," Rahr said.

She stated that the department is sponsoring more training for their deputies around crisis intervention and understanding those with mental illness in the community.

Susan Dreyfuss, the Secretary of DSHS in Washington, said in a panel discussion that there needs to be more community-based care. She said funding for mental health care needed to be focused in the communities where individuals live.

Rev. Craig Rennebohm, an author and founder of the Mental Health Chaplaincy, said that there must be adequate housing policies and a front-door approach to early intervention to illness, with mental health assistance available in all communities.

Rennebohm cited the Ballard Hospitality program, a shelter that houses five to seven homeless five nights a week in two local churches.

He also cited Plymouth House of Healing, a center where five volunteers shadow four clients as they transition from the streets or the hospital into housing. He said both programs are good examples of the companionship model in community-based mental health care.

"Everyone needs housing to maximize recovery and well-being," he said.

Learn more

For more information on this symposium and other available resources, read the blog at www.fightingstigma.blogspot.com.

Peer counselor Patrick Ciminera, from Sound Mental Health, spoke about ways in which individuals living with mental illness can feel more in control of directing their lives and being involved in their communities. Ciminera involves his clients in activities that cause "good stress" — activities such as fishing and active sports.

He said that because of his own experience in the mental health system, he can be a non-judgmental listening resource for others.

For Martha Monfried, a mental health advocate and director of corporate communications for Puget Sound Energy, the pain of denial has cost loved ones their lives and their finances.

Monfried spoke of her sister's struggle with mental illness, and the denial her sister faces as she is currently residing at Western State Hospital.

Monfried said that only five percent of patients in Western State Hospital are visited by their families, and that the only way to come out of the pain of mental illness is for families to talk openly about mental health issues — an appeal that brings to mind the work of Cinda and Linea Johnson, the mother-daughter mental health advocacy team.

Still, progress has been made in the legislation toward mental illness in the United States.

Legislation in Washington dictates that equal mental health care for individuals, on par with physical health, be provided through the Basic Health Plan.

Companions in our community

Rev. Craig Rennebohm, an author and founder of the Mental Health Chaplaincy, lists his five basic practices he sees as necessary to encourage companionship for the 10 percent of the population that suffers serious mental illness. They are:

1. Hospitality: Learning to create a safe space.
2. Being a neighbor: Finding out what we have in common with each other.
3. Working side by side: Don't stand behind and tell people what to do, appreciate the experience each person is having.
4. Listening: Hearing a person's story and sharing the journey with someone who is struggling.
5. Accompanying: Supporting a person in his or her daily activities.

State law also requires that employers make accommodations for employees who are experiencing mental health issues. In some cases, a person's job may be held for them if they have to take leave time to receive treatment for a mental health issue.

The issues around mental health stigma, as well as inclusion, will continue to change as individuals facing mental health issues identify their needs for equality in the workplace and in society.

In turn, legislators, judicial systems and community health care workers will create more optimistic outcomes for those living with mental health challenges.

Through the ideas of companionship, fair and supportive work environments, and more personalized treatment options, the idea of just surviving with a mental illness can be overcome.

Neighborhood House's 10th Annual Breakfast Celebration features keynote by Dr. Michael McAfee, director of Promise Neighborhoods Institute



PHOTO BY JILL WATSON

Dr. Michael McAfee (third from right), the director of the Promise Neighborhoods Institute, delivered the keynote address during Neighborhood House's 10th Annual Breakfast Celebration. McAfee urged the nearly 600 guests in attendance to go beyond doing good — to do “transformative” work in supporting disadvantaged communities.

Dr. McAfee is seen here with (from left) Event Chair Fran Bigelow of Fran's Chocolates, Neighborhood House Board President Lori Husa of Wells Fargo, NH Executive Director Mark Okazaki, event emcee Angela King of KCPQ Q13 and Norman B. Rice, former Seattle mayor and president of The Seattle Foundation. To view a video of Dr. McAfee's keynote speech, visit www.nhwa.org.

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Putting out the fire: Helping Asian-Americans quit tobacco

By **BAO NGUYEN**
Neighborhood House

In the U.S., hundreds of thousands of people die every year as a result of tobacco — more than car crashes, alcohol and drug use combined. Tens of thousands of people who don't even smoke also lose their lives to cigarettes' evil offspring, second-hand smoke.

There are resources to help people quit. In 1992, California started the first state-wide Tobacco Quitline, a free service that allows people to call and receive help to quit smoking.

Since then, every state has begun a similar program, including Washington, whose Quitline has served over 110,000 people since opening in 2000. However, even though the service is available to everyone, not all groups are treated equally.

Washington's Quitline is available in only English and Spanish, despite the large Asian population here. If someone who speaks Mandarin or Korean calls, an AT&T interpreter would have to be dialed in.

Furthermore, information about the Quitline is not available in languages other than English and Spanish. It is no surprise that last year, only 1.3 percent (352) of the 27,000 calls received by the Quitline were from Asian-Americans (mostly English speakers).

Smoking rates among Vietnamese, Korean and Cambodian men are much higher than the general population, sometimes reaching the 70 percent mark — however, these groups are not being served by the Quitline.

Seeing the disparity, the Asian Pacific

State tobacco quitlines and other contacts

Chinese Quitline: 1-800-838-8917
Korean Quitline: 1-800-556-5564
Vietnamese Quitline: 1-800-778-8440
WA State Quitline: 1-800-QUIT-NOW
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Against Tobacco: 206-682-1668

Islander Coalition Against Tobacco (API-CAT) partnered this year with the California Asian Language Quitline (the first such quitline in the United States), to begin implementing Asian Language Quitlines here in Washington.

Data from California has shown that Asian language speakers do call quitlines, sometimes at higher numbers than English speakers. Now telephone counseling services are available for Washington residents in Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese), Korean and Vietnamese.

In its first two month the Washington Asian language Quitlines received over 50 calls!

But not all is well — in June, much of the money for tobacco prevention is scheduled to be cut unless a new source is found. If you are concerned about this, call your legislators at 1-800-562-6000 and tell them you support tobacco prevention programs. These programs not only save lives, they also save money in the long run, by reducing hospital stays and other health care expenses incurred by regular smokers.

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The senate's budget, on the other hand, cuts state spending even more deeply — by \$4.8 billion. Perhaps the most controversial piece is a proposed statewide pay cut of 3 percent for all K-12 teachers. The pay cut would save the state an estimated \$250 million.

The Senate's budget also cuts \$122 million from the state's Basic Health Plan, \$184 million from the Disability Lifeline cash grants program and \$51 million from the Disability Lifeline Medical program.

The senate's proposal would not privatize state liquor distribution.

Debate among lawmakers in Olympia over the biennial budget was renewed last week, as the Legislature entered a special session April 26.

Tenants Union

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hiatus.

“Effective tenant education and organizing programs are a homelessness prevention tool,” Grant said.

Now six months into his tenure as executive director, Grant comes to the Tenants Union (TU) after spending four years as a tenant counseling advocate for Solid Ground.

With Solid Ground, he worked with members of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance on the state's fair tenant screening act, “one of the more progressive, pro-tenant legislative pieces in the last 20 years.”

He brings his experience to the leadership of the TU, an organization that he says was in “a major crisis” just two years ago.

In 2009, Grant said, the TU was “a shell of an organization.”

Its contract with King County was set to expire, and the TU was “rudderless and running low on cash.”

The first step was simply to save the organization. They succeeded — the board

rallied the community to raise \$35,000 to save the TU.

“Foundations stepped up, believed in our mission and supported us,” Grant said.

After the organization achieved financial stability, a new question emerged: Now what?

Operating with just a skeleton staff and with much of its organizing and advocacy efforts severely limited, the organization would have to rebuild from the ground up.

“How do we make the Tenants Union relevant again?” Grant said.

Grant has the organization focused on enhancing its core programming related to tenant organizing, education and advocacy.

They recently embarked on a major organizing effort in the Downtowner, a 240-unit low-income building in Seattle's International District.

The Downtowner is one of many low-income buildings around the country with an expiring 40-year HUD mortgage. As those mortgages expire, property owners may opt to convert low-income housing to market-rate, or raze the building to make way for new development — further diminishing the available stock of low-income

housing.

The result could mean the displacement of tens of thousands of low-income people around the country.

“There is a national crisis right now in affordable housing,” Grant said.

Washington state is in a key position in the national housing debate, Grant said, given U.S. Senator Patty Murray's role as chair of the Senate's HUD Appropriations Subcommittee.

“We are an essential piece of the puzzle on a national level,” Grant said.

The TU collected the signatures of 173 residents of the Downtowner in just 48 hours, and delivered them to Murray's office in time for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day on Feb. 14.

The majority of the building's residents are Ethiopian and Filipino, and the TU has focused some of its efforts on translation to help bridge the communication gap.

Organizing efforts have paid off — the TU has secured vouchers for each of the building's approximately 240 residents.

The TU's advocacy efforts include support for the proposal to revise Seattle's anti-discrimination laws to make it easier for those with arrest or conviction records to obtain housing or get a job. The group

also recently collaborated with the landlord industry to rewrite parts of the resident landlord-tenant act, earning gains for tenants without making significant concessions, Grant said.

Among its next steps, Grant said the TU will look to expand the tenant education component of its programming. It's also eyeing expansion to two satellite locations—its current office is in South Seattle's Columbia City neighborhood.

In the meantime, the leadership of its board remains strong.

The Tenants Union boasts strong representation from Seattle Housing Authority residents on its board. Seattle Housing residents Bette Reed and Rick Harrison are both on the board, as well as Section 8 Voucher Holder Lynn Sereda. (Harrison is president of the Resident Action Council, and Sereda is a frequent contributor to *The Voice*.)

“We have some of the most passionate, committed people on our board, and it's that kind of energy that drives the mission of the organization,” Grant said.

The Tenants Union operates an education and information hotline: 206-723-0500. For more information, visit www.tenantsunion.org.

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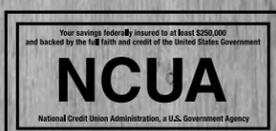


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News and information about Seattle's neighborhoods

Nearly three-quarters of residents support no-smoking policy in Low-Income Public Housing

BY THAI NGUYEN
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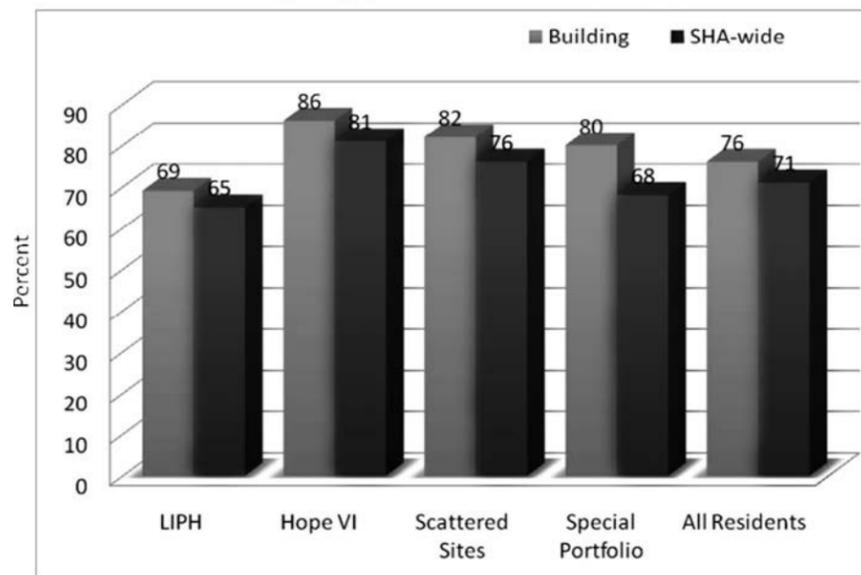
Results from a recent survey of residents in the Low-Income Public Housing program indicate that an overwhelming 76 percent of residents surveyed support a no-smoking policy in their building, while 71 percent support a no-smoking policy throughout all Seattle Housing communities.

The survey, sent to residents in January and February of this year, was meant to assess smoking behavior and practices, measure support for smoke-free housing, and determine interest in tobacco cessation tools. The agency received 1,804 responses to the survey, a response rate of 33 percent.

"We now see that there is significant support for a no-smoking policy among residents. We will move forward to consider various policy options, consult with residents, and return to the board with suggestions in a few months," Executive Director Tom Tierney said.

Last fall, the Seattle Housing Authority was awarded the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant, funded by Public Health – Seattle & King County and the United States Department of Human and Health Services, to examine how our agency can implement policy, systems or environmental changes to protect residents

Support for a Smoke-Free Policy by Community Type



GRAPH PROVIDED BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The above graph shows support for the adoption of a smoke-free policy in an individual's own building and across Seattle Housing Authority, as a percentage of survey respondents organized by housing category.

from the hazards of tobacco smoke. As a result, Seattle Housing is considering a smoke-free policy to prevent tobacco use, reduce secondhand smoke exposure, and ensure a healthy environment for all

residents and staff.

A strong majority of respondents recognized the health hazards of second-

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Seattle Housing budget planners struggle with uncertainties

Conflicts in Congress lead to limited information

BY VIRGINIA FELTON
Seattle Housing Authority

As managers at the Seattle Housing Authority begin the process of budget preparation for 2012, the uncertainties surrounding the level of revenues that will be available from the federal government make the process difficult and unpredictable. With the shift in intention on the part of Congress and President Obama from stimulating the economy to reducing the deficit, however, budget planners are bracing for significant revenue reductions.

Executive Director Tom Tierney explained the difficulties of the current situation as follows: "The Housing Authority is caught in a squeeze between reductions in Washington state's assistance to low-income people and the inevitable reduction in revenues from Washington, DC.," he said. "Reductions in state income supports for low-income people, including Temporary

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Rainier Vista resident Hiroko Nakahara, 18, awarded prestigious Jesse Epstein Scholarship

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

At a luncheon in Tacoma this month Hiroko Nakahara, a high school senior who lives with her family in a Rainier Vista apartment, will be awarded the \$10,000 Jesse Epstein Scholarship. The award will provide her \$2,500 for each of four years.

More scholarship info

For a story on a recent college fair, including details on upcoming scholarship deadlines, turn to Page 6.

Awarded annually by the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, the scholarship is named after the late Jesse Epstein, a Seattle attorney who served as the first director of the Seattle Housing Authority.

A participant in the Running Start program, Hiroko is taking Advanced Placement Calculus and Honors Physics at Garfield High School and Abnormal Psychology at Seattle Central Community College. She will enroll at the University of Washington in the fall as a sophomore. She plans to major in neurobiology with a focus on prenatal neurology, and then to attend medical school, ultimately to practice as a pediatric neurologist working with young children.

Hiroko, now 18, moved to Seattle



PHOTO BY SCOTT FREUTEL

Hiroko Nakahara, winner of the prestigious Jesse Epstein Scholarship.

when she was 5 years old with her family — father, Hironobu; mother, Matsuo; and brother, Kazumichi, who is now 20. Her parents are missionaries associated with

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Final EIS issued for Yesler Terrace redevelopment

Housing Authority, city conclude year-long process

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

For the past year, Seattle Housing Authority, along with a team of consultant engineers, scientists, designers and others, have studied possible environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the Yesler Terrace redevelopment. April 14 marked the conclusion of this comprehensive study with the release of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The full document is available online at www.seattlehousing.org.

"This is an exciting moment-in-time for everyone involved in the redevelopment project," said Anne Fiske Zuniga, Yesler Terrace project manager. "After working closely with the Citizens Review Committee, the city, community organizations and others over the past four years on a vision for Yesler Terrace, the final EIS puts us on the right track toward closer realization of this

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Many Seattle Housing construction projects benefitting from Section 3 job hires

By LAURA GENTRY
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As construction activity is heating up at several Seattle Housing communities, some residents are getting a chance to start new careers and put their own stamp on Seattle construction projects thanks to the Section 3 job program.

Section 3, which was established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide jobs for residents in areas receiving HUD assistance, helps residents gain the skills and jobs needed to become self-sufficient. Through March 2011, a total of 49 Section 3 hires have been made this year for Seattle Housing construction jobs. In 2010, a total of 131 placements were made.

Income and location determine whether a candidate will qualify for Section 3 employment, but a resident may also qualify for job placement through the GreenLight Project, a program designed to place low-income residents of Central and Southeast Seattle into green building construction jobs.

"We're really looking at people who have construction-related experience," said Samuel Pierce, Seattle Housing Authority's

Section 3 Employment Coordinator. "So I would typically start the hiring process for a job by doing some recruiting in our communities, work with Job Connection and local partners to get referrals. Then I screen them to determine if they would be a good candidate."

"In this economy, a lot of skilled workers are competing for these types of construction jobs, so if the applicant doesn't have previous construction experience, they at least need to complete a pre-apprenticeship program to be a viable candidate," Pierce said.

That's where Seattle Vocational Institute (SVI) comes into play. SVI offers a Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training program where participants learn trade skills such as industry terminology, safety, trades math, forklift operation, road flagging and other relevant skills.

Then, if the applicant is not already a union member, they work to get into the appropriate union if the position requires it, which is typically a 3-4 week process.

One job placement success that particularly stands out to Pierce is the story of Delaina Viviano. Hired in March 2010, Viviano was the first Section 3 hire at Lake

City Village, an 86-unit, mixed-income building currently under construction in northeast Seattle. She was originally placed to perform administrative office duties for Andersen Construction at the site, but has since taken on a host of other duties for the company. Viviano now handles much of the Section 3 coordination between the applicants, Seattle Housing, SVI and the contractors who are doing the hiring.

The Section 3 program has been particularly successful during the development of Lake City Village. Andersen Construction made a commitment to Seattle Housing that they would make 26 Section 3 hires during construction, but the company has more than doubled that number, making more than 52 Section 3 hires since breaking ground, thanks in large part to Viviano's dedication to the program.

"I've been unemployed, so I know what it's like," Viviano said. "I have (the applicants') backs. I'll do whatever it takes to get them what they need — into a job position or into a union. You've got to start somewhere. I want to make it as easy as possible to get people hired."

Viviano, who helped place six new hires in April 2011 alone, credits these successes

to Andersen's commitment to the community and her fondness for helping others.

"Andersen is very community-oriented and I work really well with people, so I hope to continue doing more of that with them. I worked for Nordstrom for 17 years and it feels like I'm doing the same sort of work now with Andersen. Their core values are very similar. I feel at home," Viviano said.

Pierce notes that the number of Section 3 jobs placed per month varies, but in March 2011, there were eight placed at Lake City Village, 19 at Rainier Vista and six at Denny Terrace.

"The amount of hiring that's done is dependent on a lot of things: the economy, the weather, the specific needs of the contractors and sub-contractors working with us," Pierce said.

One upcoming project Pierce will be recruiting Section 3 job candidates for is the First Hill Streetcar line, which will link up with the Yesler Terrace neighborhood. Pierce expects the contractor, Stacy and Witbeck, may look to hire three to five Section 3 positions.

If you live in government-assisted housing OR if your household income falls below HUD's household income guidelines, you may qualify as a Section 3 Resident. Find out more about Section 3 qualifications here: <http://seattlehousing.org/jobs/section3>.

To learn more about the Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training program offered at Seattle Vocational Institute, please visit: http://sviweb.sccd.ctc.edu/p_pact.htm.

Cedarvale House offers sack lunches to young people this summer

By CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

A newly renewed program at Cedarvale House will provide prepackaged meals to young residents of Cedarvale House and Village every weekday morning.

Organizer Rick Harrison explains the idea as "prepackaged lunches being delivered each day by a College Work Study student working for the City of Seattle."

The students live in nearby Cedarvale Village and come to the Cedarvale House Community Room each weekday at noon in order to help. Two adult volunteers are also on hand to "monitor the kids, serve the meals, and clean up afterwards."

The program is funded by the USDA and administered by the City of Seattle. Harrison says that plans in the future to expand to other Seattle Housing residences outside of Cedarvale are "not really up to us, but

I would hope so. It would take volunteers from the community where the lunches are held to make it work."

Harrison says the program came into being when he "heard about it five years ago, and the Cedarvale House did it for three but stopped because it did not get sufficient volunteers."

Harrison was inspired by the group of kids at Cedarvale Village that would come each day and help out.

"The kids are pretty cool. They don't start any trouble. They are generally well behaved," he said.

Another thing of note is how Cedarvale Village is truly a melting pot. Harrison explained how "many are first-generation immigrants from different parts of the world, and the community they have built is inspiring for me to see. It is especially cool to see bilingual, even trilingual kids helping out."

New MTW activities go out for public comment in May

Seattle Housing is proposing two new activities through its Moving to Work (MTW) agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These new activities will be submitted together as an amendment to the 2011 Annual MTW Plan.

The first new activity will simplify the way that Housing Choice Voucher participants' rents are adjusted to help with utility costs. Currently there are hundreds of different combinations of factors that are used in making this determination.

The agency is developing a simplified chart with only one or two options per bedroom size to replace the complex matrix that currently exists. This will make it easier to explain utility calculations to participants and landlords and also save time and decrease confusion.

The changes to utility adjustments will not apply to families with vouchers that live in HOPE VI properties.

The second new activity will apply MTW flexibility to Seattle Senior Housing Program (SSHP) units to allow them to re-

ceive public housing funding while maintaining their current rent structure, resident preferences and operating policies.

This subsidy will allow the agency to keep rents affordable while paying for about \$33 million in needed repairs to elevators, siding and windows.

Using MTW status will allow Seattle Housing to gain the subsidy while still maintaining SSHP as a unique and separate program with its own operating policies and procedures.

The public hearing previously scheduled for May 2 has been rescheduled for June 6 at 5 p.m. in the community room at PorchLight, 907 N.W. Ballard Way, Seattle. Please join us to share your thoughts and questions.

The proposed amendment will be available on www.seattlehousing.org beginning May 10 and available for public comment through June 9. For more information, disability accommodations, or to arrange an interpreter for the public hearing, call Beka Smith at 206-615-3576 by May 27.

RAC to meet Wednesday, May 11

The Resident Action Council will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Center Park Community Room.

There is a new meeting format to honor resident participation: After introductions and announcements, resident issues will be addressed first, not last.

RAC welcomes all residents to attend and discuss noise issues, which is a concern across all buildings.

Also this month, there will be a raffle with some pretty wonderful items available. The share table will also be making a return, so please visit it and see what items and information is there this month. If you have anything to add, please bring it.

As at each meeting, Pam Wilcox will again provide a terrific spread of food for all. See you there!

Center Park is located at 2121 26th Ave. S., accessible by Metro bus lines #4, #7, #8, #9 and #48. For more information on route information, visit <http://metro.kingcounty.gov> or call Metro at 206-553-3000 (TTD 711).

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POINT OF VIEW

NEWS ABOUT THE SEATTLE SENIOR HOUSING PROGRAM AND SEATTLE'S HIGH-RISE COMMUNITIES

A work, in progress...

Over the course of a year, Lake City Village takes shape



July 2010: Site excavation and reinforcement

Excavation proceeded quickly, overcoming challenges caused by the same ground water and drainage issues that swamped the original Lake City Village before it was demolished about a decade ago.



October 2010: Pouring the concrete foundation

The outline of the building becomes clear. The foundations for the building and the underground garages were constructed of post-tensioned concrete. Ground water was pumped out of the holes and into the enormous storage containers in the lower left.



January 2011: Framing constructed and windows installed

Framing reveals the layout of the interior. Walls were manufactured at a factory off-site, then delivered by truck and assembled on site. Wall panels can be made more efficiently and with less wood waste in a factory, which pays dividends for green construction.



April 2011: Roof, exterior insulation and solar array installed

After all the windows are in and the roof is installed, the building is “dried-in,” so work can progress on the now-protected living spaces inside. The steel framework visible on the roof is for the mounting of solar panels.

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

Lake City Village construction began last summer as just another hole in the ground. During construction, anyone could have mistaken it for any other apartment low-rise.

But in March and April, a steel structure was erected on the roof unlike anything usually seen on a residential building.

This metal framework is the support structure for a large solar panel array. The design of the roof's skylights integrates both photovoltaic panels to produce electricity and solar collectors to produce hot water.

This means that the sun will not only bring daylight into the building through the

skylights to reduce the need for lighting, but will also provide free, clean electricity and hot water directly from the roof top.

Frank Burns, Seattle Housing Authority's construction project manager for Lake City Village, is enjoying the extra attention the 86-unit affordable housing building is receiving.

“We've had a lot of visitors come and check out the roof top because this is not what you usually see on a residential building around here,” Burns said.

Even on a cloudy day, the photovoltaic panels generate electricity that can be used within the building to power anything from lights to computers. On very sunny days, there could be more power generated than the building uses.

The meter installed by City Light allows the building to sell excess electricity back to the power grid.

While the rooftop power will only go to common spaces rather than the apartments, by feeding back into the grid, residents may be getting a small slice of their local power source, too.

The solar collectors will provide hot water for the building's laundry room. This will reduce the cost of operations for the Housing Authority, so money can be spent on the buildings' other maintenance needs.

The green features aren't just window dressing — they are part of what made Lake City Village possible. According to George Nemeth, the Housing Authority's developer for the project, the use of green building

technology was a deciding factor in winning federal funding for the construction through competitive grants, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The project will be home to one of the largest solar arrays in public housing in the country.

The solar infrastructure may be the most visible feature that distinguishes the Lake City Village building at first glance.

Now, construction is progressing to the living spaces inside. Work will commence this summer on landscaping around the building, so the many other features that will be used by residents every day to make it their home will emerge, too.

HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

High Point Neighborhood Association community meeting attracts resident volunteers

By VENETIA RUNNION
High Point resident

The April 18 High Point Neighborhood Association (HPNA) meeting attracted 90 community members eager to work with their neighbors to plan activities for High Point. Six committees were initiated, and each committee selected a leader.

The No More Trash committee, which attracted the most interest, planned neighborhood trash pickup on the first Saturday of every month.

The Healthy Living Committee discussed plans for the new High Point Orchard, exercise classes and access to healthy foods.

The Multicultural Committee wants to celebrate the diversity of each culture in High Point so that we can all learn about each other's assets.

The Youth Tutoring Committee discussed other activities for the children of High Point including organized basketball and soccer leagues, local day camps this summer and reading competitions, as well as additional ESL support for their parents.

The Welcome Committee will provide outreach to new renters and homeowners so that all our residents feel the strong sense of community present in the room during the meeting.

Once again, Suldan Sheikh provided sambusas and other food from his East African Grocery located at 3413 Graham. Neighborhood women provided day care for children, who had fun with games provided by the HPNA.

Door prizes, including a digital camera and a bicycle from Bikeworks, were raffled off throughout the evening. The evening's entertainment was provided by Miranda Taylor on violin and Mamata Das performing Indian dance.

The night would not have worked if not for the energy of our enthusiastic volunteers: Marilyn Savage, Joyce Tseng, Trustees Miranda Taylor, Abdirahman Mohamed and Venetia Runnion, and nursing students from Seattle University (Jen, Angela, Shaily, Laura and Nelly).

To get involved

The Event Planning Committee met April 29, after The Voice's deadline, to



PHOTO BY RICHARD HILL

Community members gathered at the Neighborhood House High Point Center for a recent meeting of the HPNA.

plan a Mother's Day event for all mothers in High Point.

If you're interested in getting involved with any of the committees or in tutoring kids this summer, please contact our Community Builder Shukri Olow (solow@

seattlehousing.org), who will support all six committees, or your High Point Neighborhood Association (www.highpointneighborhood.org).

Venetia Runnion is an HPNA trustee.

High Point Library calendar of events

The High Point Library is located at 3411 S.W. Raymond St.

Monday, May 9

Family Story Time at the High Point Branch
7 - 7:30 p.m.

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Thursday, May 12

Toddler Story Time at the High Point Branch, 11:30 a.m. - noon

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Talk Time at the High Point Branch, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Come to a free English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group to practice speaking English.

Monday, May 16

Family Story Time at the High Point Branch, 7 - 7:30 p.m.

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Tuesday, May 17

Book Group at the High Point Branch, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Join us for a book group at the High Point Branch. Everyone is welcome. This month's title is "The Master Butcher's Singing Club" by Louise Erdrich.

Wednesday, May 18

Game On! All-Ages Gaming at the High

Point Branch, 3 - 5 p.m.

Come by for open play on the Wii (including MarioKart!), sing your way to stardom with American Idol, rock out with Rock Band and practice your dance skills with Dance Dance Revolution.

Thursday, May 19

Toddler Story Time at the High Point Branch, 11:30 a.m. - noon

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Talk Time at the High Point Branch, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Come to a free English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group to practice speaking English.

Monday, May 23

Family Story Time at the High Point Branch, 7 - 7:30 p.m.

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Thursday, May 26

Toddler Story Time at the High Point Branch, 11:30 a.m. - noon

It is story time at the High Point Branch! Bring your toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Talk Time at the High Point Branch, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Come to a free English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group to practice speaking English.

What's happening at the High Point Center?

Want to know more about the programs and events at the Neighborhood House High Point Center?

Go to www.nhwa.org/high-point to learn more about all the activities in which you can get involved.



High Point
Center

Budget

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Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Disability Lifeline, mean that the neediest people we house can no longer pay even the modest rents they have paid in the past.

"We are fully committed to covering these rent decreases, but it has already cost us nearly a million dollars in revenues to make up for the state cuts. At the same time, we know that our subsidy from the federal government will be lower, both this year and next. At a time when low-income people across the city need housing services even more, we will be hard-pressed to respond."

With the final adoption of the 2011 federal budget in early April, Seattle Housing Authority experienced a reduction of about \$1.1 million. Looking ahead to 2012, budget managers are considering reductions that range from over \$22 million to around \$10 million.

The scenario for the greatest cuts is based on the House Republican budget proposed by Representative Paul Ryan. This proposal aims to return domestic funding to levels lower than 2008, the last of President Bush's budgets.

The lower level of cuts, around \$10 million, is based on the budget proposal that President Obama has put forward, with anticipated deeper cuts as the Administration

has to compromise to get a budget passed. Even this housing-friendly Administration is expected to agree to significant cuts directed to the Public Housing operating fund and Capital Fund.

Housing Authority staff will focus initially on cutting the lower amount - about \$10 million - from the 2012 operating and capital budgets combined. A range of options will be considered, from serving fewer people with vouchers (not issuing new vouchers as households turn them in), doing fewer capital repairs, cutting operating expenses and reducing staff.

"We have been fortunate during this recession to be able to retain or increase our funding due to stimulus work and a federal administration that understands the housing needs of low-income households," said Tierney. "Now, we find ourselves facing the same difficulties that many other government agencies have faced due to reduced revenues. We will do our best to make reductions that will impact residents as little as possible. Inevitably, we will end up serving fewer people than we could have."

Seattle Housing Authority staff typically spend the spring and summer months drafting the budget so that it can be adopted by the Board of Commissioners in October. As proposals for budget cutting measures are developed, they will be shared through news on www.seattlehousing.org and through public meetings.



RAINIER VISTA NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY

Spring cleaning at Rainier Vista

By CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

On a chilly spring morning, residents from Rainier Vista gathered on April 9 for their monthly neighborhood cleanup. Meeting right outside the Neighborhood House Rainier Vista Center, volunteers scoured the area looking to claw up any trash they could find. Prior to getting to work, however, event coordinator Andrew Whitaker provided those in attendance with Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee courtesy of Starbucks.

"Being here, it's a good chance to get together and talk with everyone," Whitaker said. "It's nice to get some fresh air and exercise and contribute something. It's really nice to see the neighborhood kids, too."

While some ventured out together in groups, others took on the task of cleaning up individually. From 10 a.m. until noon, residents were determined to make the

Rainier Vista area as clean as they possibly could.

While Whitaker noted that organizing the event itself does not take very much work aside from sending out reminder emails, he was happy to lead the cause and "build the community and relationships with neighbors."

Volunteer Christina Gilman discussed further plans to improve the neighborhood, notably the redevelopment of Dakota Park.

"There is a work party set for August. The ground will be re-leveled and new toys will be added. The plan is to have the project completed by the end of 2011," she added.

Brett Hartman, last year's cleanup organizer, commented on the positive effect of the event. "It's a good way to make friends (in the neighborhood). Most of us are community-minded, so it doesn't take a lot of effort to come out here."



PHOTO BY CORBIN GOODMAN

Volunteers assembled for the monthly cleanup of the central Rainier Vista neighborhood.

Construction activity continues at Rainier Vista

For-Sale Homes, Phase I

Habitat for Humanity has started framing its four-unit building at S Lilac Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S; completion is anticipated for the latter half of 2011. Habitat plans to develop another 11 units. BDR Holdings is marketing four completed units on S Nevada Street across from Central Park.

For-Sale Homes, Phases II and III

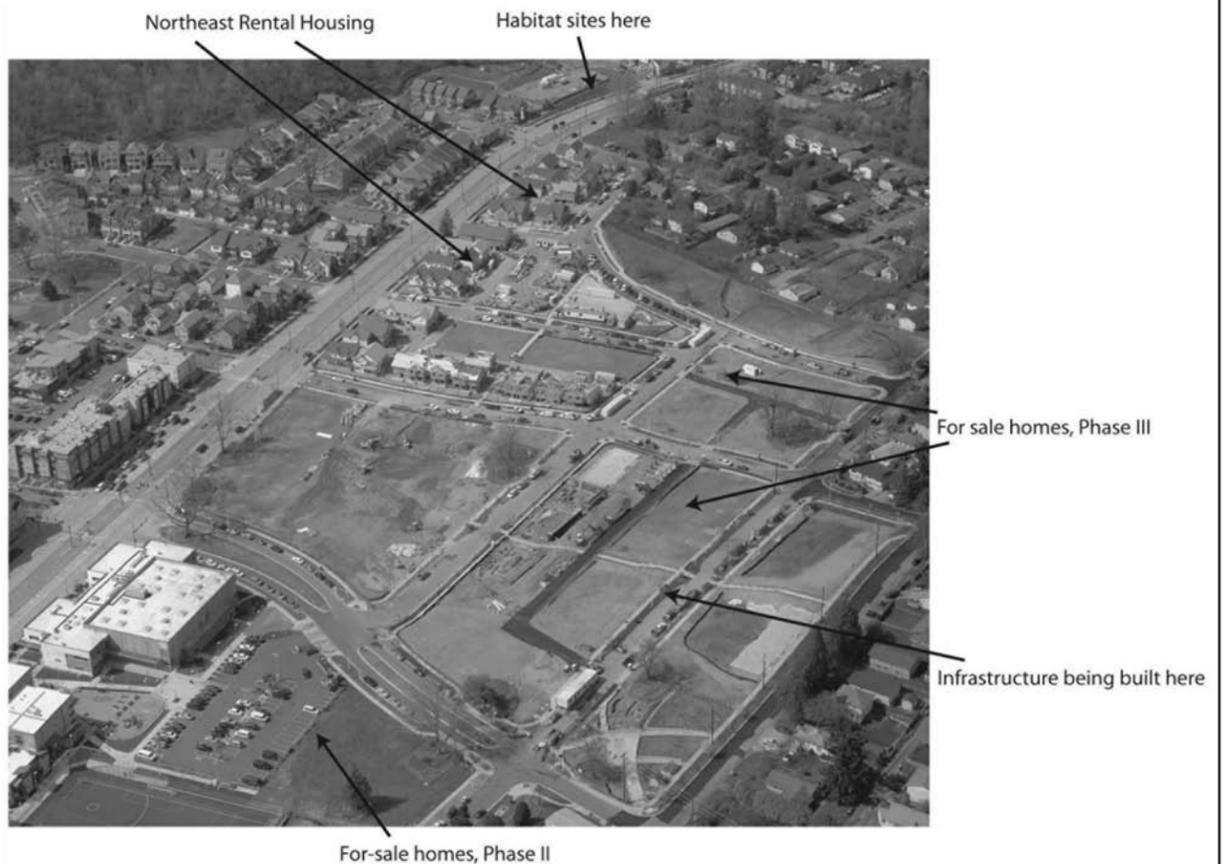
BDR Holdings is moving ahead with the design of townhomes on six parcels in Phase III. A developer called Dwell has closed financing on the first four of its lots at Renton Avenue S and S Oregon Street. Construction has begun on the site.

North Infrastructure, Phase III

Seattle City Light is installing conductors into the new infrastructure. Gary Merlino Construction Co. continues work on the market garden and p-patch park at the corner of 33rd Avenue S and S Oregon Street. Overall infrastructure construction is 97 percent complete. Next on the schedule: Wetlands mitigation work.

Northeast Rental Housing, Phase III

Absher Construction Co. is on schedule at 31 percent completion. Foundations are in on six blocks, and framing continues on four others. Interior finish work is continuing on the northern block by S Dakota Street.



Columbia City Library calendar of events

The Columbia City Library is located at 4721 Rainier Ave. S.

Thursday, May 5, 12, 19 and 26

Grupo Bilingüe de Juegos / Bilingual Kaleidoscope play & learn at the Columbia Branch, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Grupo Bilingüe de juegos para padres y cuidadores con niños entre las edades de Nacimiento hasta 5 años. / Bilingual play group for ages birth to 5.

Saturday, May 7, 14, 21 and 28

Family Story Time at the Columbia Branch, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
It is story time at the Columbia Branch! Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun

with our children's librarian.

Giờ đọc truyện tiếng Việt! (Vietnamese Story Time at the Columbia Branch), 1:30 - 2 p.m. (Not scheduled May 28)

Thư viện công cộng Seattle tổ chức giờ đọc truyện bằng tiếng Việt cho trẻ em! (The Seattle Public Library is hosting Vietnamese Story Times for young children!)

Monday, May 9, 16 and 23

Homework Help at the Columbia Branch, 5 - 7:45 p.m.
Homework Help volunteers will be at this branch to assist students on a drop-in basis throughout the school

year, with the exception of school holidays.

Tuesday, May 10, 17, 24 and 31

Homework Help at the Columbia Branch, 5 - 7:45 p.m.
Homework Help volunteers will be at this branch to assist students on a drop-in basis throughout the school year, with the exception of school holidays.

Wednesday, May 11, 18 and 25

Preschool Story Time at the Columbia Branch, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
It is story time at the Columbia Branch! Bring your preschoolers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Scholarship

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a Japanese church.

"I am very grateful for this scholarship," Hiroko said with a big smile last week. "It will decrease my college loans by a lot."

Even with the aid of this scholarship and another recently awarded her by the Seattle International Rotary Club, Hiroko will need a work-study job at UW. She's hoping for a job in biology or medicine and patient care, something she has experience with; she has volunteered with the Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, in the Central District.

Gary Calvert, vice president for membership services with the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of NAHRO, said last month that it was especially fitting that Hiroko, who scored the highest of all applicants on the PNRC-NAHRO Challenge Scholarship, is a resident of a community of the housing authority Epstein helped create and led.

NEWHOLLY NOTES

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY COMMUNITY

NewHolly College Fair helps young people prepare for higher education

Middle- and high-school age students learn tips on college preparation from student volunteers

BY CORBIN GOODMAN
The Voice intern

On April 12, the Atlantic Street Center, the College Success Foundation and the Seattle Housing Authority's Higher Education Project sponsored a college fair at the New Holly Gathering Hall.

More than 25 middle-school and high-school students from the NewHolly area came to learn more about the collegiate opportunities available to them, and what they should be doing now in preparation for college.

Colin Sexton, Community Learning Manager at Neighborhood House, spoke about the importance of such an event and how it is crucial to instill "an early commitment onto the college pathway."

He continued by stressing how it is important to do the right things in high school and that students should start early in their search for scholarships and potential schools they may like to attend.

The event itself consisted of current college students speaking about their own experiences and advising the younger students in attendance on what they need to do in order to best prepare themselves for success in college.

Rachel Collins, representing the College Success Foundation and AmeriCorps, talked with students about the four steps they need to take in order to get to college.

"It's about planting a seed and making the students have an 'of course I'm going to college mentality,'" she said.

Collins reiterated that "being a student is like having a job. You might not be getting paid for it now, but eventu-



PHOTO BY CORBIN GOODMAN

Colin Sexton talks to students at the NewHolly College Fair April 12.

ally it pays off."

Along with Collins, panelist Elizabeth Williams talked about the importance of "letting students know about the opportunities available to them."

She continued by stating that, "College isn't always on young students' minds, which is why it is important to get it in their minds when they are young."

The fair culminated with a question and answer session where students were free to ask the volunteer panelists about anything. Questions ranged from what classes to take in

high school to what to expect during college.

Currently a student at Cleveland High School, 15-year-old Dania Gelle talked about how she still needs to do a lot of research about college but that eventually she hopes to work in the medical field and be a doctor.

Speaking afterwards, 13-year-old sixth-grade student Munira Abdurahman said "If I don't learn this stuff when I get to high school I probably wouldn't at all. Right now I'm in middle school, so as I grow up I know what to do to get to college."

NewHolly Library calendar of events

Monday, May 9, 16 and 23

Baby Story Time at the NewHolly Branch, 1:30 - 2 p.m.

It is baby story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your babies to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with Miss Lupine.

Homework Help at the NewHolly Branch, 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Homework Help volunteers will be at this branch to assist students on a drop-in basis throughout the school year, with the exception of school holidays.

Tuesday, May 10, 17, 24 and 31

Homework Help at the NewHolly Branch, 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Homework Help volunteers will be at this branch to assist students on a drop-in basis throughout the school year, with the exception of school holidays.

Thursday, May 12, 19, 26 and 31

Children's Story Time at the NewHolly Branch, 11 - 11:30am

It is story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with Miss Lupine.

Scholarships available to residents of Seattle Housing Authority

The deadlines have passed for some scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year, but two scholarship programs offered through Seattle Housing Authority are still available. Both scholarships are open to Seattle Housing residents who meet certain eligibility requirements.

National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Scholarships

All high school seniors, high school graduates and adults holding a high school diploma or GED living in Seattle Housing Authority Housing are eligible to apply for scholarship grants for higher education to be awarded in 2011. The final deadline to apply for one of these scholarships is by 7 p.m. May 18.

Seattle Housing Authority residents should send an electronic copy of the Certification of Residency in Good Standing document to Brett Houghton at BHoughton@seattlehousing.org for Seattle Housing verification of household qualification. If you have questions

about this process, you can call Brett Houghton at 206-484-1413. The Certification of Residency in Good Standing document requires property management approval.

Dream Big! Scholarship

Applications for the 2011 Dream Big! Scholarship are due by 5 p.m. Friday, May 16.

Seattle Housing Authority's Higher Education Project will award at least two \$1,000 Dream Big! Scholarships in 2011 to public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) participants in Seattle who would like to attend college, including technical school, on a full-time basis in the next academic year. The scholarship for tuition and fees is paid directly to the school. Applicants must be under 21 years old.

More information about both scholarships is available online at www.seattlehousing.org/residents/education/scholarships.



Visit the NewHolly Community website at <http://www.newholly.org/>

You'll find a Directory of Services, announcements of neighborhood events and community projects, a link to The Voice resident newspaper and much more.

YESLER HAPPENINGS

NEWS ABOUT THE YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITY

Seattle Housing welcomes Adrienne Quinn as new Yesler Terrace CRC Chair

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

During the April 7 meeting of the Yesler Terrace Citizen Review Committee (CRC), Seattle Housing welcomed Adrienne Quinn as the new chair of the CRC.

Quinn brings with her a long and distinguished career in the housing sector, most notably as former Director of the Seattle Office of Housing and as Vice President for Public Policy and Government Relations at Enterprise Community Partners in Washington D.C.

Quinn now serves as the Executive Director for the Medina Foundation, a local human-services non-profit. Adrienne takes over for Germaine Covington, who led the committee for the past four years.

Quinn spoke with Seattle Housing staff about contributions she intends to bring to the position.

Q: How will your experience help inform your work on the CRC?

A: As former Director of Seattle's Of-

ice of Housing, I know firsthand the importance of listening to the community. I also understand the complexity of the funding and development process. Having just returned from a year working in Washington, D.C., it was very interesting to hear so many people comment on how Seattle could succeed with so many complex initiatives, whether it was the Seattle Housing Levy or the redevelopment of High Point, New Holly and Rainier Vista—while so many other communities struggled or failed at these same endeavors.

Q: After four years of redevelopment planning efforts underway, and the FEIS now published, how do you envision the role of the CRC moving forward?



Adrienne Quinn

A: The CRC is an important forum for bringing a range of viewpoints — from tenants, to neighbors surrounding the redevelopment area, to community partners — in order to weigh in on the different aspects of the Yesler Terrace redevelopment plan and process.

Q: How can redevelopment of Yesler Terrace help with the creation and preservation of low-income housing in Seattle?

A: Without the redevelopment of Yesler Terrace, Seattle may have lost a significant amount of low-income housing that is critically needed, culturally significant and situated in the heart of downtown. It is important that Yesler Terrace be redeveloped so that families — whose incomes would otherwise

not allow them to live close to downtown jobs and amenities — have the same access to downtown as higher income people and at the same time have safe, decent housing. As federal, state and local budgets continue to be cut, Seattle Housing, through the Yesler Terrace redevelopment plan, has created an innovative plan for reinvesting in Yesler Terrace and the people who live there. The redevelopment will ensure that Yesler Terrace is a strong and desirable neighborhood for people across all income levels.

Q: Do you believe the sense of community at Yesler can be preserved following redevelopment?

A: I do believe Yesler Terrace's sense of community can be preserved after the redevelopment. The CRC has and needs to continue to work with Seattle Housing to ensure that the ingredients to foster community, such as community gardens, safe places for children to recreate and gathering places are available and well-designed.

Weekly Yesler Parent Group meetings open to all parents

BY DARASAVANH KOMMAVONGSA
Yesler Terrace resident

I am an immigrant and a parent, and a member of the Yesler Parent Group that was formed in February 2011. The group is taking on a life all its own — we are a multicultural, multiethnic, multilingual coalition of community, and we are one!

We are one to demand equity for our children in school. We are one to demand quality of education, housing and health care. We are one!

We see a long future for our diverse group in our community at Yesler Terrace. As a parent and as a community member I am excited to be a part of a movement for social change and building equity for our schools and community.

We see a future of consistency and sustainability within our group. We understand each other's struggles and our challenges, but we also see our power and

our resilience.

Our collective power is stronger than any institution or force out there. We honor the parents who have given us time to voice their concerns and ideas for needed changes.

We are a dynamic and resilient group of parents who manage to take time to attend weekly meetings out of our busy daily schedules. It is a full time job to take care of and maintain a family on minimum wage.

We hope you will join us every Monday of each week in the Yesler Community Center Teen Room from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

We have a lot of information to give at the meeting, as well as time for individuals to share new issues for discussion. We will help each other by suggesting and brainstorming amongst each other or by bringing allies to the table. We hope you will join us!

public and semi-private open space; 65,000 square feet of neighborhood services; and 5,100 parking spaces — is feasible, and any impacts can be mitigated.

The final EIS will serve to guide the Yesler Terrace Development Plan, which will include topics pertinent to the project, residents and other stakeholders. These topics include affordable housing and other uses on site, phasing considerations, relocation approach and right to return, community participation plan, project mitigations, sustainable practices, social infrastructure and funding partnership goals.

The Development Plan will be considered by the Seattle Housing Board of Commissioners at its monthly meeting on May 17. Planners hope to see the 20-year redevelopment project break ground in fall 2013.

Smoke-free

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hand smoke, with 78 percent declaring it very harmful and 18 percent considering it somewhat harmful. Just 2 percent of those surveyed thought that secondhand smoke was not harmful to human health. Seventeen percent of respondents identified themselves as smokers; of those that reported smoking tobacco, 37 percent were interested in quit resources, 27 percent already have rules about not smoking in their homes and 25 percent support a no-smoking policy.

Almost half, or 45 percent of respondents, have experienced smoke drift into their homes, either from a neighboring unit or from outside, and 72 percent noted the smell of secondhand smoke as bothersome.

"I have asthma, and this affects the quality of my life," stated a non-smoker.

Health issues including asthma, allergies, and chemical sensitivities were some of the most common comments from non-smokers with claims that symptoms of "burning and itching eyes and throat ... and migraine headaches" were intensified by secondhand smoke exposure.

Other concerns included family health, especially in families with young children. In general, supportive comments like, "This is long overdue," and, "Creating a smoke-free environment is the best idea for healthy generation(s) and human health," were prevalent.

Smokers expressed a feeling of violation of their freedom. One respondent stated, "Smoke-free should not include tenants' apartments. Their apartment is their home. They should have the right to smoke in their apartment... if they choose."

Other smokers affirmed, "Prohibition of smoking would be in violation of constitutional rights," and, "Personal liberties should not be denied."

Another frequent comment from smok-

ers was the request for support by providing tobacco cessation resources or creating designated smoking areas. One smoker said, "I tried quitting last March... (but) ended up smoking again because it is far too dangerous to go outside. Perhaps a fence could be put up," so that smokers can have a safe place to smoke outside.

In examining the implementation of a no-smoking policy, management at Seattle Housing wants to give consideration to improving the quality and condition of housing for all residents, providing site staff with equal access to the same kind of non-smoking work environment that all other Seattle Housing employees receive, reducing the safety risk from smoking-related fires, and reducing the turnover costs related to cleaning smoking-related damages.

A comprehensive no-smoking policy could be implemented all at once or in phases. Implementing such a policy would include a minimum six-month transition period with staff training and resident education, support for tobacco cessation through referrals and support groups, and resident meetings at all communities and buildings.

Factors to consider in a phased approach include a longer timeline, which could mean less certainty of state-funded support and resources. CPPW grant funding expires in March 2012, so any transitions after this point would rely on existing staff time and resources.

Moreover, state-funded cessation resources like the Tobacco Quit Line, offering free quit counseling and nicotine replacement therapy gum or patches, will be either reduced or eliminated due to budget cuts.

There is a clear benefit and desire for smoke-free living environments. To guide policy development, a Smoke-Free Housing Advisory Council, comprised of staff, residents and partners, is meeting to share issues, identify common concerns, and plan and develop solutions to address issues specific to resident needs.

EIS

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collective vision. It is based solidly on the principles adopted by the Citizens Review Committee — social equity, economic opportunity, environmental stewardship and sustainability and one-for-one replacement housing."

The final EIS takes into account feedback provided by more than 50 different members of the public, government agencies and other stakeholders during the draft EIS public comment period.

Findings from the final EIS confirm that redevelopment, within the scope of the Preferred Alternative — 5,000 housing units; 900,000 square feet of office space; 88,000 square feet of retail space; 15.9 acres of

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

Seattle Housing one of six finalists for HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants
Жилуправление Сиэтла в числе шести финалистов для получения субсидии для районного развития

Секретарь Управления городского и жилищного развития США Шон Донован сообщил 18-го марта, что Жилуправление Сиэтла попало в число шести финалистов, конкурирующих на получение субсидии в 61 миллион на районное развитие.

В ноябре прошлого года ЖУС подало заявление в Управление жилищного и городского развития с просьбой о получении 23,9 миллиона для первого этапа реконструкции Йэслер Терас.

Основная реконструкция сконцентрируется на большой территории, которая включает Йэслер Терас и простирается на восток до 14 авеню и на юг до Литл Сайгон. Субсидия, если она будет получена агентством, поможет трансформировать район путём всесторонних образовательных и трудоустроительных программ, жилищных возможностей и поддержки экономического развития.

В предложение ЖУС включено специальное усовершенствование для нового жилого дома на 12 авеню и Йэслер Блок, реконструкция квартир Балдвин на 14 авеню, также как улучшения вдоль 12-й авеню и помощь местному небольшому магазину. Агентство будет также работать с некоммерческой

организацией Исторический Сиэтл, чтобы использовать часть средств для восстановления исторического концертного зала Вашингтон Хол.

На основании успехов программы HOPE VI, была организована HUD's Choice Neighborhood Initiative, для того, чтобы превратить бедствующие районы в жизнеспособные и крепкие, жильё для людей с разным уровнем дохода, связывая улучшение жилья с предоставлением различных услуг, школами, публичными организациями, транспортом и доступом к работе.

Управление жилищного и городского развития сообщит, кто получит субсидию, в конце сентября.

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និងកម្មវិធីជំនួយការងារព្រមទាំងជួយខាងបង្ការបង្កើតសេដ
កិច្ច។ ការធ្វើអោយមានល្អឡើងជាក់លាក់សំរាប់ផ្ទះរដ្ឋ
ស៊ីអាចុលដែលបានសុំស្នើរនោះគឺត្រូវអោយមានផ្ទះថ្មីៗតាម
ដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ ១២ នឹង យេសាលើ ក៏សាងអាគារ បលរិន
សាជាថ្មី នៅលើផ្លូវ១៤ផងដែរតាមដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ១២ដើម្បី
ជាជំនួយពាណិជ្ជកម្មតូចៗ។ ក្រសួងចង់ផងដែរមានការទំនាក់
ជាមួយក្រសួងផ្សេងៗនៅប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រដែលជំនួយថវិកាទៅក
រធ្វើបានល្អឡើងវិញនៃអាគារសំខាន់ក្នុងប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រ។
អាគារដែលធ្លាប់បានជោគជ័យនៃកម្មវិធី ហុប សិច
រដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សហគមន៍ជ្រើសរើសបានរៀបចំ
សហគមន៍ដែលមិនបានល្អអោយទៅជាការប្រសើរវិញដោយ
មានអ្នកក្រសួងអ្នកមានរស់នៅជាមួយគ្នាដោយមានការជំនួយ
ផ្សេងៗដូចជា សាលារៀន បរិវេណសាធារណៈ
យានសំរាប់ដឹកនាំ និង រក ការងារ។
ក្រសួងរដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សង្ឃឹមថានឹងប្រកាសប្រាប់នៅក្រ
សួងទទួលថវិកានោះនៅចុងខែ កញ្ញា។

CƠ QUAN CẤP PHÁT GIA CƯ SEATTLE LÀ MỘT TRONG 6 CƠ QUAN VÀO VÒNG CHUNG KẾT ĐỀ XIN NGÂN KHỐN CỦA BỘ (HUD) PHÁT TRIỂN ĐÔ THỊ GIA CƯ- CHƯƠNG TRÌNH CHỌN LỰA HOÀN THÀNH CHO KHU XÓM (Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants)

Hôm ngày 18 tháng Ba, Bộ trưởng Shaun Donovan thuộc bộ phát triển đô thị và gia cư (HUD) đã thông báo rằng cơ quan cấp phát gia cư Seattle (SHA) được chọn là 1 trong sáu cơ quan vào vòng chung kết để giành đạt một ngân khoản \$61 triệu đô la trong ngân khoản có tên là Sự Chọn Lựa Hoàn Thành Cho Khu Xóm).

Vào Tháng Mười Một năm rồi, cơ quan đã nộp đơn với Bộ Phát Triển Đô Thị Và Gia Cư xin từ ngân khoản Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants), và yêu cầu tài trợ \$23.9 triệu để phát triển lại khu gia cư Yesler Terrace trong giai đoạn đầu.

Khởi đầu cho việc tái phát triển nhằm vào khu vực rộng lớn hơn gồm khu Yesler Terrace và nói rộng ra về hướng đông đến đường 14th Ave, về hướng nam dẫn đến khu phố - Little Saigon (Sài Gòn Nhỏ). Nếu cơ quan nhận được ngân khoản này, sẽ giúp biến đổi công đồng qua sự cùng cố cho việc giáo dục, chương

trình tìm việc làm, cơ hội có nhà ở, và hỗ trợ cho việc phát triển kinh tế.

Những dự án trùng tu đặc biệt mà cơ quan Seattle Housing dự trù bao gồm các gia cư mới trên khoản đường 12th Ave và đường Yesler, tái thiết lại chung cư Baldwin trên đường 14th Ave, và trùng tu các lối đi trên đường 12th Ave, cũng như hỗ trợ cho các doanh nghiệp nhỏ buôn bán lẻ. Cơ quan cũng làm việc với cơ quan bất vụ lợi Historic Seattle chuyển ngân khoản tài trợ cho việc trùng tu tòa cao ốc có di tích lịch sử, Washington Hall - hội trường phô diễn nghệ thuật.

Dựa vào những thành công của chương trình HOPE VI, thì chương trình Sự Chọn Lựa Khởi Động Khu Xóm của HUD Bộ Phát Triển Đô Thị Và Gia Cư là một chương trình đặt ra để làm biến đổi các khu xóm thấp kém trở thành những khu xóm có cư dân với mức lợi tức điều hòa, qua việc nối kết các dịch vụ cần thiết, trường học, các nơi công cộng, phương tiện di chuyển, kết nối công việc làm.

HUD Bộ Phát Triển Đô Thị Và Gia Cư kỳ vọng sẽ thông báo quyết định trao ngân khoản này vào cuối Tháng Chín.

វ៉ុស៊ីអាចុល ក្នុងចំណោមប្រាំមួយនៃផ្ទះរដ្ឋដែលបានជ្រើសរើសផ្តាច់ព្រ័ត្រសំរាប់សហគមន៍។

រដ្ឋាភិបាលផ្ទះរដ្ឋនិងក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍន៍ស្ថាន ស្សន ខ្នាណាវណ្ណ បានផ្សព្វផ្សាយថាផ្ទះរដ្ឋដែលបានជ្រើសរើសប្រឡងប្រជែងយកចំនួនប្រាក់ ៦១លាន ដុល្លានោះត្រូវចាប់ផ្តើមថវិការនេះ។

កាលពីខែវិច្ឆិកា ក្រសួងទីភ្នាក់ងារបានដាក់ពាក្យសុំស្នើរក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សំរាប់ជំនួយសហគមន៍ចំនួន ២៣.៩ លានដើម្បីកសាងសហគមន៍ យេសាលើ ផ័ររេស ជាថ្មីវិញ។ មិនដំបូងត្រូវធ្វើទឹកនៃដែលត្រូវការជាងគេដូចជា យេសាលើ ផ័ររេស ដែលមានតាម ដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ ១៤ រហូតដល់ផ្សារតូចសាយកុង។ បើសិនជាក្រសួងបានទទួល ថវិកានោះ វានឹងជួយកែប្រែសហគមន៍តាមផ្លូវបង្រៀន និងកម្មវិធីជំនួយការងារព្រមទាំងជួយខាងបង្ការបង្កើតសេដកិច្ច។

ការធ្វើអោយមានល្អឡើងជាក់លាក់សំរាប់ផ្ទះរដ្ឋស៊ីអាចុលដែលបានសុំស្នើរនោះគឺត្រូវអោយមានផ្ទះថ្មីៗតាមដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ ១២ នឹង យេសាលើ ក៏សាងអាគារ បលរិនសាជាថ្មី នៅលើផ្លូវ១៤ផងដែរតាមដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ១២ដើម្បីជាជំនួយពាណិជ្ជកម្មតូចៗ។

ក្រសួងចង់ផងដែរមានការទំនាក់ជាមួយក្រសួងផ្សេងៗនៅប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រដែលជំនួយថវិកាទៅករធ្វើបានល្អឡើងវិញនៃអាគារសំខាន់ក្នុងប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រ។ អាគារដែលធ្លាប់បានជោគជ័យនៃកម្មវិធី ហុប សិច រដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សហគមន៍ជ្រើសរើសបានរៀបចំសហគមន៍ដែលមិនបានល្អអោយទៅជាការប្រសើរវិញដោយមានអ្នកក្រសួងអ្នកមានរស់នៅជាមួយគ្នាដោយមានការជំនួយផ្សេងៗដូចជា សាលារៀន បរិវេណសាធារណៈ យានសំរាប់ដឹកនាំ និង រក ការងារ។

ក្រសួងរដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សង្ឃឹមថានឹងប្រកាសប្រាប់នៅក្រសួងទទួលថវិកានោះនៅចុងខែ កញ្ញា។

វ៉ុស៊ីអាចុល ក្នុងចំណោមប្រាំមួយនៃផ្ទះរដ្ឋដែលបានជ្រើសរើសផ្តាច់ព្រ័ត្រសំរាប់សហគមន៍។

រដ្ឋាភិបាលផ្ទះរដ្ឋនិងក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍន៍ស្ថាន ស្សន ខ្នាណាវណ្ណ បានផ្សព្វផ្សាយថាផ្ទះរដ្ឋដែលបានជ្រើសរើសប្រឡងប្រជែងយកចំនួនប្រាក់ ៦១លាន ដុល្លានោះត្រូវចាប់ផ្តើមថវិការនេះ។

កាលពីខែវិច្ឆិកា ក្រសួងទីភ្នាក់ងារបានដាក់ពាក្យសុំស្នើរក្រសួងអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សំរាប់ជំនួយសហគមន៍ចំនួន ២៣.៩ លានដើម្បីកសាងសហគមន៍ យេសាលើ ផ័ររេស ជាថ្មីវិញ។ មិនដំបូងត្រូវធ្វើទឹកនៃដែលត្រូវការជាងគេដូចជា យេសាលើ ផ័ររេស ដែលមានតាម ដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ ១៤ រហូតដល់ផ្សារតូចសាយកុង។ បើសិនជាក្រសួងបានទទួល ថវិកានោះ វានឹងជួយកែប្រែសហគមន៍តាមផ្លូវបង្រៀន និងកម្មវិធីជំនួយការងារព្រមទាំងជួយខាងបង្ការបង្កើតសេដកិច្ច។

ការធ្វើអោយមានល្អឡើងជាក់លាក់សំរាប់ផ្ទះរដ្ឋស៊ីអាចុលដែលបានសុំស្នើរនោះគឺត្រូវអោយមានផ្ទះថ្មីៗតាមដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ ១២ នឹង យេសាលើ ក៏សាងអាគារ បលរិនសាជាថ្មី នៅលើផ្លូវ១៤ផងដែរតាមដងវិច្ឆិកា លេខ១២ដើម្បីជាជំនួយពាណិជ្ជកម្មតូចៗ។

ក្រសួងចង់ផងដែរមានការទំនាក់ជាមួយក្រសួងផ្សេងៗនៅប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រដែលជំនួយថវិកាទៅករធ្វើបានល្អឡើងវិញនៃអាគារសំខាន់ក្នុងប្រវត្តសាស្ត្រ។ អាគារដែលធ្លាប់បានជោគជ័យនៃកម្មវិធី ហុប សិច រដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សហគមន៍ជ្រើសរើសបានរៀបចំសហគមន៍ដែលមិនបានល្អអោយទៅជាការប្រសើរវិញដោយមានអ្នកក្រសួងអ្នកមានរស់នៅជាមួយគ្នាដោយមានការជំនួយផ្សេងៗដូចជា សាលារៀន បរិវេណសាធារណៈ យានសំរាប់ដឹកនាំ និង រក ការងារ។

ក្រសួងរដ្ឋាភិបាលអភិវឌ្ឍន៍សង្ឃឹមថានឹងប្រកាសប្រាប់នៅក្រសួងទទួលថវិកានោះនៅចុងខែ កញ្ញា។