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Legislature approves budget with across-the-board cuts

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

The state Legislature has adopted a biennial budget for 2011-13, agreeing on \$4.6 billion in cuts that reach every state agency and department. The new budget includes deep cuts to the state's Basic Health Plan and a major overhaul to the Disability Lifeline program, which will no longer issue cash grants.

The budget cuts \$129 million from Basic Health by restricting enrollment to those who are eligible for Medicaid. And \$180 million is cut from Disability Lifeline, with the remaining balance converted into a housing voucher program for the homeless.

Other cuts to health care include \$29 million from the Adult Dental Services program and \$24 million from community health clinics.

However, in one small victory for health care advocates, the Apple Health for Kids health plan will remain open to all eligible children. Gov. Chris Gregoire's budget had proposed eliminating coverage for some 27,000 undocumented children covered under the plan. Those children will still be eligible; instead, premiums for undocumented children in families living at or above 200 percent of the federal poverty level will see their monthly premiums increase from \$20-\$30 to \$80-\$90.

Other services cuts include \$30 million from the food assistance program and \$33 million from the family leave insurance program.

Education is also hit particularly hard, with \$535 million slashed from state colleges and universities and another \$861 million saved by suspending class size requirements mandated under I-728. Tuition increases at state colleges and universities will be necessary to close the gap.

School employees will also have to make do with less — K-12 teachers will see a 1.9 percent pay cut, while K-12 administrative staff will take a 3 percent reduction in pay. State employees will also see a 3 percent pay cut through mandatory furlough days.

Retirees under the state's Plan 1 retirement plan will not receive a scheduled cost-of-living adjustment, saving an additional \$344 million.

The biennial budget was approved by both chambers of the state Legislature in late May, at the end of a 30-day special session to reach consensus on a new budget.

Aurora Commons helps bring compassion to the neighborhood



PHOTO BY BRENDA KAY NETH

A guest at the Aurora Commons leafs through a book borrowed from the center's book collection, The Peoples' Library.

By BRENDA KAY NETH
University House resident

At 8914 Aurora Ave., a new space of caring and compassion is open to the public.

The "neighborhood living room," as it is called by Program Director Launa Steinsdoefer, provides free programs and space that initiate healing for a broad spectrum of people, from those just looking for a cup of coffee and supportive conversation, to those needing to find housing, holistic counseling, massage, yoga or art. A walking club, neighborhood tour, community garden and children's playtime are also available.

The former coffee shop opened this past April after eight to nine months of renovation. Comfortable chairs and tables give an intimate atmosphere to the brightly painted room. There is a coffee bar and kitchen, community library and free wifi.

The kitchen wall is covered with clocks showing times from around the world, but for the Aurora commons clock there are no hands.

"There is no time here, with less constraints of society. It's a collaborative effort with the neighborhood," said Andy Carlson, who calls himself the Aurora storyteller and is the husband of co-director Lisa Carlson. "You don't come here to

receive a service, you come here to receive companionship."

The Carlsons, as well as Steinsdoefer, Volunteer Coordinator Karen Cirulli and co-Director Ben Katt, all live in the neighborhood. Carlson said the group originally conceived of the idea of the commons through their Christian-based organization, Awake Church. Steinsdoefer said that although the church does hold services in the Commons, anyone can get involved in the Commons community.

"We're not a shelter or a service center. We're not just for the downtrodden. We see ourselves almost as a guest in this space," Steinsdoefer said.

Andy Carlson mentioned that every Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. is women's-only time, with a breakfast and healing circle.

"We recognized it was a male-dominated neighborhood, where women don't have much of a space to be women," he said. Andy added that his wife Lisa had been holding weekly women's breakfasts in her home six months before the Commons opened, so it was decided to continue the tradition. He added that Cirulli provides free massages in her home for those women who she is familiar with in the Commons community.

Andy also said that the Commons hopes to offer a mobile medical unit later this

Car "booting" for scofflaws takes effect this month

If you have four or more unpaid parking tickets in the City of Seattle, your car could soon get the boot.

Starting July 5, cars with four or more delinquent parking tickets will be fitted with a "boot" — a wheel-locking device.

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summer, as well as storytelling courses and a weekly open mike. He mentioned that the Vacancy Project is available on a limited basis to help those who are homeless find housing.

Andy said loans are given to those who need first and last months' rent to end their plight, and that the loans are made on a case-by-case basis.

Both Steinsdoefer and Andy stressed the need to develop rapport and relationship with those who enter the Commons, instead of automatically just providing necessities.

The Circle of Care and the Chaplains of Presence help create that aura on a daily and weekly basis. Andy explained that the Chaplains of Presence program recruits volunteers of any faith or religious background to come and be present by listening, sharing coffee or a game of cards with someone who may be lonely or distraught.

Circles of Care is a group of three or four people who will surround or support an individual with phone calls or visits to the home if they are struggling with addiction or other areas of emotional or physical difficulty.

"We're creating a story together in this neighborhood, but we don't know how the story will end," Andy said.

For the Commons, only time will tell.

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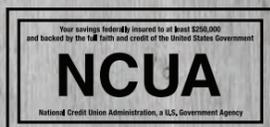


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No Somali or Tigrigna translation this month

The Voice does not have a Somali translation to print this month. The regular Somali translator is on leave. We will return with a Somali translation in next month's issue.

The Voice is seeking a Tigrigna translator, as the previous translator has requested to resign from the position. If you are fluent in English and Tigrigna and are qualified to translate for The Voice, please contact Editor Tyler Roush at 206-461-8430, Ext. 227, or e-mail tyler@nhwa.org. If you know someone who you think may be qualified, please encourage them to apply.

The workload includes an average of two articles per month of about 240 words each. For more information, including rates for translation, please contact the editor.

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Legislature approves 2011-13 budget with cross-the-board cuts
Законотворительный орган утвердил бюджет на 2011-13 годы с безграничными урезками

Законотворительный орган штата принял двухгодичный бюджет на 2011-13 годы, согласившись на урезки в 4,6 миллиарда долларов, которые затронут каждое агенство и ведомство штата. Новый бюджет включает большие урезки для штатного плана Basic Health и капитальный пересмотр программы Disability Lifeline, которая больше не будет выдавать денежные гранты.

Урезка бюджета на 129 миллионов долларов для Basic Health произойдет за счет того, что на эту программу не будут подписывать тех, кто

QUỐC HỘI CHẤP THUẬN TÀI KHỎAN CHO NĂM 2011-2013 VỚI NHỮNG CẮT GIẢM CHO MỌI BAN NGÀNH.

Quốc hội tiểu bang đã thông qua tài khoản cho hai năm 2011-2013, thỏa thuận việc cắt giảm \$4.6 tỉ đô trong tất cả mọi cơ quan, mọi bộ. Tài khoản mới gồm việc cắt nhiều vào chương trình Basic Health Plan và cải tổ phần lớn chương trình trợ cấp cho người tàn tật gọi là Disability Lifeline mà hiện nay đã không chấm dứt trợ cấp tiền mặt.

Tài khoản cắt giảm đi \$129 triệu trong ngân khoản từ Basic Health bằng cách hạn chế ghi danh cho những người được hợp lệ cho chương trình Medicaid- trợ cấp y tế. Và cắt giảm đi \$180 triệu cho

имеет право на Medicaid. И 180 миллионов, урезанных из Disability Lifeline, с оставшимся балансом переведено на программу ваучеров на жильё для бездомных.

Другие урезки бюджета на здравоохранение включают 29 миллионов из программы Adult Dental Services (зубоврачебная помощь для взрослых) и 24 миллиона из бюджета общественных клиник.

Тем не менее, одна небольшая победа есть у поборников здравоохранения – программа Apple Health for Kids остаётся в действии для всех детей, имеющих на это законное право. По плану бюджета, составленного губернатором Крисом Грегори, незадокументированные дети, примерно 27 тыс., должны были быть исключены из

плана. Эти дети останутся с покрытием; вместо этого незадокументированные дети из семей, чей доход составляет 200 или выше процентов от официального уровня бедности, увидят увеличение страховой оплаты с 20-30 долларов до 80-90 в месяц.

Другие урезки в бюджете служб включают 30 миллионов из программы продовольственной помощи и 33 миллиона из страховой программы family leave.

Образование также потерпело тяжёлые урезки, 535 миллионов отрублено у штатных колледжей и университетов и ещё 861 миллион сэкономлен за счёт отмены требований к размеру класса, утверждённых ранее, под номером I-728.

trẻ con của người nhập cư bất hợp pháp mà có lợi tức 200% mức qui định nghèo của liên bang thì phải đóng tiền bảo hiểm hàng tháng từ \$20 -\$30 đến \$80-\$90.

Những cắt giảm về dịch vụ khác gồm có \$30 triệu tiền phứt tem và \$33 triệu cho chương trình bảo hiểm trợ giúp công nhân đang đi làm mà phải nghỉ vì có việc gia đình.

Ngành giáo dục cũng bị cắt giảm nặng \$535 triệu cắt giảm từ các đại học tiểu bang và \$861 triệu giảm chi do việc tạm ngưng áp dụng những đòi buộc về mức ấn định học sinh cho mỗi lớp học, đã được thông qua trước đây bởi dự luật I-728.

Những trẻ em này vẫn còn hợp lệ, tuy nhiên tiền bảo hiểm đối với

The mission of the Seattle Housing Authority is to enhance the Seattle community by creating and sustaining decent, safe and affordable living environments that foster stability and self-sufficiency for people with low incomes.

Scarecrow stands guard

'THE FARM' OPENS IN RV
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SHA NEWS

July
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News and information about Seattle's neighborhoods

Summer is here, and farmers markets tables are overflowing

If ever there's a season to take advantage farmers markets, surely it's summer, when farmers' tables are full of freshest-of-the-fresh fruits and vegetables. For information about convenient local farmers markets, see the page for High Point (Page 4), Rainier Vista (Page 5) and NewHolly (Page 6). All markets feature information booths where you can inquire about whether and how you can use SNAP/EBT/food stamp and WIC coupons.

This month, look for these farm products at the markets:

Raspberries, strawberries, tayberries, blueberries, marionberries, loganberries, red gooseberries, wild black berries, huckleberries, cherries (Attika, Skeena, Summit, Bing, Rainier, Van, Baliton and Montmorency), apricots, haricot verts, maroon and golden carrots, golden beets, cucumbers, radishes, nectarines, peaches and apriums (a cross between plums and apricots);

Also Romanesco cauliflower, lettuces, braising greens including pea vines, kairan, chicory, Chinese spinach, Chinese broccoli, red Russian kale, lacinato kale, tatsoi, dandelion greens, sorrel, mizuna, broccoli rabe, spinach, Chinese mustard, red mustard, collards, arugula, bok choy, shinguko, shiso, pac choy, hana mibuna, Swiss and rainbow chard;

Also shelling peas, sugar snap peas, squash blossoms, onions, garlic tops, sunchokes, radicchio, hothouse tomatoes, asparagus, cauliflower, red beets, French turnips, fava beans, Ozette fingerling potatoes, eggplant, sweet corn, peanuts and hazelnuts;

And of course fresh herbs, including coriander, lemon balm, mint, oregano, marjoram, chives, thyme, sage, tarragon, and basil.

Find out about the special WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP)

WIC FMNP checks are specifically for purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers markets (regular WIC coupons cannot be used at most farmers markets). You can use your WIC FMNP checks at most farmers markets to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

No cash change is given — you have to spend the entire amount of the check. You must be already participating in the WIC program



PHOTO BY LISA WOOD

A table at the University District Farmers Market is heavily laden with different varieties of cherries. Local farmers markets are a great place to find fresh, organic produce. Some accept SNAP, EBT and food stamp and WIC coupons.

to be eligible for the WIC FMNP checks.

For more information about WIC FMNP, call 1-800-841-1410 or talk with someone at the WIC clinic where you get your regular WIC checks. WIC FMNP is a seasonal program — it ends in October — and has limited funding.

Public Hearing on MTW Plan Amendment surfaces concerns about utility costs

Support expressed for introducing public housing subsidy to SSHP

BY BEKA SMITH
Seattle Housing Authority

On June 6, nineteen Seattle Housing Authority residents, voucher holders and members of the public turned out for a public hearing on an amendment to the agency's 2011 Moving to Work (MTW) Plan.

Held at the Porchlight Building in Ballard, the public hearing provided an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed amendment.

The plan amendment addresses two main issues: a proposal to streamline the way that the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program calculates utility assistance and the introduction of public housing subsidy to the Seattle Senior Housing Program (SSHP).

The streamlined utility estimate will adjust voucher holders' rent based on a consolidated set of key factors: the number of bedrooms and whether the tenant is responsible for electricity, heating and sewer/water bills under their lease, with a pro-ration for energy-efficient units.

This will make it easier and more transparent for staff to calculate and for housing participants and landlords to understand, resulting in time savings and fewer errors.

As a result of input from the hearing, Seattle Housing staff revised the guidelines to add an additional category for households where central heat was provided by the landlord.

The introduction of public housing subsidy to the SSHP program will allow Seattle Housing to keep rents at their current levels while addressing significant repair and maintenance needs at the properties, including siding, roofs, elevators and windows.

The agency is using its MTW status to preserve the SSHP program's current rent structure and operating policies.

Most of the questions and comments raised at the public hearing addressed the streamlined utility estimate, with primary concerns about families' ability to pay for utilities.

As one person at the public hearing said, "These are hard times and utility bills are hard to pay."

Residents and community members at the public hearing encouraged the hous-

ing authority to find a way to work with landlords to encourage them to weatherize units, in order to keep energy bills low, and to seek out nonprofit partners who can help with energy conservation.

They also encouraged the agency to ease hardships among the small number of households who will experience a significant increase in their rent.

Comments at the public hearing regarding the introduction of public housing subsidy to the SSHP program were supportive.

As one person pointed out, "It's good to keep rents affordable."

The public hearing capped an extensive public outreach process. Seattle Housing staff held meetings with residents at each SSHP building and with voucher holders, landlords, local affordable housing groups and other stakeholders to discuss the proposed plan amendment and gain their feedback.

On June 20, the plan amendment went before the Seattle Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners, where it was approved. Following approval from the Board, the agency will now submit the plan amendment to HUD.

The full text of the plan amendment is available on the agency's website or by request at Seattle Housing's Central Office or Porchlight locations.

Federal budget woes come home to Seattle Housing Authority

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

As Seattle Housing Authority managers are assembling their budgets, the effects of deficit reduction efforts in Washington, DC are driving reductions in expenses.

According to Chief Financial Officer Shelly Yapp, "This is the most challenging budget process I have seen since coming to SHA four years ago. It is very difficult for managers to find areas to cut expenses when services to residents are at stake."

For the 2012 budget, planners are forecasting a deficit of a \$10.3 million if services and expenses remained the same. In order to balance revenues and expenses, the expense side of the budget will need to be cut.

Revenue estimates are made on the basis of the best available information at the time of the projections — information from proposed budgets by the president and congressional committees; information from discussion with HUD staff and congressional appropriations staff; and, expert judgments of where the decisions of congress and the president are likely to end up.

In order to bring a balanced budget to the Board of Commissioners in September, the agency is looking at a variety of ways to cut expenses. "Ultimately, we will have to lay some people off," notes Yapp. "Our goal is to retain services to residents at the highest level possible." Each department is being asked to cut expenses by about 8.5 percent.

The proposed budget will be presented in September. Public comments will be taken for 30 days and a public hearing will be held in September. The Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget in October in order to meet HUD's deadline for submitting the budget. Because of budget cuts in Washington, DC Seattle Housing is also experiencing lower federal revenues in 2011. Estimates are that in 2011, revenues will be reduced causing a budget deficit of \$1.13 million. Managers

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RAC elects new officers, at-large members



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Newly elected RAC officers and at-large members include (seated from left) Secretary Jim Bush, Ombudsperson Lois Gruber, At-Large Member Julie Sahlberg, Treasurer Cinda Lium; (standing from left) At-Large Member Pamela Wilcox, At-Large Member Troy Smith, At-Large Member Dennis Bejin, President Nancy Sherman, Vice President Kristin O'Donnell and At-Large Member Glenn Slemmer.

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

The Resident Action Council has elected new officers and board members for its 2011-2012 year.

Nancy Sherman, a first-time RAC officer, was elected president. Previous leadership experience includes membership on the Consumer Advisory Group and the Inter-agency Council on the King County Committee to End Homelessness.

She was also active with the housing advocacy group SHARE/WHEEL as an activist and grant writer. A resident of Ross Manor, she is also active in her building's resident council.

Joining Sherman on the RAC Executive Council are Vice President Kristin O'Donnell of Yesler Terrace, Secretary Jim Bush of Center Park, Treasurer Cinda Lium of Denny Terrace and Ombudsperson Lois Gruber of Lake City House.

O'Donnell, who had briefly served as interim RAC President in late 2010 and early 2011 following the resignation of current SHA Board Member Doug Morrison, is a longtime RAC member and resident leader. She is active in the Yesler Terrace Community Council.

Bush, Lium and Gruber all ran as unopposed incumbents. Lium was most recently elected to her position, having been elected via special election in Feb. 2011. Gruber was elected ombudsperson in June 2009.

Bush has served as RAC's secretary since 1998.

The election also marked the first time the RAC would elect at-large members to the council.

Elected to at-large positions were Dennis Bejin of Jefferson Terrace, Julie Sahlberg of Center Park, Glenn Slemmer of Green Lake Plaza, Troy Smith of Harvard Court and Pamela Wilcox of Jefferson Terrace.

A work of 'Fire and Ice': U-House resident has photograph featured in art exhibition



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Lisa Wood poses with her photograph, "Fire and Ice," which was accepted in an exhibition of student art at Seattle Central Community College's M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery. A resident of University House and frequent contributor to *The Voice*, Wood said that having her piece accepted meant "total validation for me as a photographer."

"When I looked at all the other examples (of art in the gallery), that elevated my pride in that I was chosen among all the other examples, and really overwhelmed me with gratitude," she said.

Quitline resources available for a limited time

BY THAI NGUYEN
Seattle Housing Authority

Quitting smoking can be very challenging due to the addictive properties of nicotine. Smokers may feel some anxiety from a non-smoking policy that Seattle Housing is currently considering to protect the health of residents and staff.

A non-smoking policy will not require smokers to quit smoking, it will simply prohibit smoking inside all homes and apartment units. A non-smoking policy is **not** a no-smoker policy.

The Seattle Housing staff understands that quitting is a personal choice; everyone is not expected to stop smoking. But for many who have thought about quitting or are ready to quit now, this resource may be helpful.

The Washington State Tobacco Quit Line provides free counseling and nicotine replacement therapy gum or patches to anyone living in Washington State. Once you've made the decision to quit smoking, a call to the Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW will lead you to a trained quit coach who will help you assess your situation and develop a personalized plan to quit.

Quit coaches are often former smokers themselves, and will cover a caller's smoking history and help identify personal triggers that cause the desire to smoke. To-

gether, you will develop a plan to prepare for your quit date and how to maintain a smoke-free lifestyle beyond your quit date. They will even help you make a decision about quit medications. Quit kits are mailed to callers after speaking with a quit coach. Kits include information on:

- Making a decision about quitting
- Getting ready to quit
- Knowing what to expect when you quit
- Coping with withdrawal symptoms and stress
- Asking friends, family members, or co-workers for support
- Avoiding relapse and staying tobacco free

Washington residents on Medicaid can get additional support, including prescription medication, if appropriate. The cost of the prescription, written by the client's doctor, is also covered.

Quit Line coaches are also available in other languages.

For Spanish, 1-877-NO-FUME
For Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese): 1-800-838-8917

For Vietnamese: 1-800-778-8440
For Korean: 1-800-556-5564

For all other languages, the Quit Line utilizes translation services upon request.

Due to budget cuts and economic uncertainty, free resources at the Quit Line may be reduced or eliminated after March 2012.

In an increasingly wired (and wireless) world, more newspapers are producing online content. Here at *The Voice*, we're looking at embarking on our own venture into the web with an online version of our newspaper. Before we do that, we'd like to hear from you, our readers, about your own online habits.

Please help us by responding to this survey and returning it to the address listed below. As an incentive, one lucky respondent will be selected at random to receive a \$50 gift card to his or her choice of: Bartell Drugs, QFC, Safeway or Target. To be eligible, please include your name along with a phone number or e-mail address so that we may contact you. Entries must be received by July 20.

The Voice Readership Survey

Name: _____ Contact: _____

The name of your community or building: _____

Do you have a computer with access to the internet in your home or apartment?

YES NO

Do you have access to a computer lab in your building or neighborhood?

YES NO DON'T KNOW

How often do you use the internet in an average week?

NEVER ABOUT ONCE A WEEK A FEW TIMES A WEEK

NEARLY EVERY DAY EVERY DAY

If available, would you read an online version of *The Voice*?

YES NO DON'T KNOW

Please mail your response to: Tyler Roush, 905 Spruce St., #200, Seattle, WA 98104, or type out your answers and e-mail to tylerr@nhwa.org. To be considered for a gift card, your entry must include some form of contact information: phone number, e-mail address or mailing address. Your responses will remain confidential. Please submit only one survey per household.

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The Voice welcomes articles, letters to the editor and columns from readers. If you'd like to submit an article, or if you have a question about anything you've read in this publication, feel free to contact Editor Tyler Roush at (206) 461-8430, ext. 227 or by e-mail at tylerr@nhwa.org.

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All submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, style and length.

POINT OF VIEW

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

Respite program construction nearly done



PHOTO BY SVEN KOEHLER

The concrete tower of the new elevator at Jefferson Terrace emerged from its formwork in June. The structure, designed by DKA Architecture, is meant to use the same design language of exposed, sculpted concrete as the original 1960's building, but it uses a different pattern to distinguish between old and new. This elevator will provide direct, independent access to the Respite Care Program, scheduled to begin operation at the building later this summer.

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

Looking at Jefferson Terrace Apartments, one word comes to mind rather quickly: concrete. That is all you see for its nearly 170-foot height; it's a prime example of how architecturally interesting exposed concrete can be as a building façade material.

Now, with the elevator tower to service the Respite Care program on the seventh floor nearly complete, the building has a new element in the concrete theme. The one-stop elevator provides direct access from the sixth-floor main entry to the seventh floor, so the program can operate independent of the residential portion of the building.

The Respite Care program provides temporary housing for homeless individuals

who have been successfully treated at hospitals in King County, but have nowhere to go to safely recuperate. The entire seventh floor of Jefferson Terrace is being converted from its purely residential use to house the facility. Construction started in March and is slated to be complete by August so the facility can open its doors.

Public Health – Seattle & King County initiated the creation of the facility at Jefferson Terrace several years ago, based on their successful program at the William Booth Center in the International District. The Jefferson Terrace program will be operated by staff from Harborview Medical Center, under the direction of Ed Dwyer-O'Connor.

Mr. Dwyer-O'Connor was introduced to

Please see "Respite" on Page 4

Seattle University nursing students visit Bell Tower, Denny Terrace



PHOTO BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

In May, a group of volunteer sophomore and junior students and an instructor from the Seattle University School of Nursing visited Bell Tower and Denny Terrace to perform blood pressure screenings on residents. One Bell Tower resident, William Carey, fourth from the left, won the door prize – an emergency supplies kit. According to their instructor, these visits were the students' first nursing experiences outside the classroom.

Little Brook neighbors discuss community

BY PARKS COMMONS PROGRAM

May 21 marked the first-ever general neighborhood meeting for the Little Brook area, a four-block stretch in North Seattle.

The community is home to about 3,000 people, and at least 10 languages are spoken.

Over 40 residents joined members of the organizing committee, and made plans for summer events in Little Brook Park, learned about the new Arts in the Park program and discussed quality-of-life-issues.

Of the latter, the most widely talked about issues were crime, drug sales and gunfire.

The monthly neighborhood meetings have been a joint effort by the Seattle Neighborhood Group, Seattle Housing Authority, Catholic Community Services Youth Tutoring Program and the Parks Commons Program.

Monthly meetings provide a forum for

the area's diverse residents to mobilize around whatever issues are most pressing.

To promote the meeting, flyers were translated into five languages, including Amharic, Chinese, Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese. Flyers were distributed door-to-door in the weeks leading up to the kick-off meeting. Interpreters of four languages were available at the meeting.

Food was provided by Seattle Neighborhood Group.

The most frequently named area of improvement was to create more programming and activities for kids and teens.

Seattle Parks is planning to provide programs for both kids and teens this summer through the Arts in the Park program, the Parks Commons Program and community partners.

The group meets monthly at noon on the last Saturday of the month at the Jackson Park Youth Tutoring Center, which will alternate with the return of the Second Saturday BBQ at Little Brook Park on June 11.

Construction slated for four SSHP buildings

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

The number of Seattle Senior Housing Program buildings slated for rehabilitation is about to increase by four, with Olmsted Manor, Nelson Manor, Blakeley Manor and Bitter Lake Manor all being prepped for construction work.

In May, Seattle Housing Authority announced the upcoming construction at Olmsted Manor and Nelson Manor. At community meetings, residents got their first sneak peak at architectural renderings that show the new facades that will completely change the look of their homes. Along with new exteriors and new roofing for the buildings, the apartments will get new windows and some electrical and ventilation upgrades.

Construction work on these two buildings will begin in several months. The start of construction for the buildings will be staggered, with work kicking off at Olmsted Manor first, followed by Nelson Manor, according to Roxanne Navradies, the Housing Authority's construction manager for these projects.

A similar meeting revealing the plans for Blakeley Manor was scheduled for June 30. Residents of Bitter Lake Manor can look forward to a meeting about plans for their own building later in the summer. Construction for both of these buildings has not yet been definitively scheduled, but details will emerge soon.

The design work for the projects has been completed by GGLO, a Seattle architectural firm that also designed the recent makeovers of Schwabacher House, Reunion House and Willis House. Architects have been working on the plans to address the capital needs for these buildings over the last few years, but the actual construc-

tion awaited funding.

The Housing Authority's recent proposal to bolster the Seattle Senior Housing Program's finances with federal funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Low Income Public Housing program has made the picture less bleak for future improvements to other buildings in the Seattle Senior Housing Program, according to a recent information campaign from the portfolio's manager Judi Anderson.

The list of renovated Senior Housing buildings has the potential to grow even further if planned efforts at Leschi House are realized. The Housing Authority is currently applying for funding for renovations along the lines of the other buildings, but with an added twist. There is a chance to nearly double the number of housing units to this popular building in the International District, by creating an addition to the 35-unit apartment building.

The Housing Authority is studying the feasibility of constructing the addition to Leschi House on an existing surface parking lot right next to the building. The plan, which is in its early design stages, would be to build a parking garage on the lowest level, then build several stories of apartments on top, according to Brian Sullivan, Senior Development Program Director with the Seattle Housing Authority.

The existing Leschi House is built into a hillside overlooking Chinatown and the stadiums of the SODO district, with the building's entrance on the second floor. Residents of Leschi House and neighbors learned about the proposal at a community meeting on May 23. Given the popularity of the location, the Housing Authority and residents think that building more housing would be a better use of the land than parking cars.



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HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

Neighbors gather for fun in the sun



PHOTO COURTESY OF HIGH POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The community gathered at the amphitheatre for a performance by "The Good Foot."

By HPNA

High Point Neighborhood Night was the place to be on a beautifully sunny Friday night on June 3. Neighborhood Night was hosted by the High Point Neighborhood Association, in close collaboration with Neighborhood House and supported by Shukri Olow, Seattle Housing Authority community builder.

High Point neighbors came together to enjoy dinner with a community potluck. The Neighborhood Association conducted final elections for new Trustees, who will replace outgoing Trustees and serve the community for the next two years.

The evening was topped off as a young troupe of dancers called "The Good Foot" engaged and entertained the crowd of almost 200 people with their amazing break dancing talent.

The Good Foot's mission is to transform lives through healing, hope and love in the

community, city and world. Learn more at www.thegoodfoot.us.

Thank you to everyone who helped pull this event together, including Neighborhood House — Bianca Garcia and Seana Weaver — volunteers from the Community Action Team, High Point Community Association and OSA Manager Heather Hutchison, and High Point Neighborhood Association Trustees Venetia Runnion, Miranda Taylor, Jennifer Cobb and Abdi Mohammed.

Congratulations to newly elected High Point Neighborhood Association Trustees Audrey Turpaud, Shuto Osman, Sharon Turman, Lauren Englund, Brittany Bodine and Fatima Diakite.

These new members will join current Trustees Runnion, Cobb, Mohammed and Abdighane Isse. Taylor and Chris Smithco will be ending their terms this year. Chris and Miranda — we are so grateful for your service to our community and look forward to your continuing participation in High Point.

Farmers markets near High Point

West Seattle Farmers Market

The closest farmers market to High Point is the West Seattle Farmers Market, centered on the intersection of California Avenue Southwest and Southwest Alaska Street, in the Junction. It operates Sundays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. all year long. Dogs are not permitted in the market.

Use your SNAP/EBT/Food stamps/Quest cards

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Seattle Farmers Market. To use your benefits, simply go to the Market information booth and tell the staff how much you'd like to spend, and they will swipe your SNAP card for the amount you request.

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Respite

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residents of Jefferson Terrace who are participating in the Respite Care Advisory Group at their last meeting in March. Participation in the advisory group was one of the stipulations of leasing the space that Seattle Housing included in the lease at the urging of residents. The next meeting of the advisory group will be July 21 in the building's community room.

At the July meeting, residents are looking forward to further information about how the facility will operate, and discussions on ensuring that the program lives up to its commitment to be a "good neighbor"

to the community. There should also be the opportunity to view the progress of the make-over of the seventh floor prior to the facility's opening date.

Meanwhile, the most obvious signs of construction will be dwindling as CDK Construction Services, the contractor, focuses more on the interior finishes now that the heavy work of pouring a 25-foot-tall concrete tower is about done. The elevator machinery will be installed and the interior fixtures and furniture will also arrive soon. As soon as the new elevator is up and running, modifications to the building's existing two elevators will be completed, which will limit access from the seventh floor to the rest of the building.



RAINIER VISTA NEWS

NEWS ABOUT THE RAINIER VISTA COMMUNITY

Graduation day for Rainier Vista's Digital Connectors

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

In the culmination of a nine-month program, Rainier Vista's Digital Connectors graduated June 16. Along the way, the students received valuable technology, communications and leadership training. They also made a few friends.

"My experience here has been great," said Tin Thai, a Digital Connector who served as emcee for the graduation ceremony. "I've met new people and learned a lot of new things."

The group was trained to provide technical support for community members who were new to computers — not uncommon in the Rainier Vista neighborhood, which is home to a significant group of older adults and immigrant and refugee families.

Before certificates were awarded, graduates presented a series of educational videos that they had completed as part of the pro-

gram. The projects tackled such issues as litter, bullying and racism.

After the videos, the group took a break for dinner, which included Vietnamese sandwiches and fresh sambusas.

Afterward, Neighborhood House Executive Director Mark Okazaki provided words of support to the group, then presented a certificate to each graduate.

The Digital Connectors have made a meaningful and measurable contribution to their community — as Program Instructor Kat McGhee of Neighborhood House noted, the 15 graduates logged a total of 900 community service hours over the course of the 10-month program.

"As an instructor I have been incredibly lucky to be connected to such a smart, engaged and energetic group of youth," McGhee said.

The event had the relaxed atmosphere of the last day of school. The 15 students expressed the happiness and satisfaction that



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Pictured at the Digital Connectors graduation ceremony are (seated from left) Tuyen Truong, Sakirah Sales, Brandon Farrell, Abraham Hailu; and (standing from left) Elsabet Fentahun, instructor Kat McGhee, Brian Lam, Jenny Chen, volunteer Andrew Gartland, Hamedia Jemal, Mariyam Sales, Phi Nguyen, Tin Thai, Mohamed Nejash, Kulani Yacub and Lakesha Washington.

they had successfully completed a challenging program—and what's more, that they had done so as a team.

"One of the most rewarding parts of the program was seeing the group become more cohesive and by the later part of the year, all

become friends," McGhee said.

Support for the program came from the City of Seattle Department of Information Technology, Comcast and the One Economy Corporation.

'The Farm' opens grandly at Rainier Vista

By SCOTT FREUTEL
Seattle Housing Authority

On Saturday, June 25, resident families and volunteers came together to celebrate the opening of the Seattle Community Farm at Rainier Vista. The Farm, as it's called, is at the far north end of Rainier Vista, just north of the P-Patch, between Lilac and Andover Streets west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

What was once waste land littered with trash and abandoned cars is now a carefully terraced, fenced and welcoming garden. The Farm, in an area just over a third of an acre, incorporates a children's garden, gravel pathways, a tool shed, and tables for sorting, cleaning and packaging produce. Terracing and irrigation systems are state-of-the-art.

As visitors munched on sandwiches donated by Homegrown, the Fremont sandwich shop, and other donated snacks and organic baby carrots, City Council Member Richard Conlin and Department of Neighborhoods Interim Director Bernie Agor Matsuno acknowledged the hard work of the many people who worked together to create The Farm.

Food grown at the Seattle Community Farm will be cultivated by and shared with residents of the Rainier Vista community and the wider Rainier Valley neighborhood, and with the Rainier Valley Food Bank.

People who work the farm will be able to take home a bag of produce for every two hours they volunteer. Volunteers will work



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Visitors stroll the curving path along The Farm's terraces during the grand opening last month.

the land together during coordinated work parties. (This is a different model than that of the city's P-Patches, where individual plots are allotted to people on a first-come, first-serve basis.) Tasks include creating beds and planting seeds, weeding, turning compost, and harvesting and washing produce.

The person who will most closely supervise the volunteers' efforts is Scott Behmer,

farm coordinator. A Seattle native, Behmer, who was hired last fall, says that he's done lots of "farming and community things," and that he's excited to be working where people of many backgrounds and cultures will come together in common purpose.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing," he said recently.

A transformation that seems magical was

Learn gardening at The Farm

Two gardening classes are scheduled, one this month and one next. Interpretation in Amharic, Cantonese, Oromo, Somali and Vietnamese is available.

Tuesdays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. July 5 and August 2

Participants are welcome to stay after class for the Farm's regular Tuesday work parties, which last until 8 p.m.

Volunteer at The Farm

Regular work parties are scheduled as follows through November (and resuming in March 2012)

Tuesdays, 5 until 8 p.m.

Thursdays, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information and directions, call 206-694-6828, e-mail urbanfarm@solid-ground.org, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/3oyob6s/>.

in fact the result of close cooperation among nonprofit agencies and a lot of hard work by volunteers. Seattle Housing Authority donated the land. Lettuce Link, a project of Solid Ground, provided guidance, seeds and plant starts, outreach and coordination. Solid Ground, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Food Project Grant contributed to The Farm's creation.

The Farm will host free gardening classes (see sidebar) and will give tours for children.

Farmers markets near Rainier Vista

Columbia City Farmers Market

The closest farmers market to Rainier Vista is the Columbia City Farmers Market, open Wednesdays, April 27 through October 19, from 3 to 7 p.m. on Edmunds Street, between 37th and the alley at 36th (just off of Rainier in the heart of Columbia City). There's street parking in the vicinity, or shoppers can park for up to two hours in the pay lot next to the market.

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is not yet set up to accept SNAP/EBT/food stamps. If you wish to use your WIC coupons for purchases, go to the Market information booth to ask which farmers can accept WIC coupons, and for which products.

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Budget

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hope to close this gap through belt-tightening and implementation of a hiring freeze which took effect in May. Both the 2011 and the 2012 federal revenue estimates will be reviewed and updated as more information becomes available through the end of July.

Cutback in prepaid postage for resident response envelopes

One immediate effect of this budget

crunch on residents is that the housing authority will no longer provide prepaid postage on the envelope that is included with rent statements. Seattle Housing can save more than \$35,000 each year by no longer paying this postage. Because every little bit of savings helps to maintain services to residents, effective August 1, 2011, we will no longer include a prepaid stamped envelope with your rent statement. For now, we will continue to provide an addressed return envelope for paying rent and ask residents to stamp the envelope.

NEWHOLLY NOTES

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY COMMUNITY

The Station at Othello Park welcomes new residents, could prompt more neighborhood development



PHOTO BY LAURA GENTRY

Occupants of The Station at Othello Park began moving into the building in March.

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

The Othello neighborhood is welcoming new neighbors as they move into the recently completed seven-story, mixed-use building known as The Station at Othello Park.

The building, which sits across from NewHolly on Martin Luther King Jr. Way, contains 351 residential units and 20,000 square feet of ground level retail space.

The developer, Othello Partners, is marketing the building's proximity to the Link light rail station as being its most important

amenity. Local developers hope The Station will be a successful experiment in transit-oriented residential space in the Othello neighborhood. The development's potential success could mean more residential and retail development in the area.

"I have heard lots of developers say they are waiting to see how the Station at Othello Park does," Al Levine, Seattle Housing's deputy director, recently told The Seattle Times.

The Station broke ground in 2009, and tenants began moving in in March 2011.

NewHolly appreciates its volunteers

BY JOY BRYNGELSON
Seattle Housing Authority

Volunteerism is alive and well in the NewHolly neighborhood. Busy community members are involved with formal volunteer committees and events, as well as many informal community building activities. They volunteer by helping their neighbors shovel snow, mow front yards, move garbage bins, give rides to the store and provide language interpretation.

They also look out for community youth when they're out and about in the parks and common areas, and tell their neighbors about local activities and issues.

On Wednesday, June 1, the NewHolly Community Building Office held a special Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to honor some of the most outstanding neighborhood leaders, and to learn more about why they each choose to volunteer. This was a great opportunity for volunteers to meet each other and share inspiration and thanks.

Gail-Marie Vielle started off the evening by sharing her 30+ years of experience volunteering in Holly Park and NewHolly as a council member, a welcomer, a Family Fun Fest volunteer, a native culture educator and a block watch leader.

Each volunteer then talked about the ways he or she volunteers, and why.

Several volunteers said that they valued community involvement as a way to learn about other cultures and make new friends. Creating a place where children feel loved and welcomed is another reason why many of the volunteers remain active and keep

working hard to plan activities with the Parent Committee, Multicultural Committee, or special events and celebrations like Eid and Family Fun Fest.

Volunteers involved in organizing the spring community talking circles or focus groups shared how meaningful it was to talk with people from different areas of NewHolly and from different language, income, and age groups.

Volunteers found that all of the groups expressed an interest in building community and interacting positively with their NewHolly neighbors. As one neighbor put it, "Living in NewHolly is like living with a big extended family. I like knowing my neighbors and being part of a community. That's why I volunteer."

Volunteers who were honored include: Gail Marie Vielle, Imee Ubinas, Bibi Abubakar, Dekka Abyah, Daphne Schneider, Sam Cheng, Surer Yusuf, Anaji Aman, Sidney Carter, Lima Cheng, Aun Neov, Sacdiya Muuse, Ann Olouch, LaTanya Turner, Halima Antee, Rolita Flores Ezeonu, Tammy Nguyen, Emily Inkpen, Shukri Nehet, Rahma Jama and Gabrielle Jones. If you see them out and about in NewHolly, please thank them for their volunteer activities and community building energy.

If you'd like to become more actively involved in the NewHolly community, the next volunteer activity will be the NewHolly Family Fun Fest & Health Fair. (See the related ad on this page.) It's a great way to meet other neighbors, have fun and be part of creating the neighborhood you want to live in!

This community event is coordinated by community volunteers and staff involved in the NewHolly Neighborhood Campus.

NewHolly Family Fun Fest & Health Fair

Saturday, July 16th, 2011

11:00-3:00

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Renton Farmers Markets

You may also want to visit either of two Renton farmers markets, which aren't too far from NewHolly.

The Renton Farmers Market at the Piazza operates Tuesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. It's immediately adjacent to the Renton Transit Center.

The Farmers Market at Valley Medical Center operates Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information about either Renton farmers market, call 425-430-7214.

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YESLER HAPPENINGS

NEWS ABOUT THE YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITY

Chimes of freedom: Yesler celebrates Juneteenth

By VOICE STAFF

On a brilliantly sunny evening June 17, friends and neighbors gathered in Yesler Terrace for the community's annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Guests enjoyed good food, live music, dancing and entertainment. Service providers conducted community outreach. DJs Surreal and George Yasutake filled the gaps in the program by spinning classic soul and funk music.

Seattle Housing Deputy Director Al Levine spoke at the event.

Even though he celebrated Juneteenth as a child, he wondered why more people weren't observing the holiday. Later, as Juneteenth celebrations became more common, he began to ask why others were suddenly celebrating "my holiday."

"But I realized, this wasn't my holiday, it was our holiday," Levine said. "Without the sacrifices that were made, this country wouldn't be what it is, and we wouldn't be

here today."

Juneteenth, officially observed on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 that the enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were informed of their freedom at the end of the American Civil War.



PHOTOS BY TYLER ROUSH

The Breath of Life singers (above) performed spiritual songs as part of Yesler Terrace's Juneteenth program. The singers, from the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seattle, include (from left) Brittany Charity-Walker, Michele Charity and Michelle Thompson. Accompanying the singers on the keyboard was church member C. Paul Thomas. The giraffe bounce house (above left) proved to be one of the most popular attractions for younger guests at Juneteenth. At left, Teroshua Thomas of The Job Connection (standing) provides orientation materials to representatives of the Experience Music Project. Thomas helped organize the Juneteenth celebration, along with Yesler Community Center Coordinator Thavy Pen, Yesler Terrace Property Manager Judi Carter and Community Builder Brett Houghton, Community Police Team Officer John Skommesa, Seattle Parks employee George Yasutake, Dara Kommavongsa and Hneddy Dorbor



Historic Yesler steam plant receives \$3.1M grant to become education, training center

By SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Seattle Housing was recently awarded \$3,109,271 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to rehab the historic Yesler Terrace Steam Plant. The money will serve as "seed" funding toward development of early childhood education and adult training facilities for Yesler residents.

The Steam Plant was designated as an historic landmark last summer by the City of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board. The HUD grant will allow the Steam Plant to be preserved as Yesler Terrace's only uniquely modernist building. It will serve as a reminder of the neighborhood's history and become a permanent home for important self-sufficiency services in the center of the community.

The new center will be home to Neighborhood House's Head Start program, Catholic Community Service's Youth Tutoring program, an Express Credit Union for affordable financial services, an SEIU training center, and Seattle Housing's employment opportunity services.

Seattle Housing's Development Director Stephanie Van Dyke noted that, at first glance, the steam plant may seem an unlikely place for self-sufficiency services.

"With a closer look, the building's potential becomes obvious," Van Dyke said. "It is

centrally located near transit, has big rooms with high ceilings, and western exposure with large windows to create light-filled spaces."

Services such as Head Start and Youth Tutoring will be able to re-locate from their current Yesler Terrace spaces, which are less than ideal.

Construction is expected to begin in summer of 2012 and will take about a year to complete.

The grant was awarded under HUD's Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities (CFCF) Program. This program provides capital funding to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for the construction, rehabilitation, or purchase of facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education, and job training programs for public housing residents based on an identified need. PHAs may also use CFCF program funding to rehabilitate existing community facilities that will offer comprehensive, integrated services. These facilities will offer services to help public housing residents achieve better educational and economic outcomes resulting in long-term economic self-sufficiency.

The King County Housing Authority received a similar grant from HUD for \$1.2 million that will be used to build a new community center in Kent.

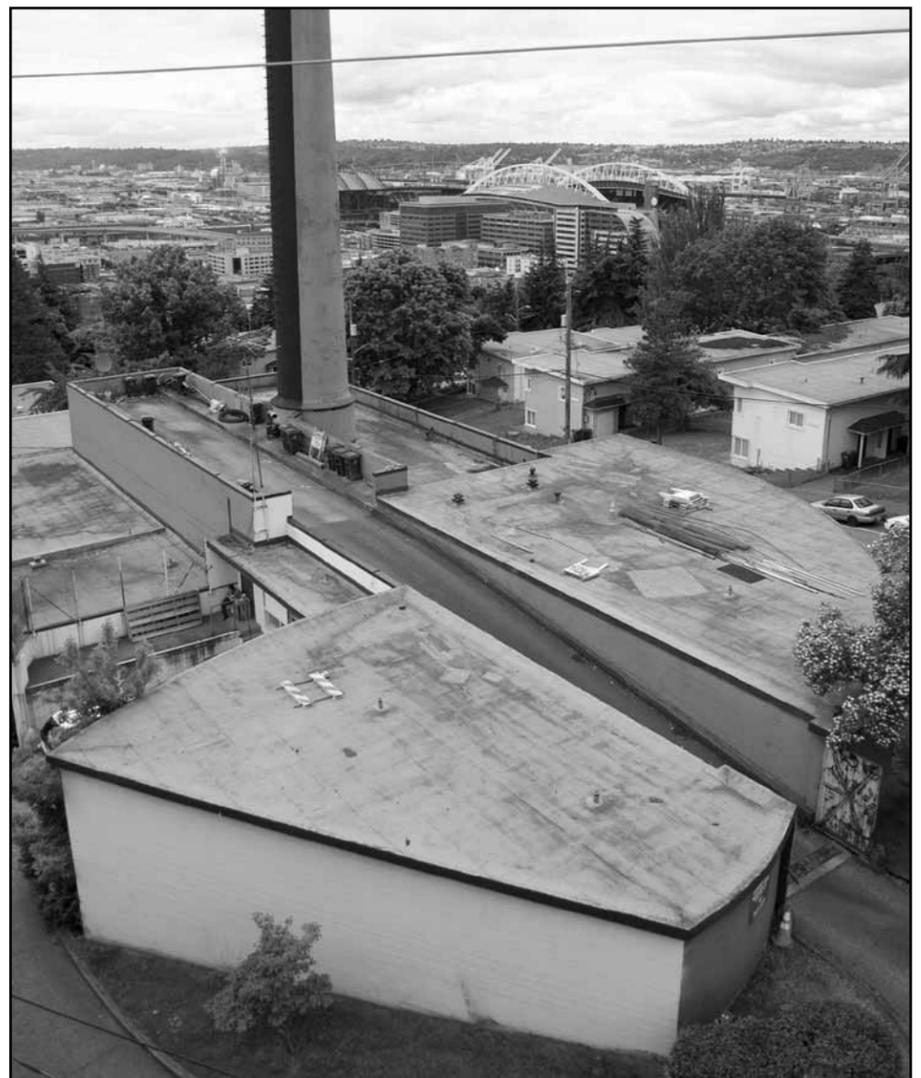


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The Yesler Terrace steam plant will become a training, education and service center.

