

# The BROADVIEW



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BROADVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 2010

## Who We Are

The Broadview Community Council is an organization representing the residents of Broadview. Our purpose is to maintain communication within the community relating to areas of concern and community action.



All residents are eligible to join, and members are eligible to serve on the board. The council meets six months of the year: January, March, May, September, October, and November. The

Broadview Community Council is a member of the Seattle Community Council Federation. Our council is also a member of the Northwest District Council, and through it is represented on the City Neighborhood Council.

## BCC Officers and Board Members

### Elected Officers

President: Dale Johnson, 206-362-2980  
Vice President: Cody Vinson 206-364-0327  
Treasurer: Ralph Lyshol, 206-365-2555  
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### Board Members

Communication: Dale Johnson, 206-362-2980  
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Planning: Pat McCoy, 206-283-0725  
Blog: Sue George, 206-285-2532  
At Large: Justin Simmons, 206-356-6826  
At Large: Peter Rogerson, 206-361-2475

### Liaisons

Broadview -Thomson Elementary – Amy Svetich  
Ingraham High School – Elena Leonard  
Broadview Sewage Task Force – Sue George

## Transportation Issues in our Neighborhood Will Be Discussed at the November 16 Broadview Community Council Meeting

Pete Hahn, Director of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), will speak. Mr. Hahn is new to SDOT this year but has many years of experience in managing facilities and transportation in other cities in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Hahn will update us on initiatives at SDOT, and his perspective on priorities for Seattle's transport transportation future. Come and bring your neighbors along to learn about the major challenges our City faces, and bring your questions!

## Luther Memorial Church

13047 Greenwood Ave. N

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Social Time at 6:00 PM

Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM

The Broadview Community Council will meet on the third Tuesday of the following months.

### 2011

January 18  
March 15  
May 17  
September 20  
October 18  
November 15

To read the news when it happens go to our website:

<http://www.broadviewseattle.org>

## Community Calendar

**Nov. 16 Broadview Community Council** Social Time at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30 PM Luther Memorial Church. Information 206-362-2980.

**Nov. 18 Broadview Historical Society** 12:30 PM Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave. N. Information 206-363-7295.

**Nov. 19 Bitter Lake Community Center Spaghetti Dinner** 6 – 8 PM, 13035 Linden Ave. N. Information 206-684-7524.

**Nov. 22 Carkeek Park Advisory Council**, 7 – 9 PM, Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center, 950 NW Carkeek Park Road. Information 206-684-0877.

**Nov. 26 Piper's Creek Salmon Celebration** 11 AM – 1 PM. Carkeek Park Lower meadow. Information 206-684-0844.

## Change in BCC Newsletter Schedule

The Broadview Community Council board has decided to change the schedule of the Broaderview newsletter. Starting in 2011 the newsletter will be sent quarterly in March, May, September and November. There will continue to be six BCC member meetings in January, March, May, September, October and November.

In recent years many community organizations have shifted communication from paper newsletters to media like e-mail, blogs and websites. Electronic media are less expensive and less labor intensive than paper newsletters. We recognize that some of our members prefer electronic media and some prefer getting a paper newsletter. BCC has been using an e-mail notice of meetings recently. If you want to be sure we have your current e-mail address send us a message at [broadview.communitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:broadview.communitycouncil@gmail.com) We have a new website / blog with continually updated content. We will send a paper newsletter quarterly.

Since we won't be sending a paper newsletter in January, please mark your calendar for the January 18 BCC meeting, topic and speaker not yet determined.

## The Green Lane on N 130<sup>th</sup> St.

This past summer Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) changed the striping on N 130<sup>th</sup> St. between Linden Ave. N and Greenwood Ave. N, as part of the 2010 Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan Implementation. The goal of the changes is to improve safety, pedestrian access and bicycle usage.

A new feature in our neighborhood is the green portion of the bike lane as you approach Greenwood Ave. N from the east. Green bike lanes highlight areas where bicycle and cars cross paths, in this case where cars move over into the right hand lane to make a right turn onto Greenwood. Motor vehicles should yield to bicyclists in green bike lanes. Bicyclists should be alert and look for motor vehicles crossing green lanes. Green bike lanes and bike boxes are being installed as part of the Bicycle Master Plan.

## Funding for Linden Complete Streets Project

For more than ten years people in our community have been advocating to have Linden Ave. N in the Bitter Lake Hub Urban Village completed with curbs, sidewalks and bicycle lanes. In 1999 this project was identified as the highest priority in our neighborhood plan. Since then many volunteers have met with City staff and elected officials to urge that funding be allocated.

In September Mayor McGinn sent to City Council a proposed budget that includes full funding to complete the Linden Ave. N Complete Streets Project in 2013. Members of the BCC board and other community members have attended budget hearings on September 29, October 13 and October 26 to testify in support of the proposed full funding of the project.

As of press time for this issue of the Broaderview it looks favorable for City Council approval of the proposed budget's full funding. We will let know the outcome in the next issue of the Broaderview, when the budget is final. At the August 20 open house presenting the current design for Linden a phase one was described, on the assumption that full funding was not available. If full funding is approved additional design for the remaining unfinished segments of the street will need to take place.

For information on the project as it is currently designed go to <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/linden.htm>

## Library Gift Match

An anonymous donor has pledged \$500,000 to The Seattle Public Library Foundation if it can raise a matching amount through community contributions.

When the 2010 mid-year cuts to The Seattle Public Library's budget were announced, The Seattle Public Library Foundation got a call from the donor's representative. The anonymous donor had read the news and wanted to find a way to help. The anonymous donor was especially concerned about how budget cuts would impact the community, in particular children and families who rely on Seattle's

public libraries for so much. The donor felt this would be a powerful way to inspire others in the community to step forward and support our library system.

The goal is to raise \$500,000 to match the gift by December 31, 2010, so those dollars can be made available for Seattle's public libraries to use by 2011. Once raised, the money will be used to help the libraries serve the community - to buy more books and resources and support free public programming. This gift essentially doubles any donation made to the Foundation in the coming months - go to [foundation.spl.org](http://foundation.spl.org) for all the details.

### **New Board Members Sought**

Four positions on the BCC board will open up in 2011, as current members cycle out of those positions. We are seeking people interested in serving on the board, or on a committee (committee members need not be a board member). Interested in helping improve our community? Give one of the current board members a call! (See front of newsletter for names and phone numbers) And thanks to those who indicated interest at the October BCC meeting.

### **Broadview - Bitter Lake - Haller Lake Transportation Plan**

By Will Murray

As part of our Vision 2020 Neighborhood Plan's Implementation Matrix Activity the City of Seattle published the following goals in 1999, "Design and construct a primary network of concrete sidewalks (to include curbs, curb ramps, and gutters and planting strips) in the Broadview Bitter Lake Haller Lake planning area, based on the following prioritized list:

Both sides of Aurora Ave. N from 105<sup>th</sup> to 145<sup>th</sup>, 130<sup>th</sup> St. from I-5 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW, Greenwood Ave. N from 105<sup>th</sup> to 145<sup>th</sup>, Northgate Way from Meridian Ave. N to Greenwood Ave. N, N 125<sup>th</sup> St. from Densmore to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW, N 115<sup>th</sup> St. from Meridian to Aurora Ave. N, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW from Holman Rd. to N 145<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE between NE 116<sup>th</sup> and NE 115<sup>th</sup>, Wide, permeable, sand and paver stone brick sidewalks concrete curbs and gutters and curb ramps on both sides of Linden Ave. N from N 128<sup>th</sup> to 145<sup>th</sup> St.

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods/npi/plans/broadview/Section.2.pdf>

The Neighborhood Plan in 1999 called for a total of nine arterial streets to be completed and 11 years later residents are asking what has been completed? In 2005 a Capital Improvement Project to complete Aurora Avenue North was funded with 6.4 million and the project was later shelved. A recent SDOT project

completed both sides of Greenwood Avenue from Holman Road to 112<sup>th</sup> and from 130<sup>th</sup> to 137<sup>th</sup> for a total of 14 blocks. East West arterials such as 125<sup>th</sup> and 130<sup>th</sup> haven't fared as well and remain hazardous for walking. The Linden Ave. N Complete Streets Project when completed would make Linden Avenue North the first completed Street in the Broadview Bitter Lake Haller Lake planning area.

### **A Free, Fun Activity for Kids**

By Michelle Coolidge

It's another rainy day. You've taken your 2 year old to the zoo. You've been to the aquarium. What else is there in Broadview that is close, and more importantly, free? Welcome to Wonderland. The Planned Learning Network (Wonderland) holds a free playgroup called Kaleidoscope for children ages 18 months to 5 years old at the Broadview Library Wednesdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. They have felt boards, play doh, arts and crafts, balls, puzzles, and an instructor who informally runs the playgroup. My daughter didn't want to leave when it was time to go! She had already met a friend after playing for 10 minutes.

This is great service that the Seattle public library offers to neighborhood families. Most of the children in attendance were around 2 years old. This group gives us another alternative on Wednesdays without having to commit every week. With the economy in the state it is, it's also nice to have a 'free' option. Plus, I like seeing my 2 year old play with other kids her age instead of always having to play with her sister's friends. Check out the library's website [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org) for more scheduling information.

### **Help Keep Storm Drains Clear**

Join volunteers across the city who are maintaining storm drains, a critical part of our utility infrastructure. Participants commit to removing leaves and other debris from a minimum of 12 storm drains.

Ready to Adopt-A-Drain Now? [Learn how >](#) Our Adopt-A-Drain team is ready to help you with your questions. Please call (206) 684-7647 or email [adoptadrain@seattle.gov](mailto:adoptadrain@seattle.gov)

### **BCC Newsletter Schedule**

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## ***Have You Paid Your Broadview Community Council Dues?***

We invite you to join us in building and maintaining our community. If you are a past member we invite you to re-new your membership. The address label shows the year you are paid to in the upper right hand corner. Benefits of membership include newsletters, meeting notices, a role in the annual general meeting, community pride and influence on decisions that affect us all. *Mailing List Promise: BCC will not sell or distribute your name/address/phone number/ e-mail address. This information will be used by BCC only to inform you about Broadview.*

## **Broadview Community Council – Membership Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

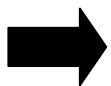
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**Phone (work/home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a comment or suggestion for BCC? Let us know!**

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**Membership:** \_\_\_ \$5 Senior \_\_\_ \$10 Household \_\_\_ \$25 Benefactor  
\_\_\_ \$50 Patron \_\_\_ \$ 75 Business Patron



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