

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

December 2013



Upcoming Events

12/6 JPCC Holiday Party, 6-8 pm, at Artist Lofts, 843 Hiawatha Pl S. Potluck.

12/20 Festival of Lights at Judkins Park, 6-8:30 pm

1/14 JPCC Quarterly Meeting*, 6-8 pm, 843 Hiawatha Pl S. The police who patrol our neighborhood will attend to address recent break-ins. Please always call 911 to report any illegal activity.

***PLEASE NOTE:** JPCC meetings are moving to Tuesdays to utilize the Community Room at the Artist Lofts.

First Hill Streetcar Slated for Fall 2014

Streetcar to serve JPCC from 14th and Washington

Construction of the First Hill Streetcar continues, although much of the particularly disruptive work of track installation is nearing completion. The streetcar is currently expected to begin passenger service in the late summer or in the early fall of 2014.

The 2.5 mile route will connect the Jackson Place neighborhood to Capitol Hill, First Hill, Chinatown/International District, and Pioneer Square. The closest station to our neighborhood will be a mid-street platform on 14th Avenue South between Washington and Main, which will serve riders traveling in either direction.

According to Paul Elliott of the Seattle Department of Transportation, the system will operate seven days a week, including holidays. It will run at 10-minute intervals during peak hours (Monday to Friday 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.) and every 15 minutes at other times. The fare will be established by the Sound Transit Board of Directors and is anticipated to be similar to Link Light Rail and Metro peak hour fares. Riders with ORCA cards will be able to use them for their fares, while those without will be able to purchase single ride tickets at a fare box machine located on the station platform.



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Judkins Park Community Council?

The Jackson Place Community Council is talking with Judkins Park, Colman and Squire Park to consider a "merger" so that collectively we can better address Jackson Street, the hub at 23rd and Jackson and Judkins Park. Currently these central places within the community lay at the edges of councils' boundaries. We are interested in "re-centering" the community to include a wider swath of the neighborhood to ensure that we have a cohesive and larger voice as our neighborhood continues to develop.

Neighborhood Communication

The Jackson Place Community is looking for someone to take over this newsletter. It has been on hiatus for over a year and we'd like to get it up and running again, but need someone to spearhead the effort. This issue of the newsletter would not have been possible without the help of Raleigh Watts, Ryan Curran, Bill Bradburd and Margo Robb. Thanks to our new and returning advertisers for helping us pay for this community resource.

Other resources for finding out about issues and events for our neighborhood:

- Join the Nextdoor website at <https://jacksonplace.nextdoor.com/login> — Highly recommend joining!
- On Facebook, there is a Jackson Place Community group
- Join the yahoo listserve at www.jacksonplace.org (very outdated website — any takers for updating?)
- Visit www.centraldistrictnews.com for updates and discussions



Before



During the work



After

The traffic circle at Hiawatha and Charles gets a facelift. Thanks to 999 Hiawatha PI S for funding the effort and Julitsa and Christopher at the Artist Lofts for caring for a long neglected traffic circle.

Come to the Holiday Party on Friday, December 6, 6-8 pm

Artist Lofts Community Room, 843 Hiawatha PI S

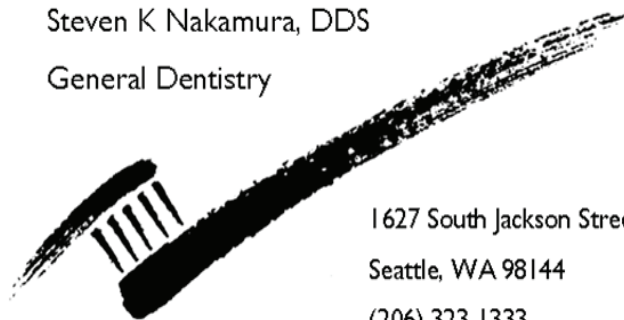
Hope to see you there.

Special thanks to Darigold for donating to the JPCC Holiday Party & Festival of Lights.



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Judkins Park

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Friday, December 20th

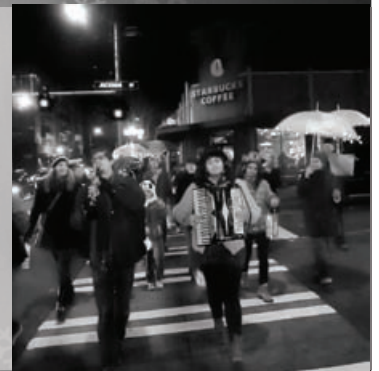
6:00 to 8:30 pm



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Starting at 23rd and S. Jackson (Starbucks) at 6 pm
and walking to the park!



Come make a Lantern for the Parade!

Jackson Place Holiday Party

Friday, December 6th from 6-8 pm
Hiawatha Artist Loft Community Room
843 Hiawatha Pl S.

It's a potluck. Bring something to share.

Glitter, templates, hot glue, and electric candles...all the
supplies you need to make your own lantern!

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Updating JPCC Bylaws

Are you yawning yet?

As a concerned group of citizens, we want to make sure we work together in an open and orderly way. We want to continue to have a transparent way for people who live here to elect neighbors to the board, for the board to have meetings, for the organization to manage a bank account, and for important decisions to be made.

When the current bylaws were written 20 years ago, fewer people lived in this neighborhood and no one used email, listservs, and blogs to stay informed. We have also learned that we need the bylaws to be flexible because we are an all-volunteer organization.

Neighborhood residents Margo Robb (Hiawatha Place), Raleigh Watts (Weller Street), Scott Crain (Dearborn Street), and Bill Bradburd (Lane Street) have put together a proposed set of bylaw revisions to carry the organization forward for the next 20 years. We will be asking neighbors to vote on these changes at an upcoming quarterly meeting (Date TBA).

Here are some of the changes:

- The election and voting process is simpler.
- The board meetings can be announced by email and signs, rather than via mailings.
- We've simplified the bylaws and concurrently created a set of operating standards that the board can adopt and change as need be.

Still awake? We'd love your comments. If you'd like to see a draft of the proposed bylaws, we'd love to share them with you and get your input. Email raleighwatts@hotmail.com for a copy. Thanks! Now you can yawn.



Land Use News

- The City is undertaking a major re-vamping of 23rd Ave S which includes not only a repaving of that corridor, but a change to traffic lanes to facilitate transit (bus) improvements, and provide better pedestrian and bike access. There will be zoning changes to make the intersections at Jackson, Cherry and Union capable of supporting more housing and business growth. Particularly at Union Street this will encourage more development at the southeast corner at Union Street. There will also be bicycle greenways running north/south to improve access by bicycle from our neighborhood to Capitol Hill and beyond.
- The "999 Hiawatha" apartment project, with 100 units on Hiawatha Place, is nearing completion, and will add many new neighbors. And there are many lowrise housing projects active in the neighborhood which will bring us new neighbors. We are making a new neighbor packet.
- Along Jackson Street at 18th Ave S there will be a new mixed use project adding housing, a restaurant and live/work spaces across from the Pratt Legacy. And in about a year, at the site of the Nickelsville family camp, LIHI will be adding another building.
- In the meantime, Jackson Place and Squire Park are joining businesses and Washington Middle School in developing a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with the Nickelsville Camp. Jackson Place has successfully used GNAs with the controversial DESC Crisis Center and Casa Latina to ensure that their operations are transparent and safe within our community. We will also be developing a GNA with the Compass Homeless Services facility at Rainier and Charles St (across from the Shell station) planned to open in 2014. Please write to contact@jacksonplace.org if you are interested in participating in these activities or have suggestions.



The Muraling of Jackson Place

The Jackson Place Community Council and Goodwill industries signed a Memorandum of Agreement this fall to allow a mural to be painted on Goodwill's property along Weller St. just west of Rainier Ave S. The Jackson Street Music History Project (JSMHP) will produce the mural in the spring of 2014. A call for artists went out in the fall and Jake Wagoner was selected to curate the wall. Jake is a resident of the Hiawatha Artist Lofts and he previously worked with JSMHP to create the **Music is Life** mural on Chef Cafe. He also just finished **The Cardinals** and **The Water Wall** on West Coast Printing's building at Lane St. and Rainier Ave S.

Jake and three other artists will use aerosol paints to beautify the 240' by 10' wall. The mural concept: "To create awareness toward and engage the viewer with four topics representing self-improvement, giving back to the community, and bettering the world around us. Each topic will be represented by one of four individual artists. The title, "Control What You Can," captures the essence of what the mural will strive to illustrate. The work seeks to empower the viewer to make small adjustments toward "being the change that you want to see in the world." A mockup of the mural will be completed this winter and shared on the JSMHP Facebook page.

Goodwill has kicked off the fundraising effort for the mural with a generous \$500 donation. Additional fundraising and will continue throughout the winter. If you would like to contribute funding or volunteer time toward this community project, please email Ryan Curren at curlove@gmail.com.

First Hill Streetcar (continued from page 1)

The streetcar project will make changes to the traffic flow at the five-way intersection at Rainier Avenue and Jackson and 14th Streets. One change is that 14th Avenue S is now one-way northbound between Jackson and Yesler; southbound traffic will be streetcar-only when the streetcar becomes operational. The other change is, the left turn movement which from eastbound Jackson to northbound 14th, which is now restricted during the PM peak period, will be restricted to streetcar only and will be signalized for that streetcar movement. Ethan Melone of the Seattle Department of Transportation states that eliminating these lower volume movements makes more "green time" for other higher volume users, which could cause fewer traffic backups.

If you want to see the actual route the street car will take or wish to receive weekly project email updates, visit the project website, located at <http://www.seattlestreetcar.org/firsthill.htm>.

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Humble Pie Opens Shop



Owner Brian Solazzi making a pizza

Humble Pie opened at Rainier Avenue S and S Weller Street earlier this year. In addition to providing great food and drink, the venue is an innovative model of design and sustainability. Long-time resident Raleigh Watts asked the owner, Brian Solazzi, about Humble Pie.

Brian, what motivated you to open Humble Pie?

If the planet is going to survive, we need to bring sustainability into the core of how we approach everything. If communities are going to thrive, businesses need to cooperate and contribute. The approach of the 'triple bottom line' that balances community development and environmental sustainability with profit, is a step in a hopefully ever improving process of reimagining the role of business in our society, and lies at the heart of Humble Pie's creation. These values are reflected in every aspect of the restaurant's physical design as well as our daily operation, from our recycled building materials, to our minimal waste policy, to our locally-sourced and organic ingredients.

Design wise, I strive for simplicity and efficiency over high tech solutions to sustainability challenges. I also tried to balance Asian and Northwest architectural elements with urban farming, but at the end of the day, I really wanted to create a space to which I would enjoy bringing my neighbors and friends, to chat and connect over a cold pint and a slice of, in my humble opinion, rather delicious pizza.

What makes Humble Pie different than other restaurants in the neighborhood?

Artisanal wood fired pizza is of course the star of the menu, which balances vegetarian and meat options, featuring local organic produce and specialty meats such as house smoked pulled pork. We've also got a great happy hour from 8 to 9 every day, currently featuring \$5 Margherita's and \$3 pints of WA's finest beer. Bring a friend to Wednesday Wine Night for half off every bottle on our wine list as well!

What are your plans for the future?

This coming spring, we will be partnering with a neighborhood development specialist, several of the artists at ArtSpace Hiawatha, and Goodwill to create a mural for the southern side of S Weller St. We have also applied for the City of Seattle's neighborhood tree planting program, and hope to extend this project to the adjacent blocks of S Weller St and Rainier Ave S.

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