



Dear Montlake Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy during this unprecedented time of COVID-19. None of us know exactly what the next months and years will bring, but what I do know is that I value my neighborhood now more than ever. **Walking through the streets and seeing the teddy bears adorning windows, handmade signs of encouragement and heartfelt waves brings me closer to each one of my neighbors.** I would like to extend my gratitude to you for being part of our wonderful community. Together Montlake residents, business owners and staff create a caring and engaged neighborhood. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Montlake Community Club (MCC) over the past year because without you, *none of what we do would be possible.*

Today, I am asking you to make a donation to support our work to build connections and make Montlake an even better place to live. The MCC is run by volunteers who work year-round to address issues that benefit Montlake. In order to meet our ambitious goals, we need your support. Your donations are the backbone of our funding and all contributions go directly into making Montlake a better community. Our recent projects and accomplishments include:

- ❖ Planning the Annual All Montlake Yard Sale
- ❖ Advocating to improve transportation and safety in our neighborhood
- ❖ Building a tiny house to provide shelter to a previously unhoused person
- ❖ Publishing the Montlake Flyer
- ❖ Sponsoring the festive winter lights that adorn downtown Montlake
- ❖ Organizing the Annual Turkey Trot that has raised over \$100,000 for the University Food Bank

We invite you to make your gift by check or through PayPal, further instructions can be found here. The MCC is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization so your donation qualifies as a federal tax deduction. Donations can be made through Benevity – please let us know if your employer participates in the Benevity program.

On behalf of the entire MCC board and your fellow Montlake neighbors, thank you!

Heather Hardin,

President Montlake Community Club

P.S. Please let me know if you have feedback or are interested in getting more involved in your neighborhood. Please email me at hjhardin@gmail.com



The Montlake Flyer

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We invite you to share in the news and events of Montlake. This bi-annual publication is intended to inform, educate and entertain the residents of our beloved neighborhood.

The Montlake Flyer is produced by the The Montlake Community Club (MCC), originally founded in the early twentieth century as the Interlaken Improvement Club. The club is comprised of residents who share a goal of improving the neighborhood through community activism, social engagement, and historical preservation.

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Stay Connected

The Montlake neighborhood's ~1100 homes sit tucked within an intimate triangle formed by some of Seattle's most attractive natural wonders. The Montlake Cut and Portage Bay to the North and Northwest, Interlaken Park to the West and The Arboretum to the East. While many are undoubtedly familiar with these landmarks, we've found that many residents are less familiar with the neighbors with whom they are shared. Each of us operate within our own sub-communities of Montlake that are carved through the convenience of our everyday lives; the Montlake Elementary, St Demetrios, the Montlake Community Center. Yet many Montlakers live outside of these circles and are thus less connected to the overall community. We can all recognize the importance of community strength during these times and would like to highlight various ways to stay connected, inform, and engaged.



There are many ways to stay connected and informed of what is happening. Shelby-Hamlin all the way to Boyer. Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com) is one of leading tools to get to know your neighbors and stay abreast of current information and events. Nextdoor features a neighbor directory for homes, people, and even our beloved pets. Can't remember the name of that cute doodle that was at the playfield? Nextdoor has you covered. Nextdoor also features a neighborhood specific crime and safety feature as well as neighborhood specific event calendars, classifieds, lost and found and real estate listings. Another easy way to stay connected is via the website Montlake.net. Montlake.net is an online resource maintained by the Montlake Community Club and features important neighborhood information, updates on 520 construction, Montlake resources, and emergency preparedness. We've recently updated the website and hope you find it useful.

Lastly, we encourage each of our neighbors to step outside of the bounds of these electronic mediums and forge real connections with your neighbor. These are challenging times that we are living in and each of us can use a helping hand.



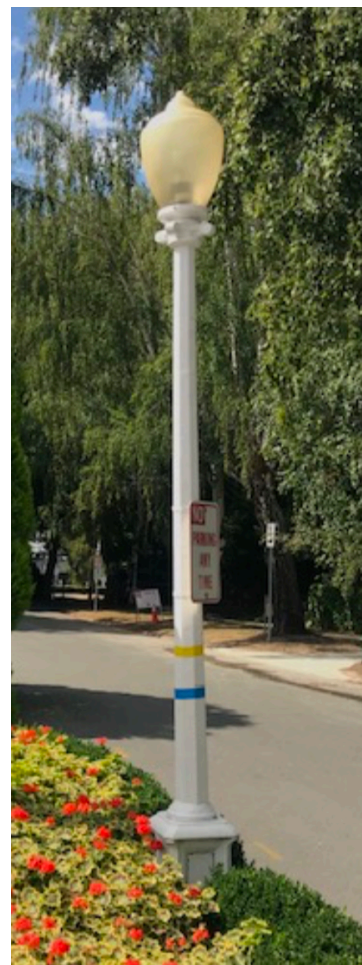
Historic Colonnade - West Montlake Park

The MCC has been awarded a grant by the Seattle Parks Department to develop of a new colonnade in the West Montlake Park!

The Colonnade will consist of repurposed historic lamp posts arranged along the Portage Bay shoreline. This project preserves the rich history of our neighborhood and enhances the overall appeal of the park. The colonnade development will be guided and driven by a newly formed coalition; led by the MCC and supported by the Seattle Yacht Club, NOAA Northwest Fisheries, Historic Seattle, and local residents Rob Wilkinson and Colleen Chartier. The grant funds will be used for an engineering consultation, a lamp post restoration/prototype, and to solicit further community participation.

The Colonnade will repurpose the existing lamp posts that lined the streets of E. Shelby and E. Hamlin. The lamp posts were installed in the early 1920s and are signature Olmsted style.

If you'd like to learn more and are interesting in supporting the effort - please contact Matt Heater / mattalanheater@gmail.com





Montlake's Other Parks



Spring is our favorite time in the neighborhood as the parks are filled with blooming flowers and singing birds. This is a wonderful time for everyone to enjoy Montlake's two Gateway Parks. These two "pocket gardens" are located at the SE and SW corners of Boyer and 23rd and were donated to Montlake Community Club back in 1976 by the gracious Mr. Rogers Smith. Since then, thousands of hours of volunteer time and effort have turned them into our shared community treasures.

The SW Gateway Park was formerly the site of a gas station, converted to a park in the late 1970s. The garden now has a well-established mix of native and non-native plants, including a beautiful redwood tree, salal, cotoneaster, Oregon grape and Nootka Rose. For the past 10 years, Greg Ahmann has volunteered his time to provide most of the park's upkeep

Work on the SE Gateway Park began in the mid-2000s, with removal of a tangle of invasive plants as well as several hazardous trees. With the help of grants and community donations, as well as countless hours of volunteer time, the park now features a growing native plant collection, benches, a kiosk/bulletin board, and the Elizabeth Duncan Path. Five hundred daffodils, planted in the fall of 2018, provide a beautiful spring display. For the past several years, Tom Brown has organized and coordinated work parties several times a year to work on park maintenance.



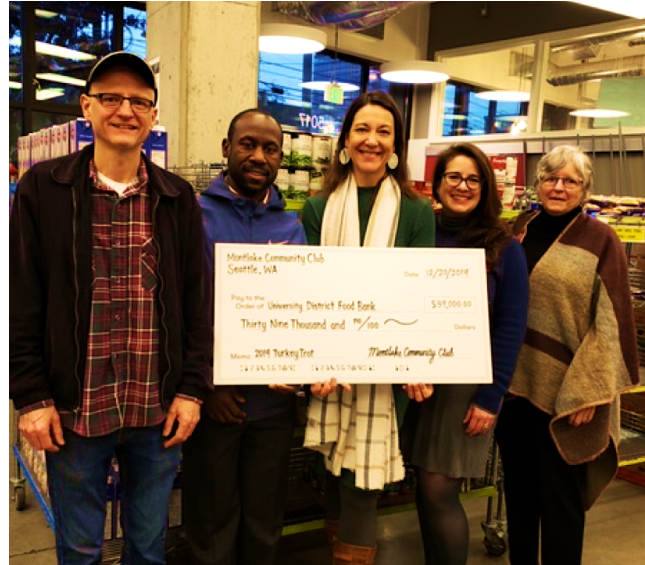
If you are interested in learning more about the parks, volunteering to help with maintenance, donating native plants, or sharing extra space in your green waste containers, contact Gatewayparks@Montlake.net



Turkey Trot Wrap-up

The Fourth Annual Montlake Community Club Turkey Trot 5K and Kids Race took place on Thanksgiving Day 2019. Clear skies and crisp air made for perfect running conditions. Each year this race grows. Our first race in 2016 brought out almost 600 participants. This year we were just shy of 1,500.

Along with an increased number of community volunteers, Lisa Miller, the executive director of the Washington Student Cycling League, helped us adjust for this growth. With more participants this year, we were able to raise \$39,000 for the University District Food Bank. This brings our four-year total to \$102,000.



The new and improved 5K course this year was able to take advantage of a Lake Washington Blvd. closure. With a few adjustments to our starting strategy for 2020, we expect that this new course will be able to handle years of growth. Because of the many changes in our lives these days, we are unsure what this fall will look like for the Montlake Turkey Trot. We have begun reaching out to the Seattle Special Events Office to plan our Fifth Annual event while researching the possibility of sponsoring a virtual race if needed. Our plan is to be prepared for either possibility while keeping our focus on continuing to support the University Food Bank.



Race Winners

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| 1. Izaic Yorks (14:59) | 1. Maggie Mahoney (18:22) |
| 2. Douglas Jordan (16:15) | 2. Kailey Campbell (18:55) |
| 3. Fan Zhou (16:20) | 3. Hannah Greider (19:31) |



Seattle ARCH (Activists Remembered, Celebrated, and Honored) is a group dedicated to preserving the history of Seattle's Freeway Revolt and honoring its participants. Legions of citizens across the city worked to save neighborhoods, parks and waterfront from decimation by freeways, exemplifying the power of ordinary citizens to change public policy and shape the environment in which they live.

The mission of Seattle ARCH is to preserve this inspiring history and make it accessible to current and future generations. The group's efforts span outreach, historical research, fundraising, media relations, public speaking and more. Their recent initiatives include:

Advocating for a permanent monument incorporating a section of the defunct R.H. Thomson Expressway to honor the citizens who helped defeat it.



Seattle ARCH is led by a group of volunteers including Priscilla Arsove, Kenan Block, Allan Davis, Rainer Metzger, Roger Pence, Anna Rudd, Allan Seidenverg and many others. Email them at seattlefreewayrevolt@gmail.com



New Equipment at the Tot Lot!

We've received word that the Seattle Parks Department are upgrading the play equipment at the Tot Lot. If you are unfamiliar with the playground, it is located at 26th and Lynn at the edge of the Arboretum.

Pizzas are still available!

Little Lago and Café Lago

Everyone's favorite Italian restaurants remain open and are serving take-out during the quarantine period. Check their website for hours!



Instagram

Our neighborhood is now on Instagram! Follow **montlake_seattle** for community curated photos from around the neighborhood



Montlake Gear

We have a good supply of all styles and sizes of great Montlake Gear – hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts and hats for all ages. Nice gifts for birthdays and holidays or just for fun. If you are interested in purchasing Montlake gear, please contact us at treasurer@montlake.net and we will arrange for delivery to your home. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.