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INTERIM TREE PROTECTION MEASURES TAKE EFFECT APRIL 1ST. LIMITS SET IN SEATTLE FOR REMOVING TREES ON SITES NOT UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT

SEATTLE — Starting April 1, the following limits will apply to all commercial, low-rise, and mid-rise zones, and single family zoned lots 5,000 square feet or greater:

- No exceptional trees may be removed except where allowed as part of an approved development permit or when the tree is found to be a hazard. Exceptional trees are particularly old or large trees and provide substantially greater benefits than smaller trees. These trees are defined in the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) Director's Rule (DR) 16-2008.
- No more than three non-exceptional trees six inches or greater in diameter may be removed on a lot within any 12-month period except when associated with a development permit or when the tree is found to be a hazard.

No new permits will be required for tree removal. However, individuals violating the above standards may be subject to fines and replanting requirements. Proposals to remove trees in conjunction with development will be reviewed as part of Master Use or building permits and will be subject to the existing requirements of the Tree Protection ordinance, Seattle Municipal Code 25.11.

Tree removal in Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) is subject to separate rules and requires prior approval from DPD.

If you are planning to remove trees on your property, it is recommended that you consult a tree care professional to determine if a tree is exceptional or if there are any tree hazard or health issues that might require removal.



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TESTIMONIALS

To potential seller/buyer in Seattle area,

I am writing this letter to highly recommend Steve Laevastu as your real estate agent. My wife and I just sold our house in the View Ridge area last October, which we consider would be impossible if without Steve's help.

We started our selling process by interviewing three agents – all with excellent track records. Among them, Steve was outstanding in two ways: he has a team and can put contractors in immediate repair work (which is very important for an old house); Also, he is so confident about his service that he guarantees that we can stop working with him if we are not 100% satisfied with him.

We decided to ask Steve to help us sell our house. As you know, the housing market is not as good as even a year ago. Only one week after we put our house on the market, there was another house right over the corner that was listed at an extremely low price. At such a difficult time, Steve discussed with us possible strategies based on his years of experience. We have this strong feeling that he really thinks and acts as if he is selling his own house, and we highly appreciate his suggestions along the way.

Then we got an offer, only one offer and at a very low price. Steve stayed calm and rational, which helped us a lot in the negotiating process. At the end, we sold our house at a reasonable price. However, even if we did not sell the house at that time, we would still use Steve as our agent – we are comfortable working with Steve, and we believe that he is trying his best to help us.

Overall, we consider that Steve is an honest, professional and dedicated person, and we will highly recommend him to potential home sellers/buyers.

Sincerely yours,

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a mortgage banker I have been involved with thousands of property transactions. I recognize the need for a professional real estate agent when buying or selling a home. That's why in my personal transactions I have employed the services of Roger Turner, a truly professional agent. I appreciate his attention to detail and knowledge of the local market. Whenever I buy or sell a property I consult with Roger.

Sincerely,

Steve Baird
Countrywide Home Loans

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GREEN LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISOR

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Building Permits

\$226,910; Construct ground floor addition, new basement and foundation, alter interior at 1st and 2nd floor to existing single family residence per plan.
6022 Latona Ave NE Seattle

\$60,000; Construct new exterior deck and stairs on east side, awning on west side and interior alterations to the second floor to existing commercial building per plan. 7300 East Green Lake Dr N Seattle.

LAND USE NOTICE

AREA: NORTH/NORTHWEST
ADDRESS: 8200 WALLINGFORD AVE N
PROJECT: 3008935 ZONE: ARTERIAL WITHIN 100FT, SINGLE FAMILY 5000, STEEP SLOPE (>=40%)
DECISION DATE: 05/07/2009
Land Use Application to remove and replace existing 6 ft. by 10 ft. electric sign with a new 6 ft. by 10 ft. double faced changing image sign on existing monopole (Bishop Blanchet High School).

SOLD HOMES

The following is a list of homes that sold in our Green Lake Neighborhood over the last month. Do you wonder what your house is worth? The décor, the features and condition all have a bearing on the price a house will command. We have seen the interiors of most of the homes in this list. If you are selling your home, please let us help you. We would be happy to view your home, prepare a market analysis and discuss the details with you. We can provide you with useful information, such as a sales price that might be realistically expected in today's market.

Address	Bed	Bath	Age	Style	Sold Price
551 NE Ravenna Blvd	3	1.5	1940	1 Story	\$355,000
7916 Ashworth Ave N	3	2.25	2008	Townhouse	\$409,950
1129 N 81st St	3	1	1930	1 1/2 Story	\$412,500
7914 Ashworth Ave N	3	2.25	2008	Townhouse	\$426,000
436-A NE Maple Leaf Pl	3	2.25	2007	Townhouse	\$499,950
436-B NE Maple Leaf Pl	3	2.25	2007	Townhouse	\$520,000
7312 Woodlawn Ave NE	3	3.5	2002	Multi Level	\$551,000
2227 N 57th St	3	1	1921	1 1/2 Stry w/Bsmnt	\$599,000
8038 Interlake Ave N	4	1.75	1929	1 1/2 Stry w/Bsmnt	\$605,000
5544 Kenwood Pl N	4	3.5	1902	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	\$760,000
2334 N 57th St	4	2.5	2009	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	\$900,000

GREEN LAKE MONTHLY HOME SALES E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Sign up now for a free monthly service. You can have Green Lake home sales e-mailed to you every month. The e-mail will contain all of the homes that sold in Green Lake for that month. With this e-mail you can see interior pictures of the homes that sold as well as get data on each home such as the price it sold for, BR, BTH, SQ FOOTAGE, ETC.

You will not receive any other junk e-mail. And your e-mail address will NOT be given to anybody else.

To sign up for this free service just send an e-mail to Steve Laevastu stating that you want to get Green Lake home sales e-mailed to you.. Steve's e-mail address is sold@windermere.com

This service has been very popular and received numerous compliments from a number of Green Lake residents.

ERHART SEIFRIED, KNOWN AS GREEN LAKE JOHN, FILES A HOMESTEAD CLAIM ON GREEN LAKE (SEATTLE) ON OCTOBER 13, 1869.

On October 13, 1869, Erhart Seifried (1832-1899) files a claim under the Homestead Act for 131.66 timbered acres on Green Lake in the present-day (1999) north Seattle neighborhood of Green Lake. Seifried, known as Green Lake John, becomes the first white settler to occupy



Seattle Events

Calendar

38TH ANNUAL FREMONT FAIR

FREE FUN FOR ALL JUNE 20TH AND 21ST

Freemont fair is a wonderful event full of live music, great arts crafts and delicious food from all over. Come spend the weekend with us here at this wonderful annual event.

More info at: <http://www.fremontfair.org>

**ON THE BOARDS PRESENTS
NW NEW WORKS FESTIVAL
JUNE 5 - 7 & 12 - 14, 2009**

OtB celebrates over 25 years of showcasing regional artists in the Northwest's longest-running and most-beloved festival for new performance. Over the course of 2 weekends on 2 stages, audiences see nearly 20 brand-new performances and works-in-progress, each under 20 minutes!

Questions? Contact Sean Ryan, Regional Programs Coordinator, 206.217.9886 x1021 or sean@ontheboards.org

**OLYMPIC MUSIC FESTIVAL
JOIN US FOR OUR 26TH SEASON.
WEEKENDS, JUNE 26 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

The Olympic Music Festival, voted "Best Classical Music Festival" by readers of The Seattle Weekly, announces our 2009 Season Program! For more info: <http://www.olympicmusicfestival.org/>

**SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE JUNE 28TH
STARTING AT 11AM**

From the corner of Union St. and 4th Ave. it will be limited to approximately 2 1/2 hours in length this year and should take about an hour to go from the start to the end. For more info, visit: <http://www.seattlepride.org/>

**ROCK AND ROLL SEATTLE
MARATHON & 1/2 MARATHON
A RUNNING NIRVANA!**

Rock the Pacific Northwest where ideal running temperatures, beautiful scenery and an eclectic music scene are a perfect fit for the Inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Seattle!
2009 Inaugural Seattle Event
<http://www.rnrseattle.com/>

**SEAFAIR PIRATES LANDING
ON ALKI
JULY 11, 2009**



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land on Green Lake. He arrives as an unmarried German immigrant, age 37.

From 1868 to 1873, 21 individuals filed claims to the four sections (four square miles) of Township 25 North containing Green Lake. Though not the first to file, Erhard Seifried was the first settler to lay foot on his claim.

GREEN LAKE JOHN

Green Lake John, as his neighbors called him, was an unmarried, 37-year-old German immigrant who came to Seattle on the heels of a brief mining career in Montana. Like many immigrants of his day, he reached the Pacific Northwest via stops along the way. Once here, he tried his hand at farming. Clearing land, building a shelter, planting an orchard, and raising crops and livestock was a lot for a man to do alone, and he soon married Eltjen, also a German immigrant.

Seifried built the first cabin ever erected on the shores of Green Lake. It remained the only cabin for 10 years. By 1877 he had cleared five or six acres. He worked for Thomas Mercer, who operated a farm at the south end of Lake Union. According to an article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of 1909, Siefried would get to his claim by following the "old telegraph road" through Woodland Park and "paddle across the lake in his canoe to the little hut in which he lived while building his home." "Green Lake John" and later his wife Eltjen mingled with Indians who had known the area for generations. The couple cleared a dense stand of trees and planted an orchard.



*Cabin of Green Lake John (Erhart Seifried), north shore of Green Lake, 1870
Courtesy UW Special Collections (Neg. UW9033)*

THEIR PROPERTY ON THE LAND

On December 14, 1887, they sold their entire holdings to the firm of Calkins, Moore, and Wood, for \$15,000. The terms of sale reveal the couple's activity on the land. Sold with the land were:

- one bay horse, about three years old;
- one bay mare about nine years old;
- one farm wagon;
- nine cows, four heifers, and one calf;
- one bull;
- three dozen chickens;
- harness;
- mowers, rakes, and plows;
- dairy utensils,
- cider mill;
- all other farming implements and tools now situated upon the above described premises.

The acreage value itself was determined by its proximity to Green Lake and the Ravenna Creek outlet. Along the shoreline south of the outlet, near the present-day (1999) Albertsons grocery store, the acreage was valued at \$250 per acre; to the north at \$200. Value of acreage extending farther east was \$150 and \$50 per acre.

SOURCES:

Green Lake News, November 26, 1903; King County Land Records Deeds of Sale, Puget Sound Regional Archives, Bellevue;; Cadastral survey field notes and plats for Oregon and Washington (Microfiche M-3066), University of Washington Librar-

ies, Seattle; 1871 Territorial Census, King County, W.T.; "Offers Cabins to City Park Board," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 12, 1909, Sec. 2, p. 1. By Louis Fiset, Green Lake Park Alliance, July 07, 1999

MAYOR ANNOUNCES AWARDS TO HELP 22 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS. CITY INVESTMENTS IN SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS HELP SMALL BUSINESSES

SEATTLE - Today Mayor Greg Nickels presented funding awards totaling \$128,384 to 22 Neighborhood Business District Associations throughout Seattle to continue the city's investments in building healthy communities and supporting our local economy.

"Our business districts are the economic engines that provide jobs and create the unique character in our neighborhoods across Seattle," said Nickels, who presented the awards at a community event in Columbia City. "This is one more way the city continues to invest in our local business districts, joining neighborhood chambers and merchants associations to support Seattle's small businesses."

The Office of Economic Development (OED) received proposals totaling more than three times the amount of money available.

"The Office of Economic Development is a proud partner of our local neighborhood business districts citywide," said Steve Johnson, acting director of the Office of Economic Development. "This money allows 22 of our business districts to strengthen their local business communities, from helping businesses save costs and decrease their carbon footprint, to supporting marketing efforts that bring more shoppers to the districts."

Some examples of the projects funded include creation of new business organizations, tourism initiatives, business district promotion (branding, marketing campaigns, farmers market start-up), and physical improvement and enhancement projects (leaf clean up, curb bulb landscaping and banners).

THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS ARE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT AWARDS:

African Business Association	\$5,000
Business Owners of Madrona	\$3,500
Capitol Hill Housing	\$5,000
Chinatown International District BIA	\$7,000
Columbia City Business Association	\$11,880
Georgetown Merchants Association	\$5,000
Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce	\$6,000
Greater Seattle Business Association	\$15,000
Greater University Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000
Greenwood Phinney Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Lake City Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Madison Valley Merchants Association	\$4,200
Magnolia Chamber of Commerce	\$2,600
Metropolitan Improvement District	\$4,144
Picture Perfect Queen Anne	\$4,000
Pioneer Square Community Association	\$7,500
Rainier Beach Merchants Association	\$3,850
Rainier Chamber of Commerce	\$3,710
SODO Business Association	\$8,000
South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000
West Seattle Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
White Center Community Development Association	\$5,000

Total Amount of Awards: \$128,384

Get the Nickels Newsletter and the mayor's inside view on transportation, public safety, economic opportunity and healthy communities at mayor.seattle.gov

**CATCH THOSE CRAZY MILK
CARTON BOATS JULY 11, 2009**

Green Lake, Seattle 10AM

It's Seafair's largest summer boat race...on Green Lake. Powered by summer and fueled by fun, nothing kicks off the Seafair Summer and our 60th Celebration better than the excitement and creativity of the Allstate Milk Carton Derby. <http://www.seafair.com/>

CHASE FAMILY 4TH!

We're proud to welcome Chase as the Title Sponsor of the 2009 Family 4th at Lake Union! Plans are well underway for this Seattle spectacle, once hailed by TIME Magazine as one of the "Top Five Fireworks Displays" in the country. This free admission, family-friendly celebration is in its 21st year of bringing together the local community on our nation's birthday for a unique day of commemoration.

The Chase Family 4th festivities kick off Saturday at noon with family activities throughout the park grounds, food vendors catering to the most diverse palates, and a beer garden with a lake view. The evening programming begins at approximately 10 PM, with an awe-inspiring fireworks show created by master pyrotechnic designer, Eric Tucker of Pyro Spectaculars.
<http://familyfourth.org/>

SEATTLE SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOUNDERS FC HOME GAMES

<http://www.soundersfc.com>

EARTHQUAKES	6/13	7:30PM
D.C. UNITED	6/17	7:30PM
RAPIDS	6/28	1:00PM
DYNAMO	7/11	1:00PM

MARINERS MLB HOME GAME

<http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>

v.s. ARI	6/19	7:10PM
v.s. ARI	6/20	7:10PM
v.s. ARI	6/21	1:10PM
v.s. SD	6/23	7:10PM
v.s. SD	6/24	7:10PM
v.s. SD	6/25	1:40PM
v.s. BAL	7/6	7:10PM
v.s. BAL	7/7	7:10PM
v.s. BAL	7/8	1:40PM
v.s. TEX	7/9	7:10PM
v.s. TEX	7/10	7:10PM
v.s. TEX	7/11	7:10PM
v.s. TEX	7/12	1:10PM