

RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98118

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NEWSLETTER  
February 1979

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MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1979

Be informed! Guest speaker: Norman Rice, recently elected to the Seattle City Council - replacing resigned council member Phyllis Lamphere. Mr. Rice, Past President of the Mt. Baker Community Club, supplies our area with the expectation that now we have a voice to speak out on our behalf. Mr. Rice will outline those items of concern which he considers to be uppermost as they apply to Southeast Seattle and will express his views on how his presence on the Seattle City Council can supply answers to those problems. Come and listen and be ready to ask questions. What are the principal concerns that YOU feel should be expressed to Mr. Rice?

Be entertained! Wayne Parker, The One-Man Band. Many of you have heard Wayne and know that he is a great entertainer. Those who have not heard him are due for an entertainment treat. He's fun!

Be social! 7:30-8:00 p.m. Hostess, Caroline Kuehnert.

SUCCESS. TWICE!

Mona Sobottka wins a big Thank You for her singlehanded promotion of the theatre party at the Music Hall Follies January 18. Forty people enjoyed a great show!

COMMUNITY CLUB DANCE, JANUARY 20

Another highly successful event. Dorothy Wood was in charge, assisted by Eleanor McCarty. A big crowd had a big evening, and the club treasury is enriched a little more from the two events. Dorothy says she had fun, and dance chairpeople aren't supposed to have fun!

PROGRESS!

Fred Hutchinson Field House. General contractor Vince Mitchell's crew is on the job and restoration of the field house is under way. It is very gratifying to have this work starting, and we are extremely pleased by the safety measures being observed by the contractor to prevent any accidental injuries by having all access points securely barricaded.

Metro Transit proposes to increase the mid-day service to Prentice Street to three buses per hour compared with the present two per hour. A very welcome change. Our requests to change the turnback from Rose St. to another location (Henderson & Rainier, 51st & Rainier, or Fletcher at 57th) are meeting with resistance.



Rainier Beach Branch Library Bob May reported to us that the Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and the property is being surveyed. Branch Coordinator Sue Justen told us that we will be welcomed concerning architecture, reading material desired, proper space utilization, etc. Inventory of the book collection in the present library station has been completed, and new volumes have been ordered. Also, the tentative target date for completion is July 1980. This is not to be regarded as a firm date and can change.

#### ZONING VARIANCE DENIED

The request for a zoning variance at Rainier and Cloverdale was heard by the Hearing Examiner January 5. Request was denied.

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Your Executive Board, at its meeting January 23, reaffirmed its opposition to any change from Conservancy Management to Urban Stable in the usage of shoreland on Lake Washington from Atlantic City Park to the 9500 block on Rainier Ave. So. Our continued opposition was conveyed to the Hearing Examiner by letter concerning reclassifying approximately 7.4 acres (File XS-78-259) at a hearing January 29. A report will be given by those attending the hearing, but the outlook against the change is not bright.

#### DUES

There has been a good response to Eleanor McCarty's plea, but there are still some 1979 dues outstanding. Please act now so Eleanor can smile all the way to the bank!

#### BASEMENT SALE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6-7

Now that the dates have been set, please make a real effort to put together cooking utensils, odds and ends of dishes (plates, cups, etc.), hand tools, small items of furniture, knick knacks, pictures, sewing supplies (thread, yarn, etc.), books (paperback or hardcover), plants (indoor and outdoor), jewelry, clothing (especially of the 1940's and 1950's) and other wearable clothing (clean), cotton material that has been washed multiple times (useful as quilting material), and toys. We will need the maximum cooperation, both in getting the required items, and in having the people to help in all the preparations.

#### RECYCLING

Keep on saving those newspapers, aluminum and glass. We have had some response but we can use this material in quantity. Take it to Bob Ridder or call him, 723-9457.

#### CHAMPIONS!

The Rainier Beach Vikings U-12 Girls Soccer Team defeated the Sizzlers of Woodland Park to win the city championship. Team members are: Lori Boyack, Mary Currage, Karen DeLeo, Patricia Henderson, Casandra Leonard, Amie Miskie, Missy Mundy, Urana Pearson, Margie Newgent, Terry Redmond, Noel Roni, Celeste Stallcup, Kari Wiltse. Their coach is Hazel Stallcup. Congratulations from all of us!

#### SICK LIST

On our list as this is written are Ralph Blayden, Harold Inghram, John Messina and Connie Schwab. One we missed previously was Herb Waltman. Our best wishes to everyone. Incidentally, Caroline Kuehnert is assisting Stella Runge, our Sunshine Lady. If you know anyone who should receive a greeting and you can't reach Stella, call Caroline.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Rick Maltby, South Shore Woodshop teacher, can use the help of anyone able to assist in teaching 6th and 8th grade individual students to work with power tools, 10:50-11:40 a.m. If you can help, call Volunteer Services, 587-6490.

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Dates To Remember:

- 3-13 Community Club Mtg  
7:30 coffee  
8:00 meeting
- 4-4 RB Women's Club  
12:00 Noon
- 4-6&7 RBCC Basement Sale

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SPECIAL MUSIC TREAT MARCH 13

How many of you were aware of the fact that we have a singing group living in our area who provide a different and very enjoyable kind of music? They are the Tonganese Singers, all from the Islands of Tonga, in the South Pacific, about 500 miles from Fiji. The singers are directed by Mr. Kafipete Fonua. Preceding the singing, Siesia Raasch has been asked to give a brief description of the Islands. Come and listen to some BEAUTIFUL and inspiring music and meet some beautiful people! Hosts for the evening coffee get-together are Jan and Jim Clark. Enjoy the goodies 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

BASEMENT SALE APRIL 6 and 7

Right now we have a breakfast set (table and four chairs), some other miscellaneous furniture, dishes, rug and pad, electric appliances, clothing, etc. So, start rummaging for your rummage and have it ready for delivery to the clubhouse basement beginning April 2. We will arrange for pick-up for anyone unable to bring items to the clubhouse. Call Marie or Howard Wilson, 722-4885, or Ruth or Orval Wiltse, 723-0825, to let us know what you have. Remember, small furniture items, household goods of various kinds, cooking utensils, clean clothing, books, plants, jewelry, etc., etc. The proceeds from this sale go to the support of our Scholarship Fund as well as to other purposes for the community and the community club.

KARL EDWARDS, STAR SCOUT, TROOP 215

With funds provided by the community club, Star Scout Karl Edwards is coordinating the clean-up and renovation of the clubhouse basement by Scout Troop 215. Scoutmaster Norman Boyack reports that the initial work will involve washing down the walls, filling the more serious cracks in the walls with grout, spackling all the broken areas, and then painting. Through this effort, Star Scout Karl will be moving in his advancement to Life Scout, one step away from Eagle. We congratulate Karl, and thank the troop profusely for starting this work. Incidentally, troop membership is now nine. Parents interested in enrolling their sons into scouting should call Norm at 725-5686. The troop meets Monday nights.

RECYCLING

This program is building up steam and we are getting more people involved. But we need still more support. Newspapers (bundled for easy handling), glass (clear, green and brown), and aluminum. Take the items to Bob Ridder, 5809 S. Roxbury, or call him at 723-9457.

#### FRED HUTCHINSON FIELDHOUSE

Tremendous progress! The roof is complete and the interior work is well along. Contractor Vince Mitchell and his crew are to be commended for staying right in there in spite of almost steady rain and cold weather. We expect to have an up-to-the-minute report when we meet March 13.

#### METRO TRANSIT

In a move to involve the business leaders and others with the transit problems, we were able to bring together Thursday morning, February 22, managers of Rainier Beach Branch, Seattle-First, Safeway, Pay 'N Save, Payless, the Vice Principal of R.B. High, the Principal of South Shore Middle School, Executive of Rainier Chamber of Commerce, Library Coordinator, Representatives of Barton Place, and ourselves. Jerry Dow, of Metro Transit, met with the group in the conference room of Seattle-First, Rainier Beach Branch. We will have a complete report March 13.

#### RAINIER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

As this is written, we can only report that there is steady progress in the planning. Plotting of the building site, preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement, preparation of specification data by the architect, etc. We expect to have more complete information March 13.

#### APOLOGIES TO KIM KENDALL

In our reporting of the Girls Soccer Championship, we inadvertently omitted Kim's name from the roster. We apologize to Kim for our oversight.

REMEMBER THE BASEMENT SALE! GET YOUR GOODS TOGETHER!



MAY YOUR EYES BE A-SPARKLIN'  
LIKE THE LAKES O' KILLARNEY!  
MAY YOUR SMILE BE THE BRIGHTEST,  
AND YOUR LIPS TOUCHED WITH BLARNEY!  
MAY YOUR HEART BE AS GAY  
AS A WEE LEPRECHAUN,  
AND YOUR WHOLE SELF BE HAPPY  
FROM ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON!

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April 6-7	Rummage Sale Clubhouse	April 10	RBCC Meeting RB United Presbyterian Church 6:30 Potluck; 8:00 Meeting
April 24	Executive Board Meeting		

MEETING APRIL 10 AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For our meeting April 10, we are moving to the Fellowship Hall of Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church for a potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Ridder will show his pictures and provide the narrative covering his recent trip to Russia with Senator Ruthe Ridder and daughter, Sue. We are meeting in the church for this one evening because we believe the entire community will want to hear from one of its own residents what actually can be observed inside Russia. It is our hope and expectation there will be a large attendance.

On the program also, we will have the Emerson Fourth Grade Singers under the leadership of Lillian Young and Carol Cottrell, to be followed by a brief sing-along with Ray Helman and Orval Wiltse in which the fourth graders will also be active participants.

Caroline Kuehnert is in charge of the dinner and she advises each family to bring the food of its own choice (hot dish, salad or dessert). Also, each family should provide knife, fork, spoon, plate and cup for each family member. There will be a \$1.00 donation per family (50¢ for singles) to help in the costs of coffee, tea, punch, butter and rolls, etc. Caroline will need to know the number from each family planning to attend by THURSDAY, APRIL 5, so that the proper arrangements can be made. Call her at 725-0545, or call Orval Wiltse, 723-0825. There will be a need of helpers Monday afternoon, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. to arrange and decorate tables.

Be sure to come, bring your family, and bring your neighbors. This should be a big evening of fun, food and information.

RUMMAGE ROUND-UP, APRIL 6 and 7

HERE IT IS! The future is now! Marie Wilson has done her usual first-class job of organizing this sale. Now it is up to each one of us to give Marie 100% support and make the event the outstanding success it deserves to be. During the week of the sale, beginning April 3, we will need people to be on hand in the clubhouse basement to receive material, set up tables and display racks, help in sorting,

pricing, etc. On Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th, we will need salespeople and cashiers. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE CALLED. Just come and help wherever and whenever you can. Call either Marie Wilson, 722-4885, or Orval Wiltse, 723-0825.

Bob Ridder has prepared excellent posters which will be on display throughout the area. Rainier Beach Safeway is donating its reader-board to announce the sale. There will be ads in the Southeast Journal as well as announcements in other papers, and requests have been made for mention on the public affairs announcements over radio stations.

Newell Davis will be furnishing his 1930 antique Deluxe Ford Roadster to the rummage sale for promotion. You just might get a ride in this car. See the story in the Southeast Journal for details.

Along with your contributions of rummage items, we need paper bags and clothes hangers. Also, to assist Dorothy Holman and Agnes Webster, who will be supervising the coffee and cookie bar, your contributions of home-baked cookies will be deeply appreciated.

#### BASEMENT RENOVATION

Scout Troop 215, under the guidance of Karl Edwards, has made a real improvement in the appearance of the clubhouse basement. The walls have been washed, all holes and cracks filled, and paint applied to walls and ceiling. This is something that has been needed for a long time, and the work of the scouts is very much appreciated, not only for their effort, but also for the result. Thank you very much!

#### RECYCLING

Don't burn it up or throw it away! Take it to Bob! IT is newspaper, aluminum and glass. The response has been quite good and the financial return has helped, but we need to keep constantly at it. If you are not able to deliver your recycles to Bob Ridder, call him at 723-9457.

#### WORK PARTY: YARD WORK

Harold Inghram will be heading a work party to dress up the yard at the east end (61st Ave.) of the building. This will involve mostly cutting out the unwanted growth of the shrubbery close to the clubhouse as well as trimming (and perhaps eliminating) other vegetation. This work will be done just as soon as possible following the basement sale. Tools required will be pruning shears, possibly a pruning saw, shovels. We have access to a wood shredder, courtesy of Stu Weiss, so disposal of the limbs and branches will be greatly facilitated.

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DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR

*May 8	RBCC Meeting Night 7:30 Coffee Social 8:00 Meeting 9:00 Silent Auction
*May 22	Executive Board Meeting Location to be Announced
*June 12	NO CLUB MEETING
*June 25	R.B. High School Graduation
*June 28	Drive Carefully - School's Out!

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING, MAY 8

Something different! We're going to have a Silent Auction. Details are given below.

Coffee social at the usual starting time of 7:30 with the formal meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m. Principal business will be election of officers for 1979-80. Nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee are: President, Ed J. Mitchell; Vice President, Orval Wiltse; Secretary, Marie Wilson; Treasurer, Ingrid Wiltse; Trustees, Howard Davenport, Dorothy Holman, Audrie Norman and Keith Wiltse. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

President Orval Wiltse will report on the "State of the Community Club."

Now, details of the Silent Auction! During the coffee social, starting at 7:30, everyone will have an opportunity to look at the auction items and place a bid in the receptacle that will be in front of each item. At the conclusion of the formal meeting (about 8:45), those who have not made their bids will have a chance to do so. Auctioneers Marie Wilson and Mona Sobottka will start checking the bids about 9:00 and award the items to the highest bidders. As this is being written, we have the following: Some old silverplate; child's matching fork and spoon; framed pictures; Japanese figurines; a stack of semi-classical instrumental music; a dozen old Clorox bottles (collectors items); several copies of older National Geographics; embroidery work. At the time of the sale, you may find other items ready. So --- come at 7:30, bring your neighbors. You and they will have an interesting evening and everyone will learn what the community club has been doing on behalf of the community this year. Caroline Kuehnert will be in charge of the coffee and goodies.

It is expected, also, that Mona Sobottka will be able at this time to announce the name of the Rainier Beach High School graduating senior who will be awarded the Annual Rainier Beach Community Club Scholarship.

RUMMAGE ROUND-UP

Fantastic! That overworked word is about the only good way to describe the results of the Rummage Round-Up April 6 and 7. Those of us who were initially responsible for proposing the sale had visions of success, but none of us had any dream that the outcome would be so outstandingly successful. Beyond the financial reward, however, was the gratification of seeing the involvement of so many people before, during, and after the sale. All of us working together brought success! There aren't enough ways to say "Thank You" to Marie Wilson for her leadership. She provided

the drive, created the publicity, supplied the innovative ideas, and the overall expertise that put the entire project together. Then, helping both with equipment and their labor were Harold Inghram, Shirley Norman, Bob Ridder, Howard Wilson and Keith Wiltse, picking up the sale items and delivering them to the clubhouse. Signs and posters were created by Harold Inghram and Bob Ridder with assistance by John Messina. A big part of the promotion was the contribution by Newell Davis of his restored 1930 Model A, and our thanks to Tom Wollhaib for taking the picture which appeared in the S.E. District Journal. The tiring and rather tedious job of sorting and pricing all the merchandise was done by Gloria Boyack, Mary and Lee Davis, Mary Kendall, Caroline Kuehnert; Eleanore and Mike McCarty, Viola Mackay, Mona Sobottka, Ruth Williams, Marie and Howard Wilson, Ingrid Wiltse, Ruth and Orval Wiltse, and Virginia and Doug Woodward. Cashiering was very efficiently handled by Gloria Boyack, Mary Kendall, Bob Liebscher, Eleanore McCarty, Mona Sobottka, Ingrid Wiltse and Dorothy Wood. The popular and profitable coffee bar was managed by Dorothy Holman with assistance by Marie Bradshaw, Frances Lensreed, Svea Miller, and Agnes Webster. Our special thanks to Gene Lux for the loan of his portable clothes hangers. These were invaluable in providing suitable racks for all the clothing that was donated. If anyone has been overlooked in this listing, please accept our apologies. We are deeply grateful to everyone who took part. THANK YOU ALL!

#### METRO TRANSIT

Despite our appeals through the members of Metro Council, including the backing and active support of the leaders of our local business community, we have not been able to persuade the transit officials that the Rose Street turnback should be eliminated to be replaced by a turnaround south of Henderson Street. Consequently, your Board of Directors voted unanimously to prepare and circulate petitions throughout the area, petitioning the transit officials to eliminate the Rose St. turnaround in favor of a turnaround south of Henderson St. that will provide a safer location for transit riders and render a superior and vastly more efficient service to this growing business and residential area. Bob Ridder is preparing the petitions and you can help in the distribution and obtaining of signatures. WE MUST HAVE THIS CHANGE!

#### HUTCHINSON FIELDHOUSE

Because of a work stoppage in the East, a delay has resulted in delivery of hardware items. The completion date, therefore, has necessarily been set back to the middle of June. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning its playfield program to begin at that time and is anticipating that the fieldhouse will be completed and ready for use. The previously announced completion date was to have been about May 11.

#### RAINIER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

The location of the building on the construction site has been determined by the Library Board and the architect can now proceed with drawings and specifications. Excavation work will be done during the summer with actual construction expected to start shortly after January 1, 1980.

#### RECYCLING

Your continuous support of this program has shown good results throughout the year, and even though we will be entering the summer with the normal slow-down of club activities, please continue to hang on to those newspapers, aluminum products, and glass. Every bit helps! Bob Ridder's willingness to accept the recycling items at his home, pick up loads when called upon, and deliver the material to the dealers, is deeply appreciated, and it has been his effort that has been responsible for the financial return.

#### RETIREMENT HOME AT ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Mr. John Palmer, a member of St. Paul's, is requesting opinions from Rainier Beach residents concerning a retirement home which would be constructed on the church property below the school playground. This is in the "thinking stage" and Mr. Palmer is attempting to obtain as much comprehensive "pro" and "con" opinion as possible. Mr. Palmer's telephone number is 772-2925.

#### HEY! WE'RE NEAT AND PRETTY!

Thanks to Harold Inghram and his crew of Bob Ridder, Stu Weiss, Howard Wilson, and Orval Wiltse, plus "Teddy," the Ridder big canine and superintendent, the clubhouse grounds are trimmed and neat. The work was accomplished Sunday afternoon, April 19. Another demonstration of what can be done in a short time with a crew of hard working, dedicated people. Many, many thanks!

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SEPTEMBER 11

Community Club Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Coffee Hour  
8:00 p.m. Business Meeting

SEPTEMBER 25

Executive Board Mtg  
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 3

R.B. Women's Club Mtg.  
12:00 Noon

FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30

TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!!

Coming to a club meeting is first a way to meet and get to know the people in your neighborhood. Where neighbors don't know each other, crime and strife are widespread. House to house con artists and professional burglars will have nothing to do with a neighborhood where everyone is on speaking terms with their neighbors; it exposes them to cross checking surveillance and question asking. Second, it's a way to belong. In the Metropolitan and close packed urban community, there is more alienation and loneliness (sense of isolation) than in a family based and inter-related rural life. The mingling with friendly people provides opportunities for meeting those who share concerns and who are also looking for friends. Thirdly, joining in a community organization becomes a way of protecting your property interests. Criminals are not the only threat but unjust uses in adjacent or neighborhood properties, industrial encroachment, unfair taxing practices. Joining with others of like interest helps to retain and maintain a residential, pleasant, friendly, active and alive neighborhood that insures the high worth of your property and protects your investment. Good schools, appropriate facilities, adequate shopping, recreational opportunities, and proper upkeep of surrounding properties are all dollars and cents in your pockets and pleasure in your everyday life. The two dollars yearly dues are peanuts compared to the returns.....

Send your two dollars per person dues to: Caroline Kuehnert, Membership Chairman, 9607 61st Ave. So., Seattle, 98118, OR BETTER...COME TO THE MEETING, September 11, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., and pay your dues in person.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, TUESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11

Those officers to be installed are:

President, Ed Mitchell; Vice President, to be elected from the floor; Recording Secretary Marie Wilson; Treasurer, Ingrid Wiltse; Executive Board (1982), Howard Davenport, Dorothy Holman, Keith Wiltse; Executive Board (1981) to replace Marie Wilson), Audrey Norman.

HATS OFF ITEM

You've seen the posts agrowing on the ledge below Emerson School and above the Hutchinson Playfield...Well, they didn't just grow there. The first year, a fellow by the name of Joel Harvey was working getting the materials together and many pre-cut for the project. When the posts were being dug, they needed an onsite coordinator and Dwight Perkins offered his time...His wife, Leslie, was the telephone chairman for the project...You know, the person who calls people trying to line up workers...Together they have brought the project to near completion. Many thanks to S.E.E.D. for the arrangements, Joel Harvey for the beginning, and ESPECIALLY Dwight and Leslie Perkins for their devotion... Thanks, of course, also to all of those who have donated their labor to the project. It certainly makes the playfield more usable.

#### CONDOMINIUMS ALONG THE BEACH

This is ongoing warfare that we would lose if not carried on forcibly and diligently. The City and other interests (Milltown Properties of Canada - developers) want to rezone and develop the area along Seward Park Ave. and Rainier Ave. from the T-Villa (which they own) to the City Park property on Rainier. This area is now Conservancy Management zoned which forbids any development except that specifically allowed by the community, and water oriented. A number of years ago, your club fought hard to obtain this zoning when the T-Villa people sneaked in their monstrosity. Last May, we had to fight again and won by disallowing Milltown to rezone this whole area "Urban Stable." Urban Stable would allow for 35-foot high buildings with corridors to the lake, but would have allowed full development of the whole area along the lake. Now Milltown is at it again by asking for rezoning in order to build 10 finger piers out into the lake. Of course the rezoning would allow for much more than finger piers as we see it, so the fight is on again. The Department of Community Planning has brought forth a simpler process for variance hearings and will be at the September meeting for a brief outline of their plan - also questions from YOU the community. Here's a chance to give them your two bits.....

#### SCHOOL CLOSURES

That's an alarming two words but not so alarming if you control the process. There will be a School Facilities Planning Meeting on September 10 at Mercer Jr. High, 1600 Columbian Way, beginning at 7:30 p.m. School closures and attendance areas will be discussed. Emerson has an excellent principal in Jack Rollo and because of his work in public relations in the neighborhood, we have an ethnically balanced school requiring NO bussing of students in or out. We almost lost Jack this summer when Mr. Moberly, Seattle Superintendent, decided unilaterally to remove 6 principals. When informed, club members rose to the occasion with letters and calls to the Superintendent. We still have Jack as our principal...

#### METRO UPDATE

It looks as though our petition drive got some attention! Metro carried out an extensive community phone interview after receiving the club's petition for change of the Turnaround from Rose St. to Henderson (or farther south). From Mr. Neil Peterson's letter to the club, we can only gather that the issue is now a very live one and that the change will be made. This effort has been a long time coming but necessary before trolley lines are fixed.

#### CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Just recently after a minor accident at the clubhouse, our President, Orval Wiltse, began complaining of back problems. It became so debilitating that he sought help from specialists and a complete examination followed. As a result, Orval has to take it easy for a while and remove himself from stress until his condition improves. Bob Ridder, Vice President, will fill in for him until installation of new officers at our first meeting of the year. Orval was to be Vice President this coming year, so a new Vice President must be elected from the floor on September 11. Orval has done an outstanding job this year. Drop by and give him your appreciation in person. MANY THANKS, ORVAL!

## LET'S GO IT TOGETHER

Your community is getting better all of the time. Noting the increased building in the area, substantial family homes at that, brings home to us the faith that investors have in your Rainier Beach. The Mayor regularly sends a representative to your community club meetings - a definite recognition by the downtown establishment of your voice and the political impact of your decisions. Metro, the Parks Department, Library Board, Department of Community Development, and the School Board have all solicited the club and have liaison members from the club involved in their decision making processes. When your club speaks, it gets an answer and change is frequently effected. Through regular meetings and interested membership, we have been able through the years to build rapport with our elected officials and city departments. Their listening to us and their indulgence in our views and deliberations gives us great hope for Rainier Beach's future.

Without your community club, there would be:

- No trolleys in our future;
- 30-minute service on buses with a Rose St. Turnaround;
- Condominiums along Rainier Avenue all along the Beach blocking our view of the lake forever;
- Industrial encroachment along Henderson St. from Empire Way and all along Empire Way;
- A duplex apartment zoning throughout the area with waning of single residences and a much more transient population with its higher crime and related problems;
- Vacant lots dotting the community with unkempt and decaying properties;
- No shelter house at Henderson Playfield and no amenities for our many community athletic programs;
- A reduced Rainier Beach Library;
- An undeveloped and vacant garbage dump along Rainier Avenue;
- No facility for community gatherings and private parties in this area;
- A reduced program at Emerson and change of administration there.

With your community club, we have:

- An ongoing liaison with the Parks Department on the rebuilding of Hutchinson Field House;
- Ongoing liaison with the Library Board on the building of the Rainier Beach Library;
- Active participation in Metro Transit planning;
- Constant surveillance of new building and rebuilding permits and variances;
- A scholarship program that enables a Rainier Beach student a college opportunity annually;
- Development of committee expertise on city government and members who will testify on vital issues;
- A club building facility;
- Sponsorship of a Scout troupe.



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 9 Potluck Dinner 6:00, Business Meeting Following  
October 23 Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell residence, 6125 S. Keppler St., 7:30 p.m.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER: It will be a time to enjoy a potluck dinner and get to know each other better on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert - and bring your tableware (dish, cup, knife, fork, spoon). As usual, coffee will be furnished. A brief business meeting will follow.

A MESSAGE FROM ORVAL: Fellow members, as you enter into another season of community club activity, I send you my greetings and my regret that circumstances prevent my participation with you. It was a privilege to be able to work with you this past year, and we all can be proud of accomplishments that were possible because we all worked together. Now, you look ahead to the achievement of new and greater goals with Ed Mitchell and his staff of officers. These, too, will be achieved. One of the most important needs, I believe, is to involve a vastly greater number of community residents in community club membership. As Bob Ridder pointed out in the September News Letter, a host of things are in being because of the community club. Without the community club, none of them, perhaps, would have come about. I earnestly urge you to give your officers the maximum support so that with all your cooperative effort we become increasingly strong and effective, making the Rainier Beach area a continually attractive place to call your home. My best wishes to each of you.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT HOPES: I know that I have many obstacles to overcome. As yet, I am not completely familiar with all facets of the community club. I very much need your help. Please give me any ideas you have, such as what I should do more effectively. You must have some ideas on programs --- please pass them along to Howard Davenport or to me. One thing I hope to achieve is to conclude the regular meetings, as well as the Board sessions, at 9:30 p.m. In the past few years, all too many persons have stayed away because the meetings have been too long. Let's keep our reports and discussions as short as possible. Above all, we must avoid any socializing during a meeting. That can be done at the coffee period and after the meeting.

HELP WANTED: Caroline Kuehnert is spearheading the potluck dinner. But, she needs plenty of help in setting up the tables and in the kitchen. Also, a crew is needed to "Clean Up" after the dinner. Caroline is also the membership chairperson, so pay your dues to her. She is also the clubhouse custodian, but Ruth Wiltse is still handling the rentals.

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: An interesting and helpful booklet for the elderly is The Senior Citizen Story, compliments of Ruthe Ridder. It cites State Legislative actions for senior citizens and lists the many services available and the various centers and organizations.

SHORT SHOTS: Let's keep Orval Wiltse and John Merrill in our thoughts and prayers continuously\*\*\*\*\*Our thanks to Bob Ridder for repairing the steps on the 61st Avenue South side to meet the regulations of the Fire Department\*\*\*\*\*The Women's Association of the Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale on October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.\*\*\*\*\*A thought for today: "It is as important to acknowledge a favor as it is to bestow one."\*\*\*\*\*Thanks also to Janet Clark, Newell Davis and Caroline for their great help in putting the newsletter together and getting it in the mail.\*\*\*\*\*We will honor Stella Runge at the October 9 meeting by making her a Life Member in appreciation of her long service...and let's remember her 89th birthday on November 1.



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- \* Feb 7           RB Women's Club   \*
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- \* April 6-7       RB Basement Sale     \*
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MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1979

Be informed! Guest speaker: Norman Rice, recently elected to the Seattle City Council - replacing resigned council member Phyllis Lamphere. Mr. Rice, Past President of the Mt. Baker Community Club, supplies our area with the expectation that now we have a voice to speak out on our behalf. Mr. Rice will outline those items of concern which he considers to be uppermost as they apply to Southeast Seattle and will express his views on how his presence on the Seattle City Council can supply answers to those problems. Come and listen and be ready to ask questions. What are the principal concerns that YOU feel should be expressed to Mr. Rice?

Be entertained! Wayne Parker, The One-Man Band. Many of you have heard Wayne and know that he is a great entertainer. Those who have not heard him are due for an entertainment treat. He's fun!

Be social! 7:30-8:00 p.m. Hostess, Caroline Kuehnert.

SUCCESS. TWICE!

Mona Sobottka wins a big Thank You for her singlehanded promotion of the theatre party at the Music Hall Follies January 18. Forty people enjoyed a great show!

COMMUNITY CLUB DANCE, JANUARY 20

Another highly successful event. Dorothy Wood was in charge, assisted by Eleanor McCarty. A big crowd had a big evening, and the club treasury is enriched a little more from the two events. Dorothy says she had fun, and dance chairpeople aren't supposed to have fun!

PROGRESS!

Fred Hutchinson Field House. General contractor Vince Mitchell's crew is on the job and restoration of the field house is under way. It is very gratifying to have this work starting, and we are extremely pleased by the safety measures being observed by the contractor to prevent any accidental injuries by having all access points securely barricaded.

Metro Transit proposes to increase the mid-day service to Prentice Street to three buses per hour compared with the present two per hour. A very welcome change. Our requests to change the turnback from Rose St. to another location (Henderson & Rainier, 51st & Rainier, or Fletcher at 57th) are meeting with resistance.



Rainier Beach Branch Library Bob May reported to us that the Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared and the property is being surveyed. Branch Coordinator Sue Justen told us that we will be welcomed concerning architecture, reading material desired, proper space utilization, etc. Inventory of the book collection in the present library station has been completed, and new volumes have been ordered. Also, the tentative target date for completion is July 1980. This is not to be regarded as a firm date and can change.

#### ZONING VARIANCE DENIED

The request for a zoning variance at Rainier and Cloverdale was heard by the Hearing Examiner January 5. Request was denied.

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Your Executive Board, at its meeting January 23, reaffirmed its opposition to any change from Conservancy Management to Urban Stable in the usage of shoreland on Lake Washington from Atlantic City Park to the 9500 block on Rainier Ave. So. Our continued opposition was conveyed to the Hearing Examiner by letter concerning reclassifying approximately 7.4 acres (File XS-78-259) at a hearing January 29. A report will be given by those attending the hearing, but the outlook against the change is not bright.

#### DUES

There has been a good response to Eleanor McCarty's plea, but there are still some 1979 dues outstanding. Please act now so Eleanor can smile all the way to the bank!

#### BASEMENT SALE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6-7

Now that the dates have been set, please make a real effort to put together cooking utensils, odds and ends of dishes (plates, cups, etc.), hand tools, small items of furniture, knick knacks, pictures, sewing supplies (thread, yarn, etc.), books (paperback or hardcover), plants (indoor and outdoor), jewelry, clothing (especially of the 1940's and 1950's) and other wearable clothing (clean), cotton material that has been washed multiple times (useful as quilting material), and toys. We will need the maximum cooperation, both in getting the required items, and in having the people to help in all the preparations.

#### RECYCLING

Keep on saving those newspapers, aluminum and glass. We have had some response but we can use this material in quantity. Take it to Bob Ridder or call him, 723-9457.

#### CHAMPIONS!

The Rainier Beach Vikings U-12 Girls Soccer Team defeated the Sizzlers of Woodland Park to win the city championship. Team members are: Lori Boyack, Mary Currage, Karen DeLeo, Patricia Henderson, Casandra Leonard, Amie Miskie, Missy Mundy, Urana Pearson, Margie Newgent, Terry Redmond, Noel Roni, Celeste Stallcup, Kari Wiltse. Their coach is Hazel Stallcup. Congratulations from all of us!

#### SICK LIST

On our list as this is written are Ralph Blayden, Harold Inghram, John Messina and Connie Schwab. One we missed previously was Herb Waltman. Our best wishes to everyone. Incidentally, Caroline Kuehnert is assisting Stella Runge, our Sunshine Lady. If you know anyone who should receive a greeting and you can't reach Stella, call Caroline.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Rick Maltby, South Shore Woodshop teacher, can use the help of anyone able to assist in teaching 6th and 8th grade individual students to work with power tools, 10:50-11:40 a.m. If you can help, call Volunteer Services, 587-6490.

Orval Wiltse, President



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Dates To Remember:

- 3-13 Community Club Mtg  
7:30 coffee  
8:00 meeting
- 4-4 RB Women's Club  
12:00 Noon
- 4-6&7 RBCC Basement Sale

Rental Information:  
Ruth Wiltse  
723-0825

SPECIAL MUSIC TREAT MARCH 13

How many of you were aware of the fact that we have a singing group living in our area who provide a different and very enjoyable kind of music? They are the Tonganese Singers, all from the Islands of Tonga, in the South Pacific, about 500 miles from Fiji. The singers are directed by Mr. Kafipete Fonua. Preceding the singing, Siesia Raasch has been asked to give a brief description of the Islands. Come and listen to some BEAUTIFUL and inspiring music and meet some beautiful people! Hosts for the evening coffee get-together are Jan and Jim Clark. Enjoy the goodies 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

BASEMENT SALE APRIL 6 and 7

Right now we have a breakfast set (table and four chairs), some other miscellaneous furniture, dishes, rug and pad, electric appliances, clothing, etc. So, start rummaging for your rummage and have it ready for delivery to the clubhouse basement beginning April 2. We will arrange for pick-up for anyone unable to bring items to the clubhouse. Call Marie or Howard Wilson, 722-4885, or Ruth or Orval Wiltse, 723-0825, to let us know what you have. Remember, small furniture items, household goods of various kinds, cooking utensils, clean clothing, books, plants, jewelry, etc., etc. The proceeds from this sale go to the support of our Scholarship Fund as well as to other purposes for the community and the community club.

KARL EDWARDS, STAR SCOUT, TROOP 215

With funds provided by the community club, Star Scout Karl Edwards is coordinating the clean-up and renovation of the clubhouse basement by Scout Troop 215. Scoutmaster Norman Boyack reports that the initial work will involve washing down the walls, filling the more serious cracks in the walls with grout, spackling all the broken areas, and then painting. Through this effort, Star Scout Karl will be moving in his advancement to Life Scout, one step away from Eagle. We congratulate Karl, and thank the troop profusely for starting this work. Incidentally, troop membership is now nine. Parents interested in enrolling their sons into scouting should call Norm at 725-5686. The troop meets Monday nights.

RECYCLING

This program is building up steam and we are getting more people involved. But we need still more support. Newspapers (bundled for easy handling), glass (clear, green and brown), and aluminum. Take the items to Bob Ridder, 5809 S. Roxbury, or call him at 723-9457.

#### FRED HUTCHINSON FIELDHOUSE

Tremendous progress! The roof is complete and the interior work is well along. Contractor Vince Mitchell and his crew are to be commended for staying right in there in spite of almost steady rain and cold weather. We expect to have an up-to-the-minute report when we meet March 13.

#### METRO TRANSIT

In a move to involve the business leaders and others with the transit problems, we were able to bring together Thursday morning, February 22, managers of Rainier Beach Branch, Seattle-First, Safeway, Pay 'N Save, Payless, the Vice Principal of R.B. High, the Principal of South Shore Middle School, Executive of Rainier Chamber of Commerce, Library Coordinator, Representatives of Barton Place, and ourselves. Jerry Dow, of Metro Transit, met with the group in the conference room of Seattle-First, Rainier Beach Branch. We will have a complete report March 13.

#### RAINIER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

As this is written, we can only report that there is steady progress in the planning. Plotting of the building site, preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement, preparation of specification data by the architect, etc. We expect to have more complete information March 13.

#### APOLOGIES TO KIM KENDALL

In our reporting of the Girls Soccer Championship, we inadvertently omitted Kim's name from the roster. We apologize to Kim for our oversight.

REMEMBER THE BASEMENT SALE! GET YOUR GOODS TOGETHER!



MAY YOUR EYES BE A-SPARKLIN'  
LIKE THE LAKES O' KILLARNEY!  
MAY YOUR SMILE BE THE BRIGHTEST,  
AND YOUR LIPS TOUCHED WITH BLARNEY!  
MAY YOUR HEART BE AS GAY  
AS A WEE LEPRECHAUN,  
AND YOUR WHOLE SELF BE HAPPY  
FROM ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON!

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| April 6-7 | Rummage Sale<br>Clubhouse  | April 10 | RBCC Meeting<br>RB United Presbyterian Church<br>6:30 Potluck; 8:00 Meeting |
| April 24  | Executive Board<br>Meeting |          |   |

MEETING APRIL 10 AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For our meeting April 10, we are moving to the Fellowship Hall of Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church for a potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Ridder will show his pictures and provide the narrative covering his recent trip to Russia with Senator Ruthe Ridder and daughter, Sue. We are meeting in the church for this one evening because we believe the entire community will want to hear from one of its own residents what actually can be observed inside Russia. It is our hope and expectation there will be a large attendance.

On the program also, we will have the Emerson Fourth Grade Singers under the leadership of Lillian Young and Carol Cottrell, to be followed by a brief sing-along with Ray Helman and Orval Wiltse in which the fourth graders will also be active participants.

Caroline Kuehnert is in charge of the dinner and she advises each family to bring the food of its own choice (hot dish, salad or dessert). Also, each family should provide knife, fork, spoon, plate and cup for each family member. There will be a \$1.00 donation per family (50¢ for singles) to help in the costs of coffee, tea, punch, butter and rolls, etc. Caroline will need to know the number from each family planning to attend by THURSDAY, APRIL 5, so that the proper arrangements can be made. Call her at 725-0545, or call Orval Wiltse, 723-0825. There will be a need of helpers Monday afternoon, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. to arrange and decorate tables.

Be sure to come, bring your family, and bring your neighbors. This should be a big evening of fun, food and information.

RUMMAGE ROUND-UP, APRIL 6 and 7

HERE IT IS! The future is now! Marie Wilson has done her usual first-class job of organizing this sale. Now it is up to each one of us to give Marie 100% support and make the event the outstanding success it deserves to be. During the week of the sale, beginning April 3, we will need people to be on hand in the clubhouse basement to receive material, set up tables and display racks, help in sorting,

pricing, etc. On Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th, we will need salespeople and cashiers. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO BE CALLED. Just come and help wherever and whenever you can. Call either Marie Wilson, 722-4885, or Orval Wiltse, 723-0825.

Bob Ridder has prepared excellent posters which will be on display throughout the area. Rainier Beach Safeway is donating its reader-board to announce the sale. There will be ads in the Southeast Journal as well as announcements in other papers, and requests have been made for mention on the public affairs announcements over radio stations.

Newell Davis will be furnishing his 1930 antique Deluxe Ford Roadster to the rummage sale for promotion. You just might get a ride in this car. See the story in the Southeast Journal for details.

Along with your contributions of rummage items, we need paper bags and clothes hangers. Also, to assist Dorothy Holman and Agnes Webster, who will be supervising the coffee and cookie bar, your contributions of home-baked cookies will be deeply appreciated.

#### BASEMENT RENOVATION

Scout Troop 215, under the guidance of Karl Edwards, has made a real improvement in the appearance of the clubhouse basement. The walls have been washed, all holes and cracks filled, and paint applied to walls and ceiling. This is something that has been needed for a long time, and the work of the scouts is very much appreciated, not only for their effort, but also for the result. Thank you very much!

#### RECYCLING

Don't burn it up or throw it away! Take it to Bob! IT is newspaper, aluminum and glass. The response has been quite good and the financial return has helped, but we need to keep constantly at it. If you are not able to deliver your recycles to Bob Ridder, call him at 723-9457.

#### WORK PARTY: YARD WORK

Harold Inghram will be heading a work party to dress up the yard at the east end (61st Ave.) of the building. This will involve mostly cutting out the unwanted growth of the shrubbery close to the clubhouse as well as trimming (and perhaps eliminating) other vegetation. This work will be done just as soon as possible following the basement sale. Tools required will be pruning shears, possibly a pruning saw, shovels. We have access to a wood shredder, courtesy of Stu Weiss, so disposal of the limbs and branches will be greatly facilitated.

Orval Wiltse, President



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DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR

*May 8	RBCC Meeting Night 7:30 Coffee Social 8:00 Meeting 9:00 Silent Auction
*May 22	Executive Board Meeting Location to be Announced
*June 12	NO CLUB MEETING
*June 25	R.B. High School Graduation
*June 28	Drive Carefully - School's Out!

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING, MAY 8

Something different! We're going to have a Silent Auction. Details are given below.

Coffee social at the usual starting time of 7:30 with the formal meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m. Principal business will be election of officers for 1979-80. Nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee are: President, Ed J. Mitchell; Vice President, Orval Wiltse; Secretary, Marie Wilson; Treasurer, Ingrid Wiltse; Trustees, Howard Davenport, Dorothy Holman, Audrie Norman and Keith Wiltse. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

President Orval Wiltse will report on the "State of the Community Club."

Now, details of the Silent Auction! During the coffee social, starting at 7:30, everyone will have an opportunity to look at the auction items and place a bid in the receptacle that will be in front of each item. At the conclusion of the formal meeting (about 8:45), those who have not made their bids will have a chance to do so. Auctioneers Marie Wilson and Mona Sobottka will start checking the bids about 9:00 and award the items to the highest bidders. As this is being written, we have the following: Some old silverplate; child's matching fork and spoon; framed pictures; Japanese figurines; a stack of semi-classical instrumental music; a dozen old Clorox bottles (collectors items); several copies of older National Geographics; embroidery work. At the time of the sale, you may find other items ready. So --- come at 7:30, bring your neighbors. You and they will have an interesting evening and everyone will learn what the community club has been doing on behalf of the community this year. Caroline Kuehnert will be in charge of the coffee and goodies.

It is expected, also, that Mona Sobottka will be able at this time to announce the name of the Rainier Beach High School graduating senior who will be awarded the Annual Rainier Beach Community Club Scholarship.

RUMMAGE ROUND-UP

Fantastic! That overworked word is about the only good way to describe the results of the Rummage Round-Up April 6 and 7. Those of us who were initially responsible for proposing the sale had visions of success, but none of us had any dream that the outcome would be so outstandingly successful. Beyond the financial reward, however, was the gratification of seeing the involvement of so many people before, during, and after the sale. All of us working together brought success! There aren't enough ways to say "Thank You" to Marie Wilson for her leadership. She provided

the drive, created the publicity, supplied the innovative ideas, and the overall expertise that put the entire project together. Then, helping both with equipment and their labor were Harold Inghram, Shirley Norman, Bob Ridder, Howard Wilson and Keith Wiltse, picking up the sale items and delivering them to the clubhouse. Signs and posters were created by Harold Inghram and Bob Ridder with assistance by John Messina. A big part of the promotion was the contribution by Newell Davis of his restored 1930 Model A, and our thanks to Tom Wollhaib for taking the picture which appeared in the S.E. District Journal. The tiring and rather tedious job of sorting and pricing all the merchandise was done by Gloria Boyack, Mary and Lee Davis, Mary Kendall, Caroline Kuehnert; Eleanore and Mike McCarty, Viola Mackay, Mona Sobottka, Ruth Williams, Marie and Howard Wilson, Ingrid Wiltse, Ruth and Orval Wiltse, and Virginia and Doug Woodward. Cashiering was very efficiently handled by Gloria Boyack, Mary Kendall, Bob Liebscher, Eleanore McCarty, Mona Sobottka, Ingrid Wiltse and Dorothy Wood. The popular and profitable coffee bar was managed by Dorothy Holman with assistance by Marie Bradshaw, Frances Lensreed, Svea Miller, and Agnes Webster. Our special thanks to Gene Lux for the loan of his portable clothes hangers. These were invaluable in providing suitable racks for all the clothing that was donated. If anyone has been overlooked in this listing, please accept our apologies. We are deeply grateful to everyone who took part. THANK YOU ALL!

#### METRO TRANSIT

Despite our appeals through the members of Metro Council, including the backing and active support of the leaders of our local business community, we have not been able to persuade the transit officials that the Rose Street turnback should be eliminated to be replaced by a turnaround south of Henderson Street. Consequently, your Board of Directors voted unanimously to prepare and circulate petitions throughout the area, petitioning the transit officials to eliminate the Rose St. turnaround in favor of a turnaround south of Henderson St. that will provide a safer location for transit riders and render a superior and vastly more efficient service to this growing business and residential area. Bob Ridder is preparing the petitions and you can help in the distribution and obtaining of signatures. WE MUST HAVE THIS CHANGE!

#### HUTCHINSON FIELDHOUSE

Because of a work stoppage in the East, a delay has resulted in delivery of hardware items. The completion date, therefore, has necessarily been set back to the middle of June. The Parks and Recreation Department is planning its playfield program to begin at that time and is anticipating that the fieldhouse will be completed and ready for use. The previously announced completion date was to have been about May 11.

#### RAINIER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

The location of the building on the construction site has been determined by the Library Board and the architect can now proceed with drawings and specifications. Excavation work will be done during the summer with actual construction expected to start shortly after January 1, 1980.

#### RECYCLING

Your continuous support of this program has shown good results throughout the year, and even though we will be entering the summer with the normal slow-down of club activities, please continue to hang on to those newspapers, aluminum products, and glass. Every bit helps! Bob Ridder's willingness to accept the recycling items at his home, pick up loads when called upon, and deliver the material to the dealers, is deeply appreciated, and it has been his effort that has been responsible for the financial return.

#### RETIREMENT HOME AT ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Mr. John Palmer, a member of St. Paul's, is requesting opinions from Rainier Beach residents concerning a retirement home which would be constructed on the church property below the school playground. This is in the "thinking stage" and Mr. Palmer is attempting to obtain as much comprehensive "pro" and "con" opinion as possible. Mr. Palmer's telephone number is 772-2925.

#### HEY! WE'RE NEAT AND PRETTY!

Thanks to Harold Inghram and his crew of Bob Ridder, Stu Weiss, Howard Wilson, and Orval Wiltse, plus "Teddy," the Ridder big canine and superintendent, the clubhouse grounds are trimmed and neat. The work was accomplished Sunday afternoon, April 19. Another demonstration of what can be done in a short time with a crew of hard working, dedicated people. Many, many thanks!

Orval Wiltse, President

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SEPTEMBER 11

Community Club Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Coffee Hour  
8:00 p.m. Business Meeting

SEPTEMBER 25

Executive Board Mtg  
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 3

R.B. Women's Club Mtg.  
12:00 Noon

FIRST MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30

TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!!

Coming to a club meeting is first a way to meet and get to know the people in your neighborhood. Where neighbors don't know each other, crime and strife are widespread. House to house con artists and professional burglars will have nothing to do with a neighborhood where everyone is on speaking terms with their neighbors; it exposes them to cross checking surveillance and question asking. Second, it's a way to belong. In the Metropolitan and close packed urban community, there is more alienation and loneliness (sense of isolation) than in a family based and inter-related rural life. The mingling with friendly people provides opportunities for meeting those who share concerns and who are also looking for friends. Thirdly, joining in a community organization becomes a way of protecting your property interests. Criminals are not the only threat but unjust uses in adjacent or neighborhood properties, industrial encroachment, unfair taxing practices. Joining with others of like interest helps to retain and maintain a residential, pleasant, friendly, active and alive neighborhood that insures the high worth of your property and protects your investment. Good schools, appropriate facilities, adequate shopping, recreational opportunities, and proper upkeep of surrounding properties are all dollars and cents in your pockets and pleasure in your everyday life. The two dollars yearly dues are peanuts compared to the returns.....

Send your two dollars per person dues to: Caroline Kuehnert, Membership Chairman, 9607 61st Ave. So., Seattle, 98118, OR BETTER...COME TO THE MEETING, September 11, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., and pay your dues in person.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, TUESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 11

Those officers to be installed are:

President, Ed Mitchell; Vice President, to be elected from the floor; Recording Secretary Marie Wilson; Treasurer, Ingrid Wiltse; Executive Board (1982), Howard Davenport, Dorothy Holman, Keith Wiltse; Executive Board (1981) to replace Marie Wilson), Audrey Norman.

HATS OFF ITEM

You've seen the posts agrowing on the ledge below Emerson School and above the Hutchinson Playfield...Well, they didn't just grow there. The first year, a fellow by the name of Joel Harvey was working getting the materials together and many pre-cut for the project. When the posts were being dug, they needed an onsite coordinator and Dwight Perkins offered his time...His wife, Leslie, was the telephone chairman for the project...You know, the person who calls people trying to line up workers...Together they have brought the project to near completion. Many thanks to S.E.E.D. for the arrangements, Joel Harvey for the beginning, and ESPECIALLY Dwight and Leslie Perkins for their devotion... Thanks, of course, also to all of those who have donated their labor to the project. It certainly makes the playfield more usable.

#### CONDOMINIUMS ALONG THE BEACH

This is ongoing warfare that we would lose if not carried on forcibly and diligently. The City and other interests (Milltown Properties of Canada - developers) want to rezone and develop the area along Seward Park Ave. and Rainier Ave. from the T-Villa (which they own) to the City Park property on Rainier. This area is now Conservancy Management zoned which forbids any development except that specifically allowed by the community, and water oriented. A number of years ago, your club fought hard to obtain this zoning when the T-Villa people sneaked in their monstrosity. Last May, we had to fight again and won by disallowing Milltown to rezone this whole area "Urban Stable." Urban Stable would allow for 35-foot high buildings with corridors to the lake, but would have allowed full development of the whole area along the lake. Now Milltown is at it again by asking for rezoning in order to build 10 finger piers out into the lake. Of course the rezoning would allow for much more than finger piers as we see it, so the fight is on again. The Department of Community Planning has brought forth a simpler process for variance hearings and will be at the September meeting for a brief outline of their plan - also questions from YOU the community. Here's a chance to give them your two bits.....

#### SCHOOL CLOSURES

That's an alarming two words but not so alarming if you control the process. There will be a School Facilities Planning Meeting on September 10 at Mercer Jr. High, 1600 Columbian Way, beginning at 7:30 p.m. School closures and attendance areas will be discussed. Emerson has an excellent principal in Jack Rollo and because of his work in public relations in the neighborhood, we have an ethnically balanced school requiring NO bussing of students in or out. We almost lost Jack this summer when Mr. Moberly, Seattle Superintendent, decided unilaterally to remove 6 principals. When informed, club members rose to the occasion with letters and calls to the Superintendent. We still have Jack as our principal...

#### METRO UPDATE

It looks as though our petition drive got some attention! Metro carried out an extensive community phone interview after receiving the club's petition for change of the Turnaround from Rose St. to Henderson (or farther south). From Mr. Neil Peterson's letter to the club, we can only gather that the issue is now a very live one and that the change will be made. This effort has been a long time coming but necessary before trolley lines are fixed.

#### CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Just recently after a minor accident at the clubhouse, our President, Orval Wiltse, began complaining of back problems. It became so debilitating that he sought help from specialists and a complete examination followed. As a result, Orval has to take it easy for a while and remove himself from stress until his condition improves. Bob Ridder, Vice President, will fill in for him until installation of new officers at our first meeting of the year. Orval was to be Vice President this coming year, so a new Vice President must be elected from the floor on September 11. Orval has done an outstanding job this year. Drop by and give him your appreciation in person. MANY THANKS, ORVAL!



## LET'S GO IT TOGETHER

Your community is getting better all of the time. Noting the increased building in the area, substantial family homes at that, brings home to us the faith that investors have in your Rainier Beach. The Mayor regularly sends a representative to your community club meetings - a definite recognition by the downtown establishment of your voice and the political impact of your decisions. Metro, the Parks Department, Library Board, Department of Community Development, and the School Board have all solicited the club and have liaison members from the club involved in their decision making processes. When your club speaks, it gets an answer and change is frequently effected. Through regular meetings and interested membership, we have been able through the years to build rapport with our elected officials and city departments. Their listening to us and their indulgence in our views and deliberations gives us great hope for Rainier Beach's future.

Without your community club, there would be:

- No trolleys in our future;
- 30-minute service on buses with a Rose St. Turnaround;
- Condominiums along Rainier Avenue all along the Beach blocking our view of the lake forever;
- Industrial encroachment along Henderson St. from Empire Way and all along Empire Way;
- A duplex apartment zoning throughout the area with waning of single residences and a much more transient population with its higher crime and related problems;
- Vacant lots dotting the community with unkempt and decaying properties;
- No shelter house at Henderson Playfield and no amenities for our many community athletic programs;
- A reduced Rainier Beach Library;
- An undeveloped and vacant garbage dump along Rainier Avenue;
- No facility for community gatherings and private parties in this area;
- A reduced program at Emerson and change of administration there.

With your community club, we have:

- An ongoing liaison with the Parks Department on the rebuilding of Hutchinson Field House;
- Ongoing liaison with the Library Board on the building of the Rainier Beach Library;
- Active participation in Metro Transit planning;
- Constant surveillance of new building and rebuilding permits and variances;
- A scholarship program that enables a Rainier Beach student a college opportunity annually;
- Development of committee expertise on city government and members who will testify on vital issues;
- A club building facility;
- Sponsorship of a Scout troupe.



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NEWS LETTER

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For Rental Info:

Ruth Wiltse  
723-0825

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 9 Potluck Dinner 6:00, Business Meeting Following  
October 23 Executive Board Meeting, Mitchell residence, 6125 S. Keppler St., 7:30 p.m.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER: It will be a time to enjoy a potluck dinner and get to know each other better on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert - and bring your tableware (dish, cup, knife, fork, spoon). As usual, coffee will be furnished. A brief business meeting will follow.

A MESSAGE FROM ORVAL: Fellow members, as you enter into another season of community club activity, I send you my greetings and my regret that circumstances prevent my participation with you. It was a privilege to be able to work with you this past year, and we all can be proud of accomplishments that were possible because we all worked together. Now, you look ahead to the achievement of new and greater goals with Ed Mitchell and his staff of officers. These, too, will be achieved. One of the most important needs, I believe, is to involve a vastly greater number of community residents in community club membership. As Bob Ridder pointed out in the September News Letter, a host of things are in being because of the community club. Without the community club, none of them, perhaps, would have come about. I earnestly urge you to give your officers the maximum support so that with all your cooperative effort we become increasingly strong and effective, making the Rainier Beach area a continually attractive place to call your home. My best wishes to each of you.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT HOPES: I know that I have many obstacles to overcome. As yet, I am not completely familiar with all facets of the community club. I very much need your help. Please give me any ideas you have, such as what I should do more effectively. You must have some ideas on programs --- please pass them along to Howard Davenport or to me. One thing I hope to achieve is to conclude the regular meetings, as well as the Board sessions, at 9:30 p.m. In the past few years, all too many persons have stayed away because the meetings have been too long. Let's keep our reports and discussions as short as possible. Above all, we must avoid any socializing during a meeting. That can be done at the coffee period and after the meeting.

HELP WANTED: Caroline Kuehnert is spearheading the potluck dinner. But, she needs plenty of help in setting up the tables and in the kitchen. Also, a crew is needed to "Clean Up" after the dinner. Caroline is also the membership chairperson, so pay your dues to her. She is also the clubhouse custodian, but Ruth Wiltse is still handling the rentals.

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: An interesting and helpful booklet for the elderly is The Senior Citizen Story, compliments of Ruthe Ridder. It cites State Legislative actions for senior citizens and lists the many services available and the various centers and organizations.

SHORT SHOTS: Let's keep Orval Wiltse and John Merrill in our thoughts and prayers continuously\*\*\*\*\*Our thanks to Bob Ridder for repairing the steps on the 61st Avenue South side to meet the regulations of the Fire Department\*\*\*\*\*The Women's Association of the Rainier Beach United Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale on October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.\*\*\*\*\*A thought for today: "It is as important to acknowledge a favor as it is to bestow one."\*\*\*\*\*Thanks also to Janet Clark, Newell Davis and Caroline for their great help in putting the newsletter together and getting it in the mail.\*\*\*\*\*We will honor Stella Runge at the October 9 meeting by making her a Life Member in appreciation of her long service...and let's remember her 89th birthday on November 1.



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 13      General Meeting  
              7:30 Coffee Social  
              8:00 Business Session  
                  SESCO Speaker

Nov. 27      7:30 Board Meeting  
              Howard Wilson home

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

We were disappointed in the October potluck dinner meeting - only 21 were present. Now come on - we can do better than that! The community needs YOU, and YOU need the community club. United we stand for the welfare of the community and the city. Divided we fail to accomplish anything. YOU are needed to serve on committees in the interest of all the residents. So make November 13 a MUST date! Relax and get acquainted first at the coffee period. Then help shape things at the business session.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on November 22, isn't it true that mostly we will think about how much we can eat and how much we enjoy the annual feast? But there's more to it than that and no one has said it better than the late President Harry S. Truman: "Devoutly thankful to divine Providence for the richness of our endowment and the many blessings received, may we continue to give a good account of our stewardship by utilizing our resources in the service of mankind. May we have the courage and vision to accept and discharge honorably the responsibilities inherent in our strength by consecrating ourselves to the attainment of a better world - and by offering thanks to God for the bounties vouchsafed us and by rededicating ourselves to the preservation of the blessings of liberty envisaged by our forefathers in the Preamble of the Constitution."

THOSE WHO SERVE

Committees are the sparkplug of any organization, as they are in the Rainier Beach Community Club. Here are committees and chair persons to date:

Telephone: Howard Davenport, Harold Inghram, Dorothy Holman, Rosalie Scriven, Virginia Woodward, Audrey and Shirley Norman.

Membership: Caroline Kuehnert

Land Use: Stu Weise

Building Maintenance: Keith Wiltse

Education and Scholarship: Mona Sobottka

Parks and Playgrounds: Howard Wilson

BE PREPARED

That's the motto of the Boy Scouts. It should be the motto of parents in our community by enlisting their sons in the scout troop sponsored by the community club. However, the troop is down to two members. So, parents, prepare your sons for the future by enlisting them in the troop. Contact Scoutmaster Norm Boyack, 725-5686.

THE NO. 7 ISSUE

The Metro transportation problem in our community is very much alive! Jerry Dow, of Metro Transit, spoke at our Executive Board Meeting on October 23, but he was far from encouraging about our request that the Rose St. turnaround be changed to S. Henderson St. or Barton Place. One alternative offered was eliminating the Rose St. turnaround and extending it to Prentice St. We were not favorably impressed with his presentation. So we continue to press for our original request.

AND NEXT MEETING

The speaker at the November 13 meeting will be a representative of SESCO, which spelled out is South End Seattle Community Organizations. It should be an interesting talk, dealing with the purpose of SESCO, present plans to include more organizations, and looking to the future.

PUTTING IT BRIEFLY

Ruth Wiltse can no longer handle the club rentals, so a replacement is necessary. We do appreciate her long service\*\*\*Also needed is a Ways and Means Committee\*\*\*The Executive Board has voted to give Orval Wiltse a Life Membership\*\*\*Howard and Marie Wilson had a bit of a time settling down after their five-week trip abroad including visits to London, Paris, Luxemburg, West Germany and Austria\*\*\*Bob Ridder reminds us to keep the papers coming\*\*\*Thanks to Stu Weiss for providing copies of the budget.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

We are offering club members the opportunity to take advantage of a new idea - that is, a sort of "ads" department in the Newsletter. With no charge, you can publicize something you may want or may desire to get rid of, or obtain or provide some kind of service such as gardening, carpentry, babysitting, etc. As an example, a current club ad is:

WANTED

Someone to handle club rentals  
Call Ed Mitchell, 722-4519, for  
details.

Right now, this feature is just an experiment, but if successful will become a regular part of the monthly newsletter. We thank Janet Clark for the idea. Simply send your "ads" to Ed Mitchell, 6125 S. Keppler St., or call them in, 722-4519.

Ed Mitchell, President

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THE CALENDAR:

Dec. 11 7:00 p.m. coffee  
\*7:30 p.m. Christmas Program  
Club House

NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

NO JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Feb. 12 Community Club Meeting

\*NEW STARTING TIME: By action taken at the November general meeting, a new starting time has been established - 7:00 p.m. coffee period, 7:30 p.m. general meeting. The Tuesday, December 11, program will center mostly on Christmas. Featured will be 10 gals and a guy from Rainier Beach High School. Community singing also is planned. There will be little, if any, business session. So, let's get together and have a heartwarming pre-Christmas celebration. All are urged to bring Christmas cookies.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP: The brilliantly-lighted and music-filled Christmas Ship is scheduled to dock at Atlantic City Park Wednesday evening, December 19, at 8:30 p.m. A bonfire, coffee and cookies will be provided by the Rainier Beach Recreation Advisory Council. Any cookies left from the community club meeting will be brought to the Christmas Ship party.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Cantatas, carols and candles will be the settings for Christmas services in area churches, including the following:

Christmas Sunday, December 23

Dunlap Baptist--11:00 a.m., cantata by choir  
Amazing Grace Lutheran--9:30 a.m., service will include Christmas music  
Rainier Beach United Methodist--11:00 a.m., Christmas service  
Rainier Beach United Presbyterian--10:00 a.m., cantata by Chancel Choir,  
"The Song of Christmas"

Christmas Eve, December 24

St. Paul's Roman Catholic--7:00 p.m., Children's Mass; midnight-  
Traditional Mass.  
All Saints' Episcopal--10:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, choir and carols  
Amazing Grace Lutheran--7:00 and 11:00 p.m., candlelight services  
Rainier Beach United Methodist--11:00 p.m., Christmas candlelight service  
Rainier Beach United Presbyterian--8:00 p.m., service of carols and candles

Christmas Day, December 25

St. Paul's Roman Catholic--Masses at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.  
All Saints' Episcopal--8:00 a.m., Holy Communion  
Amazing Grace Lutheran--9:30 a.m., Christmas carols

LAND USE REPORT: Stu Weiss reveals that Seattle City Hall has new "proposed multi-family land use policies." This calls for rezoning many parcels of land throughout Seattle to allow higher density duplexes, townhouses, and high-rise apartments. Among changes proposed are: 1) On the west side of Seward Pk. Ave., where the present buildings are two-story apartments, the plan would allow 60-ft. high apartments up to 90 ft. wide.; 2) West of Rainier Ave. and south of Henderson St., where the library, Seattle-First bank branch and four-story apartments now stand, the same 60-ft. high buildings would be allowed; and 3) Townhouses, duplexes, triplexes and tandem houses would be allowed on Cloverdate St. about three blocks west of Empire Way on the south side hill that was recently bulldozed clear of trees and which is now single family zoned. We have just a few months in which

to present our views to the City on this plan.

WE PROTEST! In a letter sent to the Seattle City Council, with a copy to the Mayor, a vigorous protest has been made against the recently announced proposal to move the Seward Park Art Class to the Central Area. It was pointed out that a lot of time and effort, and "our tax dollars" to support "this superb project," hence it belongs in our area. It was emphasized that the art project was the result of the dedicated effort and hard work of many persons. A letter also was sent to Supt. David Moberly deploring any plans for the closure of schools in our district even though the proposals were described as being of long-range planning. In connection with that situation, a recent newspaper article revealed that Cleveland High School students voted overwhelmingly to stay in that school rather than move to nearby Asa Mercer School. The article cited various other plans such as the Cleveland School becoming a 7th and 8th grade center, and the possibility of closing Franklin and Cleveland High and transferring staffs and students to the Mercer School.

A CUTOFF PROPOSAL!

At the last meeting of our Executive Board, it was learned there is a move under way to close a section of Seward Park Avenue from roughly Atlantic City Park to Rainier Avenue to both south and north bound traffic as a measure of greater safety for children. While any action on the issue was tabled, it was felt that the community should become aware of the proposal.

TURN ON THE LIGHTS! Turning on of lights that were turned off during the last power shortage is urged by the Lakewood-Seward Park Community Club in a letter to Mayor Charles Royer. Particular attention is directed to arterials, including several in or nearby the Rainier Beach area, as follows: Empire Way So. from the city limits to So. Henderson St.; Empire Way So. and So. Henderson St.; So. Henderson St. from Seward Park Ave. So. to Empire Way So. It points out inadequate lighting is "especially true of the area in front of the Rainier Beach High School."

SHORT SHOTS: Caroline Kuehnert, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, points out that membership dues (\$2 per person) are overdue and urges that they be paid immediately. She warns if dues are not paid, persons will be cut off from the newsletter\*\*\*The Hutchinson Fieldhouse is open and staffed in the afternoons; Will Campbell is the supervisor and can be reached at 723-7851 or 723-7052 for further information\*\*\*Better lighting of the kitchen in the clubhouse is planned\*\*\*Remember, anyone who wants to obtain or get rid of something, or give or receive certain services, can be listed in the newsletter free of charge\*\*\* Please note that there will be no general meeting in January; the December 11 meeting will be the last until February 13. However, a special meeting can be called if some issue of vital importance to the community comes up.

A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Ed Mitchell, President