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Worth the Wait—Rainier Veterinary Hospital

by Deborah Bartley

Rainier Veterinary Hospital has no voicemail, no website, and no appointments. Sound like a recipe for bad business? Pet owners would disagree.

The line sometimes starts two hours before opening on Saturdays, and the wait can be long. But pet owners say you won't find a better, more compassionate and knowledgeable team than Dr. Heino and his staff.

Over and over I heard: It's worth the wait to be treated with such genuine kindness, to have your pet's condition explained with extreme patience and care, and to leave with a bill much lower than expected.

Rainier Vet has an attitude and practical philosophy that seems less and less common in the vet business today, where profit is king. As Dr. Clifford Heino

explains it: "We don't do it for the money. We do it for the people and the pets." He knows he could make more money running his business differently: churning through patients, dictating expensive tests and surgeries, and pumping out computer-generated commands. But he says: "That's just not who I am." And pet owners love him for it.

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Hers and his fire hydrants in front of Rainier Veterinarian Hospital

LAND USE

by Maura Deering and Jill Moe

The land use committee meets to discuss proposed developments and planning efforts that affect Jackson Place. For info or to participate, email landuse@jacksonplace.org or call Bill at 324-3232.

CASA Latina (17th and Jackson)

As reported in the December newsletter, CASA Latina, an educational and day labor organization, is moving to 1620 S. Jackson St. The existing building at the site will be renovated this summer and the organization will move in during the fall. A new 6,000-square-foot building will be constructed next door in 2009–2010.

Along with eight other commu-

nity groups and representatives, the Jackson Place Board signed a Good Neighbor Agreement with CASA Latina in January. The agreement was developed to address concerns about the design of new and remodeled buildings, loitering, public safety and litter. An advisory committee was formed, including two residents of Jackson Place, to



Vision for Future Facility



YOUR STREETS

by John Schroeder

Update on Jackson Place Traffic Plan Funds

We expect to hear from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) soon regarding next steps to implement the Jackson Place Traffic Plan. Next steps, as envisioned by SDOT, will include a series of community meetings from which priorities and final designs will be established for implementing the plan. When community support has been documented, some measures of the plan will be ready for actual construction.

Read the traffic plan at www.jacksonplace.org and watch for news on these meetings on the Jackson Place Yahoo listserv (sign-up details on p. 3).

New Pedestrian Crossing

The developer of the Wonder

Bread site, with support from Jackson Place, appears to have approval from the City for installation of a stamped concrete crossing and possibly an overhead pedestrian crossing sign across Jackson St. at 18th Ave. S.

Clean-Up Days!

Neighborhood traffic circle clean-up days are scheduled for March 8 and April 5. Check the Yahoo listserv for details, or email traffic@jacksonplace.org.

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ensure that the agreement is upheld and implemented.

Neighbors are expressing wide-ranging opinions on CASA Latina's move to the area. CASA Latina representatives will attend our next quarterly Jackson Place meeting on March 10 to present further information about their plans and to hear from us. Find out more at www.casa-latina.org.

Artspace Hiawatha Lofts (Hiawatha Place South)

Residents have started moving into the Artspace Hiawatha Lofts. This new project, from the developer of the Tashiro Kaplan Artist Lofts in Pioneer Square, consists of 61 one- and two-bedroom rental units of affordable live/work studios

for artists and five commercial storefronts. Businesses (such as Working Dog Bicycles, which was featured in our December newsletter) will begin setting up shop this spring.

The new residents "are excited to be settling into the Jackson Place neighborhood," says Cathryn Vanderbrink of Artspace. For more information, contact Cathryn at 206.271.0380 or visit www.artspaceusa.org/neighborhood/hiawatha.

Dearborn Street Goodwill Redevelopment

The boards of the Jackson Place and Squire Park community councils met jointly on February 18 and agreed to stand firm on their position regarding the

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Worth the Wait (continued from page 1)

The stories of Heino and staff going beyond the call of duty, or maybe just hearing a higher call than we're used to, are heart warming and too numerous to recount here.

Heino has been at Rainier Vet since 1959, when he started as a "kennel boy" at age 15. For almost 50 years, Heino has built a reputation as a gentle, patient, and compassionate physician. A self-described "biology geek," Heino put himself through vet school while working at Rainier Vet, receiving his degree in 1974, and eventually buying the business from his 80-year-old mentor, Dr. Kadaner.

Heino says he feels that he has carried on the personable, non-corporate ethos he experienced working under his predecessor for 35 years.

Heino's hard-working staff is led by office manager Marlena Sherlock, who started accompanying her grandparents to Rainier Vet with their pets when she was just six years old. Dr. Heino calls Sherlock his "right arm," and claims she knows what's going to happen before it happens, and that he trusts her completely. One of the things Heino trusts to Sherlock is Rainier Vet's work with strays and rescues. Heino says he knows he loses

money on it, but has given Sherlock his full permission and trust to do what she thinks is best. Flashing an elfin smile, he jokes: "I just ask her not to tell me anything."

At 64, Heino has decided it's time to sell the business. Dr. Kung, who worked at Rainier Vet 10 years prior, has returned, this time as the new owner. While Heino isn't exactly retiring, he is ready to have "two whole days off a week," something he has not had since he was 16.

He says he doesn't know how much Rainier Vet will change under the new ownership, but he acknowledges that the facility is in need of some upgrades and that everything just costs so much more lately. One thing pet owners are surely hoping won't change are the knowledge, patience, and compassion they've come to depend on from Rainier Vet.

Would you like to help?

Interested in helping out rescue animals that receive temporary housing at Rainier Vet? You can volunteer to be a dogwalker and find out about fostering and adoption by contacting Ellen at yogainspires@msn.com.

When eating in the restaurant, don't be surprised if your entrees come out of the kitchen one at a time and if the servers ask you to leave your tip in cash instead of on the credit card receipt. They have two menus: meat and vegetarian. The vegetarian menu looks like it has meat dishes on it, but they're actually made with fake meat. Both menus offer extensive selections at low prices.

Moonlight Café is located at 1919 S. Jackson St. 206.322.3378.

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YOUR NEIGHBORS by Jill Moe

featuring a different JPC resident in each issue



Doug, S. King Street

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? 20 years.

What is one of the things you like most about Jackson Place? It has almost perfect access to anywhere in the local area: I-90, I-5, Boren diagonally to Ballard, 14th to Capitol Hill, Rainier and Airport Way to south Seattle, and Jackson to downtown.

What do you think is a challenge for our neighborhood today?

Change. I settled in the area knowing the city would move towards it. I then realized it may change as the area east of Chinatown in Vancouver changed: development upwards will challenge our pocket residential neighborhood. Jackson Place is becoming part of downtown. In terms of other challenges, I think we are beginning to experience problems with meth and the drug scene. I am worried that we will lose part of our city to it, as Vancouver did. It doesn't seem as if the problem is being addressed.

LAND USE

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Dearborn Street Goodwill Redevelopment. The boards maintain that the proposed size and character of the project remain unacceptable.

More than 85% of the project's retail space is intended for big box stores and there is no commitment to small, locally owned stores or restaurants. The boards feel that the redevelopment plans must be more neighborhood friendly and more welcoming to local businesses.

The project is currently being held up by the City because it is seeking written assurances that the housing will be completed as part of the project.

Visit dearbornstreetcoalition.org for more information.

HomeSight's Pontedera Condominiums (Hiawatha Place South)

HomeSight plans to break ground in mid March on Pontedera, a 102-unit condominium project with 20 long-term

affordable units for households below 80% of median income and 30 shorter-term affordable units for households below 80% of median income.

The building, sited adjacent to the Hiawatha Artists Lofts, will feature a green roof, community room, and eight live-work condos that can be used for retail or artists lofts. Low-interest deferred mortgages and reduced down payments will be available to those who qualify and the building will receive a property tax exemption. Fifty units will be sold at market rate.

For more information about HomeSight, which developed The Stellina Condominiums on Davis Place, visit www.homesightwa.org.



Moonlight Café

By Maura Deering

Moonlight Café is not a place I would normally have tried. The exterior is rather grim and it's next to a scary-looking convenience store, but the inside is nicely upgraded and the food is great. It's often busy, especially at lunch, but I've had no trouble getting a table.

We particularly like the spicy beef pho, and also enjoy other Vietnamese selections, such as the curries and soups. Takeout is available for those nights when I just want to go home.

Northwest African American Museum Grand Opening

by Maura Deering
The new Northwest African American Museum invites the community to its grand opening on Saturday, March 8, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, museum tours, children's activities, and live music from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Section of the old Colman School site of the new Northwest African American Museum

Festivities continue throughout the week, and events at the museum, including admission, are free to the public through March 16. The Grand Opening week culminates on the 16th with a concert by Quincy Jones at the Paramount Theatre.

The museum is located in the old Colman School building at the I-90 lid park (official address: 2300 S. Massachusetts). For more information, visit www.naamnw.org.

Board Elections!

JPCC Board elections are in June. Being a board member involves attending monthly meetings and working with others on issues that interest you, such as those addressed in this newsletter. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and make a difference. **Interested?** Email board@jacksonplace.org.

Get involved, share your ideas!

Join the Jackson Place listserv, attend neighborhood meetings, or contact board@jacksonplace.org or 324-3232.

Contact the following committees about specific concerns or interests: landuse@jacksonplace.org, traffic@jacksonplace.org, newsletter@jacksonplace.org

Advertise in the JPCC Newsletter.

Share your message with our growing neighborhood. We post to 650 residences and hand deliver to dozens of area businesses. Email ads@jacksonplace.org

JPCC Board

Steve Van Oel and Jill Moe, co-chairs; Johnny Calcagno, secretary; Jutta Schneider, treasurer; Ben Kim, Bill Bradburd, Claude Zervas, Deborah Bartley, Maura Deering, and Oksana Winstead.

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CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME

by Jill Moe

- The Seattle Police Department (SPD) just rebalanced police workload across the city, likely resulting in a welcome increased police presence in the Central Area.
- The recent shootings at the Philadelphia Cheese Steak restaurant at E. Union St. and 23rd Ave. on January 30 prompted SPD to consider opening a "cop shop" at that intersection to make it easier for officers to patrol the area.
- The Seattle / King County Gang Prevention and Outreach Work Group is holding a series of forums; one will take place at the Douglass-Truth Library on February 28 from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. If you can't make it and want further information about gang prevention, contact Camilla Campbell at 205-9326 or camilla.campbell@kingcounty.org.

Remember!

Report criminal activity **every time** it occurs.

- 911 for emergencies
- 625-5011 for non-emergencies

If you are interested in starting a block watch or working to stop crime in Jackson Place, please send an email to board@jacksonplace.org.



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To Join the Jackson Place Listserv:

- ① Go to groups.yahoo.com.
- ② Under "Find a Yahoo Group," enter Jackson Place Community Council.
- ③ Click on the link to Jackson Place Community Council.
- ④ Click "Join this Group" on the right side of the page.
- ⑤ If you do not have a Yahoo account, you will need to set one up.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spring 2008

3/8—Jackson Place Traffic Circle Clean-Up and Planting
10 a.m. Meet at 18th and Lane.

3/8–16—Northwest African American Museum Grand Opening
(See article on p. 3.)
206.267.1823, www.naamnw.org

3/10—JPCC Quarterly Meeting
Jackson Place Cohousing, Dining Room, 800 Hiawatha Place South, 7–9 p.m.

3/15—Back to Its Roots Hip Hop Festival
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, 1–5 p.m. workshops), 8 p.m. (main show); 206.386.1177, www.seattle.gov/parks/centers

3/29—Poetry Readings
Lynne Thompson and Carletta Carrington Wilson, Douglass-Truth Branch Library, 2 p.m., 206.684.4704, www.spl.org

4/5—Jackson Place Traffic Circle Clean-Up and Planting
10 a.m. Meet at 18th and Lane.

4/10—American Heritage Series Lecture: Gender Identity in the African-American Community
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. 800.838.3006, www.cdforum.org

5/16–17—The Creation Project
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. 800.838.3006, www.cdforum.org

5/17—26th Annual Art Auction
Pratt Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m., 1902 S. Main St., www.pratt.org

Ongoing Events

First Mondays—JPCC Board Meetings
7:30 p.m. Location and agenda at www.jacksonplace.org

Wednesdays—Stitch 'n Bitch Knitting
Jackson Street Books, 6–8 p.m., at Promenade 23, 206.324.7000, www.jacksonst-books.com

Thursdays—Bilingual Play and Learn Group (Spanish-English)
Douglass-Truth Branch Library, 11 a.m. 206.684.4704, www.spl.org

Saturdays—Free Community Yoga
Samarya Center, 11 a.m.–noon, 1806 E. Yesler Way.
www.samaryacenter.org

Second Thursdays—Open Mic
Cafe Vega, 7–9 p.m., 20th & Yesler.
206.322.0807, www.cafevega.net



Me and my friend Araluen playing at the park, by Theodore Schroeder, Age 4

Traffic Circle Clean Up Days!
Join your neighbors for traffic circle clean-up and planting.
Saturday, March 8 and April 5
10 a.m.
Meet up at 18th and Lane St.
Contact traffic@jacksonplace.org with questions.

SAVE THE DATE!
Next Quarterly Meeting
Monday, March 10, 7–9 p.m.
Jackson Place Cohousing, Dining Room, 800 Hiawatha Pl. S.
JPCC meetings are open to all. Please come...and bring a neighbor!

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