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From the President

Before I lived in Wedgwood, we rented a house in the Matthews Beach area with Thornton Creek running through the front yard. December 15, 2006 was the night of the famous Hanukkah storm, where high winds and rain swept through the area, downing trees and leaving many without power. In the aftermath of the storm, I joined in with others in the clean up, neighbors helping neighbors. A year later we moved up the hill and into the Wedgwood neighborhood. Then, in 2008 we had the great snowstorm around Christmas. The whole city shut down. Again neighbors came out to help clear sidewalks, dig out cars, and check on one another. Neighbors looking out for each other is a great characteristic of Wedgwood.

As community we have come together not only in response to storms, but also around projects like the recent Hunter Farm Gathering Place. We are a community that cares, so it makes sense that we take steps to being a hub for emergency preparedness. The WCC has joined forces with other NE Seattle communities and Sustainable NE Seattle to help our communities become more prepared for an

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Wedgwood's Emergency Gathering Place: Hunter Tree Farm

Wedgwood and surrounding communities now have an official place to gather in the event of an emergency: Hunter Tree Farm, located just north of the Wedgwood Post Office at 7744 35th Ave NE. In a neighborhood-wide emergency, you should first make sure that you, your family and your pets are safe. Secondly, check on your neighbors. Determine what needs you and your neighbors have, plus what resources you can offer. Then send someone to the emergency gathering place with a list of needs and resources.

Community leaders and volunteers will be going through a similar process. They will first make sure that their families are safe, then head to Hunter's to open the emergency hub there. The priority there will be to assess what the needs of the community are and determine how to address those needs.

There will be a test of this system on October 29th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. On that day, the City of Seattle is running a city-wide test of emergency response systems, including communications hubs. We will be given a scenario (very likely an earthquake), and we will be asked to assess our community for damage. Participants will be given a list of items to look for as they walk through their neighborhoods looking for "damage". The list will specify what you are looking for: A house with a

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The Wedgwood Community Council holds general meetings, announced in this newsletter, on our website (www.wedgwoodcc.org) and on sandwich boards along 35th. Trustees meet every month. All are welcome to both meetings, which are held at the Wedgwood Presbyterian Church located at 35th NE and NE 80th.

If you wish to be on the agenda or have guest speaker ideas, contact WCC President, Brian Turnbull. If you need transportation, call one of the trustees.

Contact information for trustees and other volunteers is listed on the back page.

For more on what the WCC does, meetings, events, membership (which includes a subscription to the *Echo*!) and advertising, visit: www.wedgwoodcc.org

Submit Wedgwood-worthy news or rants and raves to the editor, Katie Traverse, at wedgwoodechoeditor@gmail.com.



Who Dropped the Rock

It is a startling experience to come upon Wedgwood Rock for the first time. More than 19 feet high, the Rock looms up out of a parking strip on 28th Ave NE at the intersection of NE 72nd Street. How did the Rock get there? Certainly it was not put in place by Albert Balch, the developer who platted the surrounding streets and built the houses!

Research on Wedgwood Rock has been done by Dr. Terry W. Swanson, Department of Geological Sciences and Quaternary Research Center at the University of Washington. The term "quaternary" refers to the time period of the most recent Ice Age, when glacial ice extended down into Washington State as far south as Olympia and Spokane. This glacial movement is called the Cordilleran Ice Sheet, from a Spanish word meaning cord or string of parallel mountains. The geography of the Puget Sound region has a north-south orientation as though long fingers reached out and pressed down into the earth. The "dough" of the land oozed up between the glacial "fingers" to form mountain ranges, and the depressed areas became Puget Sound, lakes and lowlands.



As the Ice Sheet moved down from the north into the Puget Sound area, rocks, sediments and boulders were carried along by the glacier, then were left behind when the ice retreated. Testing done by Dr. Swanson has shown that the mineral composition of Wedgwood Rock matches a site on Mt. Erie, Fidalgo Island, near Anacortes in Skagit County. Wedgwood Rock is classified as a "glacial erratic," meaning that its composition does not match its present surroundings and that it was deposited by glacial action – not by Albert Balch!

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In Memoriam: Frank Brancato and Cheryl Overstreet

Frank Brancato, former WCC President

In the 1950s and '60s Wedgwood had an active Community Club which worked to help make the neighborhood a better place to live. As Wedgwood became more built up, there seemed to be less to "do," and the Community Club dwindled out of existence in 1971. In the 1980s Frank and Dorothy Brancato saw the need for involvement in development issues in Wedgwood. They became particularly concerned about the subdividing of lots to build "skinny houses" and the concurrent destruction of trees. They found no neighborhood advocacy organization, so they sought advice from the Lake City Neighborhood Service Center. The Brancatos visited the Maple Leaf Community Council and then began bringing together Wedgwood neighbors to form a similar group.

In 1986 Frank Brancato became the first president of the newly-formed Wedgwood Community Council. A retired microbiologist, Dr. Brancato brought the same precision in problem-solving and concern for human well-being that he had in his profession, to his new volunteer work. Dr. Brancato helped write bylaws for the community council and start committees to address Wedgwood concerns. Dorothy Brancato started the Wedgwood Community Council newsletter and was its editor for ten years. We are greatly indebted to the Brancatos for the solid foundation that they laid, which has served the community to the present day.

Dr. Brancato died at his Sequim retirement residence on September 14th, just a few days after his 96th birthday. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle.

Cheryl Overstreet—Former WCC Trustee and Leader of Neighborhood Projects

Word has been received of the death of Cheryl Overstreet, former Wedgwood Community Council trustee, at her home in Eugene, Oregon, in October 2010. Cheryl suffered a cardiac arrest at age 60. A thirty-year employee of Safeco, in 2004 Cheryl arranged to transfer from Seattle back to her home in Oregon so that she could care for her aging parents.

In 1994 the newly-reformed Wedgwood Community Council had been in operation only seven years when Cheryl brought her formidable organizing skills to a major project. She was the first from WCC to apply for a City Matching Grant from the Department of Neighborhoods. The Wedgwood Welcomes Its Neighbors (WINS) beautification program was three-pronged: create cedar welcome signs at 70th and 95th; hold a design contest for banners to be hung from city light poles along 35th Ave NE; and do improvements to the "gates of Wedgwood," the original stone posts on 35th Ave NE at NE 81st Street which was the entrance to Albert Balch's first section of Wedgwood housing.

Today Wedgwood still has a welcome sign at Jeff Johnson's Auto Repair at the corner of NE 95th Street. In 2007 the matching sign at NE 70th Street, in front of Northeast Cleaners, was stolen. A police report was filed and we trust that eventually the sign will be identified and returned to Wedgwood.

One of Cheryl Overstreet's legacies is a complete notebook of the WINS project with a copy of the original grant application, original artwork for the signs and banners, and receipts for all of the supplies. This notebook continues to be of help to today's WCC trustees in planning projects.

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Meet Your Wedgwood Neighbors: Gene Clyde

In the late 1950s, Gene Clyde could be found riding his bicycle around Wedgwood on one of his two paper routes, together with his beloved fox terrier, Mickey. On that paper route, Gene always stopped and spent a little more time at a home around the corner where a pretty girl named Linda lived with her family. Half a century later, the paper boy and the pretty girl are still living in Wedgwood and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. To put it mildly, Gene has been dealt more than his share of physical hardship in this life, and yet has maintained a joyfulness and fullness of life that demands the admiration of us all. Gene Clyde is a truly exceptional Wedgwood neighbor.

Eugene Clyde moved to Wedgwood in 1941 at the age of one with his family, into the same house he calls home today. At the age of four, Gene was diagnosed with polio, and over the next several years wore leg braces and missed two years of school at Bryant Elementary. In this first major physical challenge in his life, Gene's parents taught him to never give up, to not let his physical conditions limit what he did, and to have a positive outlook on life. And Gene learned these lessons well.

Despite his polio, Gene lived an active childhood in Wedgwood. He recalls playing in a creek that used to run behind the current Bank of America building, and passing the horses kept in the back of a house on his way to ice skate on the frozen "swamp", now the site of Café Javasti and other Wedgwood businesses. In 1952 Gene earned \$1.00 every month by delivering a monthly Wedgwood Community Club newsletter, and progressed to cover two daily paper routes in the neighborhood. Gene was always interested in boats, and his first boat, a 10 footer, was built for him by a neighbor. Gene kept delivering papers, and also earned money chopping wood, cutting grass and washing windows for his neighbors. Eventually he was able to purchase a 17 foot cabin cruiser, and spent many a weekend sailing to shady beach in Juanita, where he remembers the thrills of a 50 foot waterslide.

When the Clyde family first moved to Wedgwood, the area was outside of the Seattle city limits, which ended at 65th street, and therefore without fire protection. Gene's father, Doug Clyde, was among a small group of neighbors who came together to form Wedgwood fire district, and served as one of its commissioners. As described in the article on page 7 of this publication, however, the fire district became unnecessary after about one year, as the Seattle city limits extended to 85th Street.

Gene's educational path was not traditional, beginning when he missed so much school from his illness. After completing the 5th grade, he entered Pacific Pre-Vocational School, where he discovered a love for cooking. He pursued this field further and enrolled at Edison Tech—now Seattle Central Community College—where he trained as a baker and a chef. Meanwhile, Linda was a student at Roosevelt High School, and found herself in a budding romance with her former paper boy.

Gene had joined the Navy Reserves, and in 1958 was called into active duty. So Linda bid farewell to her sailor, who spent the following three years in the Navy. Gene was stationed aboard a destroyer, the USS Brinkley Bass, where he served as a baker. The ship took him to the eastern Pacific, and to countries such as Japan and the Philippines, and along the way Gene won the favor of every sailor aboard through his delectable Danish pastries. Gene also baked and decorated cakes for all sorts of naval celebrations during that time, and was forced to develop creative techniques while baking in rough seas.

In 1961 Gene left the Navy, and returned to Seattle where he married the love of his life, Linda. For the next 9 years, the couple lived in north Kirkland—their longest stretch living outside Wedgwood. While Linda pursued her studies and career as a dental assistant, Gene got a job at Andy's Diner as a cook. But shortly thereafter, due to the onset of food-handlers disease from overexposure to iodine, he switched to baking and ended up as the head baker for Van de Kamp's, where he made cakes and pastries. It was during this time that Gene lost three of his fingertips in a dough machine accident. Determined not to let the accident stand in his way, Gene returned to work after he healed, but it was to be short-lived. Gene suffered a T-12 spinal cord injury while performing heavy lifting at work, and ended up having to use a wheelchair most of the time. The



Gene, c. 1975, touches up the paint on a totem pole he carved.

spinal cord injury has caused Gene unimaginable pain, and in 1997 he finally had an internal drip pump inserted that delivers pain medication directly to the spinal cord.

After the spinal cord injury in 1971, the Clydes moved back to Wedgwood, where their families still lived. Again determined to live a full life despite his physical challenges, Gene continued to carve totem poles, a hobby he had developed over the last decade. Self-taught in the beginning, Gene soon gained the attention of several local tribes, and a Tlingit chief made him a special set of tools and tutored him in the craft. In addition to carving totems for tribal and non-tribal customers, Gene carved a large “beaver” totem pole (nicknamed “Fang” by the students) that sat in the entry of Wedgwood Elementary School from 1973 until it was replaced in 1997. Gene retired from carving totem poles in the mid-1970s after accidentally taking an axe to the leg and further injuring his back in a car accident. On the advice of his doctors, he found a hobby he could do while sitting down—building and restoring model ships, which he still does today.

Beginning in the 1980s, Gene suffered a series of physical misfortunes that ultimately led to the loss of both of his legs. The first leg was removed after he developed a bone infection from a piece of steel that had unknowingly been in his right leg for two years. The Clydes then moved back into Gene’s childhood home after his parents died, and while he was constructing a ramp around the house for his wheelchair, he stepped on a nail with his remaining foot. An infection developed which led to the loss of the foot and ultimately the leg. In total, Gene underwent eight amputations on his legs between 1981 and 1996.

As if all of this were not enough, Gene has also suffered from Chron’s disease, a stomach ulcer that led to the removal of most of his stomach, and has recently recovered from lung cancer. He has had 66 operations in 30 years. And yet he is still moving forward, still giving back. While he has been able to sell many of his model ships over the years, he also has donated countless models to the hospitals where he has been treated and the doctors who have taken care of him over the years. Gene’s ships have been on display at Children’s Hospital, Swedish Hospital, Northwest Hospital and Veteran’s Hospital. Gene still spends a large portion of his day in his workshop, researching, building, and restoring model ships.

Despite his physical limitations, Gene is one of the most generous and positive people I have met in a long time. And Linda has been by his side for 50 years, enduring the hardships and taking care of Gene every step of the way. These are your neighbors. They are an inspiration.

Katie Traverse



Gene and Linda Clyde, who celebrated 50 years together this month, in Gene’s model ship workshop.

The Real Estate Advisor: Good News: Interest Rates Will Remain Low; 3.5 % Down Payments and Jumbo Loans Are Available

This is a great time to be looking for a new home. Historically-low mortgage interest rates will remain low for the near future. Those low interest rates keep home purchases affordable, which is good news for buyers and sellers. With this summer's Federal-debt-ceiling crisis behind us, many people are starting to become more confident about buying or selling their homes.

Interest Rates: In early August, the Federal Reserve pledged to maintain historically-low interest rates for another one to two years. Most likely, when the Fed's pledge ends, interest rates will have to increase. However, we don't anticipate a significant increase in interest rates until 2013 or later.

Down Payments: Even though underwriting for home loans has tightened up over the past several years and buyers are now required to put down larger down payments and have higher credit scores, the Federal Housing Administration, or FHA, still offers mortgages with a 3.5 percent down payment.

Expiring High Mortgage Balance Loan Limits: As a result of the 2008 mortgage crisis, loan limits were increased to allow more borrowers to secure conforming loans. On the first of October 2011, these temporary limits expired, and more buyers in higher-priced markets will need jumbo loans that will carry tighter qualifying requirements (i.e. credit scores) and slightly higher interest rates.

Although many banks stopped or significantly tightened lending underwriting for jumbo-loan products when the housing crisis hit, they are now back in the market and filling the void created by the expiration of the higher loans balance. That's good news for buyers needing jumbo loans and sellers of higher-priced properties.

Conclusion: The days of reckless lending and then the market's pendulum swing to overly conservative lending practices are gone. The good news is that we are now back to sensible underwriting. Even though we have tougher qualifying requirements—larger down payments and higher credit scores—banks still want to provide mortgages, even at historically-low interest rates. Call your broker for more information when planning to buy, sell or refinance your home.

Paul Harvey McLaughlin 206-799-0409

Fall at the Northeast Branch Library

Fall is here so come to the Northeast Branch to find a great selection of books, movies and CDs to cozy up with!

The branch has two book groups for kids this year. Our Young Readers' Book Group is for kids ages 5-8 and will meet the first Wednesday of each month. Our Kids' Book Group is for ages 9-12 and will meet the second Tuesday of each month. So if your young reader wants to talk about books, you can pick up a schedule and the book selections at the Northeast Branch!

Come to the branch to celebrate National Gaming Day on Saturday, November 12 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with table games, video games and a library scavenger hunt! For ages 8-18 and there will also be snacks and refreshments!

This fall The Seattle Public Library will be hosting a series of Urban Self-Reliance workshops. The Northeast Branch will be hosting two workshops in October: "Canning and Preserving" on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m., and "Keeping Chickens in the City" on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. The branch will also be offering a series of computer classes, including Facebook on Thursday, October 27 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Word on Thursday, November 17, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and "Downloading Digital Books" on Tuesday, November 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please stop on by the branch to pick up a complete schedule of workshops and computer classes offered throughout The Seattle Public Library.

A History of Emergency Preparedness— Wedgwood's Do-It-Yourself Fire Department

In the 1940s Albert Balch started building houses from 80th to 85th Streets, 30th to 35th Avenues NE, and chose the name "Wedgwood" for the subdivision. Wedgwood residents quickly began to develop a sense of identity as a neighborhood, and their first act of community organizing was spurred by concern for fire safety. Since the Northeast Seattle city limits were at 65th Street, Wedgwood was outside the city in unincorporated King County and was without fire protection.

Wedgwood neighbors passed around a petition to form a fire district, and on November 11, 1943, King County Fire District #19 was formed with Doug Clyde, Jerry Parmenter, and Frank Provost as commissioners. Walt Adams, an insurance agent and Wedgwood resident, obtained a Model A truck with pump attached. Each participating family was assessed \$10 to pay for the truck and some equipment: extinguishers, axes, fire hats, coats, and boots. The fire truck was kept in Doug Clyde's garage at 3148 NE 82nd Street.

During the 1940s war years everyone had already been trained in civil defense and it seemed only natural to have fire drills as well. The Wedgwood fire truck was often entirely staffed by neighborhood women who performed practice runs to see how fast the volunteers could assemble, drive to the nearest hydrant and hook up. The excitement was short-lived, however, because as of April 19, 1945, the Wedgwood area up to NE 85th Street officially became part of the City of Seattle, and Wedgwood's Fire District #19 ceased to exist. The fire truck was relegated to Balch's lumber yard on 35th Ave NE (present site of Rite-Aid Pharmacy) and finally ended up in Walt Adam's used car lot at 95th & 35th. World War Two ended later that year, and Wedgwood neighbors turned their organizing efforts to such issues as the need for sidewalks, mail service, and relief from the noise and dust of Balch's frenzied post-war construction boom.

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Moving Around the Neighborhood

There are some houses in Wedgwood which have been preserved only by moving them out of the way of progress. The Van der wel family, Dutch immigrants, once lived in a solidly-built home on 35th Ave NE near the corner of 75th Street, about where the parking lot of Chase Bank is now. In 1955 the McGillivray family bought the property to build their Variety and Gift Store (now Chase Bank building). The McGillivrays wanted to expand the parking lot, so they moved the Van der wel house to its present location, 7308 – 38th Ave NE.

John and Freda Herkenrath were German immigrants who had lived on Seattle's Capitol Hill before moving out to Wedgwood. In 1926 they built a house at 7724 – 35th Ave NE, joining the growing community of Dutch and German immigrants. John Herkenrath had carpentry skills and helped with house construction in the neighborhood. One day in 1931, while he was cutting trees on the lot to the north of his house, a tree fell on John, killing him. Ironically, the lot where John Herkenrath was killed now "regrows" trees every year: it is the site of the Hunter Farm's Christmas tree sales. After the deaths of John and Freda their house went to John's brother and was lived in by his family. In 1961 the site was purchased for the Wedgwood Post Office. Herkenrath's house was moved and the address is now 8004 – 36th Ave NE.

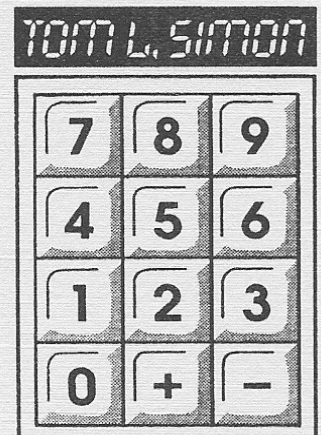
The "movingest" house in Wedgwood began in the 1920s as the home of attorney Leonard Y. DeVries. The house was on the west side of 30th Ave NE between 85th and 86th Streets. Later the house was moved to face north toward 86th Street, but in 1952 that entire block was taken for the construction of Wedgwood Elementary School. Mr. DeVries' house was moved a second time, and now rests calmly at 3000 NE 85th Street.

Even new homes have sometimes had to get out of the way of the march of progress in Wedgwood. In 1950 developer Albert Balch bought some of Mr. DeVries' property and began to build another section of Wedgwood houses. Two new houses, adjacent to Mr. DeVries' older house facing 86th Street, had already been built and occupied when the School District announced that they would be taking the property to become the site of the new Wedgwood School. The occupants of the new houses, the Stone and Robinson families, were each able to find another vacant lot and had their houses moved. The Stone family moved their house to 8304 – 28th Ave NE and the Robinsons to 8705 – 26th Ave NE.

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Wedgwood Gets Additional Funding for Pedestrian Safety

In the latest victory in pedestrian safety funding, Wedgwood is poised to receive \$95,000 from the Neighborhood Street Fund towards the design and engineering of a proposed sidewalk project. The project, dubbed "Complete the Street" would install sidewalks and other pedestrian safety improvements near Wedgwood Elementary School on NE 85th Street, 28th Avenue NE, and NE 83rd Street. Earlier this year, the Wedgwood Elementary PTA received a \$20,000 matching grant from the Department of Neighborhoods for the Wedgwood Elementary Children and Neighbors Safety Project (WE CAN) to make preliminary pedestrian safety improvements. In addition, we have just learned that the Seattle Department of Transportation will put an additional \$70,000 towards the project in 2012 through its Safe Routes to School program. Preliminary designs are being formulated, and we will be seeking community input in the near future, so stay tuned!



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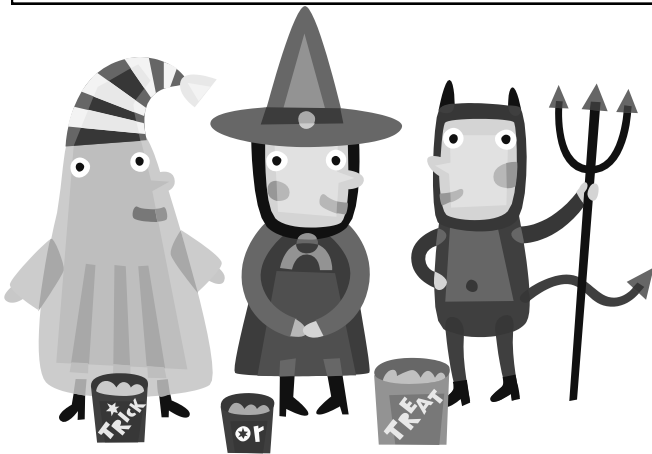
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emergency. On Saturday, October 29th there will be a training event at the Hunter Farm Gathering Place. This event is designed to be a hands-on learning experience for all ages. If an emergency does occur we all want to be prepared. This is an opportunity for you and your children to learn how to take care of yourselves and your neighbors in the event of an emergency. More information can be found in the article beginning on page 1, on the back page, and on our website at www.wedgwoodcc.org.

On a lighter and scary note, October 28th is the day for the Annual Wedgwood Business Trick or Treat. This is a time for folks of all ages to dress up in their Halloween costumes and walk up and down 35th Avenue NE, trick-or-treating at the local businesses. It is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors, see creative costumes, and get a lot of candy. Mark your calendars for October 28th and get your costumes ready.

Brian Turnbull, WCC President



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Emergency Preparedness Exercise

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white car in front might be considered to have an injured person inside. A jogger might be considered a looter. Findings will be returned to the Emergency Hub, and communicated by radio to Seattle's Emergency Operations Center.

We welcome participants, and you can sign up on our web site (www.wedgwoodcc.org) or just come to Hunter's that morning. This will be a fun event, and it will help us be prepared for the emergency that we all hope never happens.

One reminder that we will try to communicate each time we talk about emergencies: There is no community resource for food or water in a large emergency. We will not be handing out supplies at the Emergency Hub. Each of you and your neighbors need to take responsibility for having food, water and basic first aid at home. Some people recommend 3-day supply, many recommend 7. Plan ahead so you don't become a burden on your neighbors.

-Bill Dock

Hunter Farm Gathering Place Grand Opening Bash

On Saturday, September 17th, Tully's Coffee threw a party at the Hunter Farm Gathering Place to celebrate the wildly successful community project. Despite the windy weather, people turned out to enjoy coffee, reflect back on the project, and thank Tully's Coffee, the Pomegranate Center, and the Hunter Family for making this project happen.

In attendance at the meeting was Karen Yacos, the Director of Community Outreach for Green Mountain Coffee (parent company of Tully's Coffee), who flew out from Vermont to celebrate with us. Karen had some wonderful things to say about the project, the community, and their partnership with Pomegranate Center which made this project possible. Karen also announced an exciting opportunity for the community to learn how to use this new gathering place, which is the Event Grant. Tully's has committed three \$400 Event Grants (total of \$1,200) to groups who want to use the new gathering place for upcoming projects! She announced that one project, the upcoming Emergency HUB Drill on October 29th, had already been selected as a grant recipient.



Karen Yacos of Green Mountain Coffee, left, and Milenko Matanovich of the Pomegranate Center, listen as Per Johnson, WCC all-around wizard, addresses the crowd.

Milenko Matanovich, Executive Director of the Pomegranate Center, then spoke on the benefits of community projects like this where we work together to build something beautiful. Milenko was a constant creative force throughout the project (and 4 other projects at the same time!). To conclude the event, the Wedgwood Community Council was able to thank the Hunter Family, Tully's Coffee, and the Pomegranate Center for bringing such a fantastic space to gather to our NE Seattle community.

Modernism at NE 68th Street

The intersection of 35th Ave NE and NE 68th Street in “southern Wedgwood” is the site of design work by two of Seattle’s greatest architects of the modern era. The University Unitarian Church at 6556 – 35th Ave NE was designed in 1959 by Paul Hayden Kirk, winning him an award from the American Institute of Architects. The side of the building facing 35th Ave NE has a glass screen, letting light into the interior, with a towering exposed-wood supporting structure. The design emphasizes vertical straight lines and long, rectangular forms. “Rectilinear geometry” and the use of natural materials became the signature of Paul Hayden Kirk’s architectural style. In spirit he became joined to University Unitarian Church when he married a member of the congregation, and his memorial service was held there when he died in 1995.

The Northeast Branch Library at 6801 – 35th Ave NE was designed in 1954 by Paul Thiry (with a 2004 addition by a different architect.) Thiry is known as “the father of Northwest Modernism” because he was the first to do a consistent series of modern buildings in Seattle. Thiry’s designs used abstract composition of volumes and horizontal flow. Sometimes buildings were cantilevered so that they appeared to float. Thiry’s intention was to engage a building with its landscape to make the building appear as an organic element of the scene.

Other well-known buildings by Paul Thiry in Seattle are the Museum of History & Industry at Montlake, and Christ the King Church at 117th and Dayton. Thiry was the principal architect for the Century 21 Exposition/ the Seattle World’s Fair of 1962, designing the Pacific Science Center and the Coliseum (now KeyArena).

Thiry, a devout Catholic, also designed the first Our Lady of the Lake Church (1940-1960) at 8900 – 35th Ave NE in Wedgwood. When Archbishop Thomas A. Connolly asked Thiry to design an office modification near St. James Cathedral, Thiry declined, saying that it would destroy the character of the original building. He criticized the purpose of the Archbishop’s office expansion because Thiry did not believe in the addition of “social programs” to the church’s mission. After that incident, Thiry was not asked to do any more work on Catholic buildings. In 1960 the first Our Lady of the Lake Church was torn down to build a larger one, designed by a different architect.

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