



SUMMER 2019

THE MAPLE LEAF

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 24TH ANNUAL MAPLE LEAF SUMMER SOCIAL

July 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Maple Leaf Park Family Terrace

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled evening with your neighbors. The Summer Social is always a fun, enjoyable event and this year will be no exception. It's a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors – the ones you know and ones you have yet to meet! We'll also have tables from over 40 local businesses, schools, organizations, and Seattle city departments who serve the needs of our neighborhood. Come by to meet the people behind these names and learn more about their resources, services, and goods!



The Summer Social is packed with fun and live music.

There will be ice cream bars, generously provided by Maple Leaf ACE (thanks Mike and Kathy!). The kids can enjoy musical entertainment from Brian Vogel & his Good Buddies who were a hit last year! We are planning to have a face painter, magician, and a balloon animal maker. And if we're lucky, the fire department and the Seattle Mounted Police will stop by again!

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NORTH HELPLINE DRIVE AT THE SOCIAL

North Helpline has served greater north Seattle since 1989 with Emergency Services and Food Bank programs. They serve an average of 1,600 individuals each week and of the people served, 26% are seniors 55 and older, and 25% are youth 18 and younger. Unfortunately, the Helpline struggles most during the Summer months to maintain supplies.

Please consider bringing an item or two to the Summer Social. North Helpline's table and donation barrel will be near the south entrance to the Park, off 83rd. This year, North Helpline is looking for hygiene items including: diapers (4,5,6, Pull-ups), Sanitary Pads (larger sizes), toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razors, and deodorant.

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SUMMER SOCIAL

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The Summer Social is organized by the Maple Leaf Community Council, and we'll be at the center table in our bright green shirts. Come find us to say hello! Let us know if you're interested in signing up for a membership, donating to the organization, learning more about quarterly community meetings, or want to help with any of our community-wide endeavors.

We can't thank our Summer Social business sponsors enough – their contributions help make this summer social possible! We'd like to give a warm shout-out to:

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We look forward to seeing you!

PRO TIP: Use the bathroom before arriving at the social. Since the park bathrooms burned down, the only bathroom options at the social will be Honey Buckets (portable toilets).

GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN FOR AN EMERGENCY HUB IN BOX IN MAPLE LEAF

BY BRIANA EDWARDS, MLCC Board Member

Every home should have an emergency kit ready to go in case of, well, an emergency. Just like our households need to be ready, our communities need to be prepared for emergency events as well. What will our Maple Leaf neighborhood community do when the roads are shut down? Or when many trees have fallen and blocked passages, destroyed homes, or trapped our neighbors? Or when there's no power or water? Can Maple Leaf come together to support each other in a time of crisis?

The answer to that is "YES"! We believe that tight-knit neighborhoods like ours will weather storms and other disasters, and one of the ways we will do this is through established Emergency Hubs. Our Maple Leaf neighborhood already has a designated Emergency Hub location at Maple Leaf Reservoir Park. To better serve the neighborhood, we are working to get a second official designated Hub at the Maple Leaf Community Garden on 5th Ave and 103rd



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Street. An Emergency Hub is a predetermined central location where neighbors and community members can gather after a major disaster to exchange information and resources among themselves without relying on assistance from City services. Emergency Hubs facilitate a "neighbors helping neighbors" approach to weathering a crisis in our community.

But these Emergency Hub locations are strong when they also contain an "emergency kit" – a secured box of supplies called an Emergency Hub In A Box. Our Maple Leaf neighborhood currently does not own one of these, and our Community Council is looking to change that.

The Hub in a Box will not contain actual emergency supplies; rather it will contain supplies that help with information sharing and communication and facilitate people getting connected with things they need. For instance, the neighbor with no water can get connected to another

neighbor who has a full rain barrel. The neighbor whose family member is trapped behind a tree can be connected to another neighbor who has a gas-powered chainsaw. The neighbor who has a family member injured is connected to the neighbor who is a nurse or doctor. In the event of a major disaster, it is estimated that it will likely take over a week to 2 weeks before emergency responders would arrive to the Maple Leaf area. The goal of having this box is to help us help ourselves instead of waiting for the first responders to arrive.

Many neighborhoods around Seattle are starting to get their Hub in a Box in place. But they are quite expensive. Each box (we're hoping for 2!) will cost around \$700 just for the steel box, and around another \$700 to fill it with a suite of supplies that the Seattle Emergency Communication Hubs program suggests we fill it with: canopy, tables, chairs, megaphone, batteries, white board and markers, lanterns, tarps, hard hats, duct tape, clip boards, whistles, ham radios, crank radios ... you get the picture). The more money we can raise, the more complete our box will be and the more likely we can purchase and fill 2 boxes.

GO FUND ME FUNDRAISER

To raise money, the Maple Leaf Community Council has started it's very first Go Fund Me campaign! The link to the campaign is: <https://www.gofundme.com/fundraiser-for-a-maple-leaf-emergency-hub>

VALUE OF HEALTHY TREES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

BY SARAH SCHACHT, MLCC Board Member

Mature trees, like the ones in the Maple Leaf neighborhood, add significant value to residents and to our community. Not only do mature, healthy trees improve our quality of life, but they can also increase property and home values, reduce energy costs associated with heating and cooling homes, and stimulate economic development by attracting new business and tourism. According to the USDA, a healthy tree is equivalent to ten air conditioners operating 20 hours a day! And in neighboring Portland, Oregon, researchers found that street trees increased home values by an average of \$7,020 for each house while increasing home values of neighbors within a 100 foot radius (Donovan & Butry, 2010).

Unfortunately, with droughts like the ones we're experiencing in Washington, it's important to care for our trees. Whereas we probably didn't have to water our trees before, we may now, especially during the hot, dry season. Consider buying a soaker hose and slowly watering the root zone of your tree (not the trunk) 1 to 2 times per month. For more information on caring for our neighborhood trees, visit www.seattle.gov/trees. Together, let's ensure that our Maple Leaf urban forest remains healthy and growing.

For a longer version of this article and a list of resources on maintaining, planting, and neighborhood tree facts, go to this link <http://bit.ly/MLCCtrees>.

THE MAPLE

LUNCH
Noon - 4pm M-F
2:30 - 4 Sat & Sun

BRUNCH
10:30 - 2pm
Sat & Sun

DINNER
4 - close daily

HAPPY HOUR
4 - 6pm daily
All Day Monday

DID YOU KNOW?

- Maple Leaf is home to Reckless Video, one of the last two video rental stores in Seattle.
- The area that is now Maple Leaf first appeared on maps in 1894 as the Maple Leaf Addition to the Green Lake Tract.
- There are a little over 7000 households in Maple Leaf, of which slightly over half are classified as single family housing. The other half are condominiums, apartments, townhouses, and multi-plexes.

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO SERVE YOU

BY **BRYAN HELFER**, *MLCC Co-President*

My name is Bryan Helfer and along with Sara Ayoubi - we are the new Co-Presidents of the MLCC. We are excited for the opportunity and grateful to serve the Maple Leaf community.

I often get asked "how did you get involved with the MLCC?" My answer is simple - I showed up at a meeting and was asked if I was willing to help. It was honestly as simple as that. Back in 2017, the meetings were held upstairs at the Watershed Pub. The MLCC Executive Board was down to just four (4) people. Before that meeting, I had taken for granted the 'community' part of Maple Leaf. The Summer Social - that just happened on its own, right? Same with the Halloween Parade and Easter Egg Hunt - those were really fun to take my kids to, and back then my biggest concern was whether it was rainy or sunny during those events. But sitting at that meeting, I realized how much thought and effort went into making all of it happen, how meaningful those community events are particularly at a time when staying at home and streaming a video or looking at the internet is so easy. I also recognized that the 'community' part of our neighborhood would disappear if people don't show up and say yes to helping out. So I want to thank Jason Beardriel, Donna Hartman-Miller, Kile Imus, Eric

Ramsing, and everyone else who has supported the MLCC in so many different ways.

I am also grateful to be a member of the MLCC and to have learned so much from my time serving the community. I have learned from Sound Transit about the new light rail stations that are coming in 2021; I have learned from King County Metro about changes to our bus routes; I have learned from the City of Seattle about the HALA program and land use changes in our neighborhood; I have learned about the work done by our Seattle Parks, Fire and Police Departments; I have learned about the schools in our neighborhoods; I have learned about the renovations to the Lake City Library; I have learned about emergency preparedness, the Northgate Mall redevelopment, local projects, other initiatives and so much more (also, lots of talk about sidewalks). Most importantly, I have met so many inspiring neighbors who are willing to show up and say 'yes' to helping out their community.

I look forward to meeting you at our Summer Social on July 17th. And please let us know if you'd like to show up and say yes to helping out your community - we will have a table in the middle of the Summer Social and you can find MLCC board members wearing bright lime green shirts. We can always use your help!

SUPPORT THE MAPLE LEAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S efforts to keep Maple Leaf a great place to live, work and play by becoming a member today! The MLCC relies on membership fees and business sponsors to pursue activities and projects including the Summer Social, General Meetings, this newsletter, the Halloween parade, community projects, and other operating expenses. Members will receive emails to stay up-to-date on our efforts and upcoming events. You can join online at <https://www.mapleleafcommunity.org>. You can also join by filling out and mailing in the form on the back of this newsletter. Thanks!



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TURN YOUR YARD INTO A CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

BY RONIQ BARTANEN, *Community Member*

Imagine waking up to bird songs and seeing butterflies in your yard. Sounds wonderful, right? By creating a Certified Wildlife Habitat in your yard, you increase the value of your home, create a tranquil and beautiful space, and provide crucial habitat for urban animals. Turning a home, condo, or apartment back yard; a school yard; or even a small balcony container garden into a certified wildlife habitat provides much-needed space for our local wildlife to live in or stop at during migration. Pollinators like birds, bees, and butterflies are struggling to find these habitats, which are rapidly disappearing with our ever-growing cities. Plus, growing native plants require less pesticides and less water use, since they are more drought tolerant than non-native plants.

Getting your yard or outdoor space certified is easy and can be done through the National Wildlife Federation's website: <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify>

All you need to start are the following:

- Three types of Food: Seeds from a plant, Berries, Nuts, Fruit, Sap, Bird Feeders, etc.
- One source of Water: Lake, Birdbath, Pond, Ocean, Rain Garden, etc.
- Two sources of Cover: Evergreen, Dense Shrub or Thicket, Wooded Area, Garden or Pond, etc.
- Two Places to Raise Young: Nesting Box, Host Plants for Caterpillars, Dead Snags, Mature Trees, etc.
- Two Sustainable Practices: No Chemical Pesticides or Fertilizers, Reduce Lawn Area, Plant Native Plants, Remove Invasive Species

After removing invasive plant species from the yard, you will find that you have more room available to plant a more diverse native garden, which provides eliminates the need to use pesticides. Native plants also support native bug species which are crucial for our local wildlife's survival. In turn, all these native bugs serve as natural "bird food" for the birds. This food is especially crucial in Spring when many birds are looking for a protein source to feed their young.

Having recently turned my own condominium's back yard into a Certified Wildlife Habitat, I have already seen many benefits: I see more species of birds coming to the yard, as well as never-before-seen bee and butterfly species, which frequent the native plants. Our new Certified Wildlife Habitat is a beautiful space in our shared yard and can now be enjoyed by the people who live in the building, many of whom had not spent time in the back yard before.

To find out more and how to certify your yard visit: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>. I am also happy to consult with any Maple Leaf residents on native plants or as a "Birdscape Advisor".

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Netflix is NOT a neighborhood. Maple Leaf is. That's why we are saying thanks for keeping it local.

2019 New Terms: All rentals are \$3 or less. All 3-day rentals are now 7-days.

(Did you know it's okay to park in the Ace parking stalls? Just don't block a door.)

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Interested in writing for the Maple Leaf Community Newsletter? We encourage contributions from our neighbors because we believe in the value of sharing stories and insights from one another. Whether you have an interesting story to tell about our neighborhood, a cause that you believe in and want others to be involved, or you have insights you want to share, reach out to us at board@mapleleafcommunity.org. Thank you.

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

It takes over 90 people to sort and deliver this newsletter to almost 4000 homes in our neighborhood. But the coolest part? The deliverers are volunteers from our neighborhood! We owe them a huge THANK YOU for getting this newsletter out! We have been adding more routes in order to more fully deliver to our neighbors and we are still in need of 13 more route deliverers. If you (or a teen you know!) are interested in delivering the newsletter along a route (typically around 40 homes), contact MLCC and we'll set you up with a delivery route (fill out the form below). Thanks!

Membership

Becoming a member of the Maple Leaf Community Council supports efforts to keep Maple Leaf a great place to live, work and play.

Support from you enables us to organize community events like the Summer Social, put on quarterly general meetings, produce this newsletter, and have funds to put towards matching grants. We appreciate your support!



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- ☐ Transportation and Land Use
- ☐ Public Safety and Crime
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Communications, Website, Social Media
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Events (e.g. Summer Social)
- ☐ Emergency Preparation and Response
- ☐ Livability
- ☐ Executive Board
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DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS

BY GLENN PITTENGER, MLCC
Board Member

Have you received the city's Democracy Voucher packet in the mail, and wondered what they are and what to do with them? These vouchers are a way you can donate money to candidates in city elections without spending any of your own money -- the voucher program is already funded as part of our property taxes!

All registered voters and eligible Seattle residents who apply receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers by mail. The voucher packet is automatically sent to all registered voters in Seattle, but if you are a city resident 18 over older and not registered, you may also request a voucher packet from the city at the following website: <http://www.seattle.gov/democracymv/i-am-a-seattle-resident/apply-now>. If you think you already recycled your voucher packet, you can get new vouchers at: <http://www.seattle.gov/democracymv/i-am-a-seattle-resident/voucher-replacement>

On November 5, 2019, the City of Seattle will be holding an election for 7 of our 9 city council seats this year. One goal of the Democracy Voucher program is to enable more people to run for office; not just people who are well-funded. You can donate your vouchers to any candidate who is participating in the voucher program.

You can give your Democracy Vouchers to any participating candidate in the city, even if you do not live in that candidate's council district. In addition, you can distribute your four vouchers any way you like, giving them all to one candidate or distributing them to up to four candidates of your choosing. Your vouchers can be mailed directly to a candidate's campaign or to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC) or you can manage your vouchers online at <https://seattledemovoucher.microsoftcrmpartals.com/>. You can see the list of city council candidates that are participating in the voucher program by going to <https://www.seattle.gov/democracymv/i-am-a-seattle-resident/2019-participating-candidates>

As a reminder, if you live in Maple Leaf north of 85th Ave NE, then you are in District 5, and if you live in Maple Leaf south of 85th, then you live in District 4. If you have any other questions about the voucher program, the city has more information at <https://www.seattle.gov/democracymv>. Everyone should take advantage of this innovative first-in-the-nation program!