



## MISSION STATEMENT

### of the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association

Our mission is to build community by providing a forum for sharing information, connecting neighbors, promoting activities, and fostering civic involvement in our diverse community.

## OUR VISION AND VALUES

**We are a volunteer association** striving to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Membership is open to everyone residing or working in the Echo Lake Neighborhood.

**We are responsive** to our community's needs through the relationships we build with our ELNA neighbors, neighborhood businesses, community organizations, and the City of Shoreline.

**We provide informative speakers** at our monthly meetings. By maintaining a website, email list, Facebook page and publishing a monthly newsletter, we operate as a conduit to keep our neighbors informed about city operations, community organizations and events, and potential developments and changes in the neighborhood.

**We promote activities** within our neighborhood, such as the beautification project at Echo Lake Park and an annual family picnic.

**We offer an opportunity** for neighbors to bring forth their concerns and problems, providing direction and connecting them to resources for further investigation of their issues.



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The Echo Lake Neighborhood Association is an all-volunteer organization run by an elected Board and Committee Chairs. Membership is free and open to those who live or work in the area bounded by Aurora, 205<sup>th</sup>, I-5, and 185<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, except July, August and December, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N. Meetings are open to all.

## ELNA BOARD

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## COMMITTEE & PROJECT CHAIRS

Communications:	Diane Hettrick
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Membership:	Bob Whiteley
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Annual Picnic:	Jeanne Monger
Welcome Committee:	Ellen Wood/Barbara Guthrie

## **EVENTS ~ ACTIVITIES ~ ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **LEADERSHIP**

ELNA held its first meeting in December 1995 under the leadership of Dwight Stevens. It continues under a collaborative, elected board and project chairs. New leaders and projects are welcome.

### **COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

ELNA is an active participant in the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods.

### **MEETING TOPICS**

Speakers have included City of Shoreline staff; political leaders; utility managers; historical museum; environmental experts; YMCA; developers; social service agencies; and local public school principals.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME SIGNS**

With funding from a City of Shoreline mini-grant, ELNA designed and the City installed "Welcome to Echo Lake" signs at key points in our neighborhood.

### **WEEDING PARTIES & PICNIC**

On the 3rd Tuesday of July, ELNA holds an annual work party, usually at Echo Lake Park, followed by a free picnic dinner. Earth Day and weeding projects have been held at Echo Lake Elementary, Echo Lake & Shoreline Parks, Densmore Pathway & 195<sup>th</sup> Trail.

### **FOOD DRIVE**

ELNA collects non-perishable food at our annual July picnic and donates it to the Hopelink food bank.

### **BOOK SALE**

ELNA participates in the annual Council of Neighborhoods Book Sale fundraiser in the summer.

### **PICNIC TABLES & PARK BENCHES**

ELNA obtained mini-grant funds for picnic tables and park benches for Shoreline and Echo Lake Parks.

### **DENSMORE PATHWAY PROJECT**

A group of neighbors came together and, with the help of a mini-grant, transformed an uneven, narrow dirt path into a beautifully landscaped, graveled, level pathway that can be used as a gathering place. Their efforts resulted in a national Neighborhoods USA award. A bench & markers have been added.



### **WEBSITE & FACEBOOK**

ELNA maintains a website and Facebook page for communication with neighbors.

### **185TH STATION CITIZENS COMMITTEE (185SCC)**

ELNA partnered with Meridian Park & North City to form a pro-active and informational committee for the coming Light Rail station area at I-5 and 185<sup>th</sup> St.

### **ART IN THE PARK**

ELNA worked with the City and the Parks Department to fund an art installation in Echo Lake Park.

### **MURAL**

In 1998, at the invitation of Holyrood Cemetery and a local artist, we created a mural at NE 205th and 1st NE. With the help of a neighborhood mini-grant and 1% for Public Art funding, the mural was replaced in July of 2013 with a beautiful landscape of Echo Lake, "Echo in Time."

### **ECHO LAKE WATER QUALITY**

For ten years, ELNA volunteers took regular water samples from the lake for King County to test. When King County began to charge for testing, ELNA successfully lobbied the City of Shoreline to take over the sampling and pay for the regular testing. The many construction projects in the neighborhood have helped to improve the water quality, as filtration of street run-off water is a requirement.

### **ECHO LAKE PARK**

ELNA neighbors worked with the City of Shoreline on park improvements at Echo Lake, including the addition of a playground.

### **TREE PRESERVATION**

ELNA neighbors worked with the City to preserve trees at Shoreline Park when additional parking spaces were created to relieve congestion around Shoreline Pool.

### **WILDLIFE HABITAT**

ELNA encourages neighbors and businesses to become certified as official wildlife habitats. Echo Lake Park is a certified wildlife habitat.

### **CITY OF SHORELINE**

ELNA works closely with the City to keep the neighborhood informed. City staff members are invited to speak at ELNA meetings, and ELNA members attend City informational meetings. The Board works with the Office of Neighborhoods in support of ELNA activities. In 2011, ELNA was a test area for a new, cost-effective street overlay program. We also maintain a relationship with the Shoreline City Council.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

ELNA has worked with City traffic engineers to identify and solve problems on neighborhood streets.

### **SHORELINE WATCH**

ELNA promotes Shoreline Watch groups (formerly block watches) to gather neighbors for block parties on National Night Out Against Crime in August.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

ELNA encourages participation in Shoreline's Ready Neighborhood program for emergency preparedness.

### **-PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

ELNA maintains a good relationship with the Shoreline Planning Department and the Shoreline Planning Commission. ELNA is notified of public meetings regarding development, and Board members attend such meetings on behalf of the neighborhood.

### **UTILITIES**

ELNA has worked with Seattle City Light and Ronald Wastewater District on projects within our neighborhood and resolutions for utility problems.

### **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY**

ELNA works to establish relationships with local businesses and community organizations. These groups have provided support for our annual Work Party and Picnic in the Park in July.

### **ECHO LAKE ELEMENTARY**

ELNA supports Echo Lake Elementary by collecting ink cartridges & Box Tops for Education. ELNA has participated in the Weed and Feed events to beautify the school grounds and the Power of One program.