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We can see the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, friends. Please practice safety. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. And spend time only with the people who are in your household. For now, our meetings will continue to be online. We look forward to when we can be together, in-person again.



The GCC is an independent, non-profit organization comprised of residents, property owners, and businesses of Georgetown.

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Georgetown LOVE Edition...

Big Valentine in Little Georgetown

An Ode to the Neighborhood by: KB



Considering the neighborhoods Seattle has to offer, ours is a contender if not already deemed the greatest. Unlike in Leschi, Queen Anne, Eastlake, Capitol Hill and the rest, residents and merchants here make intentional eye contact, trade hellos and even remember names. We have neighbors who share ripe honeysuckle blossoms, black and grey cats guarding historic and haunted houses, and a trailer park mall with a charming shotgun wedding shipping container venue. Our postal workers and bartenders have manners and grit, a friendly backbone that we don't always detect in the cascading influx of transplants. The Oxbow P-Patch and climbing summer roses that grow in every other yard are complimentary to the black leather jackets and boots seen walking out of All City Coffee and the pool hall. Having your very own tangible *Gazette*, written by you and your neighbors, is a mark of fondness for where we live.

With the Playfield on Homer Street and The Duwamish River keeping us in bounds, there is just as much life in the alleys between named streets. There, you'll notice your day lift when you're invited into a conversation about anything other than COVID and the weather, or when local Pomeranian, Sparkle, wildly gallops across your path. And we are lucky. Lovely community moments and conversations like these are memorialized in the annual Georgetown Super 8 Film Festival.

As the air thickens with St. Valentine commercialism, romanticize the ideal neighborhood, and tally all the marks that Georgetown and it's residents check on that list. According to some, it may not be perfect, but GT is the last best neighborhood.

Georgetown Needs YOU!

Yes...you! The one who cares enough to read *The Gazette*. The one who posts on Facebook, Next Door, the Buy Nothing Group. The one who watches out for your neighbor's house, keeps an eye out for a missing pet, donates to the Tiny House Village, hosts a tiny library.

Here's why we need and want you: You CARE! The vibe we have in GT didn't happen by accident. It's the result of decades of time, talents, and energy of amazing volunteers. Folx who have built community on and with purpose—creation of Oxbow "Hat n Boots" Park, the Garden Walk, Night Out, the GT Carnival, open space committee, *Gazette* contributors and distributors, Friends of GT History (FoGHi), connecting to the River, neighborhood clean-ups, and more!

It's also a result of those who have worked on not-as-fun projects to make sure GT can continue to thrive. Rallying around, and sometimes against, policies that affect quality of life for us—industrial land policies, King County airport's plans, zoning issues, West Seattle bridge closure, South Park bridge closure (2009-2014), Duwamish River restoration, clean air policies, Zero Waste strategy, the list goes on.

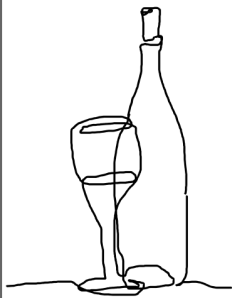
Here's how we need you: If you love living here, can find a few hours a month, and want to see GT's neighborly-love vibe continue, **please consider serving as a board member of the Georgetown Community Council.** No campaigning. Just raise your hand and say "YES". Do so at our next GCC meeting or send an email: directors@georgetownneighborhood.com It takes a village and many hands make light work.



GCC Meeting: Monday, February 22 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom - georgetowncommunitycouncil.com

Wining about Georgetown

An occasional column about tasting rooms, wineries and purveyors of wine in Georgetown, by local enologists.



Inspired by Valentine's Day, this month we highlight **Cloudlift Cellars**, located in Northwest Georgetown at 312 S. Lucile St.

And why inspired by Valentine's Day? I have a crush on Cloudlift! It's one of the first and best Georgetown wine gems, in the heart of Industrial Georgetown, and generates some of the finest Washington wine. So say the experts, who have awarded owner/winemaker Tom Stangeland multiple accolades over the years, including Gold medals from competitions; and his wines have ranked multiple nineties-plus bottle scores from Wine Enthusiast. With a modest tasting room that focuses on the wine without an ambiance for lingering, serious tasters make the pilgrimage to Northwest Georgetown to experience Tom's exceptional wines, without distractions like appetizers, seating or non-wine merch. Here, it's all about the wine, and the stories that go with the wine. Tom will tell you about the grapes, the process, and the inspiration behind every one of his wines that are made with love and skill. As a person, Tom is as complex and wonderful as his wines; when not crafting delicious vintages, he is an expert artisan and carpenter, maker of exquisite fine wood furniture in the same working area as where grapes ferment into gorgeous artworks of the vine. These days, Tom is hosting fewer of his in-person events such as an annual chocolate & wine pairing event, but the wine is always available online and in-person, should you choose to stop by on the weekend – verify hours at <https://cloudlift.net>.

So what do you do when you've visited the dozen-plus wineries, tasting rooms and distributors in the Georgetown neighborhood, and have acquired a bottle or three? You need a place to store all that wine!

A corner in the kitchen, or musty basement might not be the best or safest solution. Fortunately, **Phenol55** has got you covered – literally. Phenol55 is a wine storage and management service that offers optimal storage conditions, wine accessibility and convenience. Used by the pros in the business, this wine storage service is also open to the general public, and no amount is too big or too small for them to take care of for you. Phenol55 was founded by Chris Abbott in 2012, and in 2020, Raven Morgan took the helm as its new owner. The same reliable, quality-and-convenience oriented service prevails under Raven's leadership, with features such as app-based cellar management, delivery services, partnerships with wine distributors such as Garasiste, Full Pull and others – and of course safe, earthquake-proof, element-proof storage. Find them online at www.phenol55.com or in the old Rainier Brewery building at 5840 Airport Way S, suite 113, Tues – Sat, and also take advantage of their mailing list to stay informed on events and education about wine.

Please take a moment to check-in with a neighbor.

Lots of our neighbors are not on social media, the internet or even cell phones. They may need help signing up to get a COVID vaccine. If you're able, please reach out to them. You may be the help they need to stay safe.

Welcome Back, Old Friends

Two Neighborhood Favorites Rise Again

By Amy Kate Horn

Perhaps Seattle's oldest bar, **Jules Maes** (5919 Airport Way) was opened in 1888, closed in July of 2020, and then resurrected last month under new ownership. Raché Hemmelgarn couldn't stand to see her favorite bar closed, so she's reopened it and is currently operating at 25% capacity, plus offering take-out, per the current COVID restrictions. There's a lot of room inside, and by limiting which seats are available, the bar can operate while allowing for social distancing. The comfort-food menu includes poutine, pizzas, steak salad, burgers, and a spicy chicken and waffle sandwich. And yes, it's still definitely a good place to drink: You'll find hand-crafted cocktails and 9 beer taps. Jules Maes is currently open Tuesdays through Sundays but plans to add Mondays as soon as they are fully staffed. Post-pandemic, Hemmelgarn plans to host music and events, and a big projection screen is available for sports and movie nights.

A bit further north, the vegan punk gem **Georgetown Liquor Company** (5501 Airport Way S) has similarly been reopened this winter by a long-time fan and patron. Alan Threewit, a former owner of Highline Bar on Capitol Hill, has revamped the food and drinks menu but kept it all one-hundred-percent animal-free. The vegan kitchen offers homemade faux cheese and meats in dishes like French dip, BLTs, Caesar salad, and burgers. GLC is open noon until 8 pm every day for takeout including beer and cocktails; order on the website. Don't miss the Rye'den with Biden rye IPA or the Nazi Punks F*@k Off pilsner from Primitive Brewing.

The COVID pandemic plus constantly rising rents have made it especially difficult for independently owned restaurants to stay afloat. Please support our local spots by ordering food and beverages directly from the business (by phone or online), rather than from third-party delivery services, and tip generously on

This just in...Flip Flip ,Ding Ding! located at 6012 12th Ave S, a few doors down from All-City Coffee, is **open for pinball again!** Limit 12 customers inside at once. Wear warm clothing as fresh air will be flowing. Games have been spaced out. Drinking at tables or outside only—2 outdoor tents, tables, and a patio heater. Distancing and mask-wearing enforced. So swing by and, safely, get your pinball on!

Music Happenings

KEXP's Live Music Heals • Thursday, February 18

"Join KEXP on Thursday, February 18th for Live Music Heals. At a time when beloved music venues are shuttered, and artists and others who make their living from live music are struggling, it's more important than ever to talk about why live music matters.

Share your stories about what live music has meant to you by leaving us a voice message at 1-833-303-KEXP or by emailing stories@kexp.org. Then tune in on Thursday, February 18th to revel in all of our cherished memories of live music, hear from music venue owners and artists, and much more" (www.kexp.org/musicheals/). Listen online at KEXP.org, via the KEXP app, or at 90.3 FM on the radio.

Update on the Flume Property (future home of GT dog park and connector to South Park)

The “Flume” – called such because it was once a part of the system that carried water from the Duwamish River to the still-standing, Georgetown Steamplant off of Elizabeth St - is slated to be an open green space for the neighborhood.

Late last year, RVs were moved from the street end on 8th Ave S to the “Flume” property located across from the Tiny House Village on S. Myrtle St. This move caught many neighbors by surprise – especially those who for the past several years have dedicated their time to planning for the property to be a dog park and gathering space for community.

According to a letter sent from the City of Seattle Human Services Department, since December 2020, “the Human Services Department’s Homelessness Outreach and Provider Ecosystem (HOPE) Team, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Seattle City Light (SCL), Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR), and Department of Neighborhoods (DON) have been coordinating efforts to work towards finding ways to help those currently living at the Flume. The HOPE Team, in partnership with SPU and contracted outreach providers, have engaged individuals experiencing homelessness at the Flume through outreach including offers of services and shelter, the collection of trash through SPU’s Purple Bag program, and SPU’s vehicle wastewater pump-out service.”

Construction was scheduled to take place at the Flume from January 28 – February 12. The City and other agencies actively worked to support the relocation of vehicles for the construction work to move forward.

The GT open space committee is leading the efforts to build community, open space at the Flume property. If you’d like to learn more, please reach out to them at georgetown-open-space@googlegroups.com

You are not alone.

It’s hard right now.

If you are having thoughts of suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or go to [SpeakingOfSuicide.com/resources](https://www.speakingofsuicide.com/resources).

Parents seeking emotional support can contact the National Parent Helpline at 855-427-2736.

If you are a recent mother looking for support, there are free online support groups offered by Postpartum Support International, with specific programs for Black moms, NICU parents, Spanish-speaking moms, queer parents and more.

King County Airport Update

On January 28, a coalition of airport communities and environmental justice organizations hosted a community-led discussion on the King County International Airport’s master plan update. At the meeting, the coalition, led by former 11th Legislative District (LD) State Rep Velma Veloria, shared its concerns and its list of community actions/agreements. The goal is to make sure that updates to the airport’s master plan do not have adverse affects on the health or the environment of the surrounding airport communities of Beacon Hill, Georgetown, South Park, Tukwila and center the concerns of these communities—particularly BIPOC voices.

In addition to King County staff, and community members, meeting attendees included: King County Councilmembers Girmay Zahilay (District 2) and Joe McDermott (District 8), 11th LD State Senator Bob Hasegawa, several Tukwila City councilmembers, and a councilmember from the City of Burien.

The coalition plans to continue to meet with airport staff and elected-officials to address its concerns. The January 28 meeting was recorded. If you’re interested in learning more about this issue and/or getting involved, please reach out to Holly (your neighbor on Ellis) at holly.krejci@gmail.com

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Bonus: February 2 2021 is...

World Wetlands Day

WILD GEORGETOWN

SASQUATCH

By Jeff Tobin



One of the most enduring legends of the Pacific Northwest, the Sasquatch or Bigfoot as it is also known, has both fascinated and eluded scientists, hunters and even psychics since the mid-1800's.

The legend likely goes back much farther in time as the origins come from the native people of the North American continent. Nlaka'pamux, Lummi, Lakota and other tribes speak reverentially of a giant apelike creature that walked among them from what is now Vancouver BC to forested parts of California and beyond. Each tribal language had their own name for the creature, many of the names meaning wild-man or hairy man or describing the actions of the legendary beast. Some legends speak of a docile creature that existed in harmony with the tribal communities. Other legends describe violent encounters with the seemingly nocturnal spectres.

One such violent encounter was documented in 1924 near a Mount St. Helens canyon wherein a group of miners were allegedly attacked by a larger group of "ape men" who hurled boulders and other debris at their campsite. In a story widely circulated in Washington and Oregon newspapers, the "mountain devils" besieged their hand-built cabin throughout the night at one point even reaching a hairy arm into the cabin in an attempt to grab an axe. Skeptics claim this "attack" was nothing more than teenage humans from a YMCA camp above them throwing pumice stones down into the canyon unbeknownst to them that the miners were camped below. This canyon, a popular destination for hikers and mountain bikers is now known as Ape Canyon.

The reigning king of the cryptozoological world, the 9 foot tall creature is mostly referred to as Bigfoot due to its 24 inch footprint. Coffee shops professional sports teams and music festivals have co-opted the likeness of the bipedal legend often with little regard to the native origins surrounding it. Is it possible to demean a myth? Will political correctness make its way to the world of the Sasquatch? Perhaps a real Bigfoot reckoning would occur should some real, tangible and scientifically compelling evidence emerge validating the existence of these mysterious celebrities of the forest.

One step toward such validation is Zoobank, an organization generally accepted by zoologists to assign species names, approved *Homo sapiens cognatus* as the scientific name for Bigfoot. By giving it an official science-based name they do not confirm or deny their existence however. A step closer but still little more than a freakish addition to the swirling accounts, rumors and hoaxes that blanket the enigma in even more mystery. There have been thousands of sightings across the western United States. Hundreds of plaster casts have been made of the giant footprints found by credible individuals.

Yet no remains of the elusive man-beast have ever been recovered which has opened the door to some theories that Bigfoot is perhaps of extraterrestrial origin and some claim that they are psychic and capable of interdimensional travel. Religion even gets in on the myth linking the creatures to Biblical Nephilim. There seems to be a theory for everyone when it comes to Sasquatch.

There is even startling oral history of Sasquatch appearing at the mouth of the Duwamish to steal fish from the Suquamish tribe. Suquamish elder Ellen George claimed her family caught one and kept him.

"He used to go hunting, and in a short time he would come back with a deer with its neck broken, (even though) he didn't have any weapons. (The people) kept him for a while and then they let him go. After that, they would find a deer or two with broken necks lying in front of their door in the morning. Then they would hang dried fish outside and the wild man would take it at night. So (after that) they never had to worry about (the wild men) coming back to rob them."

This sounds terrifying to me but thankfully there have been no such recollections of Sasquatch in the Georgetown area for the last couple of centuries. Real or fiction, the existence of the foul smelling, hairy beast of the Northwest ultimately dwells within your own imagination.

If you'd like to find out more about the "North American Wood Ape" look up the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization or BFRO and wade through their extensive database of all things Sasquatch.

