

# Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce E-Newsletter



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Time to Spring Clean!

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## Greetings!

With this online newsletter The Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) would like to keep you informed about our organization and recent developments in the neighborhood. If you know somebody who would like to be added to our distribution list please have them email [Jessica@caphillchamber.org](mailto:Jessica@caphillchamber.org) or follow the "Join Our Mailing List!" link on the left hand side of the newsletter. We appreciate your involvement and interest in the Capitol Hill Chamber and community news.

## MEMBER EVENTS

### RSVP TODAY for the Seis De Mayo Event

This **Wednesday**, May 6th 5:00 - 6:30 PM

RSVP to [Jessica@caphillchamber.org](mailto:Jessica@caphillchamber.org)

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo one day late as new neighborhood hotspot, Barrio, hosts a special SEIS De Mayo Event for the Chamber. If you haven't made your way over to the exquisite new Capitol Hill restaurant now is your chance! Come taste a spread of Barrio's delicious Mexican inspired cuisine and grab yourself a yummy margarita on the side! This one you won't want to miss!

1420 12th Avenue

Food provided by Barrio + no host bar

\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members

### **CASH OR CHECK**

*(proceeds go towards supporting the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce)*

## SOUND TRANSIT UPDATES

### Olive Way Ramp Closures

In early 2011, the tunnel boring machine that will dig the light rail tunnels between Capitol Hill and downtown Seattle will start working south from Capitol Hill. Before the tunnel boring machine reaches the Pine Street area in late 2011, the ground under I-5 must be prepared for its arrival. This work requires temporary closures of the Olive Way off-ramp from northbound I-5, the Cherry Street on-ramp to northbound I-5 and the Pike/Pine reversible HOV ramp to the I-5 express lanes for up to a year.

Sound Transit is working closely with the Washington State Department of Transportation, the City of Seattle and King County Metro to plan detours. During the year-long closure a signed detour route will be used. Drivers will exit to Madison Street and turn left on Boren Avenue to reach Olive Way. A major effort to educate drivers about the detour routes and construction status is underway. For more detailed information on the detour routes, including maps, please visit our website at [www.soundtransit.org/i5undercrossing](http://www.soundtransit.org/i5undercrossing).

### Business Training Seminars

The Restaurant, Retailing and Human Resources seminars sponsored by the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce and Sound Transit were a great success. Over 100 people attended the various seminar series that were taught by industry experts that offered their expertise on how to more effectively run a business or a restaurant in these uncertain economic times and as the Hill prepares for construction. Participants provided very positive comments, saying "I appreciated the opportunity to meet other restaurants and talk about common issues and challenges." And "I got practical tips about my business that I have already started implementing." The Chamber and Sound Transit look forward to continuing this program next year.

### Salvage and Recycling Efforts

Salvage and recycling have been a very important part of Sound Transit's work at the Capitol Hill Station site. As part of Sound Transit's sustainability goals and to reduce the amount

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## CHCC In the News

[Click here](#) to visit the new page on our website, "[CHCC In the News](#)" featuring the front page article in the Capitol Hill Times about the Chamber and other recent Chamber publicity

## 2009 Capitol Hill Walking Maps

Pick up your free copies  
**TODAY!**



Available at the CHCC Office  
925 E Thomas St.  
on the corner of 10th and Thomas

## Upcoming Events & Happenings

**May 6th, 5:00-6:30PM**  
SEIS De Mayo CHCC Member Event at Barrio

**May 7th - 28th**  
SLU Chamber Marketing Workshops open to CHCC Members.

**May 10th, 11AM-3PM**  
Broadway Farmers Market Opens on Mothers Day and will run every Sunday through December 10th in the Bank of America Parking Lot at 10th and Thomas.

**May 16th, 10-11:30AM**  
Mayor Nickels Visits North Broadway

**June 10th, Noon**  
Chamber member luncheon with the Mayor (tentative, details to come)

**June 11th, 5-8PM**  
Capitol Hill's new art walk re-launches as Blitz

**June 20th, 10AM**  
CHCC StreetSweep on Broadway

For more information on these events visit [www.caphillchamber.org/news/events](http://www.caphillchamber.org/news/events)

Chamber Members  
SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS to be posted on our website and in upcoming newsletters  
[Click Here to submit](#)

**WELCOME New CHCC Members**

[Birch Counseling](#)

[Environmental Works](#)  
*(see featured member article)*

**Tony Russo**

**Wolf Saar**

*Thank you for your support and commitment to the Capitol Hill Neighborhood. We look forward to working with you!*

**RECENT RENEWALS**

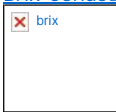
Membership renewals will be sent out quarterly. If you received an invoice to renew in January or March please be sure to send in your payment ASAP to be included on our updated member list.

**THANKS to the following who recently renewed their membership**


11th Avenue Inn Bed and Breakfast  
Capitol Hill Times  
Classical 5 Elements  
Babeland  
Banner Bank  
BECU  
Linden Ontjes  
Madison Marquette  
Peet's Coffee and Tea  
Poco Wine Room  
Ragen and Associates  
Rainier Capter DAR House  
St. Joseph's Church  
Sustainable Capitol Hill

**CORNERSTONE RENEWALS**


[Brix Condos](#)




[Capitol Hill Housing](#)




[Essex, LLC](#)




[Hunter's Capital](#)




[SCCC](#)



[Sound Transit](#)



[Seattle University](#)



**Membership**

**JOIN NOW!**

Get more involved in your community, network with other businesses, and promote your business, by becoming a member of the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce

**For more information call**

of waste during demolition activities, Sound Transit and its contractors have taken many steps to salvage and recycle as many existing building materials as possible prior to and during demolition. As of April 15, 2009, the contractor has recycled 1,450 tons bricks, wood, metal and other building materials. For more details on what has been recycled or salvaged, please visit our website at [www.Soundtransit.org](http://www.Soundtransit.org)

**Light Rail Open House**

To keep you informed about the construction, Sound Transit will be hosting frequent community meetings. Please join us on May 7th, 6 pm to 8 pm Seattle Central Community College (1701 Broadway, Room 1110) to learn about the construction schedule and to ask questions about this work or other construction activities affecting Capitol Hill.

**BLITZ ART WALK**

**Participate in Blitz - the New Capitol Hill Art Walk!**

The Chamber's Arts and Entertainment committee would like your business to get involved in Blitz, the new and improved Capitol Hill art walk with plans to launch on Thursday, June 11th at 5pm.



The art walk is a great way to get more visitors to the Hill and in your stores and you don't have to be an arts gallery to participate! Blitz will feature a variety of art forms such as music, readings, performance, visual art, films and more! You can, for example, hire a string trio or a barbershop quartet, or have a bellydancer in your window. The options are limitless!

We hope your business will choose to participate in this great community event! For more information or to learn how to participate email [capitolhillartswalk@gmail.com](mailto:capitolhillartswalk@gmail.com)

**FEATURED NEW MEMBER**

**Environmental Works**

Environmental Works is a non-profit community design center and full-service architectural firm that has been a Capitol Hill institution since 1971. With a staff of sixteen architects and designers, Environmental Works continues to contribute to the improvement of the built environment in low-income and marginalized communities.



Environmental Work's projects include advocacy, design, and construction of affordable housing, special needs housing, child care centers, community medical/dental clinics, food banks, counseling facilities, neighborhood community centers, and social service agency administrative offices. With new Executive Director, Daniel J. Glenn, AIA, there are currently 7 projects on the boards, including a 40 unit mixed-use, workforce housing project at 12th and Jefferson for Capitol Hill Housing, and they have more than 50 million dollars of construction underway on projects they designed.

Most recently Environmental Works applied for a matching grant to develop a book and an exhibit evaluating the effectiveness of the community design model. With the advent of a new federal administration devoted to generating ideas to improve the quality of life in communities, the Environmental Works story can serve as a catalyst for the expanded role of sustainable community design. The immediacy of a revitalized environmental movement also brings renewed credibility to an organization founded around devotion to environmental sustainability in the built environment.

For more about Environmental Works visit [www.eworks.org](http://www.eworks.org)

**SPRING CLEAN 2009**

**Help Clean The Hill!**

Spring is finally here and its time for some spring cleaning! Spring Clean 2009, Seattle's premier community clean up, is going on throughout the month of May and is looking to citizens like you to mobilize your community around lending a helping hand in cleaning up Seattle's public spaces.

Last Saturday Chamber member, Zipcar, organized their own "Adopt-a-Street" cleanup on Capitol Hill. It was an incredibly successful event with over twenty volunteers who came out to lend a hand.



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Join Our List

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CHCC's Clean & Safe committee is currently working on organizing their sixth **Capitol Hill Community Street Sweep** event scheduled for Saturday, June 20th. Volunteers will meet at the Cal Anderson Shelter House and hit the streets of Broadway to begin cleaning. Come out and a clean with us! If you are interested in volunteering email [Jessica@caphillchamber.org](mailto:Jessica@caphillchamber.org)

You can organize your own clean up as well, here's how:

**City assistance:** The City provides participants with special litter pick up bags, waste disposal permits, tools, and support materials for media outreach. The support is provided and free of charge.

**Project Registration:** To get started on planning a project fill out a [Spring Clean 2009 Registration Form](#). Upon receipt of your completed form a comprehensive information packet will be sent to you.

For additional information [click here](#) or call the Spring Clean hotline at 206-233-7187

Thank you for reading our newsletter this month. If you have any further questions about our newsletters please contact us at [Jessica@caphillchamber.org](mailto:Jessica@caphillchamber.org) or call 206.328.6646

Sincerely,

Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce

