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How's Biz? A note from your Executive Director,
 Michael Wells



Clean Means Business. That's always been the slogan for our Clean Sweep events, organized by the Chamber's Clean & Safe Committee. We've been doing these events since the Spring of 2004, focusing on the different commercial areas of Capitol Hill. So far we've cleaned and scrubbed Broadway, 15th Avenue E., Pike and Pine, Denny Way, 12th Avenue E. and Cal Anderson Park. This

Spring's event will focus on Olive Way and takes place Saturday, May 7th, starting at 10AM! It's always great fun - really! We'll provide coffee, breakfast & lunch. You bring the sunshine.

Cleanliness and safety are a major concern for merchants and always have been. We want our customers to feel comfortable in our neighborhood and we want it to look its best when they visit the Hill. The aesthetics of what makes an urban neighborhood like Capitol Hill truly urban might be a topic for debate (to poster or not to poster?) but there's no question about the pride we take in our storefronts, our customer service and our interactions with customers. Here are a few things that we at the CHCC do to keep our neighborhood shiny and happy:

- **Sound Transit.** We work with Sound Transit to make sure the Broadway Light Rail construction site is a good neighbor to the surrounding business & residents. That includes hosting public forums, making sure the site is as clean and noise free as possible and helping to curate the art that adorns the 'red wall.'
- **The Clean Sweep.** The Chamber hosts two community clean ups every year, with over 150 volunteers turning out at each event to clean up graffiti, litter and waste. The events are a great way to connect the residents and the businesses and offer a strong sense of stewardship for the neighborhood.
- **Safety.** We actively engage with the East Precinct of Seattle's Police Department to keep our neighborhood safe and welcoming. We've hosted safety forums on violence in the LGBT communities that have attracted guests from the City Council and Mayor's office. The Chamber is a proud sponsor of the East Precinct Police Picnic that happens every summer. Responding to community concerns we've worked with the SPD and Seattle City Light to create better lighting for safety in under lit areas of the Hill.
- **Community Advocacy.** We're actively working with the Capitol Hill Block Party and surrounding businesses to make sure that the annual Summer event is managed in a way that benefits the entire neighborhood and continues to activate art & music in Capitol Hill. Our work with the City of Seattle will always include attention to issues that affect the safety and well being of Hill residents, businesses and visitors.

Keep it Clean and Safe out there! And take a moment to enjoy your Spring days - Michael

Spring Clean Sweep - May 7th

Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce to Hold Clean Sweep Event at new Summit Slope Park

WHAT: The community is invited to participate in the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce Clean Sweep event at the new Summit Slope Park. We provide food, supplies, t-shirts, and hopefully sunshine.

Meet at 10 a.m. at Summit Slope Park, rain or shine. Enjoy breakfast treats and Starbucks coffee before teaming up to clean Olive Way from Bellevue Avenue East up to Broadway Avenue East. Volunteers will reconvene at Summit Slope Park to for music and free pizza at lunchtime.

Clean Sweep co-sponsors are Starbucks, the Seattle Parks Department, Sound Transit and the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce.

WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. -12 noon.

WHERE: Meet at the new Summit Slope Park at 200 Summit Ave E., located on the corner of East John and Summit Avenue., across from the Olive Way Starbucks. Cleaning will be done along Olive Way.

HISTORY: Since 2004, the Chamber has hosted Clean Sweep events on Capitol Hill in the commercial districts of Broadway, Pike & Pine, 15th Avenue, Denny Way, 12th Avenue and Cal Anderson Park. This family-friendly tradition brings together more than 150 community volunteers to help make Capitol Hill a cleaner, safer neighborhood. *Clean means business!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Upcoming Events

April 26
5:30-7:00pm
CHCC Mixer!
 Barrio Mexican
 Kitchen & Bar
 1420 12th Ave

May 7
 SOCO Conference
 (Students of Color)
 Seattle University
 More info at www.glsen.org

May 9
Noon-1:30
 Jewish Family
 Services Luncheon
 More info at
www.jfsseattle.org

May 22
GLSEN AWARDS
Pier 66

April CHCC New Members

The Confectional, LLC
 618 Broadway Ave E

Gamma Ray Games
 411 E Pine

**Law Office of
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 520 E Denny Way

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New Location for Farmer's Market-Opening May 8



The **Broadway Farmers Market**, which has become one of Capitol Hill's best-loved traditions since its inception 6 years ago, kicks off the season again on Mother's Day (May 8) with the return of over 40 local farmers and artisan food vendors.

Opening day celebrations will be especially exciting this year, as the market starts up at its **New Location** in front of Seattle Central Community College. Beginning with a market blessing by the *Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence of the Abbey of St. Joan* (who will lead a procession from the old market location to the new), farmers and shoppers will be serenaded by the lovely sounds of the **Seattle Central Community College Jazz Ensemble**. Delicious **FREE Treats** for shoppers will be provided by the **Seattle Culinary Academy**, and **Free Plant Starts and Seeds** for the first 200 shoppers (and their moms) are being provided by **Sunseed Farm**.

See flyer for full information: [Broadway Farmer's Market Opening](#)

Tom Shay Luncheon for Capitol Hill Merchants

Sound Transit and the Capitol Hill Chamber are hosting two, restaurant, retail and business luncheons for Capitol Hill merchants. Attendance is limited so please make sure to RSVP if interested!

[Tom Shay Luncheons](#)

Member Profile: SugarPill Apothecary



What is a SugarPill?

I opened SugarPill so that I would have a place to teach and practice herbal and other natural healing, which I have been doing for 20 years in Seattle. SugarPill, the name, is a tongue in cheek reference to homeopathic remedies, which are often found in the form of tiny little sugar pills. When I began studying homeopathic medicine about 12 years ago, it was easier to tell my friends that I was learning about sugar pills than to try and explain homeopathy over cocktails. I decided to name the apothecary SugarPill because I

wanted people to know that while I do take very seriously the work of teaching people about natural healing, I also think it's important to have a sense of humor and celebrate the things in life that are not so heavy and dire. People often associate healing with un-pleasantries, like giving up everything they love. I am here to help people understand that well being fits into a larger context of life that includes things that are delicious, sensual, creative and joyful. Which is also why I sell cocktail bitters, chocolate and even really cute condoms right alongside the herbal medicine and the sugar pills. Why suffer?

Why did you choose Capitol Hill as a home for your business?

I love Capitol Hill. It has always been such a vibrant and diverse part of town, and people here are open minded and interested in alternatives to the usual mainstream offerings found in other areas. The arts community is especially vital here, and being a singer myself, I have worked with many artists, musicians, visionaries and performers in the community. So many of us do not have access to healthcare, much less alternative health care, and I have always felt like one of the best ways I can contribute to the arts is to help keep all of us well while we try and make the world a prettier place.

Is there something about your business that most people wouldn't know?

I have a full herbal dispensary here, both culinary and medicinal, and can formulate things specifically for you. Everything I sell I have chosen for the integrity of the producers as well as the ingredients. I work with a lot of local farmers and producers of everything from herbs to honey, soap, preserves and caramel. And I have a million different kinds of salt, because I am just a little obsessed with it.

Do you have a favorite Capitol Hill neighboring business?

The most amazing business in all of Capitol Hill, in my opinion, is The Century Ballroom. It is like an amazing playground for adults, and you are guaranteed to walk out of there happier and sexier than you walked in.

What are a few of your favorite things?

- Favorite Coffee: Café Presse
- Favorite Sushi: Hana
- Favorite Cocktails: Tin Table and Tavern Law
- Favorite Bowl of Noodles: Ballet
- Favorite Dinner: Spinasse
- Favorite Sandwich: Baguette

Do you have a Capitol Hill secret?

I really love the Chapel at Seattle U, especially when the light hits that little side room with the beeswax encausted walls. I also love the Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park. It was one of the first places I ever visited when I first moved to Seattle (and it was still SAM!), and I adore the building as well as the park.

If you are interested in featuring your business or have a business neighbor that you'd like to introduce to our members let us know at office@caphillchamber.org.

Scenic Drive Indoor Market



Local Art, Design & Vintage at Scenic Drive's Indoor Market

Seattle, WA--April 30th-- Scenic Drive will host an indoor market free to the public from noon-7pm on Saturday April 30th at their E. Pike Factory in Capitol Hill. The market features local designers, artists and purveyors of fine vintage goods. The market is held the last weekend of every month.

Featured vendors include: Laura Vandecrimp (Vandecrimp Industries), Isabella Vicenza, Pamela Davis (Mucho Designs), Barbara Pronsato (Mintika), Maggie Schneider, Mark Ferrin (the hero thing machine), Izzie Klingels (Les Yeux D'Extase), Kook Teflon (Formerly Miss Oblivious), Cairo, 20/20 Cycles, and Scenic Drive.

About Scenic Drive

Nikki Mazzei and Rachel Ravitch opened the doors of Scenic Drive in October 2010 and offer not just another retail business but a creative experiment in community. They offer monthly classes and workshops as well as providing a friendly and inspired environment where the public may rent a sewing machine, printing press, or typewriter by the hour.

For more information please contact Nikki or Rachel at the following:

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