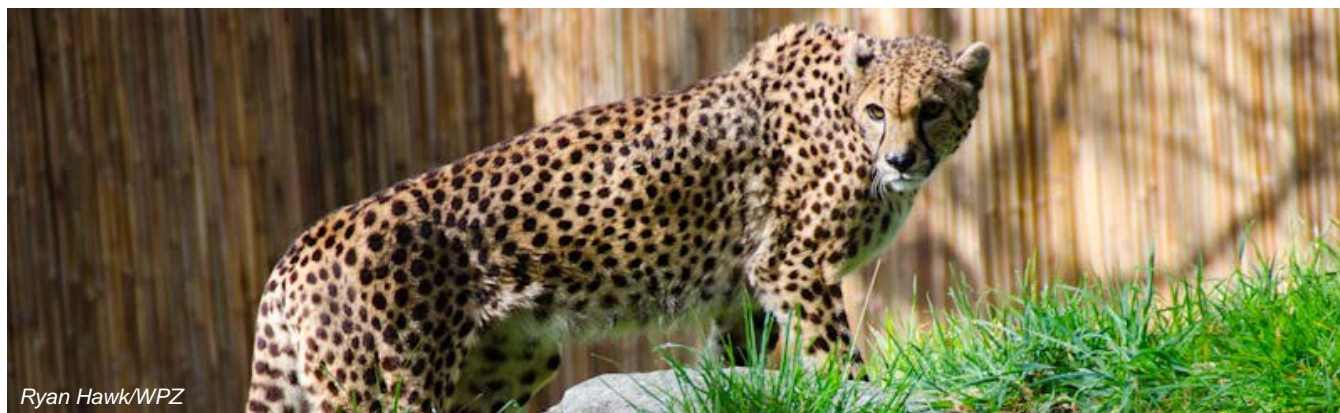




NEIGHBOR NEWS

SUMMER 2014



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COMMUNITY SOLAR ON PHINNEY RIDGE

In addition to stunning views, one-of-a-kind locally-owned shops, delicious eateries, and beautiful parks, Phinney Ridge has yet another reason to boast: the largest community solar project in Washington state will soon be built in the neighborhood.

The project, called [Community Solar on Phinney Ridge](#), is a partnership among Woodland Park Zoo, Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA) and Seattle City Light. This future 75 kW system will be part of a larger City Light-sponsored program that successfully installed two solar arrays at the Seattle Aquarium and Jefferson Park.

Here's how it works: later this summer, solar panels will be installed on building roofs at Woodland Park Zoo and Phinney Neighborhood Association. At the zoo, panels will be placed on the roofs of the Rain Forest Food Pavilion and the Commissary building. These panels will generate about 16kW and 44kW of solar power, respectively.

Even though upfront costs to build the arrays are funded by Seattle City Light, City Light customers will have the opportunity to purchase energy (in units) from a portion of these solar modules. Participants will receive annual incentives from the city and state until July 2020 when ownership of the solar panels is transferred to the zoo and PNA. This is a great option for folks who want to support renewable energy without installation costs or the added challenge of finding a solar location at their homes.

[Enrollment to purchase units from Community Solar is open.](#) Better hurry, units are going fast!

HOWDY, NEIGHBOR!

In the future, Neighbor News will be available only by email. Sign up now at zoo.org/neighbors.

Why is Woodland Park Zoo a very special place? Perhaps it's our diverse [collection of animals](#), strong commitment to [sustainability](#) or unwavering dedication to wildlife and habitat [conservation](#). But one other feature of the zoo truly sets it apart: our picturesque location on Phinney Ridge, one of the most beautiful and vibrant neighborhoods in Seattle. And just beyond Phinney is a network of neighborhoods that take great pride in their livability and charm.

We value our relationship with our community and are committed to being a good neighbor. We are (re)launching our quarterly neighborhood newsletter to keep you current on the zoo's events, exhibits and projects, especially those of particular interest to the neighborhood.

Go to zoo.org/neighbors to let us know how we're doing and to sign up to receive this newsletter by email.



Rendering of the Commissary building after panels are installed.

This isn't the first solar energy project at the zoo. In 2011, solar panels were installed on our Historic Carousel, providing enough renewable energy to power the carousel all year long. That's 100,000 rides worth of power! Even our parking meters feature small solar panels. The community solar project is one more exciting next step toward the zoo's sustainability goal to reduce carbon use by 20 percent from 1990 levels by 2020.



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Solar panels on Woodland Park Zoo's Historic Carousel.

To learn more about the zoo's sustainability efforts, visit zoo.org/conservation/atthetoo.

To purchase units, visit the city's Community Solar page at seattle.gov/light/solarenergy/acctVerify.asp.



Dave and Misawa on the African Savanna.

ANIMAL UPDATES

The zoo's animal care experts have their hands full managing 1,100 animals and 300 species, 40 of which are endangered or threatened. Our staff continue to provide excellent and compassionate care to our ever-growing and diverse collection of animals. Animals recently welcomed to the zoo include:

CHEETAHS LIZ AND MISSY

Home zoo: Wildlife Safari, Winston, OR

Age: Both cats are 14 years old

Interesting fact: Woodland Park Zoo is temporarily providing a home for the pair as part of the Species Survival Plan, a conservation breeding program across accredited zoos. For six to 18 months, we'll care for them as Wildlife Safari creates additional space for the next generation of cheetah offspring. Hurry to the zoo to see them!

GIRAFFE DAVE

Born at: Brookfield Zoo, Chicago, IL

Age: 2 years old

Interesting fact: Dave and Misawa, our baby giraffe, have struck up quite a "bromance" out on the savanna.

Bonus interesting fact: Dave was named after a beloved volunteer at Brookfield Zoo, who passed away several days before the giraffe was born.



JOIN THE HERD. SAVE ELEPHANTS.

Every day, 96 African elephants are poached for their ivory tusks. Most people are shocked to learn that the U.S. has the second largest ivory market in the world, and that federal wildlife trafficking laws actually allow loopholes that help bolster a black market in our country.

Think there's nothing you can do? Think again.

The U.S.'s demand for ivory can be mitigated with federal and state legislation to ban ivory trade.

Woodland Park Zoo has launched the 96 Elephants campaign to explore legislation enacting a moratorium on ivory sales in Washington state.

You can help save elephants right now. Join the herd and [take the pledge](#) never to buy, sell or trade ivory and that you support a state moratorium on ivory sales. Then send the pledge to everyone you know and ask them to do the same.

Take the pledge here:
Zoo.org/96elephants

FAQ CORNER: PARKING AT THE ZOO

Construction to expand the zoo's parking capacity is underway. Most of the work is taking place on zoo grounds, reducing the impact to the neighborhood's residents and businesses. We know parking is a hot topic in our community, so here are answers to frequently asked questions about zoo parking.

Why does the zoo need more parking?

75 days a year, the zoo's existing parking lots are full, causing visitors to circle nearby streets and saturate neighborhood parking. On these days, neighbors are impacted and our guests are unable to gain access to the zoo. Additional surface parking at the zoo is a modest improvement, and combined with other access initiatives will provide relief to the neighborhood as well as increase access to the zoo.

How many parking spaces will be added?

165 additional spaces will be added to the zoo's current capacity of 754.

Where will the new parking lot be located?

The Otter lot (inner north parking lot) and the space currently occupied by the administrative trailers will be renovated and reconfigured to accommodate these new parking spaces.

When will the new parking lot open?

The new lot will open in time for our busy WildLights season this winter.

Will any trees be affected during or after construction?

11 non-native, ornamental and self-seeded trees will be removed, however, approximately 45 trees and numerous shrubs will be planted as a part of the project's landscape improvements. In addition, all five weeping cherry trees on the site will be preserved. The zoo will maintain its 48 percent tree canopy cover on its 92 acres.

Does the zoo encourage visitors to take public transportation?

Yes we do! Show your valid Metro bus transfer or your ORCA card at the zoo's entrances and receive \$2 off regular zoo admission. Metro #5 stops right at the zoo's West Entrance.

There's a car blocking my driveway, and I suspect the driver is a zoo visitor. What should I do?

Unfortunately, we do not have the authority to enforce parking off zoo grounds, although at times we spot-check streets surrounding the zoo during busy events. Because you and your neighbors are the eyes and ears of the area, we strongly encourage you to report parking offenses to the Seattle Police Department, reachable through the parking enforcement main line at 206-386-9012.



Aerial view of the zoo and tree canopy. Photo by Ryan Hawk/WPZ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 31 ZooTunes: **Lucinda Williams**
- Aug. 6 ZooTunes: **Taj Mahal Trio / John Hiatt & the Combo**
- Aug. 9 Asian Wildlife Conservation Day
- Aug. 10 ZooTunes: **Robert Cray Band / Shemekia Copeland**
- Aug. 16 Discovery Passport / Wild at Heart early opening
- Aug. 17 ZooTunes: **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue / Galactic**
- Aug. 20/21 ZooTunes: **Pink Martini**
- Aug. 24 ZooTunes: **Ziggy Marley**
- Sept. 9 Zoofari member appreciation event
- Oct. 2 Brew at the Zoo
- Oct. 18/19 Pumpkin Bash
25/26, 31

CONTACT US

Woodland Park Zoo values neighborhood feedback. Please don't hesitate to email us with your questions and suggestions. We want to hear from you!

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Your WPZ neighborhood team.

2014 HOOT FOR THE HOOD

Over 350 guests joined us at this year's Hoot for the Hood, the zoo's annual open house for neighbors. Many neighbors were excited to check out our new cheetahs and by the surprise visit by red panda Harold. Kids had their faces painted, participated in a conservation craft project, clocked their speed with our Cheetah Meetah and enjoyed ice cream treats (... as did some adults).

Sign up to receive next year's invite and other neighbor news at zoo.org/neighbors.

Photos by Kirsten Pisto/WPZ.



DON'T MISS HOOT FOR THE HOOD IN 2015!