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HISTORIC LOW INTEREST RATES (4.5% AS THIS ARTICLE IS WRITTEN) EASE THE LOSS OF FEDERAL TAX CREDIT (SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 3)

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SEATTLE MEMORIES

My mother, Patricia Phelps Savage, has always been a patriot and instilled in my brothers and myself, as we were growing up, a sense of great loyalty to our flag and country. She moved with my grandparents to Seattle as a little girl and lived here all of her life except for a brief stint in Ohio just before she and my dad (William Savage) were married and in Wichita as the story below explains. She now lives on Whidbey Island and welcomes family and friends to her home...especially on the Fourth of July when the yard and house overflow with people and red, white and blue. This year will be an even more special celebration as our son-in-law, Sieb, who was born in The

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Bailey Gatzert Elementary School students salute the flag as part of a city-wide "I Am An American" Day celebration in Seattle on May 18, 1943. *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* Collection, Museum of History & Industry, Seattle; All rights reserved.

Thinking of buying a home? Thinking of selling? Doing Both? Have some questions about the market? Please give us a call. We would love to be your realtors. Blair and Jan 206-853-1011.

COMMUNITY NEWS

IT'S TIME FOR FARMERS MARKETS!



Ballard—Sundays 10-3
5330 Ballard Avenue NW
Open All Year

Broadway—Sundays 11-3
Thomas & 10th Avenue East
May 11-Nov. 23

Columbia City— Weds. 3-7
4801 Rainier Ave S at S Edmunds
April 28 through Oct. 20

Lake City— Thursdays 3-7
NE 125th & 28th Ave NE
June 3—October 7

Magnolia—Saturday 10-2
2550 34th Ave W
June 5 through Sept. 25

Meadowbrook—Sunday 11-3
2728 NE 100th Street
June 6 through October 31

Phinney—Friday 3-7
67th & Phinney Ave N.
May 28 through October 1

University District—Saturday 9-2
University Way & NE 50th
Open All Year

West Seattle—Sundays 10-2
California Ave SW & SW Alaska
Open All Year



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
REFERRALS!!**

SEATTLE MUSICAL THEATRE

located in Magnuson Park
206 363 2809



Next Season:
Camelot
Chicago
The Drowsy Chaperone
Into the Woods

TRAFFIC ALERT! NE 45TH ST.

VIADUCT CLOSED

**JUNE 14—
SEPTEMBER 10**



More information:
www.seattle.gov/transportation/45th-bridge.htm

HISTORIC SEATTLE'S 13th Annual Bungalow Fair

- ARTS & CRAFTS LECTURES
- SHOW AND SALE OF ANTIQUES
- CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE
- DECORATIVE ARTS

**SEPTEMBER
25 & 26TH**

In conjunction with the Fair, the Seattle Architecture Foundation will offer guided tours of Ravenna neighborhood bungalows. More information: www.historicseattle.org



WEBSITES YOU MIGHT LIKE

Neighborhood Service Centers:
<http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc>

Seattle Public Library:
www.spl.org

Seattle Parks:
www.seattle.gov/parks

Seattle Public Schools:
<http://www.seattleschools.org>

Interested in Seattle area history? Try:

www.historicseattle.org

www.historyhouse.org

www.historylink.org

www.seattlehistory.org (MOHAI)

www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org

SAND POINT HOUSING

Donations of good, usable household items (no clothes or electronics please) are always needed and welcomed in the **Resource Room** for residents of **Sand Point Housing** (adjacent to Magnuson Park). There is always a great need for pots and pans especially.

Call Roger at
206-529-9224
to make arrangements for drop off.



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Netherlands, has just become a U.S.citizen.

In 2004 Mom wrote this little story which I pass on to you as a bit of history I thought you might be interested in reading. - Jan

Musings for July 4th, 2004

When I was little, my Dad would give me a flag and we would march around the dining room table singing little marching songs—and some time later when we had a radio, we'd march to Kate Smith singing "God Bless America". Maybe that



was how I got my indoctrination of red, white and blue. After tearfully watching the dedication of the World War Two Memorial, I couldn't help but be reminded of those days and years. Bill had gone to work for Boeing's engineering department when he finished at the University of Washington in 1940. We were married in July of 1941 after he received a raise from \$125 to \$150 a month!!!!

On December 7, 1941 we were attacked at Pearl Harbor and our world changed. President Roosevelt declared war the next day. Among other effects, Bill's job was frozen at Boeing and all the people in his department spent the rest of the war building Flying Fortresses, etc.—10 hour days and 7 days a week. Bill's job was getting the operation and flight manuals for the planes written and published.

All of us were involved—being sure our black-out curtains were properly installed, collecting tinfoil and cans and learning how to use our ration books to the best advantage. We had coupons for our allotment of gasoline and other books and tokens for other things. We each had one book for meat and butter and another for things like canned goods, shoes and toilet paper. Long lines often formed when one heard that a certain merchant had a supply of the wanted goods.

I was an air raid warden for our block complete with helmet. We had classes in how to identify certain gases and first aid and directions for our neighbors in case of evacuation. All of our friends took part in war related activities.

Bill and two other men were sent by Boeing back to the Wichita branch for about six months. They all decided that I could go too if I'd keep house for them!!!! We returned home in March after discovering that we were "expecting". Our landlady said "how nice—too bad you'll have to move". Janet was born in August 1943. Bill arrived in August 1945 and I was glad to have a baby born in Peace—since VJ Day was August 14th. Great celebrations!!!!

Patricia Phelps Savage

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HISTORIC LOW INTEREST RATES

As this article is written, 30 year fixed interest rates were being quoted at 4.50%. Repeat: **4.50%**. That's lower than any time since the 1950s. It's also 0.5% below what was being quoted around April 30th. On that date, the federal stimulus \$8,000 tax credit expired. But so what? Do you realize that a 0.5% drop in the interest rate on a \$350,000 mortgage is about \$105/mo drop in your payment, which will add up to \$8,000 in about 6 years, which will total near \$40,000 over the life of the loan. Without getting too precise, there isn't a lot of difference between the two because \$8,000 today is certainly worth more than \$8,000 spread out over 6 or 7 years but the more important notion is that there is every bit of reason to buy today as there was two months ago.

Think about it: when the economy fully recovers, what do you think will happen to interest rates? If your income, credit and job stability are secure there will never be a better time to buy than right now. Call us, we'll make it happen for you.

MARKET SNAPSHOT.

If you're curious about the real estate market around your home, we have a no strings attached service called **Market Snapshot**. In a nutshell, you will be periodically — at intervals you select — informed about new listings and recent sales around an area you select. You can apply it around your home or your summer home or even an area to which you'd like to move. It can include everything that's going on or just a more narrow set of parameters you decide upon. Yes, we do know who takes advantage of the service and yes, you will get an email inquiring whether we can be of broader service to you, but having established that you're not looking for a real estate agent, that's it.



If you'd like to look at it, go to our website, www.blairjanpaul.com and on the home page you'll find a link that includes a sample **Market Snapshot** and if you like it, you can set it up all by yourself. Or, call us and we would be glad to do it for you.

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Our yard sale signs are yours for the asking. Just call and we'll deliver. They have ample space for an address or details to draw folks to your Big sale. Save a tree or telephone pole, use our signs! **206-853-1011**



NEIGHBORHOOD STATISTICS FROM LAST QUARTER

The following statistics were reported by the Northwest Multiple Listing Service for the 1st quarter of 2009 and the 1st quarter of 2010 for four popular neighborhood's in Seattle's north end.

<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>#Sold</i>	<i>Avg. Sq. Feet</i>	<i>Avg. \$/Sq. Ft.</i>	<i>Days on Mkt.</i>	<i>Avg. Orig. Price</i>	<i>Avg. Sold Price</i>
'10 Bryant/Ravenna	44	2102	\$200.14	43	\$522,479	\$512,661
'09 "	25	2219	\$196.25	79	\$602,922	\$579,749
'10 Wedgwood	20	1935	\$261.92	52	\$492,717	\$482,360
'09 "	12	1741	\$287.80	90	\$483,104	\$466,250
'10 Hawthorne Hills	15	2319	\$259.32	92	\$608,687	\$600,430
'09 & View Ridge	7	2534	\$277.57	88	\$721,134	\$693,279
'10 Laurelhurst.	14	3255	\$372.31	104	\$1,619,027	\$1,483,179
'09 & Windermere	7	2769	\$270.87	102	\$827,429	\$763,857

WE CURRENTLY HAVE ON THE MARKET:



GARDEN OASIS IN SEATTLE'S BROADVIEW neighborhood

14023 Palatine Ave North

2+ bedrooms, 1.75 baths. New roof, new paint throughout, new main floor carpet, new kitchen/dr laminate flooring, immaculately manicured grounds including ornamental shaped evergreens. **\$304,000**



MID-CENTURY MODERN IN WEST SEATTLE'S GENESEE HILL COMMUNITY

4026 44TH Ave SW

Beautifully prepared three bedroom home with one full and two additional half baths. Swedish finished hardwoods throughout the main floor; interior painted with high grade decorator paint and new carpet in the family room. Three large bedrooms on the main floor with a possible fourth bedroom on the lower level. Tons of storage. Basement garage. **\$465,000**



SECURITY AND CONVENIENCE AT THE LAKEHURST CONDOMINIUMS IN LAKE CITY

2805 NE 125TH, #406

Two bedrooms with two full baths. New interior paint with decorator colors, accents and trim. New carpet and cherry toned laminate kitchen flooring. One car covered and secure parking; All kitchen and laundry appliances included. Close to shopping, restaurants, library, Farmers Market and on a bus line. **\$214,900**



STUNNING TUDOR IN WEST SEATTLE'S NEWLY CONFIGURED HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

5918 31ST AVE SW

Three bedrooms plus den and family room, 3.5 baths, 2-car detached garage. Hardy plank construction. Cascades, water and territorial views. Wonderful community amenities including children's parks, pea patches, library and walking trails. Award winning green community. **\$525,000**