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More Service Reductions Coming to Madrona Library

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

You may not have noticed while you were eating potato salad and barbecuing hot dogs, but over Labor Day weekend, all the libraries in Seattle were closed. In fact, they were closed for a week, from August 31 through September 7, due to city budget cuts. According to the newly released proposed city budget for 2011-2012, the libraries will likely be closed this same week next year. But reductions in library staff and support to library patrons will have even broader impacts as the Seattle Public Library (SPL) system prepares to cope with a proposed 8.5% budget reduction.

The City of Seattle's General Fund is facing a \$67 million shortfall for 2011. The changes proposed by the SPL to help close this gap are being made with the goal of maintaining current library operating hours. But to keep the libraries open, the SPL is reducing library staffing levels and turning eight branches, including Madrona, into "non-reference" or "circulating" libraries. These eight smaller, lower-utilized branches will see a marked reduction in services.

Instead of 13 branch managers for the 26 branch libraries around the city, there will be six regional managers. Each regional manager will be based at one branch yet responsible for overseeing four to five other branches within a region. To help compensate, six additional assistant managers will be added—for a total of 19—to coordinate building operations.

For Madrona, that means that the Madrona-Sally Goldmark library will be open 35 hours a week—1:00pm – 8:00pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, 11:00am – 6:00pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and closed on Fridays and Sundays—but with fewer trained librarians on site to assist with using the library collection and help answer questions. Instead, our library will be a "gateway" to resources at other locations, with librarians at the downtown library reachable online or by phone. The branch will still have its small collection and be a place where we can pick up books ordered from other libraries, but in-person help will be nearly eliminated. Programming will primarily focus on youth and be provided by librarians from other locations.

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Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

Elections, elections.....those of you who read the www.centraldistrictnews.com may have seen the post about the crisis facing the Madrona Community Council (MCC). Three of the six current officers are retiring from the council, including the president, a vice-president and treasurer. Last month, we sought nominations and volunteers to fill the posts for the coming year. There were none. We will hold an open forum at the November 2 MCC meeting to more fully explain the roles and take volunteers.

Why should you care if the MCC exists? As one commenter on the *cdnews* pointed out: "[why think] that anything these people do is going to make a difference in any way, shape or form?" Putting aside sponsoring and organizing the Halloween events, Mayfair, parks improvements, appreciation awards, and the *Madrona News* newsletter, what does the MCC do that makes any difference?

The MCC can talk to the City. Did you know that the City of Seattle is

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It's All Good at Nena

Still haven't stopped by Nena, Gifts, Gallery & Vintage on 34th? If not, you're in for a treat. Proprietor Nena Peltin, who moved into the space previously occupied by Jaywalk, has worked hard to create a festive, colorful environment. The place smells like the outrageously delicious regionally made caramel she sells, and ragtime music fills the air.



Nena features distinctive gifts for people of all ages, including babies, and gifts for kids of all ages abound. Nena also has an amazing array of gender-neutral items, not to mention a vast selection of greeting cards, vintage and contemporary jewelry, scarves, chocolate, cookbooks, calendars, and paintings by talented local artists. She has included a number of items that benefit people all over the world: bracelets that provide financial assistance to the only women's development center in Darfur, stunning handmade paper made in a Nepalese women's cooperative from salvaged branches, baby books that help the Global Fund for Children build schools in

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Cupcake Royale Expands to Bellevue

Cupcake Royale has been in Seattle for seven years now, baking cupcakes from scratch every day, using mostly local, organic, and sustainable ingredients. From its roots in Madrona, Cupcake Royale branched out over the years to Capitol Hill, Ballard, and West Seattle. Now CR is moving across the lake and opening the doors to their newest cupcake café - in Bellevue!

The newest addition to the Cupcake Royale family will make its home in one of America's original IHOP buildings, complete with A-frame architecture, wood paneling, and all the charm and whimsy of those bygone days. As *Vérité Coffee & Cupcake Royale* founder Jody Hall says, this is "what our café would have looked like had we opened in 1971." CR is using the talents of Madrona's Roy McMakin to create a hip and homey neighborhood café environment.

The Bellevue CR, according to Hall, will celebrate the history of the building and the quiriness of the original design with a sweet and sassy combination of found decor, relics from the original IHOP, and custom pieces created especially for Cupcake Royale, like a 30-person, Douglas fir picnic table for people to hang out on. The café will feature the trademark IHOP wide-open kitchen where cupcake makers of all ages can enjoy watching the behind-the-scenes operations.

Cupcake Royale will be offering Stumptown coffee at the new café, which will be the first in Bellevue to brew the legendary small-batch, freshly roasted Stumptown beans. The new café will also feature an assortment of whole beans and home-brewing equipment for sale.



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Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Melissa Baerwald, 30th Avenue

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 6.

How will you celebrate Halloween?



Leif and Torsten Griem
Going to a scary Madrona Halloween mask party.



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Madrona PTSA K-8 Elects Officers

By Madrona Panther Partners

The new school year is off to a great start at Madrona K-8, under the steady leadership of new principal Farah Thaxton. Miss Thaxton has stepped in and made a wonderful impact, and the students have embraced her immediately. She is also hosting “Thursdays with Miss Thaxton” to demonstrate her commitment to an open door policy. After introducing the entire school staff at Curriculum Night, she invited families to visit classrooms to see student work and discuss educational goals and curriculum with teachers in all grade levels.

The Madrona Panther Partners PTSA further delineated its roles and responsibilities to support the school. The board members are

- Co-presidents: Rita Scheckler and Demetra Gary
- Vice President (VP) for Board Governance: Alix Hughes
- VP for Fundraising: Jill Hostetter
- VP for Outreach: Barney Mansavage
- Secretary: Rebecca Parker O’Neil
- Treasurer: Julie Hansen

Our after school enrichment activities include new programs such as visual arts from ArtsCorps, a drum line, and intramural sports. In fact, our middle school Ultimate Frisbee and Soccer teams are already under way!

The school’s fundraiser to “feed the piggy” is ongoing, and we are always looking for volunteers and donations. Email the Madrona Panther Partners PTSA at ptsa@madronapantherpartners.org to donate or get involved. A calendar of school events can be found at www.madronapantherpartners.org.

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Madrona Teacher Wins Award

Every year, OfficeMax recognizes 1,000 teachers from across the country for going “above and beyond in the classroom.” This year, four Seattle teachers were selected, one being Madrona K-8 Teacher Justin Hendrickson! Mr. H. was surprised when a representative from OfficeMax arrived at school and presented him with \$1000 worth of classroom supplies, including a digital camera, printer, swivel chair, and large assortment of classroom essentials.



Office Max calls their national event “A Day Made Better,” something Mr. H. does for all the kids at Madrona everyday! Congratulations and thanks for being part of our school!

Epiphany Chamber Concert

Epiphany School is excited and flattered that school parent and accomplished pianist Paige Molloy is hosting a chamber music concert fundraiser featuring an impressive lineup of musicians. It’s not everyday that musicians of this caliber play right here in Madrona and Epiphany would like to invite the entire community to attend. The performance of Chamber Music Masterworks: A Concert to Benefit Epiphany School, is November 5 at 7:30pm at Epiphany Parish, 1805 38th Avenue.



Described in the New York Times as “a lucid and passionate performer”, pianist Paige Roberts Molloy has enjoyed an international career as both soloist and chamber musician. Born in Texas, she made her orchestral debut at the age of 13.

Joining Ms. Molloy onstage will be Paul Rosenthal, who began playing the violin at the age of three; violinist Elisa Barston, the Principal Second Violinist of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra; Toby Hoffman, two time winner of the Juilliard Viola Concerto Competition and current teacher of Conducting at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland; and Godfried Hoogeveen, Principal Cellist of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and one of the most invited Dutch cello soloists. Together they will perform:

- Beethoven’s Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 97 “Archduke”
- Brahms’s Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34

Tickets are \$50 and adults and children 10 and older welcome. For more information on the musicians, visit www.epiphanyschool.org/concert_details. To purchase tickets, go to www.es.ticketleap.com/chamber. Space is limited and tickets are selling fast, so buy yours today!

Planting Party at Madrona Beach

By *The Madrona Beach Restoration Committee*

UPDATE!!! The Madrona Beach was well loved this summer as it is every year – thanks to all who showed up for our August beach cleanup party! Please join us for the next piece of this project, a Beach Planting Party on October 24 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Bring your gloves, shovels and buckets and get ready for a fun time in this perfect planting season! Thank you to St. Clouds who is providing yummy treats, and to Starbucks and Grocery Outlet for beverages.

The goal of this project is to restore the beach to the state it was in when first created in 1995, and to make that restoration lasts as long as possible. With this in mind – the new crawl through log will be made of concrete! We expect a local construction firm that specializes in faux bois work to begin construction on the new log in late October or early November. Thanks for your support!



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Scary Fun Halloween Weekend in Madrona!

Everyone cross your fingers and hope for good trick-or-treating weather because there will be plenty of fun happening in our neighborhood on October 30 and 31.

SATURDAY: St. Therese School Halloween Carnival. After such great success last year, when over 300 families attended, St. Therese School is again having a Halloween carnival for young children on October 30, from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

The carnival raises funds for school scholarships and provides the younger children in Madrona with a safe and fun daylight Halloween. Admission is free, most games and activities are only one dollar, and everyone gets a prize! There will be preschool-appropriate activities, bouncy houses, a fish pond, Halloween crafts, pee wee hoop shoots, and more. The Seattle Fire Department is scheduled to stop by for at 11:00am. How can you miss this? Children—in costume or not—can also have professional photos taken by members of Youth in Focus. Photo packages of \$10 to \$20 are available, and the proceeds benefit Youth in Focus, a group that empowers urban teens, through photography, to experience their world in new ways. There will be healthy food options, hot dogs, popcorn, and a raffle for \$100 dinner certificate and up to four hours of free babysitting from an experienced nanny. If you buy tickets at www.stthereseatl.org, you get additional free carnival tickets and raffle tickets at a discount.

About 65 percent of the students at St. Therese receive scholarships, and since the school is not for profit, fundraising is essential. So come to the carnival, have fun, wear your costume, get your picture taken, win a prize, and celebrate Halloween with your little ones. Older siblings are welcome too—does anyone ever outgrow the fish pond?

SUNDAY: Downtown Madrona Halloween Extravaganza. The Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) has joined forces with the Madrona Community Council to host a Halloween extravaganza on October 31 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Madrona kids are invited to start their evening at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse for a neighborhood Halloween Party. There will be free goodies while everyone mixes and mingles and shows off their costumes. While you're at the party, pick up the list of clues for the BOOM scavenger hunt. It will lead you through the Madrona business district where store owners will pass out treats and offer special activities like these:

- An autumn craft for kids to paint at **Arts Aloft**.
- Storytime with Columbia City's children's librarian at **Buggy**.
- Special games, drinks, and treats for all ages at **Bottlehouse**.
- Festive drinks for parents of trick-or-treaters at **St. Cloud's**.

Everyone who turns in a completed your scavenger hunt page at the shelterhouse will be entered into a drawing to win a marvelous prize—no tricks, we promise!

Volunteers are still needed to help plan, throw, and clean up after the Halloween party. We also need bakers to bring goodies and treats to share. If you can help, contact Paige Smith at paige.eg.smith@gmail.com.

Madrona Real Estate Quick Look

	Sept '10	Compared to Previous	
		Month	Year
Homes for Sale	33	▲ 26.9%	▲ 3.1%
Median List Price	\$750 K	▼ 10.7%	▲ 0.4%
Median List / SqFt.	\$392 K	▼ 2.6%	▲ 12.0%
Homes Sold	2	▼ 60.0%	▼ 66.7%
Median Sold Price	\$722 K	▲ 8.2%	▲ 39.9%
Median Sold \$ / SqFt.	\$441 K	▼ 16.0%	▲ 29.5%

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Leschi Memorializes Officer Brenton

Since the murder of Seattle police officer Timothy Brenton on Halloween night a year ago, the Leschi neighborhood has worked its way through four of the five classic stages of grief named by psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross—denial, anger, bargaining, and depression. To move through the final phase—acceptance—the neighborhood decided to pull together and create a lasting memorial to Officer Brenton, a way for everyone in Leschi to accept what happened in their neighborhood, and move on.

A few short weeks before the one-year anniversary of the tragedy, a group of neighbors led by Robert Cipollone decided to build a permanent memorial to Officer Brenton near the site of the crime at 29th Avenue and Yesler Way. The group worked with artist Judy Blanco to design a simple but moving tribute that fits into the parking strip between the sidewalk and the street just north of the intersection. The \$25,000 needed to build and install the memorial didn't deter the neighbors. Instead, it inspired them to work harder toward their goal of having the memorial completed before October 31.

Donations large and small poured in. So did proposals from contractors, who offered to do the whole project for free. But the neighbors politely declined, knowing that it was important for them to do as much of the work as possible—breaking concrete and digging away earth became part of their process of acceptance. They did leverage the expertise of the experts to move permits through the city approval process quickly and borrowed their equipment to handle the heavy demolition. But as much as possible, work was done by neighbors.

Drive by the corner if you can and see their progress. Barring disaster, the memorial will indeed be ready in time for the first anniversary of Officer Brenton's death. On October 31, the memorial will be dedicated at 3:00pm and the public is invited. Later, the Brenton family plans to be in Leschi, trick-or-treating in the early evening and standing among the neighbors gathered at the corner of 29th and Yesler just after 10:00pm, the time that Timothy Brenton took his last breath. Acceptance.



Photo by Frank Harlan

Downtown Madrona was alive the evening of October 7th. Décor on 34th celebrated its anniversary and Paul Beveridge and Lysle Wilhelmi of Wilridge Winery shared their 2010 release with the neighborhood.

Fall Finds Madrona Woods in Fine Shape

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Friends of Madrona Woods volunteers, unlike most other Seattleites, rejoiced in cooler and wetter weather this summer, because the new plants put in over the last couple of years needed less hand watering than in a typical summer. But serious weeding did go on under Deirdre McCrary's supervision, with Garden Cycles (hired with money from Seattle Public Utility's Aquatic Habitat grant) filling 25 large garbage bags with seed heads from the cove to be hauled away.

Speaking of the cove and natural area, Barbara DeCaro from the Parks Department checked the cove and ponds in early August for unusual mosquito activity and said she found none. She proclaimed the whole area a healthy ecosystem, with insects and predators appearing to be in good balance.

Farther up the hill at the curve on 38th Avenue, John Darrah repaired the Madrona Ravine sign that was damaged by a falling tree limb. Many thanks, John, for making it look like new.

Madrona Park was a stop again this year on the Cascade Spawning Cycle, sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities Restore Our Waters and the Cascade Bicycle Club. Cyclists were asked "What is different about the Madrona cove that would make salmon migrating along the Lake Washington shore stop here?" Do you know the answer?

We'll start holding regular work parties again on the fourth Saturday in October from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Contact Deirdre at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com if you want to be on our email notification list.

Nena... (cont'd from page 1)

underdeveloped countries, fruit bowls woven in Nepal from shiny, cleaned food wrappers that pay the medical expenses of sick kids in Nepal and Cambodia, and olive oil harvested by Palestinians and distributed by Israelis.

When asked what sells best, Nena answers without hesitation, "The Michelle Obama First Lady of Fabulous tote bags by Blue Q, followed closely by Haitian wall art made from recycled oil barrels, the life-sized cardboard people, and anything vintage. I recently sold a 1962 walnut gavel to a customer whose husband is a judge and a 1941 restaurant menu to a tourist visiting from New Jersey. Oh, and I also had for only one day a gorgeous tongue-in-groove men's shoeshine kit, complete with tins of polish and brushes."

So before going downtown to shop for the holidays, consider this fantastic new Madrona resource for everyone on your list! You can find Nena on facebook at Nena: Gifts, Gallery, and Vintage and at www.nenaseattle.com.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Leif and Torsten Griem & Red; Keith Leyden & Beamer; Beth & Montreaux



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considering the fate of the trees on 34th Avenue? If you enjoy the drive or the walk on 34th, be aware that the City knows that the mature trees are breaking up the sidewalks, and may take the trees out. Other options include continuing to patch the sidewalks, and developing a long-term plan that re-designs the street. Does Madrona want to have a voice in the discussion?

I continue to think that most neighbors want to know what is going on in Madrona and to have a community voice to respond. Service on the MCC does not need to be a major time-commitment. I encourage you to come to the next MCC meeting on November 2 at 7:15pm in the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse to discuss the future of the MCC and whether you are willing to play a part in it.

Library Service Reductions... (cont'd from page 1)

The proposed budget also reduces the funds the SPL will receive to purchase new materials by \$500,000. The SPL acknowledges that this will result in fewer copies of popular titles, longer wait time for books, and less depth in the library collections. The proposed budget also reflects an anticipated negotiated reduction in the cost-of-living adjustments from 2% to 0.6% for most Library employees, increased user fees, and higher overdue fines.

The City Council has the final say on the budget, which they will vote on in late November. There is still an opportunity for public comment to the City Council at their meeting on October 26 at 5:30pm at City Hall. Of course, citizens can always contact their council person directly. For more details and to make your voice heard, visit www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=about_history.

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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MON & THURS 6:00 AM Bootcamp Class—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin www.nikkifitt.com
- TUESDAYS 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Library Book Club—Contact the Madrona library for this month's selection. 684-4705.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Free Winetasting—See what inexpensive bottles Carlos recommends. Dulces, 1430 34th Avenue, 322-5453.
- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Bible Study—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
- THURSDAYS 9:00 AM Valley School Tours—November 4 – February. Reservations required. Lynn Addison www.thevalleyschool.org
- THURSDAYS 7:30 PM AA/ALANON Meeting—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- FRIDAYS 7:30 AM Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker www.kbarker715@comcast.net

- Oct 21 & 28 11 AM-11:30 AM Family Story Time – Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs with our children's librarian. Madrona Library. 684-4705.
- Oct 22 4:00-5:30 PM Halloween Craft Workshop – Kids 4-9 create great Halloween Home Decorations, \$40. Arts Aloft 3302 E. Spring, Betsy Erving 920-2015.
- Oct 23 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party – Meet at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com.
- Oct 24 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Madrona Beach Planting Party – Bring your gloves, shovels and buckets and help restore Madrona Beach. Paige Smith paige.eg.smith@gmail.com.
- Oct 26 5:30 PM Seattle City Council Budget Review Meetings – Speak up on the cuts being proposed for local libraries! Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=about_history.
- Oct 28 6:30-8:00 PM East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting. Members of the public meet with the police to discuss local issues. Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 South Jackson, Room 401. www.sngi.org/lepcpclepcpc3.html.
- Oct 30 10:30 AM-2:30 PM Halloween Carnival – Preschool-appropriate games, bouncy houses, fish pond, Halloween crafts, pee wee hoop shoots, and more! St. Therese School 900 35th Ave.
- Oct 31 3:00 PM Dedication of Officer Brenton Memorial – Join the Leschi neighborhood in honoring one of Seattle's finest. 29th & Yesler. Robert Cipollone robertcipollone@hotmail.com
- Oct 31 4:00-6:00 PM Madrona Halloween Extravaganza – Kids' party at Madrona Playfield and scavenger hunt down 34th Avenue. Businesses open for fun and refreshments. Paige Smith paige.eg.smith@gmail.com.

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- Nov 2 7:15 PM Madrona Community Council Meeting – Officer elections and discussion of MCC's future. Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Cynthia Stross, cynistr@gmail.com.
- Nov 3 7:30 PM Leschi Community Council Meeting – Nolan Runstad talks about street trees. Central Area Senior Center, Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net.
- Nov 4, 11 & 18 11:00-11:30 AM Family Story Time – Madrona Library. 684-4705.

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- Nov 5 9:00 AM BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting – New comers welcome! Amara conference room, 34th & Union, Nikola Davidson, Nikola@msnu.com.
- Nov 5 7:30 PM Chamber Music Masterworks Concert – See pianist Paige Molloy. www.epiphanyschool.org/concert_details.
- Nov 6 1:00-5:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless – Madrona Presbyterian, darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 7 1:00-5:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless – Madrona Presbyterian, darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 7 6:00-7:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless Serving – Seattle's Outdoor Meal Site, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 11 6:00 PM Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting – Douglass Truth Library. Madrona Contact Cheryll McCain clmc2000@gmail.com.
- Nov 11 7:00 PM Info Meeting about YMCA Global Teen Leadership Program – Teens (grades 8-12) and parents are invited learn about this exciting program. Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, 1700 23rd Ave.
- Nov 13 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless – Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 13 3:00-5:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless – Serving Seattle's Outdoor Meal Site, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 17 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless – St. Cloud's Restaurant, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.

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