

Madrona NEWSLETTER

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Madrona Playfield Topic of Meeting with Parks Department

What can the Madrona Community do to improve Madrona Playfield park? Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Holly Miller, and Rosemary Wills, Landscape Architect for the Department, attended the most recent Community Council Board meeting to offer some suggestions and some help. The recent landscaping work completed by the Department was noted and the Council expressed their appreciation that visibility into the park has been significantly improved making the park more accessible for the neighborhood.

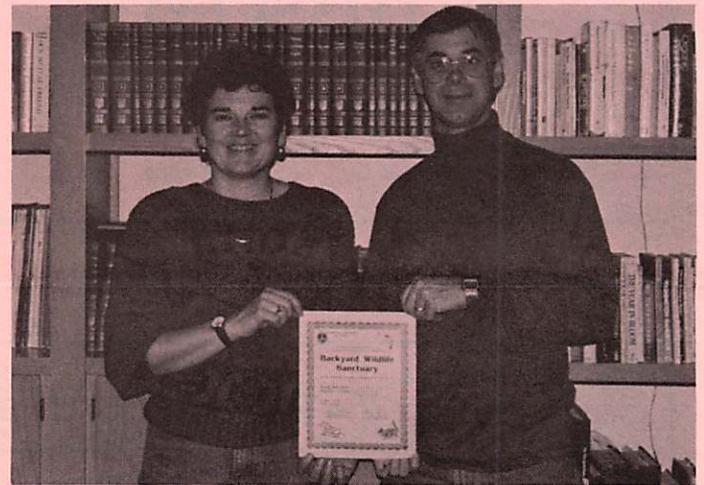
They visited the Park before the meeting to inspect the condition of the shelter, play equipment and grounds. They looked at the relationship between the park and Madrona School and discussed with the board the potential for a supervised playground site. Miller said that the shelter and most of the play equipment is in good condition.

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Neighborhood Builds on Wildlife Department Program

Sally R. Alhadeff and David Baylon joined over 1000 individuals and families in qualifying for the Department of Wildlife's Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Program. "It only took about 20 minutes to fill out the form and send it in," said

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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| January 30
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. | MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Madrona Elementary School
General Meeting. Nature Walk &
Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary program. |
| February 6
Tuesday
7:00 p.m. | MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD
MEETING
Group Health (Back Door) |
| February 13
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. | EAST PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION
COALITION.
Central Area Motivation Program
722 18th Avenue |
| March 19
Monday | Pre-application deadline for Office
of Neighborhoods matching funds.
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Council Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month; General meetings are the last Tuesday every other month (they will be announced in newsletters). All are welcome at both.

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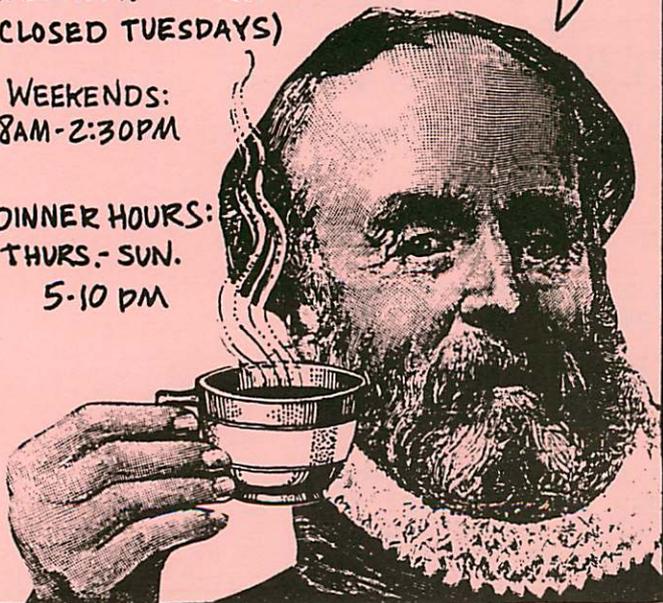
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There are currently 25 supervised playground sites in the city of Seattle. It is a free program for elementary age children requiring no advance enrollment, that emphasizes out of door activities. There is a possibility that Madrona could be included at some time in the future. Marty Liebowitz, board president, asked what the community needs to do to get a supervised playground site at Madrona in the 1991 budget. Miller indicated that it is dependent upon the size of the request, whether or not it would require major construction, how much the City's own crews could do and, importantly, what the overall funding is that year.

When asked about the issue of park closure, Miller indicated that she would request that the park be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and have park closure signs installed. Miller said the Parks Department has been very pleased with the results of temporary park closure. Posting a park closed after hours allows police to stop people from being in the park after hours and results in substantially lower amounts of vandalism, fewer drug-related problems and decreased problems with violence and fighting. Since last summer, all of these conditions have been on the increase and both the Parks Department and the community council view this closure as part of a process to keep Madrona Playfield as a community asset.

Some discussion was also had about adding a piece of whirl equipment (merry-go-round) to the west side play area and adding another swing set to the northeast play area. Since these are relatively low cost items and can be added into existing play areas, this may become a 1990 project. Wills pointed out that the compass/sundial just east of the basketball court is a water feature. The plumbing needs to be checked out, but this is a possible enhancement for summer 1990. Miller indicated she would enter a work order to have the graffiti on the shelter removed. Adopt A Park programs were also discussed (more elsewhere in this issue).

Encouraging community use of parks and discouraging illegal activity is the challenge. Cooperative efforts of the police, Parks Department and community may be the answer.

MADRONA SCHOOL CORNER
By Margie Kates

Kindergarten and elementary registration is taking place January 2 through February 23 for prospective kindergartners through fifth graders. During this period, Madrona School has weekly tours every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Interested parents and students should come to the Madrona cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. where there will be an orientation followed by a building tour.

There is a special kindergarten orientation Thursday evening, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the Parent Information Center (P.I.C.) will be at the school to answer questions and register students that evening. For more information call the school at 281-6590 or contact the S.E. P.I.C. at 4724 Rainier Avenue South, 286-4581.

New Student Registration Night Scheduled

Zone 1 Kindergarten/New Student Orientation and Registration Night will be held Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Madrona School. All parents with children who will be 5 years old by August 31 are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from the S.E. Parent Information Center will be there to answer questions and register children for the 1990-91 school year. For more information about the meeting and items needed for Registration, please call Madrona School or the S.E. Parent Information Center at 286-4581.

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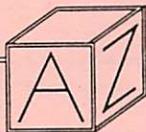
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Mayfair Director Needed

Director needed for community annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Call Marty Liebowitz at 325-1224 for more information.

Unique Houses Featured in 1990 Home and Garden Tour

The date has been set, home and garden owners are being contacted, house captains and other volunteers are being solicited, and the great "after tour bash" is being planned. The 1990 Madrona Home and Garden Tour, scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., promises to be another successful event. Audrey Seale, Home Tour Chair, says they will probably have a total of 10 houses and gardens in this year's tour. This year, a nature walk will also be included as part of the tour.

It isn't too early to volunteer to help this year's Home and Garden Tour, according to Audrey.

What makes Madrona's Home and Garden Tour unique? Just that, says Audrey. The variety and diversity of homes in our neighborhood is truly unique. Audrey is still in the process of lining up houses for the tour. If you know of a unique house that you would recommend for the tour, call Audrey at 329-8775 and let her know.

Madrona community's major fundraising event provides funds for the newsletter, Mayfair, and other council activities. It is also a wonderful community-building event that helps all involved learn more about their neighbors and the history of the neighborhood. This is Audrey's second year out of a three year term. She says she is already planning the 1991 tour which will feature historical homes.

If you think you'd like to volunteer this year, would like to have your home a part of the tour, (or think your neighbor's house would be perfect and you know they won't call!), give Audrey a call. She promises that participating in the tour will be an enjoyable experience. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 the day of the tour.

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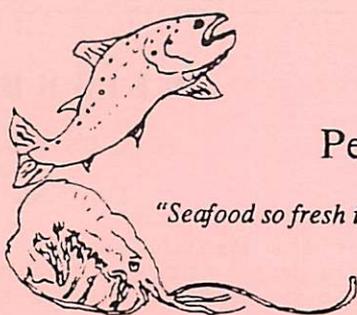
David. "It was a lot easier than we thought, and we received the plaque in about a week." They were encouraged to participate in this program by Shirley Solomon, who is spearheading the effort to enhance the natural setting of the neighborhood by building on the Department's program.

Solomon will provide the program for the January 30 Madrona Community general meeting. She will be talking about plans for the Nature Walk and handing out packets and posters for the Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary program. Solomon has set a goal of 50 backyards designated in time for the annual Home and Garden tour.

1991 Property Tax Valuations
Have Increased!!!
What Does This Mean For Madrona?
What Can We Do About It?
To Find Out, attend the next
Community Council Meeting
February 27.

Adopt-A-Park Core Group Formed

A core group of about 10 people has formed an Adopt A Park committee. This group will work with the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation to focus on the park, set goals and timelines and establish a regular clean up schedule among other things. Other projects, dependent upon the core group's interests and community direction, may be developed. More information will be available after the first meeting sometime in March. Keep watching for details and look for a booth at Mayfair.



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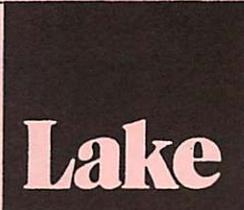
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NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

TELL US WHAT TO HIGHLIGHT AND FEATURE
ON THE NATURE WALK
THAT WE HAVE JUST BEGUN PLANNING

One element of the Madrona Wildlife Project is a self-guided Neighborhood Nature Walk which will wind through the community, stopping to admire and interpret all our favorite spots and points of interest.

We need help identifying those special places. We want to hear from Madrona residents who know the area and who are willing to share that knowledge with us.

Let us know what sorts of things you would like featured; what the perfect loop would be; where the different view angles are most unusual. That magnificent old tree, the robin's nest across the street, glorious fall colors, the best viewing spot for a certain species, magnificent spring floral displays, the historic house, the smells of the ravines, where and when to see the unusual or the cherished.

Our intent is for the Nature Walk to become a neighborhood showpiece, a community jewel. We see it continually evolving as new features are added and seasons highlighted. Interpretive art could be located at certain significant locations in time to come.

Come participate in a discussion and planning session for the Nature Walk at the next Madrona Community Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30 at Madrona School. We will have a large aerial photo of the neighborhood to help you locate your favorite spots.

For more information call Shirley Solomon, days 623-7361, evenings 323-1524.

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