

# Madrona NEWSLETTER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 8

Get ready for the best deal in town.....the neighborhood clean-up! People save up all year for this annual event! Appliances, furniture, mattresses, building materials and old water heaters are among the items accepted. Items not accepted: Yard wastes, toxics, tires, batteries, concrete and ordinary household garbage.

Information about a Toxic Waste Round-Up will be circulated by the City before the clean-up.

## LOCAL FAMILY RESTAURANT A HIT !

Madrona is lucky to have a new Mexican restaurant right on our fringes at Martin Luther King and Cherry. El Micheacano is run by the Casteneda family. The food is delicious, comes in great quantities and is served graciously in a setting happily reminiscent of Mexico. The prices are low and the guacamole arrives with the chips, free of charge. The menu is printed in English and Spanish, and the sound of both languages fills the air. A real find!

## MADRONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS

by Margie Kates

Mrs. Jenifer Katahira, our full-day kindergarten teacher, has received word that she has been selected as one of the ten Seattle teachers to receive the Excellence in Education Award. We are all thrilled that her outstanding contribution to students is being recognized.

We are continuing to plan for our multi-cultural celebration day in June. The children in kindergarten and first grade are learning about the country of Kenya. Children in grades two and three are studying the Soviet Union, and students in grades four and five are learning about Japan. Students from both the Early Childhood Education program and the Accelerated Progress Program will be working together throughout the month of May to learn about these countries, their peoples, and their cultures.

If you can share your travel experiences or if you have lived in one of these countries and would like to talk to a group of students, please call the school at 281-6590.

## MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2  
Saturday  
9:00 a.m.

MADRONA PLAYFIELD CLEANUP  
Monthly cleanup. Bring  
your gloves.

June 5  
Tuesday  
7:00 p.m.

MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING.  
Group Health (Back door)

June 27  
Wednesday  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE  
AREAS WORKSHOP. C.A.M.P.  
722 18th Avenue.

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.

## Crime Free Summer, Focus of Neighborhood Meeting

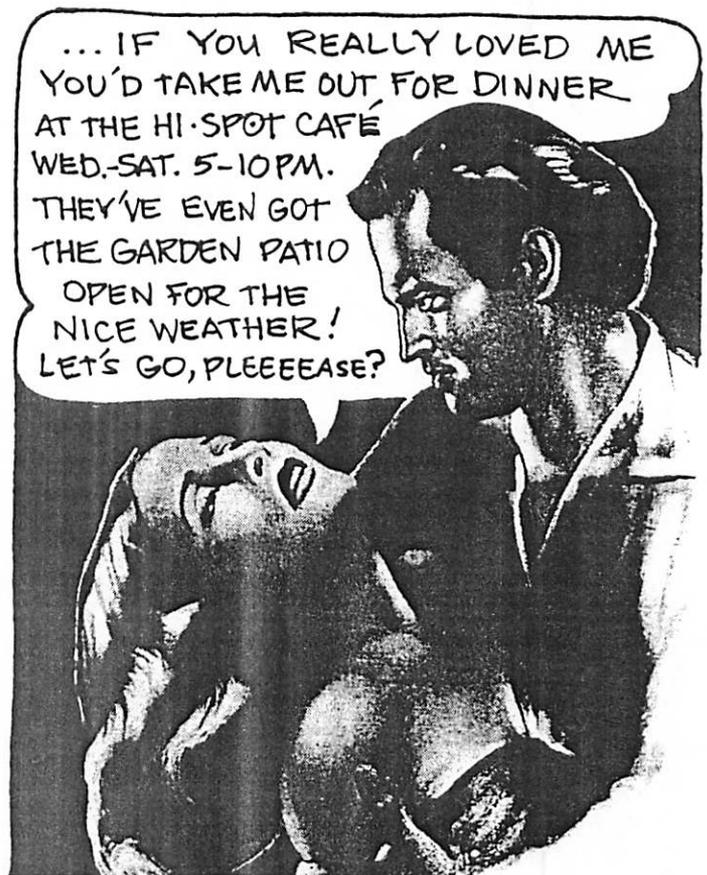
Community Police Team Sgts. Nick Metz and Joel Sweetland and Lt. Al Sorenson from the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct, met with about 35 people from the Madrona Community about the need for Police and community attention for a safe summer at the Madrona Playfield and the neighborhood. The meeting was sponsored by the Madrona Community Council and organized by Sally Alhadeff and Dwight Pelz of the Madrona Playfield Adopt-A-Park Committee. The increase in drug activity in the park last summer and the rising incidence of drug and gang related activity were cited as major community concerns.

The concept of Community Policing was explained as well as the need for the community to call 9-1-1 whenever suspicious or illegal activity is observed. Lt. Sorenson explained that the number of calls logged this year will determine the amount of Police resources assigned next year and residents should not hesitate to report any complaint to the Police. The Community Police Team is a new concept where a few officers are allowed the time and resources to get to know the neighborhoods of the East Precinct and help the community work to solve their law enforcement problems.

Sgt. Metz pointed out that significant pressure has been applied on gang and drug activity at 23rd and Union and as a result, some of this activity can be expected to move toward Madrona. People were encouraged to help the Police combat this problem by forming Block Watches. The Police are committed to respond to all calls and help the Seattle Parks Department and the community keep the park closed at night throughout the summer. Because of the Goodwill Games, Police resources will be stretched thin, so community concern and involvement will be essential to maintaining a Police presence during this summer.

Other community concerns were raised including the need for more patrols in the business district and the need for lights in certain neighborhoods to act as a deterrent. Seattle City Light has a program to provide adequate street lighting. If community members believe their streets lights are inadequate, they should call City Light at 625-3000. The problem of July 4th fireworks which last summer caused considerable damage and required a substantial cleanup effort was also discussed. Neighbors asked the Police to help prevent a similar situation this year.

The Community Police Team concept seemed to present an effective method of meeting community concerns and assisting in an overall crime prevention program.



## Public Workshops Offered On Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The Seattle Office for Long-range Planning and the Department of Construction and Land Use are undertaking a joint effort to improve the City's management of its environmentally sensitive areas including steep slopes, landslide-prone areas, floodplains, landfills and certain water bodies. A series of public workshops will be held. Potential new environmentally sensitive areas include wetlands, areas subject to seismic hazard, riparian corridors (areas along creeks and streams), and toxic waste sites. The goal of this effort is to ensure that development occurs in a safe manner and to protect the City's natural resources.

The purpose of the workshops is to get people involved in the process of developing policies and regulations for environmentally sensitive areas, to hear ideas regarding the types of areas that should be addressed, and how the City can develop regulations that balance preservation and protection with development objectives for privately owned land. A related issue is how the work dealing with environmentally sensitive areas should be combined with the City's efforts to preserve greenbelts and natural areas.

Madrona's steep slopes and many wildlife habitats make these workshops ideal opportunities for community input to preserve the character of our neighborhood. Questions about the workshops can be directed to Cliff Marks of OLP at 684-8056, or Ken Davis of DCLU at 684-8880. Wednesday, June 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m. CAMP, 722-18th Avenue (in the "Studio").

### Summer Camp Offered By Local Student

Madrona resident Nathan Toney will run his summer day camp for children aged 5-8 again this year. Nathan graduates this month from Seattle Prep. For more information, please call Nathan at 329-7322 or 329-6244.

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## Ambitious Inventory Project Seeks Neighborhood Participation

Jerry Clark, City Arborist with the Seattle Engineering Department, is about to begin an ambitious project: an inventory of all the city's street trees. Jerry is seeking volunteers to walk our city streets and record information of trees. The project hopes to inventory 25,000 trees this summer starting with neighborhoods close to downtown including Madrona, and working outward.

Volunteers are being asked to dedicate a minimum of four hours a week for at least a one-month period during the months of June through October. A training manual will be provided to all volunteers as an aid. If you are interested in this project, drop a postcard to City Arborist, Seattle Engineering Department, Room 704, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. Include your name, address, phone number and the days that you are willing to work.

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## HOME TOUR REPORT

It's official! The 1990 Madrona Home & Garden Tour was a big success. The newsletter is paid for another year. Thanks to everyone who played a part, big or small, to make the tour such a fine time for all. Everyone is always interested in the "numbers". Over 800 people attended the tour. Our presale tickets increased 50% over 1989, and if the weather had been as good as last year, who knows how many would have attended! Our hats are off to the lemonade stands who coped with the unpredictable weather, and still had fun. The nature focus provided by Shirley Solomon's leadership was a wonderful addition. I have learned so much about our neighborhood trees already.

I received many, many compliments on the houses: how interesting, diverse styles, and how well-presented. Our real thanks goes to the homeowners who shared their homes with us. We know it takes a real extra effort from you. We thank you. Be sure to thank them when you see them too. I also heard that people missed having as many houses

west of 34th as we did last year. Let's improve that next year, so people visit ALL of our neighborhood.

146 neighbors did some job to make the tour happen. Neighborhood friendships were increased 47.5 %, at least!! Somehow only 20% of our volunteers were male. Is that a sign of the "have-it-all/do-it-all" Madrona women, or we failing to be an equal opportunity volunteer effort?

Madrona Home & Garden Tour 1991: **April 27, 1991**, the last Saturday in April. Next year's focus will be on the historic homes of Madrona. Call me if you want to be involved learning about our history.

From all of the tour committee, thank you for this opportunity to help our community.

Audrey Seale  
Home Tour Chair  
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