

Madrona NEWSLETTER

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Council seeks input for open space planning

by Shirley Solomon

As we are all aware, there is heavy pressure to develop the remaining lots in our neighborhood. This pressure will become much greater as the effects of the 1990 Growth Management Act become apparent. The Act attempts to control urban sprawl by establishing urban growth areas and defining boundaries beyond which growth will not be permitted. Lots within established communities will be in great demand, and in-filling will increase dramatically.

The impact of community opposition to development in the central city has been notoriously unsuccessful since there is a general perception that community groups oppose *all* development. Community opposition to otherwise legal developments is perceived as another case of NIMBY (not in my back yard). This is unfortunate since there are areas in our communities which deserve preservation.

In many instances, in-filling in Madrona poses few if any problems for the community. However, in certain circumstances, the community stands to lose valuable open space, an increasingly precious amenity in our community. Our wooded lots, steep overgrown hill-sides, ravines and grand old trees are really the soul of this community and, as such, need to be cherished and protected.

In order to respond to these pressures in a proactive and constructive manner, the Madrona Open Space Committee will develop an Open Space Plan for the Madrona Community. The intent is to develop a comprehensive inventory of community open space together with policy recommendations. The recommendations will cover such issues as community consultation, design review and open space acquisition. The Madrona Community Council will adopt the plan following community input and present it to the City.

Ultimately, we will prioritize the various open space areas. Highest priorities will be approved by the community council and submitted to the City for preservation. Any development will be vigorously opposed in these areas. Development guidelines and community review will be advocated for other areas.

Come play your part in "Keep Madrona Green."

The Madrona Open Space Committee will present its draft Open Space Plan at the General Meeting on February 26. Come give your input and let the Council know how you feel. The Committee is currently identifying all open space in the area and will have their preliminary maps available at the meeting.

To provide a broader context to the problem, we have on the agenda several people who are presently addressing open space issues from a number of different perspectives: Bill Blair, Manager of the City of Seattle's Open Space program along with members of his staff; Jerry Arbus and Anne Knight, Madrona residents and members of Open Space Advocates; and Rees Toothman and others from the Leschi Improvement Council Greenspace Committee.

Please attend the meeting. This is your neighborhood.

Madrona Community Calendar

February 25 Site Council
Monday, 7:00 p.m. Madrona Elementary School

February 26 General Meeting
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary School
(see related article this issue)

March 5 Board Meeting
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary School

April 27 Madrona Home Tour
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sea-Tac Noise Hotline..... 433-5393

Suspicious Activity Hotline..... 325-BUST

Madrona Elementary School News

By Margie Kates

Elementary school registration is taking place during the month of February. Parents/guardians need to visit a Parent Information Center to register students new to the school district, including kindergartners, and to request a change of assignment.

In order to help prospective parents and students get acquainted with Madrona School, we are conducting a building orientation and tour every Wednesday morning at 9:30. All are welcome.

Our annual Art Fair is scheduled for Thursday, February 28. This year it is combined with an Open House and will feature performing groups from our instrumental music program and a special drama production by one of our fourth grade classes.

We encourage all of you to come see the interesting and exciting curriculum and special activities we offer students at Madrona.

News From Madrona Library

By Nancy Pew, Librarian

Children who attend Seattle Public Library's After School Happenings (SPLASH) from 3:00 to 5:30 each day read, do homework, and participate in library-sponsored activities. They come looking for caring adults to help them and give them attention during those crucial after school hours. We need volunteers to make this program run smoothly, especially since the recent cut in the library's budget resulted in one less staff person assigned during SPLASH hours. If you can help, please contact Nancy at the library (684-4705) or contact the Volunteer Office at 386-4141. We would also appreciate help in preparing project materials; this can be done at home or at the library depending on your schedule.

Children 2-6 years of age, and their parents or caregivers are invited to preschool story time to enjoy picturebook stories, flannelboards, puppets, action rhymes and crafts on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., February 20, 27, March 6 and 13.

We look forward to seeing you at the library.





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Neighborhood Beat

By Marty Liebowitz, President

Two neighbors requested that the Council apply for assistance in solving some local problems. The first was for the Seattle Engineering Department to look at enhanced traffic control in the vicinity of Epiphany School. With the road bending at both ends of the school approach road, this is an extreme hazard, especially to children coming and going from the school. The second project we asked assistance on concerns restoring the curbs and gutters along Denny Way in the vicinity of the Epiphany School. Paving over the years has heightened the level of the roads to the point that the curbs in many cases are now paved over.

The last general meeting was a roaring success. About 70 residents turned out to hear about the programs at Madrona Elementary School, and to applaud all the children who participated in the "Say No to Drugs" poster contest. These are currently on display at the Hi-Spot.

The Site Council of the Madrona School will meet this month on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the school. All are invited to attend.

Call one of your neighbors
to help with your real estate needs:

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Community Bulletin

Central Branch Preschool. The afternoon program is open to children who are not enrolled in the morning preschool. Also, a summer program is being planned. Call Lynne Chelimer at 723-1187 for more information or to plan a visit.

Children's Art Exhibit. Madrona After School Arts Program at Epiphany School proudly presents its second annual Children's Art Exhibit during the month of March at the Hi-Spot. "Anything Goes" features colorful mixed media works by 12 children who attend Epiphany School's after school art classes. For more information call Lynn Brevig at 323-4366.

Old Cookie Jars wanted. 325-1224

Living Space Wanted. Local artist and teacher (and 2 cats) seek nice living space in Madrona. Cooperative shared housing or basement apartment in the \$300-400 range. Lynn 322-7241.

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1991 Madrona Historic Home & Garden Tour

"Historic Homes of Madrona" is the theme of 11th annual Madrona Home and Garden Tour, Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Among other homes in this year's tour are three homes in the 700 block of 35th Avenue; one of them is over 100 years old! The tour is the only fundraiser of the community council each year. Proceeds are used to pay for the costs of publishing this newsletter. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance at Madison Park Books, the N.Y. Deli, the Hi-Spot, Bek's Books, and City People's Garden Store. Day of the tour tickets are \$10 at Madrona Elementary school.

As is true every year, we need volunteers to help stage this major fundraiser. There are many things you can do to get involved *before, during, and after* the tour. You can distribute posters and flyers and sell tickets *before the tour*. *During the tour* you can be a volunteer guide in one of the homes or you can sell tickets and distribute programs at Madrona School or many, many, many other things. But, perhaps best of all, *after the tour*, you can celebrate with your fellow volunteers at the After-Tour Bash at the Hi-Spot. New this year: on a first-come, first-serve basis, babysitting is available for volunteers at Epiphany Church for \$1 per hour per child, prepaid.

We are looking for one or two more homes for this year's tour. Please call if you would like to include your home on the tour or if you have a suggestion of someone to ask. Let's hear from West Madrona! We need your help, so call Audrey Seale, Home Tour chairperson, at 329-8775, and let her know how you will be involved.



Restaurant Readies For Opening

The date has been set, the name picked, the painting and cleaning complete and the menu determined. The Madrona Bistro, located in the former Two Countries Cafe, will open in April 1991. The menu will feature fresh pasta, grilled items including chicken and fish, vegetarian selections and their own baked breads. They'll be open five nights a week, Tuesday through Saturday, 5:30-10:00 p.m.

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