

Madrona NEWSLETTER

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The Envelope Please . . .

The winner of the "Who's Been Here the Longest" Contest is Miss Betty M. Evans who has resided in her home at 1522 33rd Avenue for 70 years! Betty's family moved to Madrona for the same reason that many families move here today...to cut down the commute time! Betty's father was a civil engineer and it took sometimes an hour and a half bumping along in an old Model A to get to Seattle from their cottage on the south end of Lake Washington, near Renton. Madrona offered a place to live that was close to the street car, had a nice neighborhood shopping center and a fire station (now the Madrona Sally Goldmark library).

Her family moved to the house on 33rd Avenue when she was just 10 months old. Her roots are firmly in Madrona. She went to kindergarten at the Church of the Epiphany and attended Madrona Elementary where she graduated from the 8th grade. She graduated from Garfield High School and attended the University of Washington until World War II broke out at which time she quit and went to work after brushing up her secretarial skills at a business college.

The most notable change in Madrona? The fact that it has gone through so many transitions from primarily white to primarily black and now there is a lot of balance in the neighborhood.

Betty is part of a pioneer family, a 4th generation Puget Sounder and a member of Daughters of the Pioneers. She would like to see the character of the neighborhood stay the same, primarily single family with a healthy shopping center nucleus.

Honorable mention and runner-up status goes to two other long-term Madrona residents, Wilhelmine and George Wilk, brother and sister, who have lived at 714 32nd Avenue for nearly 68 years. Their family picked up and moved from a farm in Georgetown, Minnesota in the early 20's. They drove for two weeks across country in a Studebaker with mom, dad and 4 kids. They stayed for a while in Puyallup and then moved to their home in Madrona in May, 1923.

Their favorite thing about the neighborhood is that they have nice neighbors who all "take care of each other". Wilhelmine, who is a retired Boeing employee and George, a printer for over 40 years, both have fond memories of growing up in Madrona. They both remember teaching themselves how to swim at Madrona Beach. George used to go down to the beach at 8:00 in the morning after he completed his paper route. He remembers the 24' high diving platform that was eventually removed because too many people were running into the platform on the way down! Wilhelmine knows many members of this community because she served on the Election Board for 12 years, first at Garfield, then at Madrona but says "when I got to be 80 years old, I decided to let someone else do it."

George thinks that their house was the third house built on the block and was probably about 15 years old when their parents bought it. They remember lots of empty lots around the neighborhood, including the block square vacant lot that is now Madrona Playfield. They like their neighborhood. They have seen it change a lot over the years and it is now very mixed.

Congratulations to these long-term residents. Both winners will receive a free breakfast for two at the Hi-Spot.



Madrona Community Calendar

January 29 General Meeting
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Madrona Elementary School
(see Neighborhood Beat inside)

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

March 18 Preapplication Deadline
Neighborhood Matching Fund

April 27 Madrona Home Tour

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

Suspicious Activity Hotline 325-BUST

Neighborhood Beat

By Marty Liebowitz, President

So, it's a new year in Madrona and already things are beginning to happen. The dates for our yearly rituals have been set. The **Home Tour** occurs this year on April 27 and the **Madrona Cleanup** has been scheduled for September 7. **Mark your calendars!** Also, the Madrona Elementary school has had a group meeting to form a SITE Committee made up of interested parents, residents, faculty and administration. Advance notification of these meetings has been somewhat spotty--we hope to give plenty of notice for the February meeting.

This month's general meeting will be an informal get together at the Madrona Elementary School to meet the principal, Margie Kates, the kindergarten teachers, and others who are involved in making the school an enriching environment for kids. The chairs of both the SITE Committee and PTSA will give presentations. Also, Juanita West, coordinator of the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition's Drug Free Zone program will make a short presentation. The school recently sponsored a poster contest to publicize Madrona's Drug Free Zone. Those posters will be on display at the Hi-Spot this month.

Refreshments will be served at the General Meeting and we hope to get a big turnout. Since February is the month for parents to make school choices, this is a timely meeting. See you there.



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Partnership Announces Final Plan

A 22-unit apartment house scheduled for the long vacant lot at the corner of 34th & Pine is apparently going ahead according to Steve Bolliger and Michael Utt, partners in Madrona Place Limited Partnership. Their intention is to start construction when soil testing is completed and the building permit received. Originally sized at around 30 units, the final plans are for 22 one and two bedroom units totalling about 15,000 s.f. and approximately 3,000 s.f. of ground floor commercial space. Tenant parking spaces are provided in the building and are accessible from Pike Street.

A major feature of the building is a second floor private-entrance courtyard facing Al Larkins Park. The building will have brick facing on the ground floor with wood siding above.

Community Bulletin

Space Wanted. Madrona Resident needs studio for artistic expression. Creative solution sought. Rob, 322-9028

For Rent in Madrona. Large bedroom-bathroom suite with kitchen. Share study/sitting room. \$400 per month includes utilities. 325-4324.

Friends of Recycling. Become part of the team that's helping the City of Seattle reach its 60% recycling goal by 1998. Be a neighborhood contact for recycling questions. Call 684-8717 and ask for Friends of Recycling Project Manager.

Small Projects Deadline. If you have a small project that you would like the City of Seattle to do, e.g. street maintenance or a traffic island, contact Marty L., 325-1224, before January 29.

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Madrona Elementary School News

By Margie Kates

The staff and students of Madrona Elementary deeply appreciate all the wonderful neighbors we have. The "Arctic Express" that blew through Seattle on December 18 left over 150 students stranded at Madrona. The city was in gridlock, and nine of our buses simply could not get through. Thanks to our dedicated staff, parents, and neighbors we were able to feed all the students and make the night an exciting adventure.

When the power went out at 8:30, neighbors began appearing asking what we needed. Before long, there were blankets, sleeping bags, coffee (for very grateful adults), and volunteers at the school. Many people kindly called lists of parents to notify them that their children were at school and were all right. Our telephone lines were jammed and we lost incoming calls with our power.

All students were home by 4:30 p.m. the next afternoon after eating another two meals at school and being filmed by KOMO TV for the evening news!

We thank all of you for your concern and help, and for the use of your blankets and sleeping bags. What a great community!!

News From Madrona Library

By Nancy Pew, Librarian

Due to recent city budget cuts, Madrona Sally Goldmark Library will be closing at 6:00 p.m. rather than at 7:00 p.m. each weekday beginning February 4. The number of staff hours will also be reduced. We hope you will be patient during our busiest time which is usually right after school. We look forward to seeing you at the library. The new hours are:

Monday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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New Business to Open

After toying with the idea of a mercantile type business like a hardware store, Monad, a local artist and businessperson who operates Pure Manifestations, has announced that he is going to open The Center of Creative Development at 1404 34th Avenue, just south of the Hi-Spot. The Center will be a place for Monad to teach art and sculpture, wheel-throwing, hand building (a method of pot building without using a wheel) and soft sculpture. He will continue teaching at Seattle Central Community College and Stevenson Elementary school in Bellevue.

Monad is planning to open February 1 and will be teaching students from 5 years of age and up. He's also thinking about teaching parents and children together in a "co-class".

Monad seriously considered opening up another small service type business in the community and then realized that what he really wanted to do was teach. Monad said, "Art is what my life is about, I may as well go with the flow. I really like to work. Nothing is quite like teaching, nothing else feels this way. It makes me want to know more about what I'm doing." You can contact Monad at the new Center at 1404 34th Avenue where he will be cleaning up and getting the shop ready or at Pure Manifestations, 1135 34th Avenue.

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