

Madrona NEWSLETTER

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Regional Housing Levy for Homes for Neighbors In Need

On March 10, voters in King County will have an opportunity to vote on a Regional Housing Levy called Homes for Neighbors in Need. The levy is designed to ensure that funds generated are reinvested in the local communities where the money is raised. The eight-year levy will cost King County residents approximately \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The levy will be administered by a policy board composed of local elected officials. A Citizens Advisory Group will provide full oversight and renew.

For information, contact Homes for Neighbors in Need at 1201 3rd Av., Suite 2710, Seattle, WA 98101, 223-0465.

New Store Opens in Business District

Uniqueness in One, a new shop at 1402 34th Avenue is run by Chicquita & Neil Wilson. They carry beauty supplies and specialty gift items as well as leathers and bags for both men and women. We welcome them to the Madrona Community.

Oil Smart Wednesdays

Oil Smart Wednesdays in March will again challenge Seattle commuters to reduce usage of single occupancy vehicle trips. The Madrona Commuter Group encourages neighbors to try carpooling, busing, bicycling or walking.

Mural Artists Needed

Feel like expressing your creative talents? The Shelter House project is coming to an end. Come and help with the final touches by painting the custom-designed murals and the walls. Work parties continue every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through March 7-8. Call Marty Liebowitz at 325-1224 or Kathleen Roark at 324-9487 to schedule some volunteer time.

Madrona Community Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 25, **General Meeting**
Madrona Elementary; 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, **Council Board Meeting**,
Madrona Elementary; 7:30 p.m.

Rich Diversity Is Focus of Annual Home Tour

Planning for the 12th Annual Madrona Home and Garden Tour is at a feverish pitch. The focus of this year's tour, the rich diversity of homes in the neighborhood, highlights a 100 year old home, a thoroughly modern house and unique and interesting homes in between on Grand Street, Newport Way, E. Pike and 35th & 36th Avenues.

The Tour is the only fundraiser for the Community Council. It raises funds for this newsletter and helps provide matching funds for neighborhood projects like the new Madrona Playfield playground equipment and the Shelter House remodel. It's a worthy cause and a lot of fun. Don't put off calling and offering to help. It's truly a herculean effort on the part of a few, but depends mightily on many, many volunteers. If you've never helped with the Home Tour, now's the year to start. Call Chairperson, Barbara Stenson at 324-9215 and offer to help.

Community Police Team at Next General Meeting

Sgt. Manning of the Community Police Team and Sonja Richter from the Block Watch/Crime Prevention program will be featured at the next General Meeting on Tuesday, February 25. Sgt. Manning will talk about the Community Police Team and how they can work with a neighborhood to help solve problems. Sonja Richter from the Crime Prevention Division will be at our meeting to encourage us to start a Block Watch. Why? Because they work.

There will be time to ask questions and talk about specific issues and problems. If you have a problem you've been trying to solve, come and see if they can help. It's at 7:30 at Madrona Elementary School.

Facts about Pollution from Wood Smoke

Nearly half of Washington's households have wood burning devices. Wood burning units can emit hundreds of times as much pollution as other forms of heating such as natural gas, electricity or oil. Heating with wood accounts for about 20% of Washington air pollution on an annual basis. The impact of that pollution is much larger for two reasons:

- Virtually all of it is released during winter months. It takes just half the year for wood smoke to become Washington's third leading source of air pollution.
- Washington's winter climate leads to stagnant air. Wood smoke does not disperse under such conditions. It is trapped near the ground and accumulates in neighborhood air.

Seattle Burn Ban Hotline: 296-5100

Genesis House Update

Remodeling will soon be completed at Genesis House, the residential drug treatment center at 34th and Cherry. Last year, children of clients were included in the program, which led to many changes. Local architect Steve Matthias designed the plans. Playground and perimeter fences were constructed. The basement men's dormitory was remodeled to include a kitchen, playroom, office and nap and bathroom facilities to accommodate daytime children's programs. Additional space for mothers and children was created in the main building by moving two offices. Remodeling the storage laundry building accommodated administrative offices, a general purpose room and the laundry. There were too few offices, which were poorly located with little privacy, so the former dining room will become offices, and several offices and closets will be eliminated to provide a dining hall near the kitchen.

Genesis House looks forward to scheduling an open house when remodeling is complete. The support and interest of the community is greatly appreciated.

Madrona Community Council

Please call your neighborhood representatives. They are out there to answer questions and to represent your point of view to the community council.

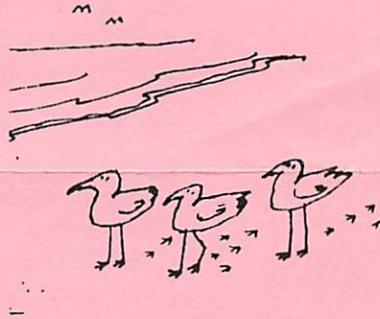
N.W.: Orlando Nuckols 328-1749.

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S.W.: Monica Lake, 329-5539.

S.E.: Ed Munoz, 328-0615.

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Friday & Saturday, 5:30 - 10:00

What on Earth Can You Do . . . To Improve Air Quality

- * Select fuels other than wood as your primary source of heat. (Burning wood isn't really free; we pay a stiff price in reduced air quality in the neighborhood.)
- * Compost yard debris instead of burning. (Could this be any easier? Call Tilth or 1-800-RECYCLE.)
- * Walk, ride your bike, take a bus, carpool, maintain your vehicle. (Read *The Conscientious Commuter* for advice.)
- * Combine several short trips.
- * Insulate your home better. (If you qualify, this can be free.)
- * If you must heat with wood, be sure the wood is dry and seasoned and that there's good air supply. (Smoldering fireplaces and woodstoves are bad for us and bad for our air.)

Community Center Levy Update

In May 1991, Seattle voters approved a \$18 million levy to renovate or replace five community recreation centers. Rainier, Delridge, Garfield, Meadowbrook and Bitter Lake were selected because each serves a large area, the demand for programs is high, and each facility is significantly under-sized or in poor condition. And, for most, the existing facility lacks identity or community pride. The budget for each project is \$3 - \$4 million, to create centers similar in size and quality to those in Ballard and South Park.

Rainier's needs assessment and siting study was completed through the Neighborhood Match Fund. So it is scheduled for design this spring and construction late in 1992 or early 1993. The others will be scoped and budgeted by this summer, with design extending into 1993. Ideally, they can be under construction in 1993.

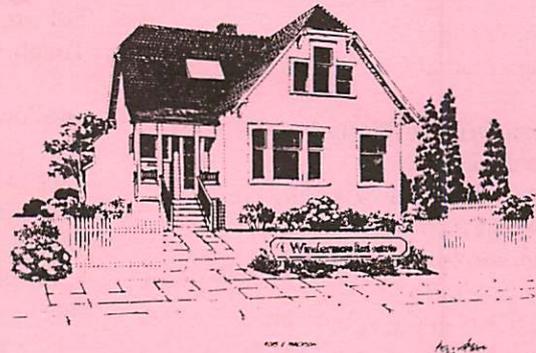
Garfield's project involves several alternate sites to be discussed with the community and the School District. Seattle Schools proposes to significantly upgrade Garfield High following voter approval of a levy and completion of Ballard High School. Horace Mann School, currently occupied by NOVA, is being considered as an alternate for the African American Academy. The City and Seattle Schools may jointly develop the north side of East Cherry Street across from the playfield. Garfield Playfield and Powell Barnett Park are being considered, but the existing sportsfields are heavily used. Undeveloped open space at the Playfield is limited. The corner of 23rd Ave. E. and E. Cherry offers good visibility, but perhaps insufficient space. Building on top of the pool might be considered. Parking will be a challenge at any site. For information, contact the Garfield Community Center Project Manager, Buddy L. Brown, 684-7058.

Community Bulletin

- **Madrona Coop Preschool Annual Auction.** March 21 6-10 p.m. St Therese's, 3416 E. Marion. Call 935-2931.
- **Keep Washington Green Assoc.** provides bareroot evergreen seedlings in bundles of 50 for \$5. Order from: KWG, #6 Anderson Hall, AR-10, UW, Seattle 98195.
- **Chairs** urgently needed for the meeting room at the newly remodeled Shelter House. Call Marty @ 325-1224.
- **Genesis House**, residential drug treatment program, needs board of directors volunteers. Jeff Bott, 328-0881.

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

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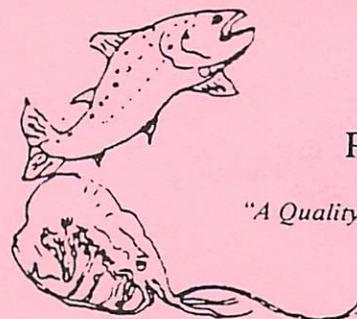
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To Town

by Andrew R. Goulding

Swooping downhill,
Hammering uphill,
Exploring new routes,
Backstreet neighborhoods,
Children going to school,
Rain in the face,
Morning sunlight,
Evening bread at Gais' Thrift store.

Madrona Drive to Thirty-Fourth
Over to Jackson Street,
By way of 19th, and 20, on the crest,
Take King Street west of Boren,
Through International District;
Nearly three miles,
About twenty minutes,
Downhill westbound, to work,
Uphill eastbound, going home.

Cheating traffic,
Cheating stoplights,
Cheating parking lots,
Cheating Detroit and Japan,
Cheating Metro.

Helmet,
Wool mittens,
Anorak with reflective patches,
V-neck wool sweater,
Cotton shirt & fancy tie,
Sport coat hanging at the office,
(For meetings),
Cotton pants, nylon shorts,
Gortex train pants; gaitors for dry days,
Polypropylene sox,
Tough, waterproof shoes.

Swallow pride,
Worry about visibility,
Pack everything into a nylon bag,
Fuss with cable lock,
Change worn brake pads,
Untangle bungy cords from chain,
Buy new batteries for bike light,
Find a secure, dry place to park,
Hassle with extra, bulky clothing,
Forget combination,
Lose helmet.

Glass, trash and gravel,
Mud and puddles,
Pigeons and gulls,
Rude drivers, turning right,

Cars squeezing the right lane,
Up against parked cars,
Which open their doors without looking,
Cut off by buses at bus stops,
Fumes and noise,
Stench of Acme Chicken works.

Tough bikeframe to jump curbs,
Fat tires to resist blowouts . . .
(From glass & pavement ruts),
Fenders, for the mud,
Gears & brakes on handlebars . . .
(For quick stops & fast starts),
Bike rack for nylon bag,
Chain guard to keep pants clean,
Keep toe clips open for easy escape.

No naps with neighbors on the bus,
No time to read,
No prestige and comfort of a car,
No genteel outfits, nice shoes,
No convenience,
No safety.

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