

Madrona NEWSLETTER

January - February 1992

Member of Central Seattle Community Council Federation

Home Tour Tradition Continues

The 1992 Madrona Home and Garden Tour Chairperson has been selected and is none other than Barbara Stenson, long-time Madrona resident. Those of you who know Bobbie know that she is not shy; what you don't know is that in order to convince her to become this year's chairperson, we had to give her all your phone numbers and told her to feel free to call on you to ask for help. Seriously, while we were looking for a Chair, many people offered to help out and we intend to take you up on it. Audrey Seale (Home Tour chair for the last three fantastic years) is obtaining the homes, Susan Stocking is playing a major role as is Jill Gordon and many others.

Barbara says, "The Madrona Home Tour is one of Seattle's great community events and one of the reasons why it is such a joy to live in Seattle. We are one of the most diverse and exciting neighborhoods and our love for our neighborhood makes Madrona the kind of place that makes people believe in the city."

Call Barbara at 324-9215 or 622-2797 if you need to talk to her during the day.

Farmers Market in Central Area?

A new project is getting started to help relieve problems of high food prices and poor quality produce in the central area. If there is enough community support for a farmers market, the project would bring farmers into the central area to sell directly to community residents. (Remember the market that used to be at 24th and Yesler?) The project is at the stage of a feasibility study which will determine if enough people in the community are interested in the market to make it work. A farmers market is a way to buy fresh produce straight from the grower at prices that are lower than the grocery store and the vegetables are just picked, fresh and more nutritious. If you're excited about the idea and want to get involved, please contact Wendy McClure at Food Resource Network/Fremont Public Association, 329-0747.

Madrona Community Calendar

Tuesday, January 28, **General Meeting**
Madrona Elementary, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4, **Council Board Meeting**
Madrona Elementary, 7:30 p.m.

Community Police Team

Welcomed Back to Madrona General Meeting

Come meet our Community Police Team representatives and the City of Seattle's Block Watch Specialist at the February General Meeting. Community Police Team members are a very special group of people. Each time we invite them to a meeting, they are helpful in answering questions and they solving problems in the community. Block Watches are also proven; they work to help prevent crime. Mark your calendars and come Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. to Madrona Elementary. Bring your questions and concerns.

New Madrona Shopkeeper Falls Ill

Emmitt "Rip" Rivers, owners of *RIP'S grocery store* on 34th, feel ill and was hospitalized before Christmas and has been in a deep coma since. His wife Fran and their two children are continuing to run the business. For not having been in Madrona very long, his warm smile has won him a large group of friends and his store has provided a great stop-off point for picking up the paper, swapping neighborhood gossip and discussing sports events on TV.

The community's prayers and support go out to Rip and his family during this difficult time.

Local Publisher Dies

Mr. Fitzgerald Beaver, longtime publisher of *THE FACTS* newspaper on East Cherry, died January 1 at age 69. Mr. Beaver, described as "the Godfather of Black Media" was born in Virginia and moved to Seattle in 1961 to manage KZAM radio station. He always took a strong interest in all aspects of his community and received close to a hundred community service awards since moving here.

Mayor Norm Rice honored Beaver as "A Pioneering Journalist," and Governor Booth Gardner proclaimed January 6, 1992 as Fitzgerald Beaver Appreciation Day. His life and accomplishments are celebrated and his passing is mourned by the Madrona community.

A Fitzgerald Beaver scholarship fund has been set up in his memory. For information call Rosey Balsco at 721-0446.

Help With the Heat Energy Assistance Program

Agencies coordinating the Energy Assistance Program are accepting applications for this year's program. If you qualify, you may receive up to \$415; subsidized housing residents can receive up to \$208. The program will assist with the cost of any source of heat. There are income guidelines to qualify for the assistance. Call Central Area Motivation Program (CAMP) at 382-2356 for more information.

The meeting about the future of APP in Madrona school was postponed until a definite proposal could be submitted for the School Board's consideration. A proposal has been submitted and the next General Meeting will be held to discuss it January 28, 7:30 p.m. at Madrona School. Day care will be provided.

The proposal directs the Board to keep both APP and the neighborhood programs together until the school is rebuilt. (We are next in line for improvements--possibly in 3 years). The proposal also directs the District to consider each program independently to increase staffing. Both the ECM (Early Childhood Model) and the APP (Accelerated Progress Program) have agreed, subject to the increased staffing and support. We will still have one joint principal to ensure cooperation.

The neighborhood program, (ECM) which was capped for enrollment this year, now has the goal of growing to two classes per grade. We encourage all of you to look at Madrona as a viable choice. You can ask questions, meet some staff members and talk to parents who now have *children attending the school*.

Neighborhood schools don't just "happen," they need support from the community they are in. We have enjoyed that support, evidenced by the playground equipment and murals we were able to install with matching fund grants and community effort.

I am a parent of two students at Madrona and will have a third in kindergarten next year. I have found the neighborhood experience rewarding. I have the opportunity to be in the classroom and go on field trips. My sense of neighborhood has widened and I recognize students when I pass them on the street, see them at Rogers, the library or the park. It's a positive experience for me and my children.

If you are interested, or just want to see what is going on, please come on January 28. We will answer questions about how it has gone this year, and talk about the future.

Shelter House Update

People think "Shelter House" is the name of a building that "shelters" someone or something. We plan to use the newly remodelled structure in Madrona Playfield for community meetings and, we hope, neighborhood programs.

Work parties this fall produced results; rough wiring and new windows are in; over the holidays we plastered the ceiling. We have about a weekend left to prepare surfaces and we're ready for painting--at last. Special thanks to Michael Dietsch and Lakeside Electric for doing the electrical work.

Work parties begin again Saturday, January 25 and continue every Saturday and Sunday through March between 10 a.m. and 4:p.m. Sign up at the Hi-Spot or call 325-1224.

Madrona Community Council Board Members

- President: Jill Gordon
- 1st Vice-President: Sally Alhadeff
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- Site Council: Michael Pitre/Gray Pedersen
- Neighborhood Representatives and At-Large Members: Jerry Arbes, John Capps, John Ewald, Monica Lake, Ed Munoz, Orlando Nuckols, Barbara Stenson, Reba Utevsky

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The Conscientious Commuter

by Hal Schiffman

Have you ever been standing at the cold and windy bus stop waiting for the old No. 2, when someone you know whizzed by on their way to the same place you were headed, and they didn't stop for you? This happens to me all the time. I am waiting at Madrona Drive and Denny and I see people who come roaring up Madrona Drive, turn right onto Maiden Lane, and they're gone. What does this have to do with me? I'm headed for the U. District, and these are people with UW parking stickers. Wouldn't it be neat if they could stop and take me along; wouldn't it be neat if we had a system that would identify people headed for a particular destination, and other people going there could pick them up and make a SOV into an HOV? I understand that this is a system that has recently evolved in Prague (Czechoslovakia); people hold up signs and other people take them along. Years ago, during the first energy crisis in 1973, the ASUW proposed a system like this for the UW; distribute some kind of identification badge that people could hold that would let drivers headed for the UW know that they're headed there, too. Drivers stop, pick people up, everybody's happy.

As far as I know, this system never got off the ground here, but I have had people stop at 23rd and Union and ask if anyone was headed for the UW. I hopped in, and the driver stopped at other bus stops, too, asking for any riders. Turns out she wanted to get into the car pool lot (or get in for the car pool rate), so everybody benefitted.

Is there any interest in this in the Madrona community? Could drivers heading downtown or to the UW cast an eye at the major bus stops as they pass, and people heading in those directions hold up a sign ("DOWNTOWN", UW, "RENTON"). It's an oil-smart idea, and it helps us get to know each other as members of the Madrona Community.

Community Bulletin

- **Central Branch Preschool** is planning its Fall '92 enrollment. The school offers morning and afternoon classes as well as a child care program from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call 723-1187 to plan a visit.
- **Madrona Coop** is accepting applications for 92-93 and openings for 91-92 school year still exist. Call Hope at 329-9063.
- **Shelter House remodel** is moving along. Come to the next painting party. Call Marty at 325-1224 and express your artistic talents.

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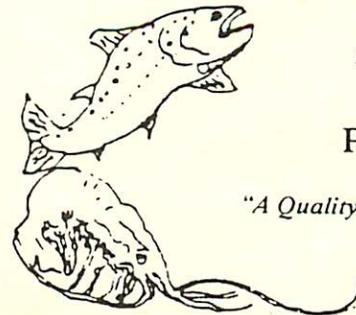


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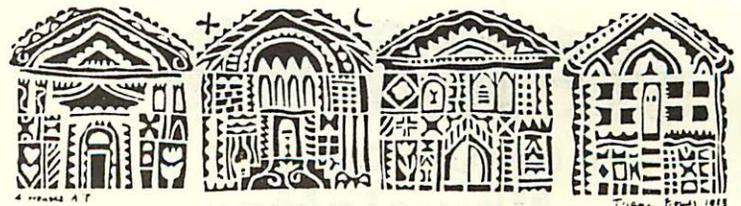


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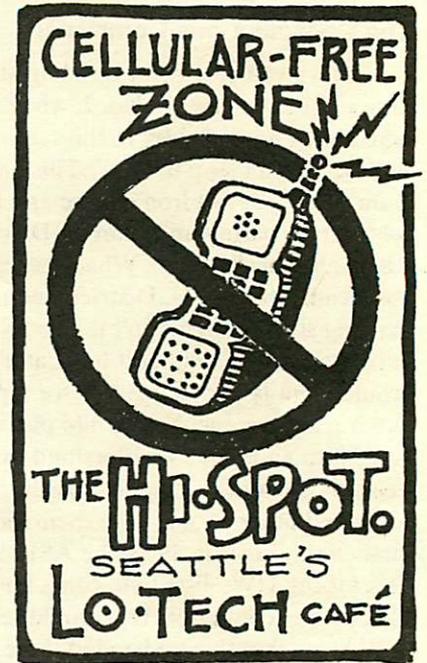
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Highlights from the January Board Meeting

- Farmers market idea for Central Area (see article elsewhere in this issue) was discussed.
- Voted to endorse February 4 school levy.
- Liquor board's decision to grant a liquor license in the 1100 block on 34th Avenue apparently ignored the council's letter opposing such issuance. Another letter will be written.
- Small and simple grant applications for projects under \$3,000 are being accepted by the City.
- Shelter house project should be completed sometime in March 1992. Volunteers are still needed; call Marty Liebowitz at 325-1224.
- General meeting explaining status of Madrona school and recommendation from Site Council scheduled for January 28.
- Apparent construction and clear cut in Harrison Greenbelt was discussed. It was decided that we would contact Harrison Community Council and jointly extend an invitation to the Parks Department to come out and tour the property to see for themselves what happens when condemnation is not used to obtain and protect greenbelts.
- Home Tour scheduled for April 25. Call to volunteer.
- MayFair scheduled for May 23. Chairperson needed.

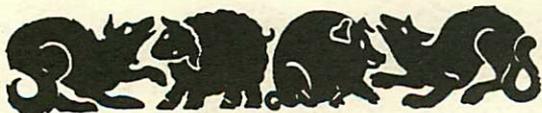
Please call your neighborhood representatives, they are out there to help you, answer questions, and represent your point of view to the community council. N.W. Orlando Nuckols 328-1749, N.E. John Ewald 328-0795, S.W. Monica Lake, 329-5539, S.E. Ed Munoz, 328- 0615.



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