

NEWS Madrona

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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November Program Meeting

Building a Stronger Neighborhood

The November program meeting of the Madrona Community Council will focus on building a stronger, more cohesive neighborhood through a variety of community organizing and volunteer neighborhood improvement programs. We will be discussing a renewed and expanded Block Watch program, crime prevention programs, graffiti control efforts, volunteer programs such as Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Park, and opportunities for getting more neighbors involved on a block by block basis. All former, current, active and inactive, Block Watch captains and members are encouraged to attend, as well as any community members interested in forming new Block Watches or becoming involved in volunteer neighborhood improvement efforts.

The Community Council currently has a vacancy on the Board for a Block Watch Committee Chairperson. Any community member interested in volunteering for the Board position or becoming involved with the Block Watch Committee should contact Jill Gordon at 329-9836, for more information.

**November Program Meeting
Madrona Community Council**

November 24th, 7:30pm

Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring

Madrona Community Council

Notes from the November 10th Board Meeting

The Board discussed the agreement between the Parks Department and the Madrona Community Council concerning the Shelter House. Royal Alley-Barnes, a contracts administrator for the Parks Department, presented a rough draft "permit" for review. Doug Anderson, lawyer and Madrona resident, gave board members a brief outline of issues concerning insurance, liability, tax status and organizational considerations.

Fundraising ideas for the Community Council were discussed. There will be a great benefit Holiday Concert with Shades of Praise at St. Therese Church on December 26th. See you there.

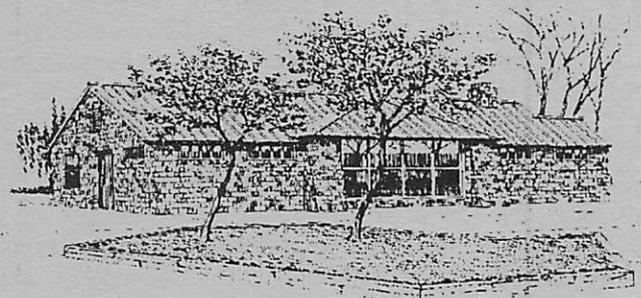
The results of the voting on the neighborhood signs were discussed. There was a clear preference by those who voted. You will soon see great signs welcoming all to the Madrona community.

Madrona needs a Block Watch Chairperson. Can you help? Call Jill Gordon at 329-9836.

Neighborly Notes

Jill Gordon, President of the Madrona Community Council, is a proud new mother of a baby girl, Sally Elizabeth, born October 27th (*six weeks early!*). Mother and baby are doing fine.

Congratulations to Jill and Patrick on their first child and welcome to the neighborhood to Sally!



Community Calendar

- Nov 24** **Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Appearance**
7:30pm Madrona Community Council General Meeting, Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Meeting on Block Watch, crime prevention, Adopt-A-Street, graffiti control, building a stronger, more cohesive neighborhood
- Dec 1** **Madrona Community Council Working Meeting**
7:30pm Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone welcome to join in monthly meeting to discuss current and future Community Council projects and activities.
- Dec 4** **"Sampling Madrona" Opening of Holiday Arts and Crafts Shows**
5p - 9p Various locations in Madrona business district. Shows run through December. See related article for details.
- Dec 26** **"Shades of Praise" Choir Holiday Concert**
7:00pm Benefit for the Madrona Community Council and the Shades of Praise Choir. St. Therese Church, 35th and Spring. Reception following concert. See related article for ticket information.
- Jan 5** **Madrona Community Council Working Meeting**
7:30pm Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone welcome.
- Jan 26** **Seattle Commons and Urban Villages**
7:30pm Madrona Community Council General Meeting. Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Join us to learn about the planning for the Seattle Commons, and also about the proposal for Urban Villages and their potential in the Central Area and Madrona.

Madrona History Project

Oral History Documents Early Madrona School Days

Some years ago Nora Wood and Betsy Darrah took it upon themselves to interview long-time Madrona residents about their life in the neighborhood. These tapes, now being transcribed, contain stories that help us reconstruct Madrona's history. Some interesting information given by Frank Preston, now deceased, and Haydee Newman, still very active and living in Denny-Blaine, are highlighted below.

Frank Preston attended the Randolph School, located at the corner of 34th and Union where the present school building is. He told of there being eight grades in four classrooms. (Haydee remembered four grades in two classrooms.) and outdoor privies. Children entered school in either September or January of each year.

By 1906 the new two-story Madrona School was opened, and the Randolph School became its annex until being removed years later. The first Madrona School had eight grades and indoor toilets! Boys and girls lined up military style at separate entrances in alphabetical order and marched to their rooms. Mr. Roberts, the custodian, was a Civil War Veteran. Since Madrona School had no facilities for vocational education, fifth to eighth grade students went once a week to the Walla Walla School for this part of their education. (After the penitentiary was built in Walla Walla, the name of the school was changed to Mann School — so children wouldn't be embarrassed to say they were in Walla Walla.) Not surprisingly, given the times, girls took cooking and sewing and the boys took manual arts.

Memories included good and bad times. Both Frank and Haydee remembered the principal, who was an elderly woman with a fierce temper. Students lived in fear of her because she would hit them hard on the back of the neck with her big brass bell when they were out-of-line in any way. Frank's best year was eighth grade with Miss Sadie Harris teaching. She had parties and food for the children and put on plays, including the romantic part of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, which they staged amidst the undergrowth of tall trees across the street!

Students came to the Madrona School primarily from the Denny-Blaine and Madrona neighborhoods. Though hardly integrated by present day standards, Frank said there was one African-American boy when he was there (c.1902-10), and school board notes show there were several Japanese and Chinese children in those early days at the school. Several notable students include Bill Speidel, author and local historian; Stanley Gill, son of the mayor; William Bain, architect; Henry Isaacson, iron works founder; and Paul Woods, a Rhodes Scholar.

Please Note: The Oral History Group of the Madrona History Project plans to conduct more oral histories of long-time residents. To collect histories reflective of the racial, economic and ethnic diversity of our community, we are looking for other volunteers to help interview.

A training program for interviewers will be scheduled in January before two-person teams will be assigned to talk with selected narrators. If you enjoy listening to stories, please call Nina Randolph at 322-6706, for more information.

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Shades of Praise

Holiday Concert

Benefiting Madrona Community Council and Shades of Praise Choir

Saturday, December 26, 1992, 7:00pm

St. Therese Church, 900 35th Avenue

Mark your calendars and hold onto your earmuffs—Shades of Praise will set your spirits soaring in a Special Holiday Concert!!! This holiday season, Shades of Praise gives our community the gift of music in a holiday concert featuring **gospel music, Hanukkah songs, and jazz tunes**. The concert will be followed by a reception with refreshments for the choir members and audience in the St. Therese School auditorium.

While donations may be made at the door, why not secure seats for yourself and your family and friends by purchasing tickets in advance? Tickets to this special holiday concert would also make **ideal holiday gifts**, and you will be supporting the Community Council and the Choir. Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving at the Hi-Spot Cafe, Yours Expressly, Madrona Bistro, and Caffe Carretto Espresso Cart at Roger's.

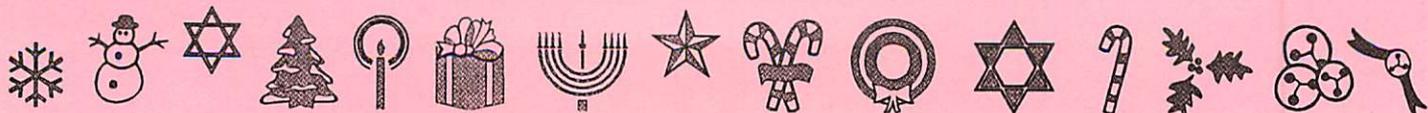
Proceeds from donations (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors) will **benefit your Madrona Community Council and the Shades of Praise Choir**. This is the first of a series of neighborhood concerts planned for the coming year to benefit the Madrona Community Council's newsletter, programs, and shelter house operation.

Shades of Praise, rich with 50 voices of all ages and diverse ethnic heritage, has inspired and uplifted the region for twelve years with choral music in the gospel-jazz style. Based at **Madrona's St. Therese Church** and directed by Kent Stevenson, the choir is well-known and loved all over the Pacific Northwest, delighting audiences around Seattle, at Bumbershoot and the Folk-Life Festival, at the Britt Festival in Oregon, and at Expo 86 in Vancouver, B.C. Shades of Praise toured New York in 1989 and plans an European tour in the summer of 1994. Shades of Praise reaches out to Northwest communities, performing at schools and churches of every denomination. In addition, the Choir takes music to those who can't come to them, appearing at residential facilities for the elderly and correctional institutions for adults and youth. Shades of Praise often joins with Seattle's City Cantabile Choir and collaborates with local jazz musicians.

So, bring your family and friends for a **musical boost and give your neighborhood a boost**, too! We look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday, December 26 at 7:00pm at St. Therese Church, 900 35th Avenue.

Tickets for this Benefit Holiday Concert will be Available after Thanksgiving at the Hi-Spot Cafe, Yours Expressly, Madrona Bistro, and Caffe Carretto Espresso at Roger's
Suggested Donation - \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children and Seniors



Holiday Gift Ideas

Holiday Tour of Arts and Crafts

Several Madrona businesses are planning special events for the evening of **December 4th**, and the following weeks through the holidays, as part of "Seattle Sampling", a citywide holiday tour of arts and crafts. Between 5pm and 9pm on December 4th arts and crafts shows will open at the following businesses:

Sky Visions, 1406 34th Avenue - Presenting stained glass gifts and watercolors by Loretta Werner; framing and gifts by Vickie Vellinga; and fine prints and stationery products by Peter Maxon.

Conrow Studio, 1429 34th Avenue - Presenting functional and decorative porcelain by Ginny Conrow; Raku sculptural pottery by Kathryn Allen; and unique clothing and accessories by Kate Beck.

Hi-Spot Cafe, 1410 34th Avenue - Displaying paintings by Laura Wessel. The Hi-Spot will have special evening hours December 4th only, 5pm-9pm, serving coffees, pastries and desserts.

Madrona Bistro, 1416 34th Avenue - Displaying paintings by Andre Samson and shrine sculptures by Cameron Martin.

This will be a special evening in the Madrona business district, so come and explore the holiday gift ideas with your neighbors.



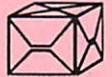
Madrona T shirts

The Madrona Community Council has produced a new set of T-Shirts, Longsleeve T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the Madrona logo in a variety of colors and sizes. These shirts, either individually or together with tickets for the Shades of Praise benefit concert, would make excellent holiday gifts...and you would also be supporting the Community Council's newsletter and programs.

The Community Council is grateful to Genella Tatum at **Yours Expressly**, 1400 34th Avenue, who has kindly agreed to sell the shirts to benefit the Council from Thanksgiving through the Holidays. So as you stop in Yours Expressly to have your holiday gifts wrapped or to ship your holiday packages, check out the fine selection of Madrona T-shirts and Sweatshirts for your family and friends.



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Walking in Madrona Cleaning the Sidewalks



Now that the leaves are off the trees and we have entered the time of the year with less daylight, please keep in mind that a lot of people still walk in our neighborhood — children walking to the schools,

neighbors walking to our neighborhood businesses, residents walking to the bus stops, as well as a lot of people walking for exercise and enjoyment.

In order to maintain a safe walking environment, please make an extra effort to clear the fallen leaves from the sidewalks and to keep the walkways and stairways clean and safe throughout the winter. Remember that adjacent property owners are responsible for **maintaining the sidewalks**, but we all can help.

Also, as winter approaches, we should try to keep the storm drains in the streets near our houses or businesses clear of leaves and debris, so that the inevitable rains don't back up and flood the surrounding sidewalks and yards. If the drain is clear, but still does not work properly, please notify the **Seattle Engineering Department at 386-1218** (24 hours) so they can clean the drains in order to reduce or eliminate any surface flooding in the streets.

In addition, if you see street lights that are out or flickering, please report them to **Seattle City Light (386-1661)**, so that our sidewalks, paths and stairways may continue to be well lit.

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Community Bulletin Board

First Annual African-American Holiday Bazaar

November 21, 10am-4pm, Miller Community Center, 301 20th Avenue East. Crafts, refreshments, door prizes and much more!

1992 Alternative Gift Fair - November 22, 9am-2pm, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 38th and Denny. International Craft Sales, Socially Responsible Shopping, Refreshments and Games.

Shared Housing Wanted - Longtime Madrona resident seeks shared housing, basement apartment, or fixer-upper in Madrona. Would like to stay in neighborhood. Call Chuck Nelson at 242-3506(w).

Garage Wanted - Madrona sailor would like to rent secure garage for winter months in which to store and work on a 16' dinghy. Please call Corbin Houchins at 329-1073(h) or 343-9597(w).

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Open Space Program Purchases Madrona Ravine

The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation has purchased a portion of the wooded ravine at 38th Avenue and East Spring Street, adding .6 acre to the forested corridor that extends through Madrona Park to Lake Washington.

The Madrona Community Council and the Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks nominated the ravine for purchase through the Opportunity Fund in October 1990. Madrona resident Marianne Hanson, the former owner of a portion of the ravine, wrote eloquently of the site's value when supporting the nomination by saying, "For long years I've watched kids discover the ravine and its secrets, including a year-round stream, salamanders, wild doves, freedom and the joy of being in the wilds right in the city."

The Seattle Open Space Opportunity Fund is a \$3.5 million program designed to preserve the rapidly vanishing, but critically important neighborhood greenspaces that were too small to be categorized as greenbelts or natural areas. Funding was provided by a portion of the \$117 million King County Open Space and Trails Bond Issue, passed by voters in 1989. Over 133 properties were nominated, and in 1991 twelve sites were selected for purchase, including the Madrona Ravine.

A neighborhood volunteer project is being organized, together with the Rotary Boys and Girls Club, to adopt the Madrona Ravine. The Rotary Boys and Girls Club project will develop information for residents about the source of the stormwater run-off that flows through the ravine. The kids will stencil the drains in our neighborhood, so we all become more aware that the stormwater from our streets, as well as anything else we might pour down the drains, ultimately ends up in Lake Washington. Neighborhood volunteers hope to improve the ravine, starting with an effort to clear off the hidden sidewalk that runs along the west side of 38th Avenue, as well as debris cleanup and plant restoration in the ravine. Please contact Shirley Solomon, 323-1524, or Jerry Arbes, 329-9329, to offer assistance or for additional information.



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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first Tuesday (Working Meeting) and the last Tuesday (Program Meeting) of the month at 7:30 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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