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Record-breaking December Wind Storm Wallops

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The night of December 14 we went to bed flush with a Seahawk win and woke in total darkness. A windstorm blew through Seattle and left more than a million Puget Sound residents without power. In Madrona, trees large and small came down across streets and onto homes. Some fell neatly into open spaces while others brought down power lines, crushed cars, and damaged

buildings. A few lucky Madrona homes were in the cold for a few hours, many more were without power for four and five days. No one was seriously injured and neighbors bundled up and took care of each other. Those with shared warm meals and hot showers with those without and when the lights came back on, Madrona was again The Peaceable Kingdom.



Photos by Sam Ditty

The Dirt on Underground Lines

By Jennifer Stewart 25th Avenue

Since the storms and power outages in December the topic of burying power lines in Madrona is a hot one among various individuals and groups. Eliminating overhead wires seems like an easy way to avoid the power outages that affected so many of us during the last “big” storm. Unfortunately this is a much more complex and complicated issue than meets the eye.

If you are an individual considering burying just your own lines to reduce your risk, remember that most outages are not caused by one line on one house going down. It’s a much bigger picture. To be truly effective against an outage during storms, not only would you have to bury the lines into your house, your neighborhood would have to bury the lines leading to your house, and—most importantly—the feeder lines to your neighborhood from the substations would also have to be buried. To be completely safe, you have to protect the entire system. In fact, some neighborhoods with underground lines still lost power during the recent storms because the lines leading to them were damaged.

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MCC Secretary’s Corner

By Suzanne Sheppard, 34th Avenue

Madrona: An important piece of land. Important to each of us who works here, lives here, owns property here, and sends our children to school here. In so many ways, we are implanted into this important piece of Seattle. So what do you think of our Madrona? The Madrona Community Council (MCC) has been the core of the community for more than 25 years. The MCC meets monthly yet the meetings are sparsely attended unless certain issues—particularly land use—are on the agenda. The MCC is interested in

what you think of the council and so we have prepared a survey to gather your thoughts. The survey will go out to the Madrona email list on January 29. To be added to this list, email MCC VP of events Paige Smith at paige_eg_smith@hotmail.com. We’d appreciate having your responses by February 6. Think about what we can Start, Stop, and Continue to get the MCC more in synch with You, the people who occupy this most important piece of land.

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Obviously, burying individual powerlines to protect them is a large scale effort. It's not enough for each home owner to make the decision and pay for the work. It would have to be planned and coordinated by multiple groups of neighborhoods, and approved by the city. The City Council would then have to work with Seattle City Light to underground all of the feeder lines.

The cost of the project would be a huge hurdle and the city budget does not currently include funds to bury power lines. In theory, individuals can pay for the work themselves and several neighborhoods have spent a great deal of time and effort the last few years to try to get their feeder lines buried. By their estimates, the cost would be \$10-\$15,000 per home, depending on the number of homeowners willing to chip in. In the 1960s, City Light had a matching grant program available for neighborhoods that wanted to bury their lines but few were able to raise the required matching funds.

Other cities use a revolving loan program to help pay for such improvements. This arrangement would require the City Council to allocate funds to create a low-interest revolving loan to help neighborhoods pay to underground their own power lines. Individual home owners could borrow from the fund and as they pay back their loans the money would be available for other people to use to move their lines underground. To me, it might be beneficial for City Council to commission a study to examine the costs involved with undergrounding. The economic and human cost of storm-related power outages are real, and global warming is likely to mean even worse storms in our near future. But for now, keep your jacket and your flashlight handy!

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Thanks for Three Years of Madrona Blossoms

The Madrona Blossoms project gives a very heartfelt thank YOU to all these neighbors and local businesses who have given such generous support for this project's third year! The wintergreens in downtown Madrona will be coming down soon and the glorious flower baskets will go back up in mid-May. If you'd like to donate, make your check out to "Madrona Blossoms, MCC" and send it to: Treasurer, 1121 37th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122. For more information, email doylemf@comcast.net.



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Madrona Dining & Sipping at Coupage

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

Happy New Year to all current and future members of the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS). If you live in Madrona and would like to eat dinner locally with a group of neighbors, you qualify for "membership" in our casual once-a-month dinner out "club."

This month, the MD&SS is dining out on January 25 at our latest new neighborhood restaurant, Coupage on 34th Avenue. The details have not yet been finalized but expect a special meal that highlights their unique restaurant concepts. As a special treat, our world renowned local winery, Wilridge has offered to do a special wine tasting to complement the dinner. I will be able to advise you of the menu and prices before the event.

We'll meet at Coupage at 6:30. Space may be limited so if you plan to attend contact me at audreyseale@qwest.net or 329-8775 ASAP. Many of the usual MD&SS crowd are already on the reservation list because they know it will be great! Don't delay.

Thanks for the Muscle Power

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

University of Washington Zeta Psi fraternity came through for us again this year with much-appreciated muscle power. Our priority right now is to prepare the area in and along the Spring Street Ravine for the upcoming daylighting. On January 6, 26 young men made great progress as they hauled mulch, carried out laurel, holly and ivy, and installed the first log weir in the creek.



We're finalizing a contract with Pacific Earth Works to do the daylighting construction, now scheduled to begin in March. As we're short on funding, we're taking the project in stages and beginning a new fund-raising phase.

We'll be approaching

our generous neighborhood to help out again soon.

We were pleased that the woods survived the big December wind storm with little damage. If you weren't so lucky and haven't yet hauled your downed trees away, let us know. We're looking for 120 large pieces of woody debris, from 6 to 24 inches in diameter, and from 8 to 16 feet long to use for log weirs and stream enhancement. Our preference is for Douglas Fir or Western Red Cedar, but big leaf maple, evergreen cypress and other deciduous hardwoods such as maple, or oak, are OK too. Email me if you have anything you could either store for us or haul to our storage site.

In a move that touches the edge of our woods, the Seattle Parks Department is developing a plan to manage vegetation along Lake Washington Blvd, from the Arboretum to Seward Park and holding public meetings to take neighborhood suggestions. Those of us who have read the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and attended the meetings feel it is a good approach. However at least one community has mobilized to oppose the plan, questioning the process and objecting to the larger trees that will impact their views. The plan is heavily influenced by the original vision of the Olmsted brothers. The VMP lays out guidelines for plantings in three types of terrain: right along the boulevard, between the band the lake, and along the slopes west of the boulevard. This plan is not funded, so any changes would be made only when trees and shrubs need to be replaced. All would be planted and maintained using the science-based Best Management Practices developed by Parks over the last few years. You can read the VMP at www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/LakeWashingtonBlvd/vmp.htm or get a summary from Deirdre McCrary or me. We are also gathering signatures on a letter of support. Get in touch with one of us to sign it, or send your own letter to Katie Moller at katie.moller@seattle.gov before January 31.

To donate money or get otherwise involved in the Madrona Woods project, contact Joan Scott at 324-6468 or jmscott@seanet.com. To get on our e-mail list for notification of work parties and other events, email Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com. Contact me at judithstarbuck@msn.com for anything else you want to know.

To Your Well-Being: Realistic Resolutions

By Kathy Underwood, MSW, LICSW

"Life is a progress, and not a station." Emerson

Welcome to the New Year of 2007! Often the New Year is filled with high expectation. We find ourselves with a new sense of optimism: looking forward to a good year, hoping things will be better or maybe easier, and promising to keep the resolutions we made at the chime of the New Year.

Our New Year's promises are upon us once again and it seems like it was just yesterday when we were at this crossroad of 2006. Our resolutions can be perceived as the Magic Gate to success, and yet we often make mistakes as we envision them. For example, resolutions may be difficult to accomplish because we set too many or unrealistic goals. We see resolutions as requirements to make us feel better about ourselves and our lives. We get trapped in the expectations we place upon ourselves, as well as those we place on society. For example, although you have not worked out for months, you set a goal of going to the gym every day. This is a major behavior change and because such a change is not easy it's not surprising that we often "fail" to meet such a goal. To be successful, we must give ourselves time to transform and grow.

To help develop more realistic resolutions, ask yourself:

1. What did I accomplish last year?
2. How did I achieve it?
3. What am I willing to let go of to bring in something new?

To be successful with your New Years' resolutions, try viewing them as intentions. Ask yourself: "What do I want to accomplish with this change *over the year*—not by tomorrow?" Make the goal realistic for who you are today, something that improves your present well-being. Take really small steps and acknowledge your success along the way. Be patient with yourself; real change doesn't happen over night. Do not beat yourself up when you slip back! Just acknowledge the slip, regroup, and move forward again.

Changing a behavior, belief, or pattern takes the willingness to let go of your current ways. As easy as it seems to go to the gym everyday, it is often quite difficult to change how we think and act. A more realistic goal is to start going to the gym once or twice a week and work your way up to a daily trip. Consider the goal making the first step—rather than reaching the final step. My wish for this New Year is that we all take the small steps needed for our well-being. Here's to a healthy 2007!

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*Debra Thompson
Harvey paste-up*

Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Claire McCoy and Helen Payton, 34th Avenue

Sometimes it seems like everyone in Madrona has a dog. All of these dogs live in our neighborhood. To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 9.



SAM

Personals: 2 year-old male collie/cattledog

Tricks: Stay, drop, heel



HOSS

Personals: 10 month-old male

Tricks: Looks both ways before crossing the street



MUSHA

Personals: 2 year-old male Shiba Inu

Tricks: Is very obedient



MICHAEL

Lived in Madrona: 2 years.

Favorite Place to Walk: Anywhere in Madrona



RICHARD

Lived in Madrona: 2 years

Favorite Place to Walk: Lake Washington



CLINT

Lived in Madrona: 2 years

Favorite Place to Walk: Waterfront

Your Mutt Match reporters are Claire McCoy proud dog owner of Lizzie, 3 year-old female black lab; and Helen Payton owner of Kodi, 12.5 year-old male black lab, and Jah, a 14-year-old male husky.

Nominate a Special Neighbor to Honor

By Paige Smith, Martin Luther King Way

At the December Madrona Community Council meeting, we discussed the plans for our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Day event. Mark Melroy is leading the charge for this celebration of the people who make Madrona School and our entire neighborhood great. The event will be on March 24, in the Madrona School library at 10:00am. Please send Mark your nominations for the Nora, Local Hero, Unsung Hero, and Madrona Resident for Life awards, and also let her know if you would like to help with the planning or on the day of the event. You can contact Mark at mmelroy@yahoo.com or 372-5178.

This is your chance to honor your most special Madrona neighbors and tell everyone in the neighborhood about the good things they do. There are four different awards categories, and nominations are due by March 3. Simply write a couple of paragraphs about your deserving nominee and email them to mmelroy@yahoo.com. You can also mail your nominations to Mark at 812 33rd Avenue. Award categories are:

- **The Nora Award:** Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Previous winners include Bob Bass, Mary Holm, Dorothy Grant, Dee Dee Rainbow, Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, Suzanne Sheppard, and Walter Bodel.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity. Previous winners include Sayre Coombs, Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, Ann Lennartz, Anthony Matlock, Junius Rochester, and Floyd Goffney.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. Jon Hughes, the Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, Wayne Melonson, Julia Berry, Martha Ortiz-Williams, and Kim Herber are previous winners.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed. This award was presented for the first time last year to Jon Hughes, who was then living in New Mexico but has since moved back to Madrona. Who knows – maybe receiving this award encouraged his return? Is there someone you'd like to see back in Madrona?

Who do you want to honor this year?

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Grocery Outlet Puts the HIT in “Hit or Miss”.

By Thom Ditty, 35th Avenue

In the words of the great British philosopher M. Jagger, “You can’t always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, well you might find, you get what you need.” That sums up the shopping experience at Grocery Outlet on MLK and Union.

Since the summer of 2005, Grocery Outlet has been bringing Madrona an assortment of odd lot goods, from sleeping bags to frozen sausage. Products include out-of-area brands such as Helmans and Edys, to familiar national brand items approaching their expiration date. The quality of the food, including fresh produce, is very reliable. Prices are always reasonable and sometimes stunningly cheap.

Those amazing prices are definitely the main draw for Grocery Outlet. Their motto is “Bargains Only” and they mean it. As you pay, the polite cashiers point out your savings and I have often saved as much as I spent...thanks to some especially fine deals on wine. Standard deals include four full size candy bars for a dollar and 12 packs of Shasta soda for \$1.99. The fresh fruits and vegetables are well presented and priced by the piece instead of the pound so you don’t need a scale or any mental multiplication to know the cost. Their selection of fresh meat is limited but they have all kinds of frozen flesh. There was a screaming deal on Cornish game hens for a while and I’ve got my eyes open hoping it comes back. My kids like the popcorn chicken that comes in what looks like an ice cream container.

The deli section is worth checking out. Granted, prosciutto doesn’t generally come from Germany, and the Swiss cheese from Poland might seem geographically incongruous but the prices and quality make it worth a try. I bought a pork loin at a meat market, stuffed it with the prosciutto from Grocery Outlet and my kid’s thought they’d gone to heaven. The end lots of pepperoni, bacon and salami are a very good bargain if you are willing to buy some non-traditional shaped pieces, and packaged sliced turkey, corned beef and other meats make great lunches. We got hooked on Irish butter that was wonderfully smooth and flavorful. Like many items at Grocery Outlet, it had a limited run but the butter from New Zealand that’s currently available is a nice contrast.

They key to a happy Grocery Outlet experience is being flexible. You won’t find your usual Seattle microbrews or boutique Walla Walla cabernet there. But you *can* get a pretty tasty micro-brew from Pennsylvania, or a sturdy South African chardonnay. Poke around because you will find some nice Columbia Valley wines with some bottle age like the 2002 merlot I enjoyed several bottles of before it sold out. This morning I stopped in and was very impressed with the look and size of their perfectly ripe and ready-to-eat yellow peppers. If I’d had my heart set on red peppers I’d have been out of luck.

Shopping at Grocery Outlet is more like hunting wild mushrooms or combing through an estate sale. There are great prices and interesting high-quality products...as long as you are willing to enjoy the search. If you do, you just might find, you get what you need.

Crime: It Could Happen to You

By Virginia Sly, 38th Avenue

Most of us go through life not really believing that bad things can happen to us. No one gets into the car expecting to have a fender bender on the way to work. But car accidents happen to thousands of us every day.

Another thing that happens to thousands of us every day is crime. Madrona continues to be plagued by vandalism, car prowls, and burglaries. This is NOT an epidemic or a crime wave but the persistent incidence of crime that most urban neighborhoods endure. Recently there was a residential burglary on 36th near Pine, and several of the 34th Avenue businesses have experienced property damage and burglaries. Graffiti seems to be everywhere.

Crime can’t be avoided entirely, but you can lower your risk by taking responsible precautions. Any of these small things help protect your home and family from being a crime victim.

- Lock your doors and windows, even during brief absences, and if you have a burglar alarm—use it. If your alarm malfunctions hire someone to fix it.
- Clean graffiti off or paint it over as soon as possible—it discourages the “artist”. Private property owners are responsible for removal on their property. To report graffiti on public property, call the Graffiti Hotline at 684-7587.
- Form a Block Watch. Contact Sonja Richter of the Seattle Police Department at 684-7717, sonja.richter@seattle.gov. She meets with groups of neighbors to help them establish a block watch.
- Clear the junk out of your garage and park your there instead of on the street. When you have to park on the street or in any public garage, don’t leave anything of value in view.
- Leave your porch light on. Light is a deterrent to criminals and much appreciated by neighbors walking after dark.

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Neighborhood School News

Check Out Your Neighborhood Schools

In Seattle, parents have a lot of choice when it comes to finding the right schools for their children. However, to make that choice, parents need to get out and visit different schools to see how they “feel” and how their kids might—or might not—fit in there. Madrona neighborhood schools are currently offering tours for prospective students. What could be better than finding the right school for your family right in your own Madrona backyard? Details for all Seattle Public Schools tours can be found on the enrollment page at www.seattleschools.org.

Epiphany, 3710 E. Howell St—Tours concluded; applications for admissions due January 18.

Madrona K-8 School, 1121 33rd Ave—Prospective parents and students will meet in school entry way for all tours; no reservations required. Elementary tours will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30am from January 23 through February 13. Middle School tours are on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30am, from January 25 through February 8. For tour information, call the school office at 252-3100.

St. Therese Catholic School, 900 35th Ave—Our school is holding an Open House on January 28 from 10:00am to 1:00pm and all are welcome. School tours for all grades are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 beginning January 18 and ending March 29, and on other days by appointment. If you're interested in a tour, call the school tour office at 720-7278.

The Valley School, 310 30th Ave. E.—Tours for interested adults continue on most Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am through the first week of March. Tours include a look at every classroom and discussions with the founder, director, and admissions director. Call the school at 328-4475 to schedule your tour. You can also visit our website at www.thevalleyschool.org.

Welcome Babies!

Miles Robert Edwards was born on November 8, 2006 at Group Health at 7:58pm. He weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. His parents, Kimberly Larson-Edwards and Scott Edwards of 29th & Denny, are very excited to welcome him to the world!

William Morgan Mahoney, III (aka Liam) arrived December 30, 2006. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 1 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Bill and Brianna Mahoney

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Bush School Hosts Camps Fair

The 12th annual Bush School Summer Opportunity Showcase will take place February 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the new Gymnasium at the Bush School. Representatives from more than 90 different camps and other organizations with summer programs will be on hand to answer questions and to provide registration materials so you can sign up on the spot.

This huge camp fair features programs geared toward kids ages 9 to 19. Opportunities include local, national and international day and overnight camps, educational programs, wilderness experiences, community service, and adventure travel. Programs include such things as: language immersion, SAT tutoring, robotics, tropical ecology, drama, art, cooking, sailing, rock climbing, rowing, video game design, music, scuba diving, and educational and adventure travel to nearly every country in the world. Lots of community service opportunities are represented including several that offer stipends. Many offer family and adult experiences, and are hiring qualified teens and adults.

Summer is NOT that far off so plan now to attend the Summer Opportunity Showcase to learn more about unique and varied summer programs. The Bush School is located just outside Madrona at 3400 E. Harrison Street. For directions, to preview the event, or to see a list of exhibitors from last year, visit www.bush.edu/sos. For more information call 322-7978.

Happy New Year from St. Therese!

Everyone in Madrona is welcome join us at our annual St. Therese School Open House January 28 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Guests will meet our amazing faculty, administration, staff, current parents and other prospective parents. We will give tours of our school and visit our classrooms. We will be serving refreshments to allow for plenty of chatting time. We're located in the heart of Madrona at 900 35th Avenue.

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I Remember When....Celebrating Epiphany Church's First Century

By Barbara Stenson Spaeth, Newport Way

Historic Epiphany Church invites its friends and neighbors to a gala open House February 10 from 11:00am to 3:00pm to celebrate its first 100 years. We will offer tours of the historic buildings and local historian Walt Crowley will speak on Madrona-Denny Blaine's heritage, especially the life and times of Seattle during the 1907-11 reform era when Epiphany began.

A century ago, spawned by Seattle's profits from the Alaska Gold Rush, the arrival of the railroads, and growing maritime trade, the summer homes and farms of Madrona and Denny Blaine were transformed into booming neighborhoods. Thousands of homes—from mansions to modest bungalows—were built between 1900 and 1920. This area became the home of civic leaders, political and community activists, artists and educators. That prompted Western Washington Episcopal Church regional leader Bishop Frederick Keator to invite a group of Capitol Hill churchmen for a summer Sunday yacht trip on Lake Washington. From the sweet blue waters, he pointed to the development on shore, lamented the lack to a church, and suggested that an Episcopal mission might be successful.

The Capitol Hill fellows took the bait and in 1907 started a Sunday school in a storefront at 34th Avenue and Union Street, where Personal Fitness is today. Young families in the community joined the effort and, thanks to financial support from real estate promoters Minerva and Elbert Blaine, and the hands-on volunteering of Dr. Chal Bryant and his wife, Epiphany Episcopal was born.

Soon they purchased land on 38th Avenue and constructed a chapel in 1911. The first buildings were designed by a member of the parish who was also one of Seattle's most admired 20th century architects. Ellsworth Storey's Epiphany buildings were listed as Seattle landmarks in 1978. In 1941 a brick Parish Hall/Sunday school building was added. In 1951, under the leadership of the Rev. Elmer B. Christie, a large brick church featuring significant stained glass art was completed. The church's historic rectory building, once the home of the parish's minister and family, was named for Dr. Christie when it was converted to offices. A parochial school founded in 1958 is now an independent elementary that shares the Church campus.

In its early decades, Epiphany sponsored missions in "rural" communities then reached only by ferry. Eventually these became Episcopal churches on Mercer Island and in Kirkland. Over the years Epiphany has played an important role in the Episcopal Church's support of social justice and community development. It was a polling place, hosted a teen drop-in center, and ran a thrift shop. Today Epiphany supports the East Cherry YWCA transitional housing program, Agros International's work in Guatemala and an Anglican congregation in Jordan. Our church provides meeting space for Boy Scouts and AA, and rehearsal space for music groups. We support local events, including home tours and the summer Madrona BBQ. Not bad for 100 years!

For further information on the Epiphany centennial and the schedule of services, call 324-2573 or visit www.epiphanyseattle.org.

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Neighborhood Congrats!

Let's all give a pat on the back to these busy neighbors.

Michele Adams, Hi-Spot server, on the one night show of her art at the Hi-Spot, and to Hi-Spot owner **Mike Walker** for showcasing this budding artist.

All the kids, old and young, who brought a toy to **Barbara Banon's** Investment office and dropped it into the **Toys for Tots** bin.

Indy crafters **Nikola Davidson** of Sticky Wicket Crafts and **Marina Parascenzo-Brush** of Magpie Forest who sold their crafty handicrafts at December's Urban Craft Uprising.

Megan Frazer whose four Samurai paintings were part of a group show in the lobby of the Washington Ensemble Theater.

Chef **Daisley Gordon** of Campagne restaurant who was pictured in ads for, and participated in, the annual Dine Around Seattle.

Choreographer/multi-artist **Dayna Hanson** formerly with 33 Fainting Spells and now working solo, on a very successful November show at On the Boards.

Jewelry designer **Ruth Krauss** and friends for hosting their 5th Annual Madrona Fine Crafts Holiday Show.

Crafty designer **Roy McMakin** who has two pieces in the new downtown Urban Sculpture Park, and is featured in this month's issue of *Dwell* magazine.

Local writer **Martha B** on her new column "Lucy, Alice & Me" for www.cranium.com that chronicles life as a mom in Madrona.

Historian **Junius Rochester** for penning the introduction for a new book on the history of Seattle's United Daughters of the Confederacy Robert E. Lee Chapter #885 by Marjorie Anne Reeves. Junius's grandmother was president of the chapter in 1909.

Retired landscape architect **Viesturs Seglins** whose 16-foot topiary swan flutters along Madrona Drive and was pictured in both the *Madison Park Times* and the *Seattle Times Digs* magazine.

Savvy baseball fan **Diedre Silva** and her writing partner for inking a publishing deal for their book about women and baseball.

Those who sent their kind thoughts and cold hard cash to Madison Valley's **Charlene Strong** whose partner **Kate Fleming** died in their home during the December flooding. A Fund In Memory of Kate Fleming (account number 3061486459) has been established at Washington Mutual to help Charlene get re-established and create a new home.

The Mockingbird Society's **Jim Theofelis** on being named one of *Seattle Magazine's* most influential people of 2006 for his work on behalf of children, youth, and families.

Everyone who rallied around new neighbor **Donna Thomes** and her three kids to help them set up home on 35th Avenue after the moving van packed with all their possessions was stolen on the eve of their move to Madrona.

Seattle Times columnist **Danny Westneat** who received the 2006 Best of the West Journalism Award for the best local news columnist in the western 13 states, and gave a keynote speech on his views on Seattle at an Edmonds Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Folk musicians **Phil and Vivian Williams** who helped celebrate the 40 anniversary of the founding of the Northwest Folklore Society with a special November performance.

Paint Away the Winter

If you are looking for something new to try—or if you have painted in the past and want to “brush up,” Madrona artist Jacqui Beck invites you to join her Thursday Evening Acrylic Painting Class. The class meets weekly at the Garfield Community Center. It is a project-oriented class and each student works at his or her own pace. The class is offered in sessions but it's fine to join mid-session. For information, visit www.jacquibeck.com. To get a registration form, contact her at 325-7267 or jbeck@blarg.net.

- **Session 3:** January 11 to February 8, Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:45pm. Tuition for this 5-week session is \$125.
- **Session 4:** March 1 to April 5, Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:45pm. Tuition for this 6-week session is \$150.

Law for All: Reviewing Your Estate Plan

By Lori Rath, Attorney/Mediator

Is updating your estate plan on your to-do list of things for 2007? Should it be?

Estate planning attorneys typically prepare estate planning documents that reflect a client's current goals, yet are flexible enough to cover some of life's unpredictable events. Still, it's impossible to plan for every eventuality, and estate and tax laws change often. So, it is important to check in with your estate planning professional every few years, or whenever a significant life event occurs. If you don't yet have an estate plan, what better time than the new year to draft one?

Significant life events mean you should consider updating your estate plan. These include:

- A change in marital status
- The beginning or end of a relationship that involves sharing of significant real estate and other assets
- A new illness or disability, or a significant change in an existing one
- Your reaching an age when you might begin to receive an income-dependent public benefit, such as Medicaid
- The death of a close friend or family member, particularly one included in your current estate plan
- The birth or adoption of a child
- The starting or closing a business
- A significant change in your net assets (increase or decrease) due to an inheritance or a large gift

If you have any estate planning questions, contact me in my Madrona office at Rath Law & Mediation, 219-1402 or lori@rathlawmediation.com.

Jaywalk paste-up

Biofuel Co-op Marks its First Anniversary

Congratulations to the Madrona Biofuel Co-op as it celebrates its one year anniversary on January 29! What started as an idea to bring biodiesel to the Madrona neighborhood has turned into a successful co-operative with 20 members and a list of eager neighbors waiting to join.

In the fall of 2005, Madrona and Leschi neighbors came together to discuss forming a biodiesel buying co-op. Members researched top practices for how to run such an organization and drafted bylaws. Today the 20 members rotate duties to keep operations running smoothly and just finished building a snazzy pumphouse to hold a pumping mechanism and a 330 gallon tank.

The biodiesel is provided by Dr. Dan's Alternative Fuelwerks and co-op members really enjoy the convenience of filling up a few blocks from home rather than driving to Ballard or Laurelhurst. The co-op hopes to serve as a model for other neighborhood co-op start-ups. In fact, it was represented at the Northwest Biodiesel Network's 2006 Forum on a panel focused on alternative fuel co-ops. It was also recognized as a leader in the field by the Northwest Co-op Development Center in Olympia.

Biodiesel is a fuel made from thinned vegetable oil. It can be used in any diesel vehicle and mixed with regular petrodiesel in any ratio. Biodiesel offers many environmental and health benefits in addition to being a renewable domestic source of energy. The Madrona Biofuel Co-op currently uses a blend of 99% biodiesel.

To learn more about biodiesel, visit www.nwbiodiesel.org. For more info on the Madrona Biofuel Co-op or if you'd like to be on the waitlist (there are no openings for new members at this time), contact Nikola Davidson at nikola@davidson-arts.com.

*New
YMCA
Paste-up*

Juniper Brings Green Shopping to Madrona

By Lisa Clinton, Juniper Owner

Even though I live in Montlake....I feel a strong connection to the Madrona community. I've dreamed of opening a boutique in your neighborhood and I finally found the space where my shop it was meant to be—in the Bowling Green building across from the Madrona playground.

Early in March, my shop Juniper will open at 3314 East Spring Street. Juniper is my vision of a very special shopping experience—a local boutique presenting great style and unique shopping. It will offer a carefully chosen selection of women's clothing, plus a few house wares. Juniper emphasizes designers working with sustainable fabrics, methods, and business practices. It's fun to shop and even more fun to do it when you know you are supporting designers who are respecting the planet and working for a changing fashion industry. Juniper will carry dynamic lines that demonstrate how beautifully fashion and social values can coexist.

I am very excited to be opening my boutique in Madrona, especially since I will be right next door to the very delicious Cupcake Royale! Madrona is such a delightful neighborhood and beautiful part of Seattle. I'm sure that many of your faces will be familiar to me and I look forward to meeting many more of my new Madrona neighbors. If you are interested in more information about the opening of Juniper, email me at lisa@juniperinmadrona.com.

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Madison Valley Flood Follow-up

By Cathy Nunneley, 33rd Avenue E

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) hosted a community meeting on December 28 to address the December flooding in Madison Valley. About 120 neighbors and a dozen city officials were in attendance. As the community is very experienced with flooding and its aftermath, the mood was initially calm and attentive.

The city's engineers explained that the emergency storm facility, aka "The Pond" was not designed to handle such a large storm and was overwhelmed. As a result, at least 40 homes were affected. Additionally, because the valves to prevent sewage backup were two weeks from being operational, contamination from sewers was able to reach our homes. They shared outlines of the "long term" solutions and reported that the sewer backup valves are now working and expected to prevent future sewage problems.

Towards the end of the presentation, the audience became restless and expressed feelings of hopelessness and despair. Passions rose as families relived the fear and panic of rainy nights. Individuals wanted to know what measures were in place to ensure the safety of residents before the final fix. Unfortunately, it was apparent that the SPU staffers, although sympathetic, had no emergency plan. The SPU staffers suggested that the community call the emergency SPU phone number to report rising water. This idea was not met enthusiastically as neighbors have called SPU repeatedly with little result.

One neighbor suggested that the SPU at least clear clogged storm drains in the streets. The SPU admitted they don't routinely clear neighborhood drains but could possibly begin to do so. The audience met this admission with a measure of disbelief.

Home owners are very concerned about declining property values and raised questions about the possibility of FEMA money and lost property claims. Although the SPU staff declined to address property values or federal disaster funds, they did have claims representatives available. They announced that the city is committed to restoring Madison Valley properties to pre-storm condition.

Before the meeting was even over, it became apparent that once again it will be necessary for us to be a very organized community committed to helping the city solve the flooding problem in our valley. Further meetings are planned and the SPU seems more than willing to review all suggestions. Towards the end, one neighbor suggested that perhaps the only real fix is for the city to buy all the property and restore it to its historically marshy nature. Although appealing in some ways, a current of sadness wound through the audience at the realization that this plan would mean the destruction of our beloved community.

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Many Hands Make Light Work

Madrona is more than just a neighborhood, it is a community. It's the kind of place where you not only tell your neighbors that you're going on vacation; you also leave them a house key and send them a postcard. We invite each other over for coffee and dinner and playgroups for our kids—and our dogs. When one family is in need—after a house fire, an accident, or a stolen car—others sound the alarm and help comes, no questions asked. Even if you're not the type to make resolutions, what better time than right now to promise (not resolve) to get more involved in celebrating our community.

Nearly every month, a Madrona neighbor volunteers to organize an event that deepens the ties in our community. They raise their hand and say YES and then they make phone calls and send emails and chat up friends on the street to get them involved. These volunteers are busy people, they're working parents and busy retired grandparents; they are involved in their jobs and their schools and their churches and their lives. Still, they commit themselves to weaving the fabric of our community tighter. They bake cakes and rent bouncy jumpers. They put up fliers and show up early and stay late on The Big Day. They do it willingly because it's important and fun and it's what we do here in Madrona.

2007 will be another year of community-building events and opportunities. Many of the usual folks will step up while other "old timers" will decide to step aside. Before the New Year gets away from you, look at this list and think of what it means to you and your family. Every event takes a leader and a cadre of helpers. Think about how busy you are—and how busy everyone else is. Then get out your calendar and make some notes about what you promise to do to make Madrona Madrona in 2007.

MADRONA 2007

January	Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration
Feb/March	Neighbor Appreciation Day
April	Community Garage Sale
May	Mayfair Parade & Carnival & Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
June	Neighborhood Cleanup Day
July/August	Madrona BBQ
September	Madrona Community Council Elections
October	Kids' Halloween Party
November	Winter Greens
December	Christmas Ships Bonfire

To commit to helping with one of these events NOW, while you're thinking about it, contact MCC VP of Events Paige Smith at 329-3368. To volunteer later, attend a MCC meeting the second Tuesday of any month in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 7:15.

TUESDAYS 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—St. Therese School, 720-7278, through March 29.
 9:30-10:30am **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOURS**—Madrona K-8 School, 252-3100, through February 13.

WEDNESDAYS 10:30am **PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, 684-4705.

THURSDAYS 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—The Valley School, 328-4475, through March 29.
 9:00am **SCHOOL TOURS**—St. Therese School, 720-7278, through March 1.
 9:30-10:30am **MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS**—Madrona K-8 School, 252-3100, through February 8.
 10-11am, **SOUND STEPS**—Walkers explore the Central District on foot, Garfield Community Center, Mari Becker 684-4664.
 7:30pm, **AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Great Hall.

FRIDAYS 7:30am **MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union.

Jan 20 9:00am-1:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at 38th & Marion, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com or www.madronawoods.org

Jan 20 4:00pm **HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes, a film by Bryon Hurt**—presented by the Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas, Northwest Film Forum, free with RSVP to rsvp@communitycinemaseattle.org or 800-930-6060.

Jan 20 5-8pm **Opening Reception: New Art Exhibit with Jacqui Beck**— A showing of galley member’s painting, Columbia City Gallery 4864 Rainier Avenue S., www.columbiacitygallery.com. Show runs through March 11.

Jan 21 9:15-10:15am **Theological Forum: The Doctrine of the Trinity, It’s History & Meaning** —Part 2 of a four-part forum series with UW Professor Eugene Webb, Epiphany Parish Great Hall, 38th & Denny, Fr. Dan Conklin 324-2573.

Jan 25 6:30pm **Madrona Dining & Sipping Society**—Coupge, RSVP to Audrey Seale 329-8775 or audreyseale@qwest.com

Jan 26 10:00am-11:30pm **Nutrition Class for Seniors: Preventing High Blood Pressure & Diabetes**—Leschi Central Area Senior Center, Charlene 727-6274.

Jan 27 6:00pm **Film & Float**—Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, call the front desk at 322-6969 to find out what movie is playing!

Jan 28 9:15-10:15am **Theological Forum: The Doctrine of the Trinity, It’s History & Meaning** —Part 3 of a four-part forum series with UW Professor Eugene Webb, Epiphany Parish Great Hall, 38th & Denny, Fr. Dan Conklin 324-2573.

Jan 31 5-8pm **Ending “People Being People” with Jacqui Beck**— U-Frame-It on Broadway Upstairs Gallery, 1822 Broadway, www.jacquibeck.com

Feb 2 **Day between Semesters**—Seattle Public Schools closed.

Feb 4 9:15-10:15am **Theological Forum: The Doctrine of the Trinity, It’s History & Meaning** —Part 4 of a four-part forum series with UW Professor Eugene Webb, Epiphany Parish Great Hall, 38th & Denny, Fr. Dan Conklin 324-2573.

Feb 6 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Laura Yurdin 320.8693 or LYurdin@PointB.com

Feb 6 6:00-8:00pm **Adoption Information Meeting**—Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union, 260-1700 www.medinachild.org

Feb 7 7-8pm **Madrona K-8 Panther Partners (PTSA) Meeting**—Madrona K-8 library, Panther Partners Secretary, Julie Wroble 324-4829

Feb 8 5-8pm **Summer Camp Opportunity Showcase**—Camp fair features programs geared toward kids aged 9-19. The Bush School 3400 E. Harrison St., 323-7789

Feb 10 11:00am-3:00pm **Epiphany Church Centennial Open House**— Historian Walt Crowley speaks on Madrona-Denny Blaine’s heritage, and the life and times of Seattle in 1907. Epiphany Parrish 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573 or www.epiphanyseattle.org

Feb 19 **Presidents’ Day Holiday**—Seattle Public Schools closed.

Feb 20-23 **Mid-Winter Break**—Seattle Public Schools closed.

Feb 21 9:00am-noon **Homeless Cooking**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522.

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