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Web Site Links Neighborhood Together

By Esther Ervin, www.madrona.us Webmaster

The Peaceable Kingdom of Madrona has a long and colorful history, and recently the Madrona Community Council (MCC) launched Madrona into the 21st century by creating a new community Web site. The site, at www.madrona.us, features many subjects of interest to the people in the Madrona community, and to all Seattleites.

- *Events Calendar* posts what's happening in Madrona and surrounding areas.
- *Business Directory* lists local businesses and includes links to their Web sites.

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MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson

Many wonderful community events are being planned for you this year. On May 3, Kim Herber will hold the **Madrona Garage Sale** to raise funds for upcoming Madrona Community Council (MCC) events. Jennifer Norling and Shelley Huestis are putting together a great **Mayfair** celebration for the neighborhood children on May 31. In June, MCC VP of Events John Capps is planning a **Madrona Beach Party**, and July 12 will be Madrona Day, with both our **Madrona Community**

BBQ and the Madrona Home Tour. Sayre Coombs and Beth Purcell are well on their way to planning our 5th annual BBQ and Judy Honican is organizing this year's home tour. Many thanks! Volunteers make all the difference and we can never have too many people who are willing to pitch in and make a real difference. If you'd like to be part of any of these fine projects, please let us know.

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Father Paul Follows Call

By Mary Elayne Dunphy, St. Therese Parish

Father Paul Magnano, pastor of St. Therese Parish since July 1998, has been asked by Archbishop Alex Brunett to become full-time Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of Seattle, effective April 21. The Vicar for Clergy Office provides oversight and coordinates services for the nearly 250 priests in Western Washington.

Father Magnano was named Priest Personnel Director for the Archdiocese in 1994 and became Vicar for Clergy while at St. Therese. Before coming to St. Therese, he was pastor of the six Skagit Valley Catholic churches for 10 years. Father Paul has family ties to Madrona; his mother was born in Broadmoor, his father lived across from Madrona School, and his parents were married at St. Therese in 1941. During his ministry here, he celebrated the 35th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

Beginning April 21 Fr. Jim Harbaugh, S.J., will be Priest Administrator at St. Therese. Father Harbaugh, who has assisted at St.

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President's Corner (cont'd from page 1)

Unfortunately not all is well in the Central District. Since December there has been a dramatic rise in **gang activities, drugs, and prostitution** on Cherry Street between 23rd and 27th avenues. Yes, this is serious! There have been daylight shootings, and one person was killed. Shots were even fired into the Garfield Community Center while people were inside.

While neighborhood blockwatches are not new, with the recent increase in illegal activity we are all reminded again to report suspicious activity to 911. Police intervention on these issues is less than proactive and seems pretty much limited to responding to our **911 calls**. According to Seattle Police Department rep Sonja Richter, who attended our April MCC meeting, calls help demonstrate to city officials that there is a real problem. When you call, be prepared to tell the operator exactly what you see and be specific about what people look like, their ages, what they are wearing, and any cars involved. When you call 911 you do not have to give your name, and you can request that police not come to your home to gather more information. Also, it is always a good idea to write down the identification number of the operator you speak with in case there are problems later. If you have more questions, call Sonja Richter at 684-7717.

Another bit of bad news, **Pacific Oaks College** at 34th and Union will close in June 2004 due to budget cuts. The two locations in California will remain open. The school has certainly been a good neighbor and will be missed.

Finally, some good news! The final phase of the **Madrona Playfield renovations** will begin later this month and should be completed in July. We are still hopeful that we can obtain additional grants to pay for lighting improvements, and that the city will eventually pay to refinish the tennis courts. I want to

personally thank Steve Orser who has spent countless hours putting this project together for us all.

Our **next MCC community meeting is Tuesday May 6** at the shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield at 34th and East Spring Street starting at 7:15pm. Please come and meet your neighbors and be part of what makes Madrona great.

Father Paul (cont'd from page 1)

Therese since 1996, was ordained in 1976 and has been a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for 39 years. He has a doctorate in English Literature from the University of Chicago. Before joining our staff full-time last July, he taught for nine years in the Addiction Studies Program (one of the oldest in the world) at Seattle University. He was also Scholar in Residence for three years at the SU School of Law where he specialized in Values and Social Justice. He is a Washington state-certified chemical dependency counselor and the author of two books of 12 Step meditations, as a textbook on spirituality and addictions counseling, and is the co-author of a book of reflections for grandparents. The St. Therese community welcomes Father Harbaugh and wishes Father Paul all the best.



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Eat Your Veggies

By Michele Catalano

Spring's here and that means the season for delicious summer produce is just around the corner. From mid-June through October, the Pike Place Market Basket Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) will deliver bags of farm fresh produce to participating members in Madrona. I will again host a delivery location in my home so that all my Madrona neighbors can enjoy the weekly produce baskets.

Members in the Market's CSA program pay in the spring to give small Pike Place farmers working capital and guarantee them a good market for their produce. Come harvest, members receive a weekly bag of fresh produce. In addition to the personal benefits of healthy eating and convenience, CSA members help supporting small-scale farming families.

The deadline for membership applications is May 1, so hurry! For more information and to sign up, visit www.pikeplacemarket.org/shop/produce/csa/ or contact Laura Raymond at 774-5239 or csa@pikeplacemarket.org.

Chicks Play Hard! *By Kelly Prime*

On May 3, over 200 girls ages 9 to 13, and 30 high-school girls will participate in the second annual Chicks Play Hard event at the Queen Anne Community Center and key organizer and Madrona resident Jackie Friedman encourages all Madrona girls to join in the fun! At this FREE event, presented in partnership with the Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation, girls can explore activity stations dedicated to basketball, yoga, volleyball, creative art, dance, creative writing, orienteering, vocal music, book-arts, and drama. Registration begins at 7:30am and activities run from 8:30am to 1:30pm. To register, visit www.chicksplayhard.org or call the center at 386-4240. Chicks rule!

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How to Build a ROCKSTAR

By Marissa Joinson, Stella Rossa

I've had a dream for a long time—to sing beautiful, uplifting music and help change the world. That's all! Not too much to shoot for, eh? I live in Madrona and I've been singing in various contexts, styles, and geographies for as long as I can remember. Other than a couple years with a wonderful teacher, Thomasa Eckert, I've not had a lot of training. But I DO have some natural gifts and a drive like you see on an LA freeway! And something exciting is happening, as a result.

My band is called Stella Rossa, and like other impassioned artists, I am preoccupied with creating art and the growth of my business. I undertook this musical [ad]venture in January 2002 when I placed an ad seeking great musicians to be a part of something powerful and GROOVY, gosh darn it! Happily, I found them, Stella Rossa was born, and we've been creating our fun, eclectic undefinable music together ever since. It's hard to describe our sound in words—pop-folk funk-rock may convey the basic idea but are just the tip of the ol' iceberg, cuz we also toss in a good dose of jazz, blues, and world influences.

Music to MOVE the People is a Big Dream, indeed, but with the help of Martin Sutlovich (bass), Derek Pulvino (guitar), and Chris Bartlett (drummer-soon-to-be-student), it's being put into motion. We'd love to share our work-in-progress with everyone in Madrona and beyond! Stella Rossa will be at our wonderful local restaurant, St. Cloud's (1131 34th at Union) on Friday, April 25th at 9:00pm so stop in for a shot of Good Vibe! If you like what you hear, check out www.stellarosstheband.com for more show dates including our performance at Folklife!

We thank you for your interest and support, and hope that you'll be a part of this amazing communal art.

Just Published!

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by Junius Rochester

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Auction for Arthur *By Diane Bowe, Friends of Arthur*

Since three-year-old Madrona resident Arthur Conroy was diagnosed with autism 18 months ago, two things haven't changed: the need for twenty-five to thirty hours per week of in-home therapy (at a cost of \$25k-30k per year), and the enthusiastic support of family, friends, and neighbors lovingly known as Friends of Arthur.

Many Madrona neighbors recall last summer's hugely successful Friends of Arthur rummage sale that raised \$15,000 toward Arthur's therapy needs. In response to the high cost of in-home therapy and possible long-term care, Friends of Arthur is sponsoring a fund raising Silent Auction May 31, at the Showbox Theatre downtown. In addition to offering eclectic live entertainment and great food, the evening serves as an opportunity for the community to extend their support to Arthur and his parents, Katrina Davis and Ted Conroy by purchasing incredible auction items. For more information about Arthur's needs, or to support the silent auction in any way, visit www.friends-arthur.org.

Garage Sale Time *By Kim Herber*

On May 3, Madrona will hold its annual Garage Sale inside the garage at Madrona Plaza near 34th and Union. You can either rent a table and sell your own stuff, or bring donations to be sold to support the MCC. I need helpers:

- **Friday:** 3:00 to 9:00 to organize and price donations
- **Saturday:** 8:00 to 4:00 to sell donations
- **Saturday:** 4:00-6:00 to pack up leftovers and take them to Goodwill—bring your truck or van!

Even a couple hours of your time will make a big difference. Call me at 325-9923 to sign up for a shift—or two, or three!

Garage Sale Ad
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Web Site (cont'd from page 1)

- *Committees* section highlights the various social and service groups that help make Madrona the best neighborhood in the city—check this link to see how you can help. Soon monthly MCC meeting minutes will be posted here.
- *Newsletter* section hosts current and past issues of *The Madrona News*—now you can read our great neighborhood newsletter almost anywhere!

There are also links to neighborhood schools, churches, local history, and our own Madrona Sally Goldmark library complete with links to the general catalog and other resources.

Joni Larned and Jennifer Strande, students at Cascadia Community College, designed the web site. Eventually, I would like to have more community participation in the site, and perhaps some activities such as on-line photo competitions, or photo essays about local events. To add a link to your community page or to share your ideas, simply drop a note to webmaster@madrona.us.

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Our church buildings and grounds have been designed and faithfully maintained in order to inspire those who enter. We hope such entry and inclusion will offer a gift of faith for all people whether they join the worship community or simply walk through the doors.

We believe that our campus is not for ourselves alone but for generations yet to come. Our church buildings, therefore, are not a monument to one or many, but are instead something that honors God's grace and way in the world.



As a congregation, we say that what we most deeply value is our connection with each other. Our church is a "home" and not an institution.

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M A D R O N A

Community Bulletin Board

Neighborhood events are listed for FREE! Send your info to Kim & Christine (see back page).

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30am TODDLER (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
10:30-11:00am **PRE-SCHOOL STORY/SONG TIME**—Madrona Library, Lynn Lorenz, 684-4705
3:30-5:30pm **MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROUP**—Indoors in Madrona homes, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832
5:30-7:30pm **TOTS (5 YEARS AND UNDER) PLAY GROUP**—YWCA Garfield Family Center 461-4486
7-8:45pm **ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
WEDNESDAYS 8:30-9:30am ST. THERESE SCHOOL TOURS--Parish Center, 3416 Marion 720-7277
8-10:00p.m. **BASKETBALL-S3 donation**, Madrona K-8 gym, 33rd Ave, Steve Orser 423-1412
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS 11:30-1:30 PEACE VIGIL-- Walgreen's on 23rd and Jackson, Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War MCAW, Jonis6@cs.com
THURSDAYS 9:15-10:15am MADRONA K-8 TOURS--Madrona K-8 main hallway, Andhra Lutz 252-3100
7:30pm **AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 324-2573
FRIDAYS 11:00s.m.KID PLAYGROUP-Playfield, Madrona Moms, Janet Walsh-Helton 324-7832
SATURDAYS 9:00-12:00am FORM WORK PARTY-Madrona Ravine, Pine & Madrona Drive, Linda Hahson 325-5554 10:00-1:00
COMMUNITY QUILTING CLASS—Garfield Community Center Senior Adult Programs 233-7255
10:30-11:30am & 3-4:00pm **FAMILY FLOAT SWIM**—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4550
SUNDAYS 11:30-12:30 PEACE VIGIL--34th & Union, Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War MCAW, Jonis6@cs.com

April 14-May 9 DEVELOPMENTAL READING ASSESSMENT TESTING—Kindergarten, First, and Second graders, Seattle Public School
April 18 10:00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS--Madrona Presbyterian (32nd Ave. E & Marion), Chuck Middendorf 720-7283
8-10:00pm **TEEN DIVE IN MOVIE**--Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
April 19 10:00am MADRONA WOODS CELEBRATION!— Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Judith Starbuck 322-2640
10:00am **SPRING EGG HUNT**—Garfield Community Center 23rd & Cherry, 684-4788
April 21-25 SPRING/EASTER BREAK—St. Therese School
April 21-May 9 WA STATE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING (WASL) TESTING—Fourth and Seventh graders, Seattle Public School
April 22 Earth Day
April 25 6-8:00pm JAZZ NIGHT--Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
8-10:00pm **TEEN SWIM PARTY**--Medgar Evers pool, 684-4550 or 684-4766
9:00pm **STELLA ROSSA LIVE PERFORMANCE**-- St. Cloud's 1131 34th, Marissa Joinson www.stellarosatheband.com
April 26 10am-2pm HEALTHY KIDS DAY--Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, 23rd & Union 322-6969
April 27 9am-6pm ENDS: KLAVIER NONETTE BY TRIMPIN—Jack Straw Productions 4261 Roosevelt Way NE, 634-0919
May 1 COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PRODUCE BASKETS—Deadline to sign up for summer delivery, www.pikeplacemarket.org/shop/produce/csa/ or Laura Raymond 774-5239
7-9:00pm **FREE CLASS: BEDAZZLED WITH BEADS**—Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
May 3 8:00-4pm MADRONA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE—Madrona Plaza 1421 34th Ave, Kim Herber 325-9923
8:30-1:30pm **CHICKS PLAY HARD**--Queen Anne Community Center 1901 First Avenue W 386-4240, Kelly Prime 633-0151 or www.chicksplayhard.org
9:00-3:00pm **LESCHI NATURAL AREA**--36th & East Terrace, Fran and Bunny Wood 323-2296
9:00-12:00pm **FORM PHASE II CELEBRATION & WORK PARTY**--Meet at Pine Street & Madrona Drive bus sto, Linda Hanson 325-5554
5:00-10:00pm **ST. THERESE SCHOOL AUCTION**—Red Lion Inn on Fifth Avenue, Maisha Barnett 720-7278
May 4 1:30pm MULTI-FAITH AIDS SUPPORT GROUP—Epiphany Parish Library 38th & Denny, 324-2573
May 6 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: STRATEGIES FOR HOMEBUYERS— Realtor Steve McDonald & mortgage lender Chris Lopez, Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
May 7 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
May 8-29 1-3:00pm Thursdays WRITE YOUR OWN LIFE'S STORY—Garfield Community Center, pre-registration required 233-7255
May 14 7:00pm PTSA MEETING-Madrona K-8 Library, Jon Hughes 323-2238
May 14 7:30pm PEACE PLANNING— Playfield shelterhouse, MCAW Jonis Davis jonis6@cs.com
May 15 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: BUILDING YOUR FINANCIAL FOUNDATION— Michael Smith Sr., Robinson Group Insurance, Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
May 17 9:00- 4:00pm FRIENDS OF SEWARD PARK PLANT SALE--just south of Park entrance at 5900 Lake WA Bl S, Laura Sisk 985-5381
6:30-10:00pm **CDSA CARIBBEAN EVENING**-- Central Area Senior Center at 30th & Lane, Jon Hughes 323-2238 **Ends: SIMPLE STORIES**—Art by Reilly Jensen, Baas Art Gallery & Framing 2703 E Madison, 324-4742
May 20 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: GET INFORMED & GET HEALTH— Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Outreach, Neighborhood Academy 23rd & Jackson, Safeco 521-1100
May 21 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522,

Final Playfield Construction Begins

By Steve Orser, Friends of Madrona Playfield

CONGRATULATIONS to the Neighborhood!!! We have reached our goal of raising the money to start work on the Final Phase of the Playfield. This includes:

- Grand stairway with wheelchair/stroller ramp at 34th & Spring
- Native plant garden, lawn, picnic tables, and seating
- Renovation of the shelterhouse (see February *Madrona News* for details)

Construction is expected to start at the end of April and to last about two months. Your contributions still can help! We have had to cut out the "arts" portions of the project, including, most notably, the planned arch for the entrance. If you would still like to contribute, or hadn't contributed to date, we appreciate your help in finalizing the wonderful transformation of this park. Make checks payable to Friends of Madrona Playfield MCC, and send them to Treasurer, 1614 33rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Questions? Contact me at 423-1412.

Madrona Mayfair: Saturday May 31

By Jen Norling & Shelley Huestis, Mayfair 2003 Co-Chairs

Save the date! Get out your tricycle decorations! The Madrona Mayfair Children's Parade and Activities are taking place Saturday, May 31. It's a Madrona tradition that you won't want to miss!

At 10:00am, neighborhood children and their parents are invited to meet at Al Larkins Park on 34th & Pike to decorate their trikes, bikes, wagons, and strollers (crepe paper will be provided). At 10:30, Dee Dee Rainbow, Deano the Clown, and a Seattle Fire truck will lead the parade, with a Seattle Police car at the back, from Al Larkins Park, down 34th Avenue to Madrona Playfield.

At the playfield, children's activities will include a show by Deano the Clown, pony rides for kids 60 lbs and under, a bouncy fun house for kids 110 lbs and under, face painting, parachute games, sack races, and performances by the Madrona K-8 choir and dance troupe. Families are encouraged to bring picnics and enjoy the day with neighbors.

All Mayfair activities are free! A donation box will be located at the Madrona Community Council information table for those interested in helping cover some of the event costs. Any donations received in excess of the event costs will be used to fund the July Madrona BBQ Festival, another wonderful neighborhood tradition. We want everyone to come celebrate spring in Madrona! If you'd like to help, contact Jen at 325-8481 or Shelley at 322-8004.

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Neighborhood Congrats!

More special Madrona people doing special things! Kudos to...

- The owners of the new home built at 1418 35th for having their house featured in a *Seattle Times* Open House.
- **Kathy Barker** for sharing her feelings on the war with Iraq and its impact on her children with the *Seattle Times*
- Real estate agent **Benjamin Chotzen** who was one of the Landmark Group's top real estate professionals in 2002.
- **District 37 voters** who turned out to hear State Rep Eric Pettigrew and House Majority Whip Sharon Tomiko Santos in a Town Hall meeting at Garfield Community Center.
- **Marie Emery and Shellie Sarff**, owners of **Fetch**, which *Seattle Magazine* calls one of the Best Bets Stores for pet food.
- **Epiphany Parish** for raising \$800 and several bags of groceries for the East Cherry St. YWCA emergency housing fund.
- **Linda Farris & John Kucher** for the feature *Northwest Home & Garden* wrote about their blue Madrona Dr. storefront home.
- **Genesis House**, which was featured in *The Madison Park Times*, for its success in treating people with drug and alcohol problems and preparing them with job skills all while honoring their family relationships and connections.
- **Rev. Pat Wright**, founder of the Total Experience Gospel Choir, who was honored with a weekend of food, music, and good cheer in March.
- **Patricia Hayden** and the **East Cherry Street YWCA** who *The Madison Park Times* honored for their continuing support to families in need, and their unique programs that assists black women who are victims of domestic violence.
- Madrona K-8 staffmembers **Sara Speed, Jessica Iwaszuk, Dawn Cameron** and principal **Rickie Malone**, who each recently announced her engagement—is Cupid in the building?
- MCC Treasurer and Friend of Madrona Playfield extraordinaire, **Steve Orser**, who was named to the Seattle Parks Foundation.
- **John Platt**, whose engagement was feted by his St. Clouds co-owner Paul Butler at a private party held in their restaurant.
- Madrona historian **Junius Rochester** for his TV interview about his book *The Last Electric Trolley*.
- **Spectrum Dance Theater** for selecting acclaimed modern dance choreographer **Donald Byrd** as its new Artistic Director.
- Musician, inventor, artist, sculpture **Trimpin**, whose "Klavier Nonette" played with toy pianos was featured in the *Seattle Times*.
- Hi-Spot owner **Mike Walker** who was recognized by *The Madison Park Times* for support to many local charities.
- **Ruth Yoemans**, who was sited in the Seattle PI for attending an anti-war protest brandishing a lollipop with a sticker that read: War Sucks.

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MCAW Work Continues

Madrona-Leschi Citizens against the War

Now that war on Iraq cannot be prevented, let us not be disheartened!

Madrona-Leschi Citizens against the War (MCAW) is a network of people opposed to the war against Iraq. Despite recent events, we will stand vigil every Sunday from 11:30 to 12:30 at 34th & Union, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30-1:30 at the Walgreen's on 23rd and Jackson. On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, MCAW meets in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 7:30pm. All are welcome to come and help plan Madrona peace activities.

Many MCAW members met April 4 and 18 to view a video series called *A Force More Powerful*. Based on the book by Peter Ackerman and Jack DuVall, these videos recall 20th century struggles around the globe and reveal how ordinary people used non-violent methods—strikes, boycotts, and civil disobedience—to separate regimes from their means of control. Highlighted are the Danes valiant resistance of the Nazis, Chileans' civic actions to remove Pinochet from power, the Nashville sit-ins to protest segregation, the Poles' struggles to replace the Communist regime, South Africans' movement to democracy, and Gandhi's historic march to the sea to protest the tax on salt.

The final video of the series will show on April 25 at Madrona K-8 at 7:30. Come join your neighbors for a provocative video documentary and discussion of peaceful means to real political change. For more information on MCAW contact Jonis Davis at jonis6@cs.com or, as MCAW is an affiliate of Sound Non-Violent Opponents (SNOW), visit www.snowcoalition.org.



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Local Greenspace Updates

By Judith Starbuck, Friends of Madrona Woods

By Linda Hanson, Friends of the Ravine in Madrona

Madrona Woods at Crossroads: We invite you to a party to celebrate our successes and plan for the future restoration of Madrona Woods at 10:00am April 19 at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. We'll spend some time congratulating ourselves on our many accomplishments and then look ahead at future projects. Some of our most faithful volunteers are moving on and so we need new willing volunteers. If you're interested in any of the following projects, please come to the meeting or call me at 322-2640.

- **Restoration:** Coordinate monthly work parties to replace invasives with native plants; work with Parks Dept.
- **Environmental Education:** Continue working with students in the school year.
- **Spring Street Creek Daylighting:** Bring Madrona Park stream back above ground.
- **Fundraising:** Raise money for plants and stream daylighting.
- **Website:** Update and maintain our site or create a new one.
- **Board:** Coordinate activities, make group decisions.
- **Food:** Bring food to work parties and meetings.

Friends of the Ravine in Madrona: Thanks to grant from the Dept of Neighborhoods Small & Simple Project Matching Fund, FORM will continue its partnership with EarthCorps. To celebrate, FORM invites everyone to meet at the Pine St. & Madrona Dr, bus stop and come to our celebration work party on May 3 from 9:00 to noon. Also, Bush School students will mark Earth Day, April 22, by planting native plants that attract butterflies in the ravine. Thanks to them for all they've already done to improve the ravine for birds, bats, and butterflies, and for their plan to build and install bird and bat houses. We appreciate your good help! It's really fun to work in the ravine so join us there the first Saturday of the month for the next 6 months. Call me at 325-5554 if you need more info.

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Madrona K-8 Honors Jacob Lawrence

By Mary Myslewicz, Madrona K-8 Volunteer Coordinator

As the culmination of a month of enrichment classes in the life and works of world-famous Seattle African American artist Jacob Lawrence, a group of Madrona K-8 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had the honor of reading their poetry and showcasing their artwork in the main gallery of the Jacob Lawrence exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum. The children did a wonderful job presenting to an audience of friends, family, and museum patrons.

In Lawrence's honor, students also created a Freedom Quilt based on his artistic techniques, and visited with Madrona artists. As a constant reminder of what is possible, the Freedom Quilt hangs in a glass case in the main hallway of Madrona K-8 for all to see and enjoy. We are very proud of all the students who participated in these artistic endeavors.

Almost to Freedom

By Kyle Thompson, 5th grade

Inspired by Jacob Lawrence's Harriet Tubman Series

It's cold, freezing and a white blanket of snow,
Shoe tracks in the snow to show where they have been,
The picture is sad and happy,
Because they are almost to freedom

I am an Artist

By Nakaylah Kennedy, 4th grade

I am the creativity
I am the shadow of the sun
I am the puff of the clouds
I am the waves of the lake
I am the drops of the rain

Individuals Make it Work at Madrona K-8

By Madrona PTSA

It's been a wonderful new year at Madrona K-8. The school is home in its renovated building and surrounded with a new energy from parent and community involvement. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been spent on Madrona K-8 projects for the benefit of the children. Parent after parent has come forward to lend a hand with the PTSA and various school events; thanks so much to everyone who has helped! The teachers, staff, and most importantly the children benefit from all the hard work of all you volunteers. While many people have had an impact, there are two individuals who should be recognized personally for making an especially significant difference.

The position of Parent Volunteer Coordinator changed drastically when Mary Myslewicz took over this year. Her enthusiasm is contagious! Madrona is very fortunate to be one of the few schools to have a full-time parent volunteer coordinator. Mary created one of the more attractive after-school programs in the district and drastically increased parent and community involvement in the school. Her volunteer crew is organized and growing in number. Thanks for all you do Mary!

Martha Ortiz-Williams has found her niche as co-president of the Madrona K-8 PTSA. No one has spent more hours volunteering at the school. She attends every event, never misses a meeting, and brings her energy to the table every time. Martha was at the school so much that Principal Rickie Malone offered her a job, and now Martha works as a classroom assistant. Martha has three children and her oldest is a kindergartener. Next year Martha's daughter will join her brother at Madrona K-8, and in three years her youngest child will be enrolled. Just think—Madrona K-8 has Martha and her energy locked up for at least the next 11 years!

WASL Prep for Madrona K-8 Students

By Mary Myslewicz, Madrona K-8 Volunteer Coordinator

Last year Madrona K-8 made significant gains in its Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) scores and this year we hope to continue the trend. The WASL is the standardized test for Washington State for 4th, 7th and 10th graders, and students must pass it to graduate from high school. A contributing factor in last year's results was the unique tutoring program founded through a partnership with the College of Education at UW. Through this program 4th and 7th graders attended required WASL Prep tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday for five weeks leading up to the test.

This year the tutoring program was expanded to include 4th graders. Each student has a trained UW undergraduate student as a tutor to help prepare for the test. They spend about an hour working on practice tests, developing test-taking strategies, and discussing the problems they are working on together. The tutors work with the same students each session and as a result, a personal relationship is formed and the students feel more motivated and confident about doing well on the test. After the five week sessions are complete, the tutoring will continue with the 4th graders. About fifteen of the tutors will continue the Tuesday and Thursday sessions with a rotating group of students. The test preparation will culminate with a catered breakfast and information session the first day of the test for the students and their families. Good luck Madrona K-8 students! We know you can do it!

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YMCA Celebrates Healthy Kids Day

The Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA at 23rd & Olive will celebrate Healthy Kids Day on April 26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event is free and open to the community so come join us for fun family activities that support healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and fitness. To encourage families to get healthy and exercise more, we are waiving the joining fees on Family Memberships the whole weekend of April 25-27. For more information, call the Y at 322-6969.

Welcome Spring Babies! *By Madrona Moms*

- Keaton Elliott Orser born on March 9 to Ann Hollar and Steve Orser. The third boy born to this family weighed 8 lbs 9 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long.
- Edson Fessenden Gallaudet IV born on March 17 to Ed and Julie Gallaudet. Teddy, or E4 for short, weighed 8lbs. 7oz. and joins big sisters Claire and Gracie.
- Twins Josefina, 6 lb., and John, 5 lb. 6 oz., were born on March 18. Christina Cuevas Albert, John Albert, and Big Brother Alejandro welcome them.

Epiphany Visits IslandWood

By Mary Anne Howard

This month, the graduating classes of Epiphany School will spend four amazing days and three wonderful nights at IslandWood, a new environmental learning center on Bainbridge Island whose facilities and programs are setting new standards for American education and sustainable design. There the 5th and 6th graders will live and learn in an unparalleled confluence of natural, man-made, and cultural environments that combine scientific inquiry and integrated learning with the latest technological tools. The students earned more than one-fourth the cost of their stay by selling many copies of the *Chinook Book*, because they know they will be well rewarded by this unique experience.

Facilities and furnishings at IslandWood are made of logs and materials from the site itself, including bunk beds crafted of local alder branches. The art building experiments with hay-bale construction, and the greenhouse called "The Living Machine" filters waste water through a series of tubs and trays where the magic of light, water plants, and the natural filtering action of a marsh and bog make it potable again. Inside the buildings, attractive bathrooms feature recycled glass tiles and countertops made of recycled yogurt cartons.

The students will work outdoors exploring the many environments and habitats of the 235-acre site. They will then sleep in beautiful, heated lodges, each with its own huge themed stone fireplace. In the dining hall the children will help set up, serve, and clean up morning and evening meals of kid- and environmentally-friendly cuisine prepared by a local chef. Lunches will be picnics enjoyed in the woods or near beautiful ponds and streams while the students attend classes taught by IslandWood naturalists. Evenings will find everyone immersed in hikes in search of owls and sharing stories around the campfire. It's an experience none will soon forget.

Support CDSA *By Jon Hughes, CDSA Board*

Community Day School Association (CDSA), which provides pre-school, and before- and after-school enrichment programs at Madrona K-8 and other central Seattle elementary schools, is hosting an evening of Caribbean food, music, and warm tropical fun May 17 at the Central Area Senior Center at 30th and Lane in Leschi.

This year CDSA is celebrating over 25 years of providing quality childcare. Its mission is to make quality care available to everyone and this event, which suggests a donation of \$50 per person, will raise money to provide tuition assistance for needy families.

The lively program will run from 6:30 to 10:00pm. with live jazz music and a Brazilian dance demonstration. There will be a no-host bar, wonderful Caribbean goodies created by Callalee: A Taste of Caribbean Heaven, a raffle, auction, and dessert auction.

CDSA is a wonderful non-profit organization that has served our neighborhood well. Recent reductions in funding for childcare programs make it difficult for CDSA to bring quality childcare to those families that need it most. Please come, have a shrimp, and show your support. For more info or to send a donation contact me at 323-2238.

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