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## MCC Wine Tasting Event

Madrona Community Council board members and officers sincerely thank everyone whose hard work paid off at the Nov. 5 Wine Tasting fund raiser. Special thanks go to MCC Board member Kevin O’Doherty (Windermere Realty), who made contact with Leschi Market’s Steve Shulman to initiate the event; Kevin also procured stemware for the event. Stacey Kryman, MCC’s VP for Special Events, also played a key role.

Steve and Ken at Leschi Market used their many contacts in the wine industry to line up participants, who brought over 60 wines from around the world to Madrona tasters. The wineries represented also reduced their prices for orders placed that night. According to the Leschi Market newsletter, top choices from the Wine Tasting that remain on their shelves include:

- ◇ 2008 Capucin Syrah-Grenache Languedoc (\$9)
- ◇ 2010 Chateau du Arromans Entre-Deux-Mers Bordeaux Blanc (\$14)
- ◇ 2008 Domaine de Vieux Pressoir Brut Rose (\$17)
- ◇ 2008 Barrister Cabernet Franc (\$24)
- ◇ 2009 Mark Ryan Lost Soul Syrah (\$42)

Owners of local restaurants Bistro Turquaz, Naam, St. Clouds, and Hi Spot Café  
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## Council Corner

Beginning this month, the Madrona News will publish at the beginning of each calendar month (July and August excepted). In this column, we will notify you about upcoming MCC meetings and print agenda items (insofar as they are determined). Reports on previously-held MCC meetings will move to inside pages.

Agenda items thus far for the next MCC meeting at the Madrona Shelterhouse (Dec. 6; 7:15pm) include the following:

- Streetscape and tree removal subcommittee update—*Sarah Westneat*
- Crime update—*Susan Minogue*
- SNAP emergency preparedness meeting planning
- Wine Tasting Event recap—proceeds, next steps, suggestions
- 2012 Fund-raising & event planning
- Peaceable Kingdom sign replacement
- Other business

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## Champions of Folk Music

Madrona residents Phil and Vivian Williams were awarded the Folk Alliance West’s 2011 “Best of the West Ambassador” award at the organization’s annual convention in Eugene, Oregon, Oct. 22. This is the international Folk Alliance organization’s division for the Western US. Criteria for receiving Best of the West awards are: 1) excellence in one’s craft; 2) enduring presence in the geographical far-western folk community for a decade or more; 3) embodies or builds upon folk values and traditions; 4) promotes, nurtures, fosters, and expands the audience and opportunities for folk music and musicians in the Far West.

Here is what Folk Alliance West said about the Williamses:

For five decades, Phil and Vivian Williams have made major contributions in the areas of music performance, research and documentation, education, and folk arts organizations in the Northwest.

Phil and Vivian are highly acclaimed performers of old time fiddle tunes,

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## Wine Tasting Event... (cont'd from page 1)

kindly provided food for the group. During the event, over 80 glassybaby vessels were sold, leading to waiver of the rental fee for the space and producing a donation for the Madrona K-8 library. Ticket sales yielded almost \$3,000 to support a wide variety of MCC activities, such as Mayfair. Many thanks, everyone.

## Folk Music... (cont'd from page 1)

music for square, contra, and traditional ballroom dancing, and bluegrass. A perennial contest winner (27 championships at major contests) Vivian's fiddling is best summed up by [the late] Bill Monroe: "Vivian is the best lady fiddler I have ever heard, and she can play better than most men, too." Phil's back up work earns accolades, too, and he is also accomplished on mandolin, banjo, and bass.

Since the 1960s, the Williamses have published about 100 albums on their Voyager label from their extensive field and studio recordings. They created three archives: *The Seattle Folklore Society Archive*, Southern artists who toured during the 1960s; *The Darrington Tapes*, a number of excellent southern musicians who migrated to Washington State; and *The Williams Tape Archive*, 500 reels of Northwest traditional fiddle music, just donated to the Missouri Historical Society.

Phil and Vivian perform at many community events each year, provide expertise to many folks arts organizations, teach frequently, and have developed five historical presentations showcasing music from different eras. Their work shows there is a Northwest fiddle and dance tradition, distinct in origin and repertoire, that dates back 150 years to the first Oregon Trail pioneers.

## Christmas Church Services in Madrona:

### Epiphany

- Dec. 4 4:00-5:00pm Advent Lessons and Carols
- Dec. 24 5:00pm Christmas Pageant  
9:00pm Eucharist
- Dec. 25 9:00am Celebratory Eucharist

### Liberation Ministries (Services at Epiphany)

- Dec. 25 1:30pm

### Madrona Presbyterian Church

- Dec. 24 7:00pm Christmas Eve service
- Dec. 25 11:00am service

### St. Therese

- Dec. 24 5:00pm Children's Mass with Jubilation Gospel Choir & St. Therese Children's Choir  
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9:00pm Mass with St. Therese Choir
- Dec. 25 10:00am Mass with Shades of Praise Gospel Choir

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United Way of King County encourages you to participate in a local day of service honoring the legacy of Dr. King by volunteering for projects to be completed on Jan. 16. Projects come from schools, parks, child care centers, and nonprofit organizations; anyone can volunteer. Project leaders should volunteer by Jan. 6; they are responsible for recruiting volunteers for their project and serving as a communications liaison between the host organization and volunteers. Volunteers can sign up by Jan. 13. Both project leaders and volunteers can register at [www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/mlkday/](http://www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/mlkday/). For more information, contact [volunteers@uwkc.org](mailto:volunteers@uwkc.org) or telephone 461-3644.



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## Help From Our Friends

*By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue*

Over the last few months we may have been silent in the *Madrona News*, but the sounds of people working in Madrona Woods have not stopped. The fall brought a couple of groups to help, with clearing, mulching, and planting being done on a regular basis by our hardest-working volunteers, Peter and Deirdre. On Sept. 16, a group of Microsoft employees chose us as their place to get dirty and exercise muscles on the Day of Caring. They helped remove reed canary grass and maple seedlings from the cove and ivy and blackberry bushes from several parts of the Woods. They also carried a lot of mulch. A Seattle Works group came as part of Green Seattle Day on Nov. 5, helping to clear a new marshy area in the southeast corner of the Woods and mulch it. The cheerful help of all these community-minded volunteers was greatly appreciated.

We’ll skip our December work party, since it would be right in the middle of the holidays, but we’ll start up again the fourth Saturday in January. If you’d like to be added to our email list for announcements of work parties and other events, contact Deirdre at [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com). Or check out our website at [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). I’m available to give tours if you’ll contact me at [judithstarbuck@msn.com](mailto:judithstarbuck@msn.com).

Why not bundle up and treat yourself to a walk in Madrona’s very own urban forest and natural area in their lovely fall colors and/or winter simplicity? You’ll be rewarded with a beautiful and peaceful respite from city noise and activity.

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## Singing in the Rain Family Choir

By Sari Breznau, 38th Avenue

Singing in the Rain Family Choir will hold a free public concert on Dec. 15 at Epiphany Parish Great Hall at 7:00pm. This choir,



founded in 2004, is a boisterous and multi-generational group of friends, families, and neighbors in Madrona. The group is founded on the belief that everyone can

sing. Kids, parents, grandparents, singles, couples, and in-betweens all join to make a joyful noise.

The choir meets Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Epiphany Parish Great Hall, normally for a ten-week session that culminates in a free public concert. All are welcome to attend the concerts or join the choir. The only requirement is that choir members be able to sit and be focused on rehearsal for a full hour. We learn from both lyric sheets and sheet music.

The winter 2012 session for the Singing in the Rain Choir runs from Jan. 5 to March 15, with the concert scheduled for March 15 at 7:00pm. Fees are \$150 per family, \$85 per individual, and scholarships are available. For additional information, contact me at [saribreznu@gmail.com](mailto:saribreznu@gmail.com).

## CoRRRECCIONS

The November issue provided an incorrect address for Al Doggett Studio. The correct address is: 1734 34th Avenue. Also see [www.aldoggettstudio.com](http://www.aldoggettstudio.com).



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## Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



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### Madrona K-8

- Is hosting a Scholastic Book sale Dec. 3 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the school library. Reasonably priced fiction and non-fiction books will be available for all ages; 40-50 percent of sales will go back to the school's library to make it a place that spurs the students' imaginations and allows them to pursue subjects of special interest to them.
- Will showcase its new music program on Dec. 15 at 6:00pm with a winter concert titled "Music Brings Us All Together." Each grade level will sing songs that come from the US and abroad, including songs from Panama, South Africa, and Puerto Rico in addition to African American ring games and clapping songs to reflect the "all together" aspect of the performance's theme. Also expect to hear a few traditional classics like "Jingle Bells." This annual performance is one of the most popular for students and community alike; it will take place in the school gymnasium.
- Has embarked on the year-long Roots of Empathy project. Based on Mary Gordon's book by the same name, this project brings a Madrona baby and parent into the classroom to help children learn about and understand how other people feel. The underlying principle is that children who develop empathy are better equipped to build a caring, peaceful civil society. School counselor Said Ahmed is one of two at Madrona K-8 trained in the Roots of Empathy curriculum; he is working with a third/ fourth grade class. The first step for each of 27 well-defined lesson plans is a pre-visit to prepare for the baby and parent, the second is the baby and parent's visit, and the third is a post-visit where students reflect on what they learned from the baby's visit. Curriculum at each stage has clear learning objectives and activities that might include age-appropriate books, e.g., *Hi New Baby* or a unit on how babies communicate, since they cannot use words. Children sing a welcoming song to greet and part with the baby and parent, lamenting that the visit with "their baby" is over all too soon. Additional information about Mary Gordon and the Roots of Empathy project are found at [www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org).

### Making a Difference at Epiphany School

In keeping with the Epiphany School culture, students are proactively engaged in learning the importance of service in our community and beyond. Through this, we hope they will gain a greater understanding of the world around them and be empowered to take action to make a difference. This year the students are focused on three major school-wide projects:

1. Emergency Feeding Program (EFP) — We're excited to kick off the year by continuing our partnership with EFP, which provides 300,000 nutritional meals to 50,000 families in King County. The school community raised \$560 at the annual Carnival's Used Toy and Book Sale this year. This fall each class will visit the facility to help prepare bags of food for families in need. EFP Operations Director Brian Anderson always makes

this event not only meaningful and educational but really fun for the kids and parent volunteers.

2. Coin Drive — As in years past, the 5th-graders will research and select a charity for the school to support following our winter coin drive. Collecting coins is a tangible opportunity for even the youngest students to feel they are involved and making a difference.

3. Learn more about April's Seward Park Stewardship Day in the April 2012 *Madrona News*.

### Preschool Fair

Are you in the market for a preschool? It can be a daunting task to sift through options to find a good fit for families, budgets, and schedules. But Central Seattle Parent Resource (CSPR) is teaming up with Garfield Community Center to make it easier to find the right fit by hosting a Central Seattle Preschool Fair on Jan. 21 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Thanks to the generosity of Garfield Community Center, this fair is free for participating schools and families.

There will be over 30 local preschool and day care programs on site. Additionally, all schools in the Central Seattle area are welcome to attend and can reserve a table at the fair by contacting Emily Wheeler at [centralspr@gmail.com](mailto:centralspr@gmail.com). CSPR promotes community among parents of children from birth to age five by encouraging social connections that build foundations for long-term civic involvement. Learn more at [centralseattleparentresource.com](http://centralseattleparentresource.com).

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# Bubbles, Bubbles, No Toil or Trouble to Find a Great Sparkling Wine

By Gabriel Parker, 37th Ave.

If you are like me, you enjoy sparkling wine during the holiday season. There is something very special about a wine that is almost alive; it dances in the glass and beckons with a faint whisper before finally tickling your palate in farewell, leaving you with the memory of its taste and a desire to become better acquainted. Below I paint a rather broad picture of champagne and sparkling wine, with a few suggestions.

There are many options and price points for very enjoyable sparkling wines. Cava is where I think the best values lie and the one I always go back to is Jaume Serra Cristalino (\$7). Cristalino can be found pretty much anywhere, and while it may not offer the most complex taste, unlike some other value wines it doesn't bring any unpleasantness along with its flavor profile. Not only is this wine great on its own, there is no sense of remorse when supplementing its flavors with something such as a splash of St. Germain or Chambord or making what some think of as a traditional "champagne" cocktail (one sugar cube saturated with bitters in a glass of any sparkling wine with a thin twist of lemon peel).

Another really enjoyable and affordable treat is Moscato d'Asti (Elio Perrone makes a nice one at \$15). This Italian semi-sparkling sweet wine is low in alcohol because the sweetness is actually the residual sugar that wasn't consumed in fermentation. I know many people think of sweet wines, with memories of Boone's Farm, but in this case the sweetness is tempered with a

beguiling, multifaceted, and lingering finish that hints at fresh flowers and warm summer afternoons.

There are good domestic champagne-style sparklers such as Gruet (\$14), Gloria Ferrer (\$18), Schramsberg (\$19), and Argyle (\$26), as well as really nice imports like Taltarni Brut Tashi from Australia (\$20) or Lucien Albrecht Cremant from France (\$20). But there is nothing like champagne from the Champagne region of France, because it has a unique and intricate complexity featuring aspects of yeast and mineral with amazing balance. Some of my favorite producers are Gimonnet (\$40), Agrapart et Fils (\$40), and Pierre Peters (\$45). But if you have never had champagne, the one I recommend is Piper-Heidsieck Brut NV (\$30) because it exemplifies all the key aspects of champagne; it has vibrant acidity, persistent minerality, round fruitiness, and the structure to keep it all together from nose to finish.

Whatever your preference or price point, the holidays are a great time to enjoy sparkling wines and usually an opportune time to take advantage of promotions and tastings at local wine shops. My final recommendation would be to get on any email list of a shop or winery you find appealing and stay apprised of their offerings.

### Editor's Note:

Bottlehouse has scheduled the following winemaker receptions at 1416 34th Avenue:

- December 3, 6:00-8:00pm: Blissful Bubbles
- December 17th, 6:00-8:00pm: Favorite holiday wines
- Madrona Wine Merchants will offer a holiday sparkling wine tasting on Dec. 17, 2:00-4:00pm, 1127 34th Avenue



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A brief program and dedication will be followed by a walking tour of the nine bronze rings, and Very Merry in Madrona festivities will begin in earnest. This is a family affair, with activities planned throughout the day, including hot cocoa and cider, live music, free wine tasting, special holiday sales and shop hours, and children's activities.

Stop by the CleanScapes booth from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Amara parking lot for holiday treats and eco-giveaways, and to learn more about how the rings were made. Self-guided walking-tour maps will be available, along with paper and crayons for making ring rubbings. Don't miss the recycling truck; kids of all ages are welcome to sit in the driver's seat and have their picture taken.

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Madrona merchants invite everyone to shop, drink, eat, and be merry at festivities planned for Dec. 2-3. Look for special holiday sales and extended retail hours both days.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting for the Madrona Rings Project scheduled for 11:00am on Dec. 3 (see adjacent story in this issue), other Saturday offerings include hot cider and cocoa, free wine tasting, live music, and children's activities. The day ends with a candlelight walk from 34th and Union to Madrona Beach.

### Other events scheduled for Dec. 3:

- Madrona K-8 will host a Scholastic Book sale from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the school library.
- Spectrum Dance will sponsor a dance on Madrona Beach beginning at 8:00pm.
- Singing in the Rain Family Choir will begin at Epiphany Parish and lead carols during a candlelight walk to the beach starting at 8:00pm.
- Christmas Ships arrive at Madrona Beach at 9:20pm

## I Remember When: A Boy's Christmas in Denny-Blaine - Apologies to Dylan Thomas

*By Junius Rochester, 32nd Avenue*

Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, in a famous 1952 radio piece, said "There are always Uncles at Christmas. The same Uncles."

In the late 1940s, my childhood Christmas at 1730 Evergreen Place (39th Avenue and East Howell Street) also featured "the  
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## A Boy's Christmas... (cont'd from previous page)

same Uncles.” And the Aunts were there too, serving breakfast and bustling in my mother’s kitchen, with one exception: Aunt Mary Louise Rochester Roderick--“Nanny Lou”--who sang and played carols at our baby grand piano. After listening to the seasonal standards, my sister and I would coax Nanny Lou to play tunes of a different stripe, such as “I’ve Got a Pain in my Sawdust.”

Other attendees at these breakfasts included the Roderick cousins; my sister Mary Ellen’s godfather, Harry J. Martin, who was a beekeeper and man-about-town; federal judge John C. Bowen, who lived at the Olympic Hotel and rode a taxi to our Denny-Blaine home; US Senator Warren G. Magnuson in his bachelor days; realtor, neighbor, and patron of the arts Henry Broderick, with quiet Mrs. B. at his side; and occasionally beer distributor and baseball owner Emil Sick and his artistic wife Katherine. Several times the Lloyd and Illsley Nordstrom family across the street dropped by (I mowed their lawn every Saturday). Others joined the party, including my mother’s close friend and next door neighbor, artist Lisa Smithson, and members of the Dr. Armin and Doris Rembe family. Armin Jr. was my close buddy and his dad was my pediatrician. And there were surprises: visitors from distant places and political allies (my father was a New Deal Democrat and member of the Seattle City Council).

Occasionally I donned a white cassock for Christmas Eve acolyte duties at Church of the Epiphany. The next morning, other than tearing open gifts, keeping my clothes clean, and staying out of trouble, I had an important duty: climbing aboard my bicycle and delivering presents throughout Denny-Blaine for Henry Broderick. The neighborhood was a brilliant spectacle, festooned with bright holiday colors, lighted trees, and elegant and simple window and door hangings.

When the day ended I helped clean up, although my mother always had a kitchen assistant. During World War II young women lived in our house as domestic help. I especially remember friendly Sumi, a Japanese American girl who was attending secretarial school. After President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which paved the way for placing over 100,000 Japanese Americans in internment camps, Sumi and many other loyal Americans disappeared into the camps.

Many Denny-Blaine and Madrona homes face eastward across the lake. During Christmas and Hanukkah season, passing boats cruised by a city hillside ablaze with color and twinkling lights. Our porch stretched across the face of the house, just above Lake Washington Boulevard. Despite brisk December air, family and guests would occasionally leave our crackling fireplace and wander up and down the Great Porch – to see and be seen.

After the celebrations ended, I, like Welshman Dylan Thomas, “got into bed. I said some words to the close and holy darkness, and then I slept.”

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1. Early warnings are for a second La Niña winter characterized by wetter and colder Pacific Northwest weather. The city's Take Winter by Storm campaign is intended to prepare for bad weather with new internet sites that alert city workers and residents to locations currently experiencing or likely to experience bad weather conditions. Each of the three sites below monitors radar and satellite findings, combining them with other measurements to pinpoint weather patterns and events.

- Snowwatch: [www.atmos.washington.edu/snowwatch/](http://www.atmos.washington.edu/snowwatch/)
- Windwatch: [www.atmos.washington.edu/scll/](http://www.atmos.washington.edu/scll/)
- Rainwatch: [www.atmos.washington.edu/spu/](http://www.atmos.washington.edu/spu/)

In addition to websites above that monitor weather, Take Winter by Storm offers many useful tools (in nine languages) to prepare for weather-related emergencies. The on-site video encourages everyone to prepare a disaster kit, make and practice a plan for responding to disaster, and stay informed. Additionally they provide a variety of checklists for emergency preparedness, a shopping list, a home inventory checklist, and emergency contact cards. To access these and other tools, visit [www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org).

2. Metro riders can obtain arrival information for their buses thanks to an internet application developed to make life easier for commuters. OneBusAway is accessible via telephone, the web, or smartphones, and will tell you when the next bus is arriving at your stop. You can access this tool as follows:

- Dial-in to 456-0609 and press 1 to enter a stop number\* followed by the pound sign.
- SMS text "onebus" and your stop number\* to 41411.
- For mobile web enter [www.onebusaway.org/whereliphone/](http://www.onebusaway.org/whereliphone/).
- For smartphones "onebusaway" is available as an application from iTunes, Windows Phone, and Android markets

\*Stop numbers in Seattle are multiple-digit numbers assigned to each individual stop; the stop for Union and 34th is 2930. These numbers appear on one or more of three places: on newer bus stop signs, on the upper left corner inside if your stop has a bus shelter, and on the printed bus schedule. The numbers also can be found via an internet search at [www.onebusaway.org](http://www.onebusaway.org).

*Madrona News* seeks a volunteer graphic designer who knows print as well as web design. The job requires around 5 hours once a month mostly working with small businesses to put together ads for the newsletter. If interested please email Barbara Parker at [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com).

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# MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Madrona website at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us) allows you to update or add community events to the "Calendar of Events." Alternatively, send your event in the format below to [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com) by Monday noon for Tuesday additions.

## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MON & THURS** 5:50am – 6:50am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, [www.nikkfitt.com](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm **Song Writer's Salon**—A not-so-open mic at Bottlehouse; contact [comalrkin@gmail.com](mailto:comalrkin@gmail.com) for information about performing
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. [www.epiphanyseattle.org](http://www.epiphanyseattle.org)  
 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Kid's Crafting Corner**—Ages 6-10, 11/12–12/14, but no class on 11/23; fees apply. [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrone Grace Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. [www.madronachurch.org](http://www.madronachurch.org)
- THURSDAYS** 9:00am **Valley School Tours for Prospective Families**—Through February. Reservations required. The Valley School, 310 30th Avenue E, 328-4475  
 10:00am **All Threads Together**—Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Library, Deanna Killian, 524-1501  
 11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave [www.bottlehousesseattle.com](http://www.bottlehousesseattle.com)  
 7:30pm **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **Madrone/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [www.kbarke715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarke715@comcast.net)  
 9:00am – 10:00am **Sing-A-Story**—Ages 1-5, 11/18 and 12/2– 12/30; Madrona Shelterhouse; fees apply. For additional information, consult [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm). (This activity also is offered on Saturday mornings.)
- SATURDAY** 2:00 – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Cellars**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult [www.MadronaWineMerchants.com](http://www.MadronaWineMerchants.com)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

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- Dec 1—Dec 20 **Toys for Tots Drive**—Drop off unwrapped holiday gifts for children at Edward Jones, 3304 E. Spring. Contact Erin Nold 323-0440
- Dec 1—Through the Holidays—Lin Holley will show new work at Columbia City Gallery, 4864 Rainier Ave S.
- Dec 3 **Very Merry In Madrona** — See page 8 for details  
 9:00am – 1:00pm **Scholastic Book Sale**—Madrone K-8 Library. See page 6 for details  
 9:20pm **Christmas Ships at Madrona Beach**
- Dec 6 7:15pm **Madrone Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Dec 7 1:00pm – 2:00pm **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—Amara meeting room. Soni Dave-Schock at [madronabusineses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusineses@gmail.com)
- Dec 7 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell [jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell1@comcast.net)
- Dec 10 11:00am – 2:00pm **Toys for Tots Open House**—Collection of unwrapped toys. Edward Jones, 3304 E. Spring. Contact Erin Nold 323-0440
- Dec 15 7:00pm **Singing in the Rain Concert**—Great Hall, Epiphany Parish, 1805 38th Ave. 324-2573
- Dec 21 9:00am – 1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and cutting board to St Clouds Restaurant; John Platt, [john@stclouds.com](mailto:john@stclouds.com)
- Jan 3 7:15pm **Madrone Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Jan 4 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell [jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell1@comcast.net)

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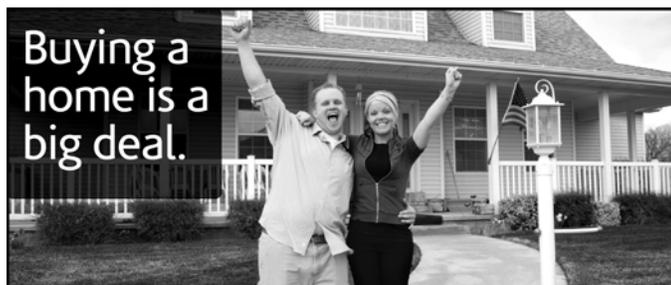
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