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# Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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## Notes from the President *by John Capps*



The Business District brainstorming session held on March 28th was well attended and provided an excellent discussion. It was good to see the community come together on this issue. We are moving forward in the exploration of opportunities for our "main street". Thanks to Erica Pitre for organizing and following up on the business district meeting.

Spring is tree planting time...Last year we planted a significant tree at the Sally Goldmark Library and this year on April 29, the Madrona Community Council and City Light will plant trees along 30th and 31st Streets. Please come and help us! During the week of April 24th, trucks and backhoes preparing for the tree planting will need access to the planting strips on those streets...so please try to park off the street during that week, if possible. Call Curt Miller, 323-1524 for information.

Remember as you bike, walk, shop and play in our neighborhood, wish your neighbor to have a good day!



## Join the Fun at MayFair '95

*by Susan Stocking*

Mark your calendars for Madrona MayFair '95 on Saturday, May 20th. Plans are underway for a fun-filled neighborhood event and we are looking forward to seeing lots of folks participate. Events will include a children's bicycle parade, entertainment, children's games and arts and crafts activities and vendor sales space. We will again be inviting neighborhood youths to be entrepreneurs and operate activities this year. Information and applications will be available after May 1st at the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library and Madrona Elementary School.

This is a great opportunity for students (and adults too please) looking for community service opportunities to have a fun time with neighbors. We need help with food sales, set up, prize store and game supervision. All helpers please call Susan at 324-9943.

To rent vendor booth space at \$10 each for Arts and Crafts, Flea Market, etc., please call Terri Spaccarotelli at 329-3556.

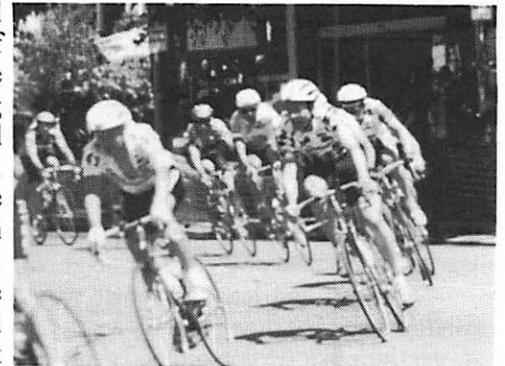
## Program Meeting - April 25, 7:30 pm

### National Cycling Championships

Learn about the 1995 National Cycling Championships returning to Madrona on Sunday, June 11. The next Program Meeting of the Madrona Community Council will be an organizational meeting to generate ideas and neighborhood support to make this year's event even better than last year. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30pm at the Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. For more information, please call Terri Spaccarotelli (329-3556).

The 1995 Fresca National Cycling Championships Microsoft Grand Prix hits the streets of Seattle on Sunday, June 11th. Once again, Madrona is destined to be the "hot" spot on the race course with food, entertainment, souvenirs, beer garden, raffle, bicycle helmet safety demonstrations (remember Duke Dequoy with the helmets and cantaloupes?) and some great surprises. Word is out that we may have some very fun drop-in guests.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities and all volunteers will receive a bag of goodies from the U. S. Cycling Federation and race sponsors. Time slots to be filled range from 2 hours to all day. Last year entire families helped and had a great time. Join us!



1994 National Cycling Race through Madrona Photos by Walter Bodle

## Madrona Tree Planting Project

### Bring Your Shovel and Gloves

*by Curt Miller*

The Madrona Community Council and Seattle City Light have teamed up to replace street trees in our neighborhood. On Saturday, April 29th, approximately 120 street trees will be available to our community for planting. This first phase of planting will occur on 30th Avenue between Union and Cherry and on 31st Avenue between Spring and Pike. City Light will provide the trees and be in the neighborhood the week before the planting to loosen the soil and dig the holes. Community volunteers and residents will plant the trees and care for them over the years. In order for this first planting to be successful we need your help. Call Curt Miller at 323-1524 to volunteer. You can make a difference in your neighborhood. This is a great way to help. Join us Saturday, April 29, 9am at the Madrona Library.





## Madrona Business District Adopt-A-Street for EarthDay

by Michael Wilson

Now that the weather is more conducive to walking around our neighborhood, we not only notice how beautiful Madrona is but also how we can improve its beauty. Adopt-A-Street is a City of Seattle sponsored program that gives us the opportunity to get involved to clean up our streets, sidewalks, alley ways, vacant lots and other common areas. Keeping our neighborhood clean not only adds to its beauty, but also is good for business, increases property values, and even can help prevent crime from occurring.

Join us on EarthDay, Saturday, April 22nd at 10am in the Group Health parking lot at 34th and Union to help beautify Madrona. Some gloves and trash bags will be provided, but shovels and brooms or other equipment would be appreciated. Also come with you ideas on how we can keep the "Peaceable Kingdom" clean. See you there as we sweep the streets. For more information, please call Michael Wilson at 329-9616.

## Letter to the Editor...

I would like to call attention to the litter, glass and animal waste in our neighborhood. Here we have a beautiful area to live in, but yet people will not take time to carry a bag or something to clean up after their animal or pick up litter that has been dropped by someone else who are just too lazy to put their litter in the trash cans. It doesn't take that much time for people to carry a bag for your animal waste or to stop to pick up some litter that you see. Our children will only learn from what they see us adults do and we need to teach them to take pride in their neighborhood.

Come on and lets show that we do have pride in our Madrona neighborhood and try to keep it clean. Lets all pitch in and show that we can be good neighbors and not just talk all the time, because talking is cheap but doing something about the problem is the real solution.

Daisy Christensen

*(Editor's Note: Madrona resident Michael Wilson is organizing an Adopt-A-Street effort for 34th and Union. Volunteers are needed. The first clean up will be April 22 (see article). Join Michael on this day and everyday to make Madrona a better place to live.)*

## Neighborhood Planning - May 2

Join Central Area residents to discuss Neighborhood Planning and Urban Villages for the Central Area, sponsored by the Central Area Action Plan - Implementation Team at 6:30-8:30pm at Garfield Community Center, 2323 E. Cherry St. Any questions call Anne Knight (329-9329).

## Streetlight out?

Call 625-3000 to report the problem. Be prepared to give a pole number or the exact location by the nearest cross streets. City Light will be out there to repair it in seven to ten working days. Customer reports are often the first indication of trouble with a particular streetlight, and can help speed repairs.

## Madrona Beach Enhancement Project Work Is Well Underway

by Ingrid Beach

The Madrona Beach Enhancement Project is well underway. If you haven't been down to the Madrona Park lake shore lately, you should go view the progress, because you can now see that the pathway has been rerouted to the back of new beach and the concrete steps have been removed. The opening of the new beach is targeted for May 25th, and even if there are delays in the construction schedule, we should be crawling on the new boulders and playing in the new streambed by early this summer.

South East Effective Development (S.E.E.D.), a community-based non-profit development organization, is doing the construction. The Mt. Baker Playground was one of their previous projects.

On March 31st, the Madrona Elementary School offered their stage area to the making of tiles for the beach. Fran and Bunny Wood organized the event where dozens of families with their children painted and scratched designs into 3" by 5" pieces of clay. These tiles are part of the "discovery" aspect of the new beach and will be placed in the streambed or in the mortar between the boulders. The tiles will be placed during the week of April 24th and volunteers will be needed on an "on-call" basis. Anyone interested in laying tile should call Ingrid Beach at 322-1370.

Work parties are being organized for April 29 and May 13 and 20. The first work party scheduled for April 8 was canceled because the contractor wasn't quite ready for us. The rain has slowed progress. During the first work parties volunteers will be at the site with rubber boots and rakes to grate two-inch round rock at the waterline. We all wish we could have a soft, sandy bottom but the stones are necessary for erosion control.

Sand will be placed on top of the stones, and the beach will be sandy, but when we want to go for a swim we may need to wear aqua-socks. Later, work parties will be grating sand throughout the beach, and later still we will be piling sand into a large mound on and around which the fallen madrone tree, the basalt rock (suitable for sliding) and the hollow log will be laid. The water pump which will feed the streambed with water will also be near this sandy mound. The last work party, scheduled now for May 20th (be prepared for changes) will be reserved for planting of northwest native grasses. If you are interested in helping with any of these work parties, please call Ingrid Beach at 322-1370.

And in case you haven't heard, Madrona and Leschi raised \$21,000 for this project in response to the letter campaign of last summer. Another \$20,000 was solicited from and donated by newcomers to our neighborhood—the McCaw family. Thank you all! You have made this truly a community-wide project. It has been exciting to see the ground broken, and the vision begin to take shape. And special thanks to Beth Purcell, a neighborhood resident, who had this vision, and to Madrona's project co-manager James Jessup, Seattle architect, who is providing essential links between the city, the designers and the contractors.



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### **Mark's Remarks**

## **Crime Prevention Corner**

*by Mark Solomon*

I'm Mark Solomon, your neighbor and new Block Watch/Crime Prevention Committee Chair for the Madrona Community Council. I am also a Crime Prevention Coordinator with the Seattle Police Department

Each month I hope to provide you with Crime Prevention tips, updates on what's happening in the neighborhood, and let you know about upcoming events that might interest you.

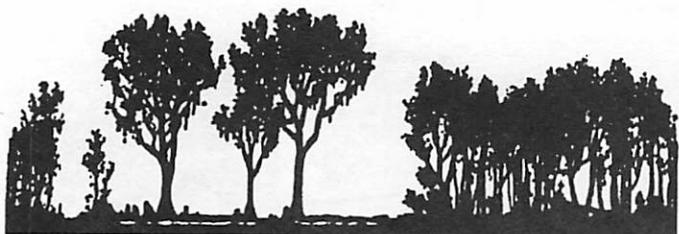
This month's topic is **Car Prowls**. Car prowling is when someone enters your vehicle, without permission, for the purpose of removing property from the vehicle. Items like car stereos, phones, briefcases, shopping bags, gym bags, coats, shoes, etc., disappear from vehicles every day and in increasing frequency. Just last week someone took a dog leash from my mother's car. Yes, a dog leash. It doesn't seem to matter what the item is, just that it is there, visible and easy to snag. To protect yourself from a car prowling, follow these simple steps:

- ❶ *Always remove the keys, roll up the windows and lock your car. Remove automatic garage door openers from your car, as this could give thieves easy access to your home.*
- ❷ *Don't leave anything of value in the interior of the car, not even in your glove compartment. If you have to leave items in the interior, place them out of sight*
- ❸ *For car accessories (stereos, phones, tape decks) use mountings that allow you to take them with you*
- ❹ *When out shopping place the items you purchase in the trunk. That might prevent someone from shopping at your car while you're shopping at the Bon.*
- ❺ *Park in a visible, well-lit area. People who commit crime, for the most part, don't want to be seen, identified or draw attention to themselves. So, make them be seen, identified and draw attention to themselves. It reduces the chances of someone breaking into your car.*
- ❻ *If you can, park in a closed and locked garage*
- ❼ *If your car is stored in a carport or parked near your house, leave your exterior lights on throughout the night. Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit, which will come on if the car is approached. Motion detectors are good psychological deterrents since the normal assumption of a person seeing a light come on is that someone has seen them.*

Nothing is a 100% guarantee. If someone wants to break into your car, they'll do it. You can, however, make them draw attention to themselves, you can make it more difficult for them to succeed in taking your property, and you can prevent yourself from becoming a victim of car prowling.

If you want to establish a Block Watch, or rejuvenate an existing one, call the **Crime Prevention Division at 684-7555**. We can assist you. If you'd like to contact me, I can be reached at the above number, or at my home, 860-7285 for Community Council related matters.

That's all for this month. See you 'round the neighborhood!



**Symposium on Madrones**  
**"The Decline of Pacific Madrone:  
 Current Theories and Research Directions"**

Many residents of the Madrona neighborhood have expressed concern about the decline of our neighborhood's namesake tree and this symposium is an excellent opportunity to learn more about madrone trees. Sponsored by Save Magnolia's Madronas, the Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and Ecosystem Database Development, this symposium is intended to galvanize new research on the topic of madrones. Topics to be addressed include: natural ecology, landscape performance, and propagation. The Symposium will take place on **Friday, April 28**, from 8am to 5pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture 3501 NE 41st. For more information, call Paul West, Seattle Parks and Recreation, at 684-4122.

**Capitol Hill Street Market**  
**Subscription Farming**  
**Fresh from Farm to You**

by Beverly Moreland, 937-6225



On June 3rd, the Capitol Hill Street Market will open its third season, featuring a new concept in community supported agriculture — "subscription farming". The Market sees this new concept as a way to bring the small family-owned farm to the city, promote organic agriculture, preserve farmland, and help consumers create a way to minimize the impersonal world of supermarkets and agribusiness, with the emphasis on the community.

The produce will be seasonal, since it will all be grown in Washington. Much of the produce at the Market will be organic, with the selection equal to or greater than what is usually found at the grocery store. And since almost everything will be picked on Fridays it will be very fresh and long-lasting.

**Here's how to participate:** Order by the week, month, or season; pay a one-time \$10 membership; boxes can be delivered to your door, or will be ready for pick up at the market; you can order pounds of produce or pre-packaged boxes of items.

For instance, you may want to order a box of salad greens which might include 2 varieties of lettuce, spinach, arugula, 1 cucumber, 2 bunches of radishes and 6 bunches of scallions. You may also wish to order a box of mixed vegetables which might include broccoli, carrots, leeks, greens, beets, potatoes, etc., depending on what is in season. Larger quantities of fruits and vegetables may also be purchased for canning. And what summer would be complete without fresh basil and garlic - you'll need several bunches for pesto.

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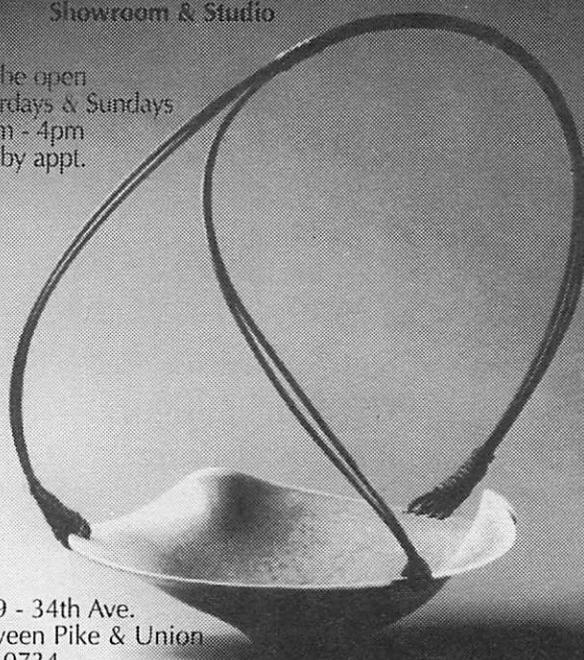
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### Simply Elegant Catering

Simply Elegant Catering, located at 1129 34th Avenue (inside the courtyard of Cool Hand Luke's) is pleased to announce its expansion to include an office at 1130 34th Avenue. They welcome all neighbors to stop in and see what's cooking. Simply Elegant supplies Plenty with homemade cookies and has prepared a birthday fiesta for Abbey Clare at the Clubhouse, participated in the Madrona Arts & Crafts Fair, and have catered to several Madrona residents! Give them a call at 329-8538...they would love to assist you with your next social event!!!



### Madrona Neighborhood Calendar

- Apr 22 25th Anniversary of EarthDay**  
10am EarthDayMadrona, an Adopt-A-Street volunteer work party to sweep and pick up litter in the Madrona Business District, sponsored by Madrona Community Council. Meet at Group Health parking lot, 34th and Union. (See article)
- Apr 25 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm Program Meeting - Information and Planning for Bike Race through Madrona on June 11th. ShelterHouse, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
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- Apr 29 Madrona Tree Planting Project**  
9am Planting of 120 street trees on 30th and 31st Streets, sponsored by City Light and Madrona Community Council. Volunteers needed! Bring your shovel and gloves. Meet at Madrona Sally Goldmark Library (See article)
- May 2 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm Working Meeting - Board and Committees ShelterHouse, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- May 3 Madrona Gardeners**  
7:00pm Join us for a Spring Field Trip. Meet at the ShelterHouse, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- May 20 Madrona MayFair**  
Parade, clowns, game booths, entertainment, prizes, and fun galore at Madrona MayFair '95. Volunteers needed for MayFair. Call Susan Stocking at 324-9943 for information. (See article)
- Jun 6 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm Working Meeting - Board and Committees Board elections and final planning for bike race. ShelterHouse, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Jun 11 Fresca National Cycling Championship and Microsoft Grand Prix.** Planning for this event is starting now. Call Terri Spaccarotelli (329-3556) for more information or to volunteer. (See article)

## Passages

### Remembering

#### Our Madrona Neighbors

Mary Newell, longtime Madrona resident, passed away Thursday, April 6. Mary was well-known and loved in the neighborhood. Walking every day on 37th and 38th near her home off Union, she knew everyone, what they were doing, who was pregnant, ill, getting married or divorced. Mary loved to talk, told great stories, knew a bargain when she saw one, and had an incredible green thumb. Mary would have been 82 years old next month. She is survived by her husband John, three sons and one daughter. We will all miss a charming lady, Mary Newell.

Kay Hutchins passed away on March 28. She had lived at Terrace and 36th for more than forty years until she sold her property to the Department of Parks and Recreation, so it could be preserved as open space. Neighbors organized a lovely memorial service for Kay at the site of her former home overlooking the lake.

It was a perfect evening with the sun shining on the Cascades. Bendt Brodersen started out the memorial by giving everyone an overview of Kay's life, starting in England, following her to Australia, to British Columbia and finally to Seattle. Other neighbors, friends and relatives spoke about their memories of Kay remembering her as the "wisest woman" with "passion, friendship and a strong sense of justice." Two quotations were cited in memory of Kay - the Shaker proverb "Live as if you will die tomorrow, garden as if the garden will live forever" which hung on her kitchen wall, and "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Kay gave back to the community in many ways. The most notable was through her reading books for the Library for the Blind. Many of these books are on tape at the Library of Congress. A listing can be accessed through Internet.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Kay's former property at Terrace and 36th, please add it to your walking route and take a moment to enjoy the view. Please contact Fran Wood (323-2296) if you would like to work on a habitat restoration plan for the site.

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# NEIGHBORLY NOTES

## What are you thinking about?

Your thoughts, stories, questions, comments, poems, drawings, and your ideas for the Madrona neighborhood and Madrona Newsletter are always welcome. Please send them to 1122 36th Avenue, Seattle 98122.

## Now Is Your Chance

Now is your chance to get involved in Madrona neighborhood activities. Interested neighbors are needed for the Madrona Community Council Board. Board elections will take place at the June 6th meeting. If you are interested in more information, becoming involved or volunteering, please call John Capps at 324-6847. Remember, the Madrona neighborhood is You!...and what you make it!

## Central Branch Preschool Plant & Book Sale

Get your shovels and bookmarks ready for the Central Branch Preschool Plant and Book Sale! The sale, to benefit the scholarship program, will be Sunday, May 21, 10am to 3pm at 3605 S. Mt. Baker Blvd. in the Mt. Baker Clubhouse.

Annual and perennial flowering plants, and new and used books for adults and children will be sold. Early birds get the worms and the best selection! Donations of house plants and used books (not text-books) in good condition would be most welcome. See you on May 21st!

## New Southwest Quadrant Rep

Luisa Nims has volunteered to be the new Southwest Quadrant Representative. Luisa lives on 30th Avenue and can be reached at 329-1325. We welcome her to the Board and thank her for her enthusiasm and willingness to participate.

## New Crime Prevention Committee Chair

The board welcomes Mark Solomon as the new Crime Prevention Committee Chair. Mark is a Madrona resident and also works with the Seattle Police Department as a Crime Prevention Coordinator. We are pleased and honored to have him on the Board of the Madrona Community Council. See his article in this issue on tips for curbing car prowls in our neighborhood.

## Spring Art Sale - For the Whole Family

On Sunday, April 30th from 10a-4p, a group of local artists and their families will have a pre-Mother's Day/Spring Sale. Items will vary from Pottery and Basketry to Jewelry and Beads, from Magic Shows and Refreshments to Unique Craft Decorations and Homemade Boxes. This will be a fun event for the whole family. 1618 29th Ave in Madrona near Pine and Martin Luther King Blvd. For further information, call Karen at 329-9454.

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

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**Business District Meeting**  
**March 28, 7:30pm**