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Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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President's Corner *by Bill Hanson*

Madrona is changing . . .

↻ Group Health has selected the Seattle Public Health Department, Inter - City Asthma Research Project and Pacific Oaks College to be the new occupants of their old facility at 34th and Union. Occupancy is expected by September.

↻ Work has started on remodeling the old pharmacy across the street from Group Health for the Madrona Eatery and Alehouse. Opening planned for the third week in May.

↻ We have requested a Department of Neighborhoods matching grant for the Columbia Neighborwoods Park Project at 29th Avenue and Columbia.

↻ Madrona School is planning to create a loading/unload zone for parents to drop off their children on the south side of Union between 32nd and 33rd and on the west side of 33rd Avenue between Union and Spring up to the existing handicap parking place in front of the school. They would also like to make 33rd Avenue between Union and Spring a one way northbound.

↻ Genesis House is planning facility up grades.

Change is nothing new to Madrona, the community has a long history of evolution. Some would say that most of the changes have been for the better, but others might not agree. Nevertheless, changes will continue to occur and with these changes there will be good and/or bad effects, depending on your point of view. Some say that Madrona could become like Capital Hill in a few years.

This is one of the reasons, for the Council's Planning and Land Use Committee Neighborhood Planning Survey. As you may recall this survey included questions designed to obtain your views on what is important to you as a resident of Madrona. The results are being used to determine where we should go from here and what Madrona should look like in the future. While we can not prevent changes, we can help assure they are positive and minimize any bad effects. This is your opportunity to help make it happen.

I'm concerned that only a one percent response rate was obtained for the survey. I realize that planning can be a boring issue for many people, but this is where the decisions are made that will affect the community in one, 10, 25 years down the road. This is your chance to become involved and help determine what our community will look like in the future. If you wait until after the plans have been completed and the projects are being implemented to express your views, it is very difficult, if not impossible for you to effect any changes.

The next Planning and Land Use Committee meeting is scheduled for April 25th, Thursday, 7:15pm at the Madrona Shelterhouse, 34th Avenue and Spring. Call Richard Conlin, 323-1524 or Doug Tooley, 325-8195 for additional details. Plan to become involved in your community!

Spring Clean '96

You Can Help on Earth Day

On Saturday, April 20th, 9am, a great Madrona Earth Day event sponsored by the Madrona Community Council will happen. With your help, the "Citizens of the Peaceable Kingdom" will clean up the heart of our business district on 34th and Union. Neighboring businesses will be donating refreshments. The event will be coordinated with the Central Neighborhood Association which is planning a clean up of Union Street centered on 23rd Avenue on the same day. So grab your gloves and broom, meet at the Group Health parking lot, and help us get a clean sweep on Spring and feel good on Earth Day. Call Michael Wilson, 329-9616, for more information.

Madrona School Playground *by Jim Saver*

The kindergarten play structure at Madrona Elementary School is really going to happen! The PTSA, along with the Department of Neighborhoods, have finalized plans for a \$10,000 project to install a beautiful play area for younger children in the Madrona School and surrounding community. We need your help! On Saturday, April 20th we will assemble the playground. Starting at 8am we will be at the school all day until it is completed. We need people of all skill levels. If you can help or know of someone with expertise, please call Jim Saver at 325-6212. We are very excited about this project, so we hope to see you there!

Madrona MayFair

Saturday, May 18th *by Erika Davis-Pitre*

Come one, come all to our neighborhood's annual spring event. Starting at 9:30am kids of all ages will assemble at Al Larkins Park, 34th and Pike, to decorate trikes, bikes and wagons for the parade down 34th Avenue to Madrona Park with Deano the Clown leading the way! In true carnival fashion we will be offering delicious food, fun and games, entertainment and the company of your neighbors who have been hibernating all winter long. If you would like to sell items at this event, booth space is only \$10. Reservations are recommended! To reserve your booth space or to volunteer to make this the best MayFair ever, call Erika Davis-Pitre at 325-5965 or 328-8693. Hope to see you all there!

Madrona Community Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 7:15pm

Madrona Shelterhouse, 34th and Spring

Discussion of Madrona School Transportation Issues

Load/Unload Areas? Spring & 33rd One Way? Parking/No Parking?

Call Doug Tooley, 325-8195, for more information.

Everyone Welcome!

Columbia Neighborwoods *by Luisa Nims*

A great new project is taking shape at the corner of 29th Avenue and Columbia - the Columbia Neighborwoods Project. This property was recently donated by Fran and Bunny Woods to the Trust for Public Land for preservation. The Madrona Community Council is applying to the Department of Neighborhoods for a neighborhood matching grant for cleanup, planning, benches, trails and planting. The grant request of \$5,000 must be matched with donated cash or labor. We should know in a few months if the grant will be awarded.

On March 16 many neighborhood volunteers made a serious dent in cleaning up the wooded site. Special thanks go to all the volunteers, including Bill Hanson, Martin Sellars, Doug Tooley, Heidi Dexter, David Dexter, Robert, Marcia, Fran and Bunny Woods.

(Ed Note: A big thank you goes to Luisa Nims for organizing this project, and helping it move forward.)

Spring For Madrona!

The event of the season is rapidly approaching! Dust off the checkbooks, schedule the babysitter and prepare your appetite for great food and greater values on an incredible line-up of products and services, and all benefiting Madrona School!

Spring For Madrona, Madrona Elementary School's Fourth Annual Auction, will be held on Saturday, May 11th at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Capitol Hill. In addition to live and silent auctions, admission includes dinner, dessert and beverages. Such a deal!

Hundreds of items have been donated for the auction. Some exciting additions this year include: tickets to Disneyland, a High-Ball train set, accommodations at Roche Harbor, dinner for 8 prepared in your home by a local well-known chef, toys, games, cameras, passes to Enchanted Village, wonderful items made by Madrona students and the hottest item in Seattle - tickets to Mariner baseball games! Everything for the entire family from baby to the great-grandparents.

Admission to the auction is \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. For more information, call Debi Martin (937-5612) or Gail Hopley (522-9630).

Support A Local Farmer - Buy Direct *by Beverly Moreland*

After a very popular first year, the Capitol Hill Street Market announces the opportunity to once again sign up for organic farm fresh produce through its Subscription Farming Program.

Subscription farming depends on selling shares. Shareholders make a cash investment and directly participate in the farm. For a \$300 investment, subscribers receive 20 weeks of produce beginning June 1st through mid-October. Each member receives a pre-packed box of seasonal organic salad greens, herbs and vegetables to generously feed a family of two and flowers when available. Double shares, half shares and bulk quantities may also be purchased.

Here's how to participate: order a share, pay a one-time \$20 membership, boxes will be ready to pick up at the market at a convenient pick-up site. Last years' subscribers came from all over the city, and the response was enormously enthusiastic.

If you are interested in supporting local farmers and becoming a subscription farming member, please call 937-6225 for additional information.

Madrona Gardeners *by Kay Gordon*

Our April 24 meeting will feature an expert in water gardens. You don't need a big space or pond to include water in your landscape. Small pots, simple fountains, even bird baths bring wildlife, restful sounds, and interesting plants to urban spaces. Diane Torgerson from Oasis Water Gardens will present ideas. Neighbors are also welcome to bring general garden questions/problems for this resourceful and fun group to address. Join us on Wednesday, April 24th, 7:30pm at the Madrona Shelterhouse.

Madrona Business Notes

Meet Your Madrona Business

Recently, an article entitled "Al Doggett Learns How to Be An Artist In the Digital Age" was presented in *The Wall Street Journal*. The featured artist was our very own Al Doggett who has owned and operated his art studio located at 1734 34th Avenue and Howell since 1967. Al and his studio have grown in leaps and bounds over the years and recently entered into the digital age while continuing to master his traditional artistry.

The full service art studio provides fine art, commercial art, creative designs, and digital artwork. All are invited to tour the three-story home studio that's tastefully designed with many of Al's works. Experience Madrona's diversity at its best. Call Al Doggett or Kimanita Anderson at 329-5563 for more information.

New Business Under Construction *by Jim Riley*

Construction on the Madrona Eatery & Alehouse is progressing nicely and we are looking forward to being open and serving the neighborhood by late May. We appreciate the input members of the Community have been giving us. Two key issues brought to our attention so far are the desire for a smoke-free environment and the current lack of public phones in the business district. These are just the type of suggestions we need and want to hear about. We will soon be accepting applications for all positions so keep your eyes open for that notice. Your questions and suggestions are always welcome. You can call Jim Riley, restaurant manager, at 440-1482. We are very excited and looking forward to being a part of the Madrona community.

Madrona Laundromat Reopens *by Chardon Pedersen*

The grand re-opening of the Madrona Laundromat, located at 1408 34th Avenue, next to the Hi-Spot Cafe, was April 1st.

The laundromat is equipped with 20 washers and dryers and will be open 7 days a week from 7am to 9pm. While you are doing your laundry you can eat and drink at Plenty Fine Food and Deli or enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at Cafe Solei, or visit one of the other fine restaurants in Madrona. Do your laundry and make an evening of it!

In the near future there may be a flower shop added and also a drop off laundry service for your convenience.

Conrow Studio

Ginny Conrow's Porcelain Studio and Showroom will re-open June 15th when she returns from teaching eight pottery workshops in Australia and Tasmania. She invites you to call for an appointment (324-0734 or drop by at 1429 34th Avenue and ring the bell. She keeps no regular open hours but is happy to show her porcelain whenever she is working in the studio. Stop by to see the new forms and colors she is developing for summer shows.



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The Madison Valley Electronic Village Project Needs Your Help!

by Dug Steen

For almost a year now, the Electronic Village has been providing community computer classes (on topics from an introduction to computers to making your own World Wide Web page), computer lab access (to word processing and other software, CD-ROMs, laser printers, and more), and online resources (through our own World Wide Web site), but come May 31st we will lose our funding!

Please don't let this excellent community resource go to waste. Join us at the Village Technology Education Center (VTEC) on the playground of M.L. King Elementary, at the corner of 32nd and Republican on Thursday, May 2nd—6:00pm to discuss our plans for connecting our neighbors from their homes.

Or drop by the VTEC during our open hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00am - 4:00pm

You don't have to know anything about computers...you just have to want to learn. For more information, please leave a message for Dug Steen at 328-0058.

Olympic Trials Cycling Race

by John Capps

The Cycle Race plans for Madrona are shaping up nicely. Red Hook Beer Company has agreed to support Madrona again this year with supplies for our Beer Garden with proceeds benefiting Madrona Community Council projects. The Beer Garden will be run by Jim Shultz and John T. Walker.

KUBE radio station will broadcast from 34th and Pike. The root beer and ice cream floats are still being negotiated. Group Health parking lot is still the area we plan to have vendors and also the Microsoft and Group Health centers.

We are currently talking to all parties about what services they plan to offer at the sites. Volunteers; are needed for Traffic Control, the root beer float table, the Madrona Community Council table, the Beer Garden, and helpers for whatever may come up. Now remember this year is special. This is the first time we have an opportunity to host the Olympic Time Trials in Seattle and Madrona.

The Community Council will need the entire Community's support and cooperation to make this event as great and as professional as only you can do. I am counting on your support and enthusiasm to show the entire nation, that there's a place called Madrona, the Peaceable Kingdom where people of different ethnic groups work together for the common good, and for their neighborhood. Call me, John Capps, at 324-6847 or my Co-chair, Terry Spaccarotelli, at 329-3556 to volunteer. We need your help!

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Madrona Community Council

April 2, 1996 Meeting Summaries by Doug Tooley

Incoming President Bill Hanson handled his first meeting ably. Lots of new projects were discussed with enthusiasm befitting the fine Spring evening.

Madrona Elementary Traffic/Parking Revisions: Jim Saver reported that the school supports conversion of portions of the school side sections of 33rd and Union to a school hours only load/unload zone (open for parking at other hours). It was reported that Seattle Engineering Department opposes the conversion of Spring and 33rd to one way streets (clockwise). Bill Hanson reports that the school has been working with a different individual in the Engineering Department and that the one-way may still be possible, if needed. Bill will follow through with Engineering and make sure that school and neighborhood contacts communicate. Erika Davis-Pitre notes that with the 32nd Avenue changes more traffic is coming from the north via 34th and hence now are making a left turn from Union to 33rd or dropping children off on the opposite side of the arterial. Douglas Tooley noted that if possible we should finish the load/unload painting prior to the end of the school year so that we might evaluate the effect of this solution and modify, if needed, prior to the start of the next school year.

A meeting has been scheduled for April 30 to review possible next steps with the various responsible officials, 7:15 at the Shelterhouse. Douglas Tooley will coordinate. (Secretary's Note: Hal Kimball, Vice Principal at Madrona suggests that we take a block vote following the meeting.)

Madrona MayFair - Saturday, May 18: Erika Davis-Pitre (325-5965) reported on the status of the MayFair event. She reports that she has had many inquires about booth space and is working to keep the booths child oriented. An attendance of 350-400 is expected for the event. The moon walk and the ponies are scheduled to return. Dana donated use of a balloon tank. Call Erika to volunteer.

Microsoft Grand Prix Olympic Trials Bicycle Race Sunday; May 19: John Capps (324-6847) reported that KUBE will broadcast from the site this year, Red Hook will again provide equipment and materials for the Beer Garden and the Bell's are helping to put together the vendor area. John thanked Terri Spaccarotelli for her efforts. John reports that the project is just now getting underway and to call him with any ideas or to volunteer.

Madrona School Report: Jill Hearne reported on enrollment numbers and on possible changes in the program configuration prior to construction in 2002/3. The ECM program is fully subscribed at 249 and has a waiting list. Both the 1/2-day and full day Kindergarten Programs are filled with the full day demand almost double that of the available space. The APP program may move in 1997/98. The target enrollment for the rebuilt school is 450 and they are evaluating modifying the ECM program to K-6 or K-8 to reach this number. Jill made note of the Seattle Public Library moving the SPLASH program onto the school grounds next year and expressed her vision of the school as one of the best community resources in the District.

Columbia Neighboroods Project (29th & Columbia): Luisa Nims (860-4165) presented a letter of intent to the

Department of Neighborhoods for a small and simple grant for the Columbia Neighboroods. A motion was made to submit letter. Jerry Arbes offered an amendment that a letter of agreement defining the relationship between the Trust for Public Land (the current owner) and the Madrona Community Council and providing for liability coverage. Amendment accepted and motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Planning and Land Use Committee: Rich Conlin (329-0659) presented latest survey report and his work with CAAP-IT, the Central Area Action Plan Implementation Team which includes 34th and Union in its economic development oriented project. Douglas Tooley reported that this approach will work well if we develop our own neighborhood effort focused on our single family areas, perhaps through our committee structure and the Department of Neighborhoods. This approach would solve a concern of many other neighborhoods about the urban village centered approach of the Neighborhood Planning Office.

Madrona Elementary Kindergarten Playground Project: Jim Saver reported that the Department of Neighborhoods grant has been approved and that everything is a go for an April 20th work party. He requests volunteers for April 20th (Earth Day) to help install the new play equipment. Please call Jim at 325-6212.

Transportation Committee: Bill Hanson reported that funding for two traffic circles on 32nd and two on 33rd has been recommended by the City review committee. Bill offered a resolution thanking Anne Knight for her efforts on behalf of various Central Area transportation projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: There was discussion of the role of the Finance Committee and the need for future fundraising efforts to support the Madrona newsletter and other Council projects. Martin Sellars raised the idea for a remodeler's home tour. The idea was warmly and broadly received. Martin will follow up.

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News From Madrona Library

by Nancy Pew

More reading at SPLASH! We are emphasizing reading more at the Madrona Library, especially after school from 3-6pm, during SPLASH Time (Seattle Public Library After School Happenings).

Volunteers are needed to listen to children read and to read harder books to children. Please contact Nancy at the library (684-4705) if you would like to help one time, once a week or from time to time. It is great to see the kids reading, but they do need help and encouragement.

We have recently received some fiction books new to our building, including titles from various reading lists and classic titles in hardback. We are expecting a further infusion of adult fiction titles during 1996! Please come in and browse or request titles from other branches.

This year's summer reading club will have a Mystery theme. Children will read for a certain number of minutes to complete the club. Information will be available at the library and through schools in May. Sign ups begin in June.

Storytimes resume Wednesday mornings on July 10. We will have special performers for several of these storytimes. Check at the library at the end of May for guests and times.

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Calendar

- Apr 20** Madrona Spring Clean on Union Street
9a Meet at 34th and Union. Bring gloves and brooms.
- Apr 24** Madrona Gardeners Meeting
7:30p Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. Learn about water gardens. Everyone welcome.
- Apr 27** Annual Mt. Baker Preschool Rummage Sale and
10a-3p Open House for Fall Registration. 2800 South Massachusetts at MLK.
- Apr 30** Madrona Community Council Transportation
7:15p Committee Meeting to discuss possible changes to traffic, loading and parking near Madrona Elementary School. Madrona Shelterhouse, 34th and Spring. Everybody welcome!
- May 3** Deadline for May Newsletter
Send articles to 1122 36th Avenue, 98122
- May 6** Madrona School Site Council Meeting
7p Madrona School Library. All welcome.
- May 7** Madrona Community Council
7:15p Working Meeting - Board and Committees Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- May 7** The nationwide running of the Olympic Torch
7:30 is scheduled to pass by 23rd and Union.
- May 11** Madrona Beach Cleanup. Bring garden tools and
9a gloves. Meet near the Madrona Dance Studio.
- May 11** Madrona Elementary School Auction & Dinner.
See article.

Madrona Bulletin Board

Madrona Beach Cleanup

Join us for the annual Spring Cleanup of Madrona Beach on Saturday, May 11 from 9am-Noon. We'll be raking sand, cleaning out the streambed and making minor repairs. Bring your garden rakes, trowels, buckets, shovels and gloves and help us get the Beach ready for summer.

Rummage Sale Bargains

Annual Mt. Baker Preschool Rummage Sale and Open House for Fall Registration will be on Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 3pm at 2800 S. Massachusetts. The sale will have a lot of great stuff including designer clothes for children and adults, toys, books, household items, bake sale, crafts, raffle, kids activities, silent auction, and much more!

Gypsy Moths

The Washington State Department of Agriculture has held two meetings at the Madrona School library to discuss their planned 1996 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program in Madrona. If you missed the meetings or have any questions, they can be reached at 1 800 443-6684.

Do You Have Something to Share?

This is your neighborhood newsletter. You can contribute thoughts, articles, letters, poetry, artwork, neighborhood events, neighbor milestones, or anything else you think your neighbors would be interested in. Your ideas for the Madrona neighborhood and the Madrona Newsletter are always welcome. Mail your items to: Newsletter Editor, 1122 36th Ave, Seattle 98122, and we will include them as space allows.

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President	Bill Hanson, 287-4837
Northwest Quadrant	Orlando Nuckols, 329-1325
Northeast Quadrant	Barbara Stenson, 324-9215
Southwest Quadrant	Luisa Nims, 860-4165
Southeast Quadrant	Terri Spaccarotelli, 329-3556



Business District Spring Clean
Saturday, April 20, 1996, 9am
Meet at 34th and Union. Bring gloves and brooms.

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