

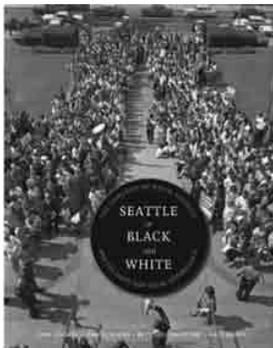
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I Remember When: Striving for Integration in the 1960s

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Most people in Madrona know that the Seattle Black Panthers had their headquarters on 34th Avenue in the late 1960s. What is less well known is the history of an earlier Madrona-based civil rights organization that worked to integrate local neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools through non-violent activism. It was called the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and included black and white men and women working side-by-side to bring to light racial inequities and to press “inside the system” for change. Four CORE leaders, Joan Singler, Jean Durning, Bettylou Valentine, and Maid “Jane” Adams, have just published a book about CORE. Long-time Madrona residents will no doubt recognize many of the people and events that made history here between 1961 and 1968. For people who have never heard of CORE— and don’t know what life was like in Madrona in those days—this work is a window into a reality that hardly seems possible now.

The book, titled “Seattle in Black and White: The Congress of Racial Equality and the fight for equal Opportunity,” begins with this introduction:



This is a history of the Seattle chapter of CORE, the projects undertaken, and the people who made it happen. CORE became a way of life for many members, who spent time every day for weeks, months, and years working on various campaigns to end discrimination and segregation in the Seattle area. With support from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and clergy of both black and white churches, CORE brought about some crucial changes in Seattle—important steps in America’s stride toward “a more perfect Union.”

The book, produced by UW Press, is available everywhere and the authors are giving readings throughout the city. If you have a chance, go and learn about this piece Seattle history from the local people who made it.

Madrona Community Council Officers’ Corner

Those present at the April Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting heard from Stan Lock, Neighborhood District Coordinator for the Dept. of Neighborhoods’ Central Region, about the services his office provides, from passports to pet licenses. His department also administers the popular neighborhood matching fund program that funds citizens who have good ideas for improving their local neighborhoods. He described the expansion of district boundaries in the

face of budget cuts: thirteen districts are now nine, and our Central Region now extends west to Magnolia and Queen Anne. The council agreed that we should write letters in support of this department and opposing additional budget cuts that would further diminish its effectiveness for neighborhoods.

County Assessor Hara will attend the next MCC meeting to talk about his department, where your property tax dollars go, how property is valued and

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Honored for Her Service

Anne Johnston, Madonna resident and member of St. Therese Catholic Parish, received the St. Vincent de Paul “Least of My Brethren” Award for outstanding service to the needy in Central Seattle at the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Seattle/King Co. Council’s Appreciation Dinner on



Sunday, March 27. The event celebrated the special volunteers who make home visits and run programs to assist neighbors in need.

Anne was one of seven awardees in King County who received the award. The name of this award is based on the biblical passage of Matthew 25:40 where Christ says “Whatever you did it to one of the least of my brethren (Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Naked, Visit those in prison) you did it to me.”

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Pledge to Keep Madrona in Bloom

By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue

It's nearly May, and the colorful Madrona Blossoms flower baskets will soon adorn storefronts and street lamps throughout our neighborhood. Thank you to everyone—neighbors and business owners—who have so generously supported this program over the past six years. Your donations brought the beautiful blooms to our community—and smiles to many faces.



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It's also time to ask for your renewed support in keeping our neighborhood in bloom nearly year-round with hanging flower baskets in spring and summer from May-October, and "Wintergreens" from November to February. One basket—plus holidays decorations from November to February—costs \$275 annually to plant and maintain. So, consider supporting a basket or two—as a family, with your friends, or even with a group of neighbors.

Make an investment in our beautiful neighborhood. If you enjoy this neighborhood decoration and color, it's time once again to pledge your support! Fill out the envelope in this newsletter today, or if the envelope is missing, call me at 323-6128 for more information. Thank you for your support!

Officers' Corner... (cont'd from page 1)

assessed, how to appeal or apply for an exemption or deferral for seniors and for those disabled or with limited income. Join us to learn or ask questions about those property taxes you likely will just have paid. We are also planning a future event on the topic of emergency preparedness. We hope to partner with Madrona K-8 for use of their gym and with Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepared (SNAP) for a large educational event on a timely topic. Stay tuned.

The MCC is sorry to hear that Buggy, the children's boutique on 34th Avenue above Domestic Furnishings, has closed. If you missed shopping there, you missed a great place to pickup all kinds of things for the young ones. There is a chance the store may be open for one last sale day on Mayfair Saturday so watch for signs.

Join us at the May 3 MCC meeting at the shelterhouse Madrona Playfield at 7:15pm and we'll see you at Mayfair!



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Neighborhood Markets Opening

It's a sure sign of Spring—farmers markets all over town are opening for the season. In Madrona, the outdoor Friday market at Grocery Outlet begins its weekly run on May 20. We can look forward to four months of garden-fresh produce, handmade breads and pasta, flowers, organic meats, and other delectables.

If you can't wait that long, a trip south offers two other market possibilities. The Columbia City farmers market at Rainier Avenue and Edmunds St. returns April 27. Opening day celebrations include live music from lively, popular Squirrel Butter and fun crafts for kids in the Kids' Tent. The market will then continue each Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00pm.

If you'd rather shop indoors, check out the new Othello Market in the Othello Event Center at MLK Way and Othello St. Part bazaar, part cultural exchange, this year-round market opened April 2 and run Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00am to 6:00pm. It is composed of individual vendor stalls set in a charming, rustic atmosphere modeled after traditional markets native to countries all over the world that combine elements from both farmers' and flea markets—sort of an "international" Pike Place Market. Available products will include everything from fresh produce to clothing, arts & crafts to antiques, technological gadgets to religious icons. The Othello Market represents cultures from around the world, including Asian, Pacific Islander, Oceanic, African, African American, Caribbean, Latino, European, Anglo American, Middle Eastern and Native American.



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Spectrum Dance Hosts *The Variety Show*

Three of Seattle's most dynamic arts groups are joining forces to create an all-new pastiche of song and dance, fun and games, thrills and throwback in *The Variety Show*; a new collaboration between Donald Byrd's Madrona-based Spectrum Dance Theater, Seattle Dance Project, and ACT Theatre's Central Heating Lab.

The Variety Show is a dizzy mash up of original, short, pieces featuring some of Seattle's finest dancers, choreographers, and variety artists. It draws from sources as diverse as old TV game shows, supper club floor shows, and European cabaret, with winks to CBS's Ed Sullivan and Dada's Tristan Tzara. This dazzling array features the choreography of Donald Byrd and up-and-comers Catherine Cabeen, Timothy Lynch, Eva Stone, and Ezra Dickenson.

The evening's emcees are the irrepressible Cherdonna and Lou. Each show is slightly different, with surprises, games, and contests, and – special to the 10:00pm shows – The GONG Show: a dance contest judged by a merciless panel of local luminaries, which will yield to the winner 10,000...um...10,000...um...some things!

Performances will bounce between the Madrona studio and ACT's Bullitt Cabaret from April 21 through May 7. Performances are at 7:30pm, with Friday and Saturday late shows at 10:00pm. For tickets to shows in Madrona - April 21, 22, and 23 and May 6 and 7 - call 325-4161 or visit www.spectrumdance.org. For shows at ACT - April 28, 29, and 30 - call 292-7676 or visit www.acttheatre.org/TheVarietyShow.

This three-way collaboration that is *The Variety Show* is a convergence of art, entertainment and innovation from two dance companies ready to shine in a completely different light, and one of Seattle's most adventuresome presenters.



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It Takes a Village to Host Mayfair



Congratulations to the 2011 Mayfair T-shirt Contest Winner Sydney Mansavage, age 7! Be sure to order Mayfair t-shirts & tote bags on line by April 30 so they arrive in time; no t-shirts will be sold during Mayfair. Place your order at www.cafepress.com/MadronaMayfair. A portion of the proceeds will help fund future neighborhood events.

Madrona Mayfair is coming up fast! There will be parade decorating on May 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse and the Big Event is May 14 from 9:00-12:30. The parade along 34th will start at 9:30; line up starts around 9:00 at Al Larkins Park at 34th & Pike. The very casual parade of kids and bikes and wagons and scooters—everyone is invited to be in it—ends at the Madrona Playfield where there will be free pony rides, a bouncy house, and carnival games. St. Cloud's and Molly Moon's will sell food and there will be a neighborhood bake sale with all proceeds going to support Mayfair and keep it free for all.

But of course it isn't really free. It costs nearly \$3,000—and hundreds of volunteer hours—to produce Mayfair. If your family loves Mayfair please consider giving back to the event with a donation of time or money. To hear about volunteer opportunities—many lasting just an hour or two—contact Nikki Lundin at nikki.lundin@comcast.net. To donate money, checkout the Madrona Community Council's new PayPal button on the MCC page of www.madrona.us. We will also be collecting cash donations at the park. Every hour and every dollar counts!



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Molly Moon Ice Cream Opening Soon

By Casey Losh, 31st Avenue

Molly Moon's is opening a new storefront in Madrona this May. The shop is a new concept: the "micro" shop. The petite version of Molly Moon's will serve their famous ice cream in pre-packaged pints and scoops as well as sorbet-sicles and ice cream sandwiches. The shop will be located in the small previously unused space between the Madrona Laundromat and Hitchcock – with both businesses continuing to operate as they do now.

Owner Molly Moon Neitzel came up with the concept of the micro shop during the "Shop 3, where will it be?" campaign. During the three-month campaign, Leo the ice cream truck visited three neighborhoods--Ballard, Queen Anne, and Madrona--on a regular basis to help determine where the next Molly Moon's would open. While Queen Anne won and was awarded an ice cream shop, Madrona was the runner up and Neitzel wanted to reward our neighborhood. During that time she came up with her brand new concept of the micro shop – an idea she hopes to repeat in other deserving neighborhoods.

Neitzel has expressed her enthusiasm for the two new locations in a press release: "I'm so excited to be welcoming two new neighborhoods in to our Molly Moon's family. I love that Molly Moon's is a place where families and friends can create memories and I can't wait for Queen Anne and Madrona residents to have the opportunity make the new shops a part of their communities."

We are excited too—Welcome to Madrona!

Help Open Our Wading Pool!

By Melissa Cate Christ

Located next to one of the most popular playgrounds in the City of Seattle, the wading pool at Powell Barnett Park, 352 MLK



Way, provides no-fee access to shallow water play and relief from summer heat for our community's children. Sadly, the wading pool has been

closed for the last two summers and is slated to remain closed for this summer because of continued budget cuts.

To address the situation, Seattle Parks and Recreation is looking for Sponsors/Partners to help fund the operation of the pools. In response, the people of Madrona and Leschi are determined to raise \$13,200 by May 1 to ensure that the wading pool at Powell Barnett Park is open from 12:00 to 7:00pm three days each week this July and August. To help make this happen you can:

- Donate electronically at <http://goo.gl/isSBj>. This link is also on the Leschi Community Council (LCC) Facebook page.
- Send a check to the LCC, earmarked for the "Wading Pool," to: Leschi Community Council, PO Box 22391, 98122.
- Pledge a donation by emailing wadingpool2011@gmail.com.

Any amount will help! This campaign by local parents and community members is a Special Project of the LCC, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. For questions or to volunteer, contact me at wadingpool2011@gmail.com.

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Madrona K-8 News Briefs

By Madrona Panther Partners

Mr. Richards 4th grade class is making paper cranes to support relief efforts in Japan and the whole school is planning a coin drive thru the Red Cross for Japan. The Madrona K-8 4th grade team participated in the Global Reading Challenge at the downtown library and placed 4th out of 10 in their division. 5th Grade teacher Ms. Righi has started an after school garden group in the Learning Garden. Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball are underway and off to a strong start.

The PTSA is getting ready to elect officers for next year. The PTSA board meets monthly, and also hosts larger "General" PTSA meetings throughout the year. The next such meeting is May 18 at 6:00pm. In addition to brief review of ongoing PTSA business, these meetings are usually organized around an event or specific topic. All families, staff and community members may attend. For details go to: <http://madronapantherpartners.org/> Our PTSA will be selling bottled water at Madrona Mayfair as a fundraiser for the school. See you there!

Valley School Admissions Winding Down

By Gail Mensher, Admissions Director

The admissions seasons is winding down very successfully at The Valley School for both new students and for our fifth grade graduates. Most classes for the 2011-12 academic year are full with just one or two openings remaining in the pre-kindergarten program. This is the best time to gain admittance to Valley.

Fifth graders entertained offers to middle schools including Billings, Bush, Forest Ridge, Lakeside, Northwest, Seattle Academy, Seattle Girls Middle School, University Prep and the Seattle Public Schools. Making the final choice can be challenging! Valley teachers and administrators give sustained and careful assistance to parents and students as they leap through admissions hoops. As one parent said, "I do so want to thank all of you for all your help with this process and this important transition. I don't know how we would have managed without your guidance and support."

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St. Therese Welcomes New Principal

St. Therese School is proud to introduce its new principal Theresa Hagemann. She comes to Madrona with an abundance of enthusiasm for education and a wonderful resume:

- Education: BA Geography, University of Washington; K-8 Teaching Certificate and MA Curriculum and Instruction, Antioch University; Washington State Principal Certification and MEd. Educational Administration, Grand Canyon University
- Experience: Currently she is Vice Principal at St. Anne. She was also Vice Principal and taught at Christ the King School for 12 years.



"I absolutely love working with children of all ages," Mrs. Hagemann said. "Their curiosity and love of life makes coming to work every day a joy. I am passionate about Catholic education and working with teachers to create curriculum that inspires students to learn. I am looking forward to working with the St. Therese community and neighborhood as we begin this new chapter. We are a diverse community that nurtures faith, inspires learning and welcomes new families." Mrs. Hagemann officially begins her new position on July 1 but is already very busy planning for next school year.

For more information about St. Therese School or to schedule a tour contact Gina Purdy at 206-324-0460 ext 117 or email gina.purdy@hotmail.com.



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Try Yoga Free at Madrona Presbyterian

By Galen Motin Goff

If you've always wanted to try yoga but counted yourself out because you don't want to be a pretzel, think again—and try a free class at Madrona Presbyterian Church. The class meets the third Wednesday every month from 6:00 to 7:15pm and I'm the certified instructor.

This class is free for several reasons—I've loved Madrona Presbyterian since I was a child and think it's the perfect place to make yoga accessible to people who may think they can't do it. I also want to dispel any notion of yoga as somehow unholy. I can't think of a better way to pray than with every breath that animates the movement of the divine vessel that is the body. Indeed, it was at a yoga class, while saying "Namaste," which means "God in me acknowledges God in you," that I began to understand the divine union possible when we stop controlling, mistaking our thoughts for who, allow ourselves to simply be.

Thinking doesn't have much to do with the unity of body, breath, and soul; feeling is everything. How often have you suddenly realized that you don't know how you got from point A to point B? When that happens, we need to pause, notice, and without judgment, begin again—each time coming back and listening within, feeling our way. Your teacher resides within and through yoga, I can guide you to see that.

It really is that simple—no pretzel poses. The only hard part is committing to show up. I hope you will; I look forward to meeting you. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket to class.

Galen Motin Goff holds several teaching certifications, including prenatal and Hatha Gaya Yoga. Contact her at 963-0087.

Play Madrona Bike Matchup

By Bell Thompson, 32nd Avenue

You like biking? So do these people. To play Bike Match-up, match the people to their bikes. The answers are on page 10.



Annabella - 32nd Avenue



"Mr. Dean"



Desmond - 34th Avenue



Mystery Bike 1



Kimberly - 31st Avenue



Mystery Bike 2

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Dig in With Green Plate Special

From Laura Dewell, GPS Founder and CEO

On May 7 from 10:00am to 5:00pm, Green Plate Special (GPS) founders invite Madrona residents and friends to help build a working fence on property at MLK Jr. and East Union. Friend and neighbor Jeff McHegg will lead the project.

As you may recall, the vision of GPS is to develop a garden-to-table program for low income middle school youth—better to promote students' understanding and appreciation for food sources and enhance their skills to grow and cook throughout life. This work day is another step toward that goal as the fence will support climbing vegetables and fruits. Eventually, the fence will also be decorated with recycled and found objects.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome; strong adults are especially needed especially to dig post holes and erect the fence. Ideally, this will be a one-day event culminating in a completed fence. On May 6, the day before the work party, GPS personnel will be at the site to receive materials, mark post-hole locations, and meet community members. So if you cannot make it on Saturday, stop by Friday to lend your support.

For additional information on GPS, or to volunteer (yourself or much-needed wheelbarrows), call me at 310-7393 or log onto www.greenplatespecial.org.

Lutheran Church Marks 60th Anniversary

By Pastor Steve Olsen

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 2116 East Union Street, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on May 1 at 4:00pm. Rev. Luther Engelbrecht, former Interim Pastor, will be the guest preacher at the Service of Thanksgiving. A reception and multi-media historical presentation will follow.

On April 22, 1951, a new church opened its doors at 22nd Ave and E Union. Because the inaugural service was held on Easter Sunday, a time that emphasizes Jesus's role as shepherd, the new congregation named itself The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. The church grew rapidly and in 1963 the old church was demolished and the present sanctuary constructed.

Over the years Good Shepherd has been served by several pastors, some of whom will be present for the celebration. The congregation's current pastor is Seattle native Steven W. Olsen.

Members of Good Shepherd play a vital role in the Central District as teachers, school administrators, artists, musicians, and community leaders. The church is a hub for community activity, often providing a gathering place for neighbors in times of crisis. Through its Food Pantry and Vacation Bible School, the church has remained vibrant through decades of change.

The theme for the anniversary celebration comes from the 28th Psalm: "Save Your People, and Bless Your Heritage." This prayer expresses our confidence in the Good Shepherd's continued guidance and blessing on their church and on the greater community.



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Honored for Her Service... (cont'd from page 1)

For 30 years Anne has served the poor as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul all-volunteer group at St. Therese Parish. Anne has put in countless hours making home visits to help Central District neighbors in need, preventing evictions, hunger, utility shut-offs. She has also served in the past as president and treasurer of the group.

Anne is largely responsible for transitioning the group to address more and more of these pressing needs, including rent assistance and utility assistance in addition to the more traditional levels of assistance in food, clothing, bedding, and furniture vouchers. Rent and utility assistance calls increasingly are making the difference in preventing eviction. Anne has developed networks with services from King County, City of Seattle, Salvation Army, Central Area Motivation Program, and Catholic Community Services to put many people on a path of greater self-sufficiency to answer their needs for the future.

St. Vincent de Paul is known for its home visits to the poor, its community thrift stores, case management programs, and food and meal programs which provide more than 1.6 million meals annually. In Seattle and King County, the Community Information Line (2-1-1) refers more people to St. Vincent de Paul than to any other charity for basic needs assistance. It's people like Anne who make it all possible.

Neighborhood Easter Services

The churches of Madrona welcome everyone in the neighborhood to join with them in worship this Easter season.

Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue, 328-2704

- **Maundy Thursday April 21:** 6:30pm light supper, bread and soup; 7:00 service.
- **Easter Sunday April 24:** 11:00am service.

Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573

- **Maundy Thursday April 21:** 6:30pm Agape Meal in the Great Hall and 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Epiphany Choir. Watchnight follows in the Chapel.
- **Good Friday April 22:** 7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy with Epiphany Choir.
- **Easter Eve April 23:** 8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter with Brass Ensemble and Epiphany Choir. Champagne reception follows in the library.
- **Easter Sunday April 24:** 8:00am & 10:30am Festival Eucharist with Brass Ensemble. and Epiphany Choir. Potluck Brunch in the Great Hall between services. Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10:30 service.

St. Therese Catholic Church, 936 35th Avenue, 325-2711

- **Holy Thursday April 21:** 7:00pm featuring the St. Therese Choir. Soup supper preceding at 6:00pm.
- **Good Friday April 22:** 7:00pm featuring Shades of Praise & Jubilation Gospel Choirs.
- **Easter Eve Vigil April 23:** 8:00pm hear the combined choirs.
- **Easter Sunday April 24:** 8:00am with St. Therese Choir; 10:00am with Children's Choir; 12:00pm with Shades of Praise Gospel Choir; 5:00pm with Jubilation Gospel Choir.

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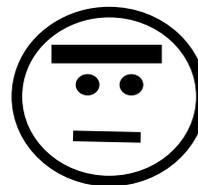
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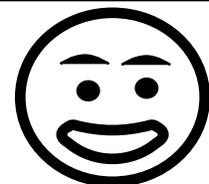
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- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- THURSDAYS** 11:00 AM **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library 684-4705
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Come support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Avenue www.bottlehouseseattle.com
7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [www.kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:k_e_barker715@comcast.net)
9:30 AM-10:30 AM **Children's Story Time**—Local storytellers! Madrona Shelterhouse. Karin Richard at k_e_richard@yahoo.com or 262-1537
- WEEKENDS** 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Apr 18 - Apr 22 **Seattle Public Schools Spring Break**
- Apr 20 9:00 AM – 1 :00 PM **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. John Platt, john@stclouds.com
- Apr 20 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM **Free Yoga**—Please bring a yoga mat and blanket. Presbyterian Church, 32nd and Marion. Galen Motin Goff 963-0087.
- Apr 21 - May 7 **Spectrum Dance Theater presents *The Variety Show***—Performances at the Spectrum Dance Theater in Madrona and ACT's Bullit Cabaret. Tickets at www.spectrumdance.org
- Apr 23 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Apr 28 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting**—Members of the public meet with the police to discuss local issues. Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 South Jackson, Room 401. www.cwww.sngi.org/epcpc/epc3.htm
- May 1 **Wading Pool Funding Deadline**—Help raise \$13,200 to get the pool open this summer! Melissa Cate Christ wadingpool2011@gmail.com
- May 1 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Fresh vegetables and fruits greatly appreciated. Madrona Presbyterian Church. Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org
- May 1 4:00 PM **The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd's 60th Anniversary Celebration**—Featuring former Pastor Luther Engelbrecht, reception, and multi- media historical presentation; 2116 East Union.
- May 3 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—All welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelter House. Paige Smith paige.eg.smith@gmail.com
- May 4 9:00 AM **Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) Meeting**—Amara conference room, 34th & Union, Anni Ala annaladc@gmail.com
- May 4 7:30 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Featuring Margaret Glowack, DPD, on proposed update to the Shoreline Management Act. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- May 7 - 23 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Leschi Natural Area Work Party**—Rain or shine, meet at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided. Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648.
- May 7 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Green Plate Special Fence Work Party**—Volunteers are invited to help build a fence at MLK Way and E. Union, across from Grocery Outlet. Laura Dewell 310-7393.
- May 13 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Madrona Mayfair Bike Decorating**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Nikki Ludin nikki.ludin@comcast.net
- May 14 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Madrona Mayfair- 9:00 AM bike decorating. 9:30 AM Parade starting from Al Larkins Park, 34th & Pike. Free games and fun at the Madrona Playfield. Nikki Ludin nikki.ludin@comcast.net
- May 14 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Flo Ware Neighborhood Celebration!**—Honor the memory of a remarkable woman. Flo Ware Park, 28th & Jackson. Potluck, music, BBQ. Leschi Community Council Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- May 18 6:00 PM **PTSA General Meeting**—Featuring officer elections for next year. All welcome. madronapantherpartners.org
- May 18 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Are You Prepared For Disaster?**—Info meeting with FEMA Community Specialist Roger Faris. Silver Cloud Hotel. Seating is limited; RSVP to Erin at Edward Jones Investments 323-0440 by May 13.
- May 20 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Madrona Farmers Market Opening Day**—Outdoor market continues every Friday through October. Grocery Outlet parking lot.

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Real Estate Tax Deductions

Owning real estate can really pay off at tax time. Here are some deductions that may be available to you. Consult your tax advisor about which apply to your situation.

Mortgage interest

Interest you pay on your home loans, whether for your primary residence or second home is tax-deductible.

Capital gains

If you sold your home last year, you can exempt the first \$250,000 of profit {\$500,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return}. The home must have been the sellers primary residence for two of the last five years.

Points on a home purchase

If you bought a home last year the points you paid to get a lower interest rate are tax-deductible for that year.

Points on refinancing

The points you pay to get a lower interest rate on a home purchase loan are tax-deductible for that year. If you've refinanced before, and you have points from the previous refinance that haven't yet been deducted, you may take a full deduction on the remaining points for the earlier loan.

Real estate and property taxes

State and local property taxes are deductible in the year they are paid.

Repairs to rental property

The costs of repairs to rental properties are fully deductible in the year in which they are incurred. Examples, include fixing leaks, patching plaster and replacing broken windows.

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