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Madrona Playfield Awarded Major Grants

By Marie Doyle

If the renovation of Madrona Playfield needed further validation of its importance, it got just that when it was recently selected to receive funding from three major sources. These dollars will go a long way to making the final phase of the project a reality.

\$100,000 Neighborhood Matching Grant— Mayor Schell announced this Department of Neighborhoods award on December 6 at a press conference attended by park reps Marie Doyle and Kim Herber. The Madrona Playfield project fundraisers are so excited to have this second, major grant from our friends at the City of Seattle. The Department of Neighborhoods has been an incredible supporter of our project since it began in 1998. To claim these funds, we must show our continued commitment to the project by matching the \$100,000 with donated money, labor, or materials. Thanks to events like Dine Out for the Park and other fundraisers, including those mentioned below, we're about \$50,000 from reaching that goal. So, if you've been considering making a donation to the playfield, this would be a great time for you to send it on in!

\$10,000 Starbucks Neighborhood Park Grants—Starbucks provides \$100,000 annually to grassroots volunteer organizations creating safe and welcoming gathering places around Seattle. We are thrilled to be supported by this great Seattle business and thank Coreen Moss at the Leschi Lake Starbucks for sponsoring us.

\$10,000 Anonymous Donation—A very special friend of our project, who supported us to the tune of \$15,000 during Phase One, was the first major donor to our Final Phase. Although we don't know who you are, we are indebted to your quick, generous support. Your contribution has truly inspired our steering and fundraising committees to keep up the momentum to get our park finished and ready for everyone to enjoy!

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By John Capps

Madrona Community Council President Bill Hanson is vacation. This month, John Capps VP of Events, brings us this neighborhood update.

Seasons Greetings! Bill Hansen is out of town and he ask me to write this month's newsletter. There's always an abundance of activity in The Peaceable Kingdom.

The Christmas ships will entertain Madrona on December 18. The Parks Dept invites all of Madrona out to the bon fire at Madrona Beach. The bon fire will start at 7pm. The Columbia Boys & Girls Choir will serenade us with holiday joy until approx 8:25pm. We hope to see you there.

Now is a good time to start thinking about your nominations for Neighbor Appreciation Day. The Awards and criteria are:

Nora Wood Award: In honor of a long

time Madrona activist whose life's work changed or influenced the community.

Local Hero Award: To recognize a Madrona resident's act of heroism or kindness, or unusual generosity.

Unsung Hero Award: Service to others in the larger community.

And finally, it's that time again for you to fill out your check's and mail them in support for the Madrona Community Newsletter.

We are a non-profit organization 501c3 tax exempt. We cannot do this without you. Remember as you walk, play and live in this diverse community, say "Hello" to your neighbor.

Craft Fair Raises Holiday Spirit

By Jayson Twombly

Despite our usual December Seattle weather, lots of our friends and neighbors came out in great force to make this year's Madrona Arts and Crafts Fair a big success. The atmosphere at Madrona Plaza was definitely festive and uplifting as fair-goers browsed the wonderful assortment of hand-made gifts and treasures and caught up with old and new friends alike. Neighborhood artisans who shared their creations and talents were:

- Carmen Shupe: decorative shelves, boxes and wreaths
- Dee Dee Rainbow: creative clay sculpture
- Jayson Twombly: fingerprint greeting cards
- Jean Burnell: Senn hand-made crafts
- Joan McNabb: gifts from the garden
- Judy Dubester: pillows and candles
- Mariana Parascenzo-Bush: hand-made books
- Nancy Pew: colorful tied quilts
- Stewart Wang: origami ornaments
- Bryan McGriff: crystalline porcelain pottery

We look forward to next year with anticipation for the joy this fair brings to our community.

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By the Book

The Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library staff has seen a lot of changes these past few months. Keep an eye out here for information on our new friendly and knowledgeable library team, special library programs, and more great book reviews!

By Miriam Driss, Library Branch Manager

If you or your book group is looking for a title with spiritual and philosophical implications, resonant characters, and interesting metaphors, consider *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. It is the rich, metaphorical, and intense story of an unremarkable nine-year-old who discovers her gift for winning spelling competitions as her family slowly unravels. Eliza's father forsakes intimacy with his family to search for the ultimate religious experience. Her brilliant mother is a painfully lonely kleptomaniac, and her older brother joins the Hare Krishnas. As events spiral out of control, Eliza, pursues spelling in hopes that her winnings will return harmony and closeness to her family. Some parts are painful to read, but the ending makes it all worth it.

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

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



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

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Playfield Leaves Available

If you are proud of the wonderful changes happening at Madrona Playfield and want to help them along AND leave your own mark, here's a great opportunity for you. To raise funds and create personalized art to decorate the playfield, The Friends of Madrona Playfield group is selling bronze leaves that will be engraved with your name or special message. What a wonderful way to honor a dear neighbor or commemorate an important event. Small leaves are available for \$60 and large ones for \$150. The leaves will be placed in the new playfield grand entry and on the seat wall. As always, your contribution to the playfield restoration project is tax deductible so get a leaf for yourself or your child just for fun! For more information or to obtain a brochure and order form, contact Donna Lou at 329-3219 or email lou_bladin@hotmail.com.



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Christmas Services in Madrona

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December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am: Rite I
- 10:15am: Holy Eucharist & Christmas Pageant

December 24

- 10:00 Morning Prayer
- 5:00 Family Eucharist with Junior Choir, Vocal Quintet & Brass (*child care provided*)
- 10:15 Anthems & Carols
- 11:00 Midnight Mass with Chancel Choir & Orchestra

December 25

- 10:15 Holy Eucharist

St. Therese Catholic Parish, 3416 E Marion St., 325-2711

December 24

- 5:00, 7:00, 10:00 Services, Gospel Choir at 10:00

December 25

- 10:00 Services

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Big Screen Christmas Flicks

While videos are great, you just can't beat watching a classic film on the Big Screen. This year, The Grand Illusion theatre in the U-District and the Little Theatre on Capital Hill are both offering some Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy.

The Grand Illusion gets us all in the mood with its 31st annual screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* at 6:00 and 8:00, December 15 & 16, and December 19-25. For even more fun, they are also offering \$2 children's Christmas matinees December 22-24 at 2:00 and 4:00. The Saturday show is *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* (1964), a camp classic of Martian parents who kidnap Earth's Santa Claus in an effort to bring their children the ultimate Christmas experience. The Sunday show is *Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol* (1962), a memorable animated adaptation of the Dickens classic with Jim Backus's voice in the starring role. The Monday show is *Christmas Cartoon Classics*, a collection of the best holiday animation starring Woody Woodpecker, Roger Ramjet, Yogi Bear, Auggie Doggie & Doggie Daddy and many more.

The Little Theatre at 610 19th E bring us *The Year Without a Santa Claus* (1974), an animated tale sung and told by Mrs. Claus (Shirley Booth) about the year Santa (Mickey Rooney) felt too weary and unappreciated to prepare for his annual Christmas rounds. The Little Theatre also gives parents with kids on winter break another entertainment option with their kid's movie matinees from December 26-January 3 at 3:00. A donation of \$5 supports this non-profit theatre's children's cinema programs. For titles and details, call 675-2055.

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New Coordinator for Madrona K-8

By Jon Hughes

Madrona K-8 has hired Artrese Hartman as their new Parent Volunteer Coordinator. Artrese has a Masters degree in Recreational Administration from WSU and many years of experience working in non-profit volunteer youth agencies. Previously, she was the Gear-Up Program Coordinator at Aki Kurosi School and, being a very exuberant individual, she will be a great benefit to not only the school, but to the entire Madrona community.

As Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Artrese will play a vital role in helping the school meet its educational goals. The school needs more volunteers and more parent involvement and so she plans to leverage the offers from people in the community. Many Madrona parents of toddlers and newborns are excited about sending their children to our neighborhood school and she wants to capitalize on their enthusiasm for the benefit of all students.

Since she came on board six weeks ago, Artrese has been working hard with the teachers to formalize a plan that addresses teachers' and students' needs. She wants to be ready when the school returns to its newly remodeled building in Madrona next year. Part of this task involves getting to know Madrona parents and volunteers and she is very excited to do just that. She welcomes your input at 252-5975, 390-8141 (cell) or ashartman@seattleschools.org.

The position of Parent Volunteer Coordinator is funded by donations from local philanthropists Roger Rieger and Ernie Burgess. Rieger and Burgess have committed 1.5 million to the school over a five year period in partnership with the University of Washington's Danforth program. Please take the time to contact Artrese and let her know that the community is ready, willing, and able to get involved with Madrona school.

Young Poets at Epiphany

The students in Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grades will present "Adventures and Imagination", a collection of beloved poems set to music for the annual Epiphany School Poetry Pageant, a special event for the entire school community. The musical, created and directed by drama teacher Joseph Seserko, will be presented December 18 and 19 in the Great Hall of Epiphany School. Special guests will be grandparents of the performers.

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Giving & Receiving at Madrona K-8

By Karen Weisman

One more time, the incredible folks at the Immunex Corporation have come through with much-needed donations for our science classes. Recently, Sue Schultz and Janis Wignall, winner of the 2000 Golden Apple Award and recipient of an A+ Award from the Alliance for Education, brought our young scientists each an Immunex lab coat. Immunex also presented Jim Ohlsen with their 2001 Crystal Award. This honor includes a cash award earmarked for equipment and supplies for Jim's science classroom. Madrona cherishes this generous corporate connection.

The first boxes of books donated by our dear Madrona neighbors arrived in early December and kicked off our holiday season! We are using the books in the classrooms, and to build up home libraries for our students. Students are proud to pick a book to keep and enjoy at home with their families; often the kids choose a book they think a sibling will enjoy rather than taking one just for themselves. We also appreciate this wonderful work done by the neighborhood.

To help show our thanks, you are all invited to our evening performance to celebrate the season. At 7:00 pm on December 20 the classes will present songs, poems, skits and cheers. Please come and celebrate with us at the Lincoln Temporary Site in Wallingford—4400 Interlake Ave. N. For more information or directions, call the school at 726-6690. The staff at Madrona K-8 wishes you all a good season and Happy New Year.



St. Therese Marks Latino Celebrations

By Janice Davis-Niles

In keeping with our goal of enjoying multi-cultural celebrations, the St. Therese School community celebrated the Latin American holiday *el Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in November with a traditional altar commemorating our loved ones who have passed away. On December 12 we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mass and traditional foods from Latino cultures.

On December 7 our community was treated to a performance of Danza de Tijeras, a dance troupe from Ayacucho, Peru. Their traditional Andean dances with the acrobatics and intricate moves were thrilling.

In the spirit of Advent and Christmas our students are busy with community service projects. We are collecting food for the St. Mary's Food Bank, toiletries and other gift items for a women's shelter, gifts for our own men's overflow shelter, and gifts for the Ryther Child Center. The St. Therese School community wants to share our blessings with others!

Infant/Toddler Spanish Classes

By Catherine Rigor-Hammond

Did you know:

- Children who study languages are more imaginative, better with abstract ideas, and more flexible in their thinking.
- Foreign language education has a positive impact on standardized test scores.
- Children are more likely to acquire greater proficiency and speak with near-native accents than adult learners.
- Young children are like “sponges” – eager to absorb knowledge presented in a fun way.

If you would like your child to get a jump on a second language, you'll be glad to hear that an Infant/Toddler Spanish Class is in the works right here in Madrona. It will be taught by neighbor Catherine Rigor-Hammond, former Director at the Berlitz Language Center in the Seattle area. Catherine is a native speaker with 10 years experience in the linguistics field as both a teacher and an administrator. She also has a six-month old daughter Cecilia.

The program is planned to begin in early 2002. If people are interested, there will be two classes—one for toddlers and another for infants starting as early as 6 months! Classes will incorporate movement, songs, illustrations and fun activities for you and your child to learn in class and play at home. Exact class times and locations are still being finalized but these details are set:

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By Emily Cooper, MD, Prevention Solutions

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The exercise group participated in 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week and followed a low-fat diet, resulting in a 7% weight reduction. Most participants walked for their exercise and lost 15 pounds over a one-year period.

For more information on how these new findings might impact you and your health regime, contact Prevention Solutions at 219-1400 or check with the American Diabetes Association.

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With its November issue, *The Madrona News* increased its circulation to 2,100 copies and improved its distribution to the homes within the Madrona neighborhood. We have made a determined effort to reach everyone in Madrona so if you live within these boundaries and are still not receiving the newsletter at your home, please send your address to laurel@conversation.com or call Kim Herber at 325-9923.

If you live outside Madrona and are on our mailing list, remember that you **must** let us know that you are still interested in receiving your monthly newsletter. If we don't hear from you in December, you will be removed from the distribution list in January 2002.

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How to Sell Your Home On The Fast Track

By Gerard M. Stannard, Coldwell Banker Bain Associates
Part 2 of 3

It's every home seller's dream—a fast sale. In today's market, crossing the finish line first isn't a matter of luck. To win the home-sale race, you have to stay ahead of the pack. Here are 3 key ways you can get your home on the fast track: 1) price the house right, 2) market the house competitively, and 3) make sure the house is in move-in condition.

Market the House Competitively

Once you've established a selling price, the next step in your fast-track strategy is creating a maximum-exposure marketing plan. An effective marketing plan can include:

- Hosting Open Houses to show real estate agents your home
- Being available to show your home to potential buyers
- Advertising your home where it counts

Lowering cash barriers to the purchase can also significantly enlarge the circle of potential buyers. For example, as the seller you can help your buyer with closing costs, provide a home warranty, give allowances for carpet and draperies, or offer to pay utilities or lawn service for a limited time. The goal is to market your home so it stands out from the competition and gets a head start on the fast track to escrow.

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I Remember When...

My Birthday History

By St. Therese Church as told to Jane Pugel

You know, I'll be 75 this year and my friends are planning lots of celebrations for me. Unlike some septuagenarians, I'm busier than ever, surging with life, and so full some weekends I have trouble finding room for everybody. I seldom have time to stop and cherish my memories, let alone think about a birthday cake. But today I will take a few minutes to talk about myself so that you know who I am when you blow out some candles with me.

I started life on August 15, 1927, when Bishop O'Dea (you know, the one the boys' high school downtown is named after) dedicated my little brick building and school way out here on 35th Avenue in Madrona. Newspapers commented that I was a "little gem of brick with cast stone trimmings" and they praised the open timbered truss roof that I still consider one of my best features! If memory serves, I cost about \$47,000.

I grew up in a strong socially and economically diverse community. Despite being very young during the Great Depression, I still managed to pay off my construction costs and keep my school open. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace were my first teaching staff. In 1955, a \$200,000 capital funds drive by my parishioners bought me four new classrooms, a large meeting room with a stage, a small kitchen and lavatory—my present St. Therese School gym.

In the mid-'60s and early '70s when national racial turmoil was reflected in my own Central District, I found myself right in the middle of things. The Black Panthers, a militant Black

liberation group, set up their headquarters just two blocks from me. Some people were very afraid and it was too much for some of my parishioners, who fled the neighborhood and their parish. My population, which had numbered about 700 families, was cut in half. It was a sad and difficult time for me but my school and I persevered and we became strong stabilizing factors in troubled Madrona.

By 1972, we began to celebrate our ethnic diversity—we had our first Parish Council, a Constitution, guitar masses, and music from the now famous Shades of Praise Gospel Choir. My multi-ethnic school attracted teaching nuns from many orders, and we added a Learning Resource Center, new offices, and a teachers' lounge. When my music, charismatic leadership, and heart-felt homilies began to attract parishioners from outside Madrona, I found myself becoming a "destination parish". By then I was busier than ever: peace and justice committees, Bible study, School Commission, liturgy committees, and annual appreciation dinners for the hundreds of wonderful parishioners. There I was, over 50 and never a moment to sit down and put my feet up on a convenient kneeler!

Because of all this activity and good pastoring, lay leadership and a strong sense of ownership among my parishioners sank deep roots in my soil. We survived a brief pastorless period and in 1988 our lay team worked with the Archdiocese to select a new lay leader—a woman! With Patty Repikoff as Pastoral Life Director I was off and running on my tired feet for more activity, growth, remodeling, and "pastoring."

Today, I'm proud that my parish includes 1,000 families from 75 different zip codes! Liturgies are now "in the round" because of another remodel and I can hold many more people than I could back in '27. In short, I am more elegant than ever and, I am happy to say, even more alive. For an active old gal like me, seventy-five feels just great!

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- December 18, 7:00 CHRISTMAS SHIP BON FIRE—Madrona Beach, John Capps 324-6847
- December 19, 9:00 ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristen Moss 324-0460
- December 20, WINTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE—Madrona K-8 School 4400 Interlake Ave N, Rickie Malone 726-6690
- December 21-22, 6:45pm PARENT'S NIGHT OUT CHILDCARE FOR KIDS 7 TO 13—East Madison YMCA, 322-6969
- December 21, 6:00 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY—YWCA Garfield Family Center, Cristi Benefield 861-8248
- January 4, 6:00 MADRONA MOM'S PLAYGROU—Shelley Heustis 322-8004
- January 8, 7:15 MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 323-3450
- January 9 9:00 ST. THERESE 6TH GRADERS IN MADRONA WOODS—Kristen Moss, 324-0460
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