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# Madrona NEWS

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Gene's Barber Shop

Photo by Walter Bodle

## Photo Exhibit Focuses on Madrona Businesses

"Merchants of Madrona: Portrait of a Neighborhood" is both the title and the subject of a neighborhood photo exhibit by photographer and Madrona resident, Walter Bodle. During the month of February, thirty black-and-white photographs of the people who work in Madrona's business district at 34th and Union will be displayed at two local restaurants, the Hi-Spot Cafe and Cool Hand Luke's.

The Madrona Community Council will host an **Opening Reception on Sunday, February 7th from 4pm to 6pm at the Hi-Spot**. This reception will honor those who are the subjects of the photographs. All Madrona residents are invited to attend the reception to join in the festivities and to show their appreciation of the contribution the merchants make to the economic vitality of our neighborhood.

During the past months, photographer Walter Bodle has been taking photos of the business people, artists, and health care workers who serve our community. A few casual shots soon turned into a major photo project when Walter recognized the rich diversity of photographic subjects "just around the corner."

"As the project developed," Walter said, "I began to feel a special strength and pride in these men and women who have chosen to run these small businesses. I hope some of this character shows in my photos." Walter commented that at first, most of the people were hesitant or suspicious about having their pictures taken by a stranger. But, "as the work progressed, and we started to get to know one another, we relaxed and had a good time."

*Please join us and our guests of honor - Mayor Norm Rice and the Merchants of Madrona - for this special afternoon in the Madrona business district.*

## January Program Meeting Urban Villages Concept Planning and the Seattle Commons

Growth management? Urban revitalization? In-city housing? Open Space? All of these buzz words, previously of primary interest to a few city planners and architects, have entered the public arena in Seattle. With the City in the process of developing a major new Comprehensive Plan for growth management, the notion of the "urban village" has suddenly captured attention. And a most interesting and new plan that illustrates the urban village in action—The Seattle Commons—has been capturing headlines during the past month.

For its monthly program meeting at the **Shelter House 34th and Spring, Tuesday, January 26, 7:30pm**, the Madrona Community Council has scheduled what will surely be a lively and interesting meeting on these issues, and how they will affect our City and neighborhood in the years ahead:

**Seattle and the Concept of Urban Villages**  
with Dennis Meier of the Planning Department  
**The Seattle Commons**  
with Joel Horn, Director of the Seattle Commons

The discussion is bound to be of great interest to all of us interested in preserving neighborhoods and urban vitality. Please plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor to learn how Urban Villages could affect the Central Area and the Madrona neighborhood.

In addition, copies of the Draft Central Area Action Plan will be available at the January meeting. This is a followup to the presentation that was made to the Community Council in October. Comments on the Draft Plan may be made through February 22. The Community Council Board will consider the Plan at the February working meeting. A final Central Area Action Plan will be produced and forwarded to the City Council in March.

## Community Calendar

- Jan 26 Seattle Commons and Urban Villages**  
7:30pm Madrona Community Council Program Meeting. Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Join us to learn about the planning for the Seattle Commons, and also about the proposal for Urban Villages and their potential in the Central Area and Madrona. Everyone encouraged to attend!
- Feb 2 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm **Working Meeting**  
Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Feb 7 Opening Reception for The Merchants of Madrona: Portrait of a Neighborhood.**  
4:00pm Photographs by Walter Bodle. Guests of Honor: Mayor Norm Rice and the Merchants of Madrona. The Hi-Spot Cafe, 1410 34th Avenue, Madrona. Everyone welcome to join in the festivities!

## Community Representative Needed For School Site Council

Madrona School is one of several city schools that has its own "Site Council", a group of parents, teachers, staff, principal and community members, who meet every month. The Council helps the school plan for the future, deals with important issues that affect curriculum and teaching, and provides a place for local management of our neighborhood school.

The Site Council is supposed to have two representatives from the Madrona community—however, one of these positions has been vacant since September, and there is a strong need for the Site Council to hear from all groups in our community.

If you would like to be a part of Madrona School's Site Council and live in the neighborhood, we would welcome your participation. To find out more about the Site Council, please call Gray Pedersen (the current community representative) at 325-6156.



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## Devastating Fire In Madrona Brings Neighborly Support

by Marty Leibowitz

The recent fire the week before Christmas at the Smith Family home on 32nd Avenue near Spring Street could have been a complete disaster. Contrary to that possibility, it was the opposite. Luckily, nobody was hurt. Also luckily, only the top floor of the residence suffered major damage. The Seattle Fire Department was quick to respond in putting out the fire and also kept water damage to a minimum.

Following articles in the local newspapers, people from all over the greater Puget Sound area called to offer their assistance. To date the family has received over 1500 offers of assistance—including cash donations, labor, furniture, clothing, Christmas presents, etc. James Smith, the senior member of the family indicated that if he were told five days prior to the fire that Seattle was a charitable city, he would have probably agreed, though hesitantly. Now, after the fire, he is overwhelmed at just how giving the people of Seattle have been to him and his family in this time of crisis.

On the home front, both the Madrona and Harrison neighborhoods have offered assistance. On the Sunday before Christmas, the Madrona Community Council organized a work party to help sort through what remained of the burned out upper floor, and also moved six truckloads of debris to the transfer station. People from throughout the neighborhood offered Christmas gifts, clothing, and cash donations to James and his family to help get life back to normal. This past weekend, a work crew of local carpenters were busy reframing the roof in preparation for new roofing. Finally, the Board of the Madrona Community Council voted at its last meeting to make a cash donation to help cover the cost of some materials.

To top off all this goodwill and cheer, the Oak Barn furniture company selected the Smith Family as one of ten families in the Puget Sound region to receive a generous donation of new furniture, including complete living room, dining room and bedroom sets.

While things sound rosy, their life is still not back to the way it was before the fire. Anyone who would still like to help the Smith Family can call James, his wife, Mozella, or their son, Stanley at 322-1461. The Madrona Community wishes them a speedy return to L.B.F. (life before the fire).

(Ed. note: Special thanks to Marty Leibowitz for organizing the neighborhood response to the fire at the Smith home.)

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# Holiday Concert Sets Madrona Hearts Aglow!

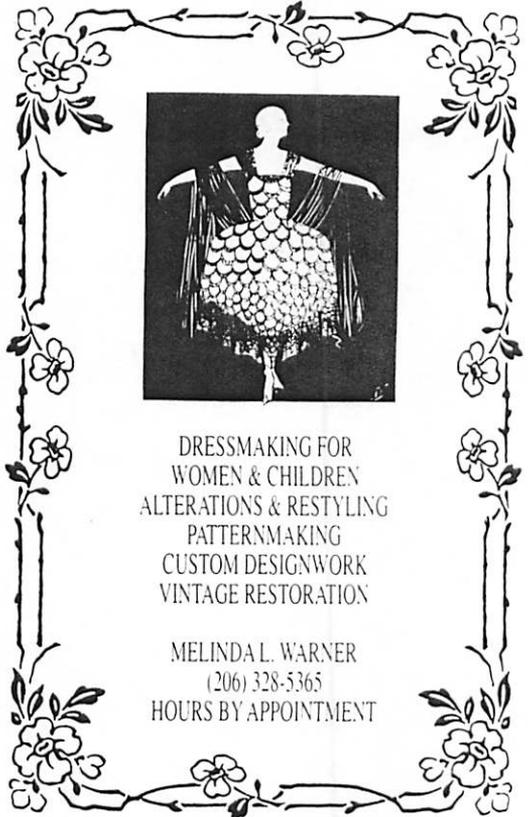
by Karla Neugebauer

On December 26th, the Shades of Praise Choir lifted the spirits of a standing-room-only crowd at St. Therese Church. Under the direction of Mr. Kent Stevenson, the choir performed seasonal favorites in the gospel-jazz style, including an unusually stirring rendition of *Away in the Manger*, and an audience participation version of *Jingle Bells* with the whole audience jingling. The Righteous Rainbow Children's Chorus added significantly to the evening's pleasure and pageantry. In addition, the church was beautifully decked out with evergreen boughs and red poinsettias. By the concert's rousing finale, everybody was in the mood for a glass of hot spiced cider and a home-made cookie or two at the reception held in the gym.

By all accounts, the Holiday Concert was a great success in bringing Madrona residents together to share their good cheer and locally-made music. Donations made at the door or as pre-purchased tickets benefited your Madrona Community Council and the Shades of Praise Choir.

Thanks to all of you who distributed posters, sold tickets, baked cookies or just plain attended. The Community Council hopes that this concert will be the first of a series of musical events drawing on local talent this year. Look for announcements of future concerts in the Newsletter or help organize one by calling any council member or attending the next meeting.

*(Ed. note: We all give Karl Neugebauer a big bouquet of thanks for her excellent efforts and hard work in organizing the Holiday Concert. It was truly a musical treat for the community and a financial success for the Council and Choir. We need more volunteers in order to do more concerts in the future. Please call 329-9836, if you are interested in helping to organized or staff our next musical event.)*



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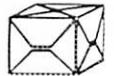
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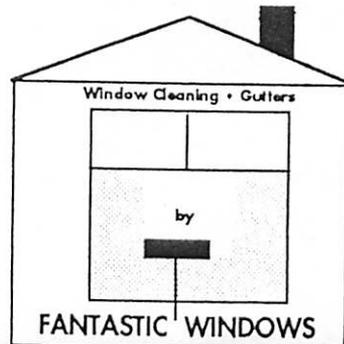
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## For Your Valentine

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The Community Council would like to thank Genella Tatum at Yours Expressly, 1400 34th Avenue, who has kindly agreed to display and sell the shirts with all proceeds benefiting the Council. So stop by Yours Expressly to check out the fine selection of Madrona T-shirts and Sweatshirts for your Valentine.

## Madrona Sally Goldmark Library 20th Anniversary Celebration

by Nancy Pew

The Madrona Sally Goldmark Library (formerly Station House) will be marking twenty years of service to our neighborhood in February. We will have an official day of celebration on Saturday, March 20, during our open hours of 1:00-6:00pm. We will have a children's program with a magician, as well as a more adult oriented dedication of a Madrona Author's Bookshelf that day.

If you would like to help plan the celebration, prepare refreshments, or help in some other way, please contact Nancy Pew at, 684-4705. Also, please let us know about former neighbors who might like to receive an invitation.

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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first Tuesday (Working Meeting) and the last Tuesday (Program Meeting) 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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**Library Notes:** All library branches will be closed Friday, February 12th for a Staff Education Day.

Preschool story times will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30am - January 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17, 24.

Please come in and use our new computerized system for requesting books, CD's, videos, etc., OR ask us for instructions on how to connect to our computer from your home computer. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

## Neighborhood Budget Process

A new year, 1993, is just upon us. But it's not too early to become involved in the planning for the 1994 City budget through the Neighborhood Budget Priorities Process, which is designed to give neighborhood organizations an opportunity to help shape the City's budget. Last year 80 community groups submitted over 300 requests for projects or activities such as traffic safety devices, park improvement, increased parking and traffic enforcement, litter pick-up, street lighting improvements, street trees, library services, street sweeping and maintenance, etc. Each request is reviewed by the appropriate City department during the time the departments develop their budget proposals. In spite of lean finances, the City expects to respond, wholly or in part, to over 70 percent of the requests.

At its January Working Meeting, the Board of the Madrona Community Council discussed several possible requests for Madrona, including street lighting repairs in the business district, replacing missing street trees on the arterials, repairing dangerous or deteriorating sidewalks or stairs in the public rights-of-way, among others. Members of the Community Council are reviewing needs and preparing proposals now. If you have suggestions, or would like to help, call Jill Gordon at 329-9836. The deadline for completing and submitting the 1994 Neighborhood Budget Requests is February 1, 1993.

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