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Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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Letter from Our President - John Capps

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 1994! A lot has happened since the last newsletter came out. See the Calendar and related articles for many exciting upcoming events.

By now most of you should be familiar with Viretta Park. The issues can be broken down into two categories: 1) how to restore the "publicness" of Viretta Park, and 2) what procedures Parks should follow in the future to prevent loss of public use of public property. In November, I sent a letter to Holly Miller, Superintendent of the Parks Department, requesting that a committee be established with representatives from Madrona and Harrison/Denny Community Councils and the Parks Department to review the issue. The Department is now in the process of convening such a work group, with the addition of Friends of Viretta Park, Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks, the Board of Parks Commissioners, the adjacent property owner, and residents of the surrounding community. Two meetings of the work group to prepare recommendations on January 27th and February 8th. The work group meetings will be open to the public, but will be working sessions for the group. I have asked Barbara Stenson and Marty Liebowitz to represent the Madrona Community Council, with Shirley Solomon and Lynne Iglitzen as alternates and resource persons. Our representatives will bring their position back to the Board of the Community Council for the Board's endorsement.

As a recent letter from the Parks Department states, "The Department would like the work group to take a fresh look at the lane itself and at the related improvements--the retaining wall, grading, landscaping--and make recommendations to the Board of Parks Commissioners about which improvements should remain and which should be changed or removed." I believe we can work out solutions, with good leadership, maintaining our focus, and leaving all hidden agendas at the door. Thanks for all the support you've shown in trying to resolve this issue.

Below is a statement I received by fax this past week from Howard & Sheri Schultz for the newsletter:

"As a result of articles, maps and photographs published in the Seattle Post Intelligencer and The Seattle Times regarding the access road through Viretta Park which serves our residence, our family has received threatening mail and several people have attempted to scale the fence separating the Park from our residence.

As a result, we felt that the security of our family was at risk, and we retained 24-hour security guards stationed at the perimeter of our property. As you know, we have worked cooperatively and openly with the community for many months to achieve resolution of the controversy surrounding the final design of the access road. Therefore, we are as disturbed as some of our neighbors and community residents are that such security measures were necessary. Certainly, no one who wants to enjoy Viretta Park should feel intimidated by the presence of the guards who are stationed inside our fence. Feel free to introduce yourselves to them if you should be utilizing the Park. We, like many of you, look forward to the day when security measures are no longer necessary."

Community Calendar



(See related articles)

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place in the Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone is welcome!

- Jan 20** Madrona Community Council
7:00pm Transportation Committee Meeting
- Jan 25** Madrona Community Council
7:30pm School Bond and Levy Referendum
- Jan 27** Viretta Park
7:00pm Committee Working Meeting
Madrona Elementary School Library
- Feb 1** Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Working Meeting
- Feb 2** Madrona Gardeners Meeting
7:30pm Gardening Catalogues
- Feb 3** Madrona School
9:30am Visit the Madrona School on Thursdays in February.
- Feb 8** REMEMBER TO VOTE!
Polls open from 7am to 8pm
- Feb 8** Viretta Park
7:00pm Committee Working Meeting
Madrona Elementary School Library
- Feb 8** Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee Meeting
- Feb 17** Madrona Community Council
7:00pm 60's History Gathering & Storytelling Meeting
- Feb 22** Madrona Community Council
7:30pm General Meeting
- Feb 24** Seattle Engineering Department Open House
4:30 Transportation Construction and Services
-8:30pm Seattle Central Community College, 1701 Broadway
Rooms 1110 and 1111
- Mar 1** Madrona Community Council
7:30pm Working Meeting
- Mar 2** Tree Steward Program Begins
Call 684-5008 for application.
- Apr 30** Christmas in April!
Call 324-3638 for information and to volunteer.
- Jun 17** 1994 U.S. Cycling Championship
-19 Downtown to Lake Washington via Madrona

Viretta Park Update *by Marty Liebowitz*

The media has been giving much attention to the happenings at Viretta Park on 39th Avenue East. What has taken place is as follows:

The adjacent property owner has been negotiating for some time with the Parks Department to re-landscape the upper portion of Viretta Park and also to construct an access drive. The property owner was allowed to use Viretta Park as a staging area for the construction of his home in exchange for restoration of the park when his construction was complete. It appears that no payment was made to the City for the use of the park, and no permits were obtained for the new construction which has been built in the park. The construction includes mainly a wide driveway, with planters on the side and which is supported by a large retaining wall. The amount of land taken from public use by this construction is about equal to the land which has been left for public use in the upper park. Also of note is the fact that the newly installed landscaping is of a totally different character from that which existed before, and is more in keeping with the formal gardens of the adjacent property. There seems to be a differing of opinion regarding what authority was granted to the contractor to perform the work.

Issues of concern include whether a private citizen can be granted permission to use public park property, and if so, who has the authority to grant permission and in what circumstances can this authority be used. The issues raised here affect all our public parks land within the City of Seattle.

Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee *by Michael Wilson*

November and December were not only busy holiday months but were also very active with several meetings concerned with crime and its prevention. Late November saw a very informative gathering at the Group Health Clinic at 34th and Union with guest speaker, Mark Solomon, from the Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Division. He talked about personal protection and gave some excellent tips: trying not to walk alone at night; not leaving valuables in sight in your car, including small change or even a coat worth just a few dollars, which can attract break-ins; not being afraid to turn around and walk away from an uncomfortable situation.

The general meeting of the Community Council focused primarily on public safety with four Seattle Police officers answering a wide variety of questions from a packed shelter house audience. The main point brought up by the officers was that most people don't call the police for non-emergency situations, such as suspected drug dealing, drunkenness, reckless driving, witnessing domestic violence and hearing gun shots in the distance, because they feel either it doesn't directly affect them and the problem is short lived, or that they don't want to bother the police with something small. But these all should be considered worthy of a call. The 911 number is not just for heart attacks, fires or violent crimes. If it is a non-emergency call, the operator will re-route you to the proper operator. Remember - "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

I had the opportunity to meet our new police chief Norm Stamper in early December. I was very impressed and especially excited about Chief Stamper's philosophy of community policing. According to Chief Stamper, it's a 50-50 relationship and he sees the community as the eyes and the police as the enforcers. But we must get involved. Here is a great chance to make a difference. Please join us at our next meeting, February 8 at 7:30pm at the Shelter House.

Crime Prevention Tip: Get to know your neighbors on your block and start a Block Watch. Call 684-7555

Madrona History Project Historic Postcards of Madrona Sought

Among the many treasures to be found in the Madrona history files are two postcards produced at the turn of the century. They are illustrated with color scenes of our neighborhood. The Madrona History Group is interested in locating more of these postcards to reproduce for a fundraising event. We also think that a set of Madrona postcards might have been produced sometime in the last ten years to raise money at the Madrona Home Tour. *If you have any such cards you could lend us, or know of possible sources, please leave a message for Connie Pious between 9am-5pm at 325-4789.*

Oral Histories of 1960's Madrona Underway

Oral historians have begun to interview select Madrona activists. At the recent interviewer orientation Roger Sales and Ralph Hayes presented overviews and personal stories to refresh memories of - or introduce the uninitiated to - the decade's many activities. With a long list of potential narrators, it is not too late to sign up for this fascinating part of the project. Call Kay Gordon (328-1327) if you are interested.

History Gathering and Storytelling

You "thirty and forty somethings" who were Madrona youth in the sixties, mark your calendars and call your friends to join in recording your perspective of the decade. This 1960's history gathering meeting will take place at the *Shelter House on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00pm*. Robin Raible is organizing the event and would greatly appreciate help in contacting folks from Madrona, wherever they now are. Call Robin (935-3893) for more information on the meeting.

The project would also appreciate donations of materials on the 1960's. Photos, news clippings, etc. can be copied for those contributors wanting to keep their originals. Call Barbara McKeon (329-5051) for more information.

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Traffic/Transportation Committee
 The Traffic/Transportation Committee is continuing work on preparing a comprehensive list of traffic problems in the Madrona neighborhood and developing possible solutions to the problems identified to date. A concern recently brought to the attention of the committee involves the problem of safely entering 34th from Pike, because of reduced visibility from parked cars. The committee is exploring how to resolve this problem without eliminating much need parking in this area and welcomes your suggestions.

Your input is needed on this and other transportation issues/problems and possible solutions, so plan to attend the next Traffic/Transportation meeting. It will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday, January 20th at the Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please call Bill Hanson (323-3450).

We have good news from Seattle Engineering Department concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Signalization Project. While still replacing the signals with new controllers, boxes and interconnects, they will reprogram funds that had been planned for east/west loop detectors and pedestrian push buttons at Jackson, Yesler, Cherry, and Union and use the funds to provide pedestrian crossing islands and other safety improvements. We have been pleased with the willingness of the Engineering Department to listen to the community and it has been a pleasure to work with representatives from other neighboring community groups on this project.

Transportation Open Houses

Seattle Engineering is hosting a series of Open Houses focused on Transportation Construction Projects and Services. They are collecting project ideas on how to improve the City's transportation system and providing information on day to day transportation services, such as street maintenance and traffic enforcements. The meeting closest to Madrona is on Feb. 24, but you are encouraged to attend any of them.

Tuesday, January 25, 4:45-8:45pm

Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th St

Tuesday, February 1, 4:30-8:30pm

Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St

Monday, February 7, 4:30-8:30pm

Center Park, 2121 26th Ave S

Wednesday, February 16, 4:30-8:30pm

Garwood Elementary School, 4302 SW Myrtle St

Thursday, February 24, 4:30-8:30pm

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For more information, please call Mike Morris-Lent, Seattle Engineering Department (684-0811).

**1994 U.S. Cycling Championships
 To Visit Madrona**

Sports International, in conjunction with the Sports and Events Council of Seattle/King County, has been awarded the 1994 U.S. Cycling Championship. The event takes place on June 17-19, 1994, between Downtown and Lake Washington. The race course starts in Downtown Seattle, goes up Yesler Drive, continues up to the Madrona Business District on 34th, heads west on Union to MLK Way, turns south to Yesler, and then proceeds back downtown. I am very pleased with the opportunity for the Madrona Community to be showcased locally and nationally. This presents a chance for a community fundraiser. Give us your ideas and support and this could be a great success. Watch for more information in future newsletters. Please call John Capps (324-6847), if you have any questions.



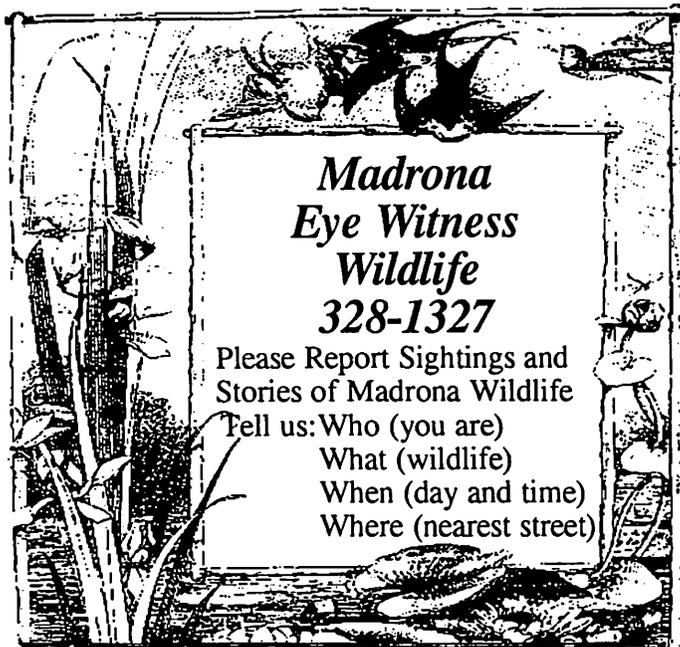
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NOTICE: Open Space Planning

The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation is beginning a planning process for property at 36th and Terrace acquired by the Open Space Program as part of the Leschi Natural Area. If you would like to participate in discussions about the property, please contact Catherine Anstett, Open Space Program (684-7046).

**Tax Time Approaches
Meeting Our Madrona Business Owners**

by Susan Roberts

For all of you facing the sobering subject of income taxes, here is some timely counsel. We have among us in our Madrona Community, Fleeks and Wingo Tax Services, located on 34th Avenue at Union above Bonnie's Cleaners. Between them, Mr. Fleeks and Mr. Wingo have 20 years experience in the community with tax preparation, bookkeeping and tax planning services, specializing in individual and small business tax returns. Their office hours are 9am to 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday. They also accept evening appointments and are open all year to answer your tax or bookkeeping questions. They keep abreast of all new tax laws by attending a yearly seminar sponsored by the School of Business Administration at the University of Washington. All fees are competitive and they are offering a 15% discount on schedule c tax returns through february 15, 1994, if you mention this article. This reporter switched over to Fleeks and Wingo last year and I'm glad I did. Not only are they capable, friendly and patient, but they are also conveniently located. Give them a call at 324-7107 and support another of our Madrona businesses.

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Madrona School What's Happening!

The building hums with all the activities and active bodies. Parents conferences are over and classes are busy with winter activities. We have a wonderful teacher named Ms. Anderson who does art classes and the hallways are decorated with watercolor cornucopia, Russian villages with silver and gold snow, and snowflakes in the lunchroom.



One of the best kept secrets is the high caliber teacher Madrona has attracted to our neighborhood program. One teacher you may observe is Ms. Weaver who teaches 3rd grade. She incorporates science throughout her curriculum and her class has started observing the woods below 38th during the seasons. She also is focusing on water throughout the year discussing the cycle, our city's relationship, and the Pacific Rim. She brought in liquid nitrogen demonstrating temperature extremes and delighting students with fog as she washed the sidewalk at the end of the day. Third grade curriculum focuses on neighborhood so you may see more of these students. PTSA thanks all of you who supported our students and purchased the fundwrap paper. We are planning an Auction in the Spring again.

The Site Council was able to have our school included in the District's "Pilot" site based budget program, putting more control in our hands. Our next meeting will discuss a) How to evaluate a principal and b) compiling a preliminary outline for the school budget next year. Our site will still have the neighborhood and APP programs at Madrona. I am proposing that both kindergartens be full day with a half day option within those classes. Input from neighborhood is welcome. Our next meeting will be January 10th. Leave a note, c/o Site Council in the School Office. Please remember that we aren't receiving extra 'magic' money, so requests need to be balanced w/ suggestions of where money could be saved.

In conclusion, you are invited to visit the school during the month of February on Thursday at 9:30am and see what's happening.

Become a Tree Steward!

There's a great opportunity to become a tree steward for Seattle's urban forest. The City's Departments of Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and City Light, in cooperation with TREEmendous Seattle are launching a tree steward program. Tree stewards will take an active leadership role caring for newly planted trees, promoting timely care of young community trees, and teaching others about trees in Seattle. Twenty hours of classroom and field instruction, provided free of charge, will teach the basics of urban forestry, including tree identification, tree planting and maintenance, and local community resources to promote tree stewardship throughout Seattle. In return for the training, tree stewards must contribute at least 30 hours of community service by the end of June, such as carrying for newly planted trees. Anyone can apply. Thirty participants will be selected. Applicants of diverse ethnic backgrounds and who can speak a language in addition to English are encouraged to apply. Stewards will work with local residents to share what they have learned.

Classroom training will be held at Seattle Community College Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 6:30-9:00pm. Field training in various locations around Seattle is scheduled for Saturdays, March 5, 12, and 19, 8:30am-Noon. For an application, call 684-5008 and leave your name, address and phone number.



Madrona Gardeners Not Dormant!

Neighbors looking over favorite old books and recent gift books helped sustain garden enthusiasm at our January meeting. The collection of basic plant references, experts' very personal approaches, ideas books packed with clever and gorgeous gardens, and humorous and philosophic essays all renewed our enthusiasm and anticipation of Spring. We also talked a bit about preferences and problems of keeping garden records. At our next meeting, February 2 at 7:30pm at the Madrona Shelter House, we'll share and review gardening catalogues. Everyone is welcome to come with their favorite and peruse the others. Please join us!

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**Madrona Community Council
January 25 Program Meeting
Seattle Public School
Bond And Levy Election**

On February 8, 1994, Seattle voters will be asked to approve a \$399 million bond issue to finance the construction of seven new schools within the Seattle School District, and the renovation and modernization of several existing schools. Madrona Elementary is one of the schools slated for renovation and modernization if the bond issue passes. Seattle voters will also be asked on February 8 to pass a \$146 million levy to cover the basic operating expenses of Seattle's public schools.

Because monies from the bond issue, should it be approved, are targeted for the renovation and modernization of Madrona Elementary, the Community Council has asked representatives from the School District and Madrona Elementary to discuss the upcoming Bond and Levy election at our next Program Meeting, on *January 25 at 7:30 p.m., at the Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring.* We invite and encourage all in the Madrona community to attend and learn more about this important issue.

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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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Our Community Bulletin Board
Christmas in April!

Christmas comes April 30th to the Central Area neighborhoods. The Junior League of Seattle is currently seeking homes in need of repairs or renovations belonging to the low-income, elderly or disabled living in our neighborhoods. Christmas in April is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping these homeowners living in warmth, safety, independence, dignity, and decency with a one day home repair and improvement blitz. All the labor, materials and sponsorship of this event are donated. If you have a neighbor to refer as a candidate for this program, please contact the Junior League of Seattle at 324-3638. Anyone wishing to donate time, money or materials is welcome to contact the Junior League as well.

Madrona Woods Needs Help

Madrona Woods, the wild part of Madrona Park, suffers from some aggressive, non-native species of flora as well as trash from overnight transients. Nearby residents are occasionally called upon to put in a few hours work on a weekend, but we need a coordinator who will maintain contact with the Parks Department as part of the Adopt-A-Park Program, call meetings and give notice of the work parties. Living close to the park would be an advantage but not a necessity. If you are interested or would like to discuss possibilities, please leave a message at 329-9329.

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