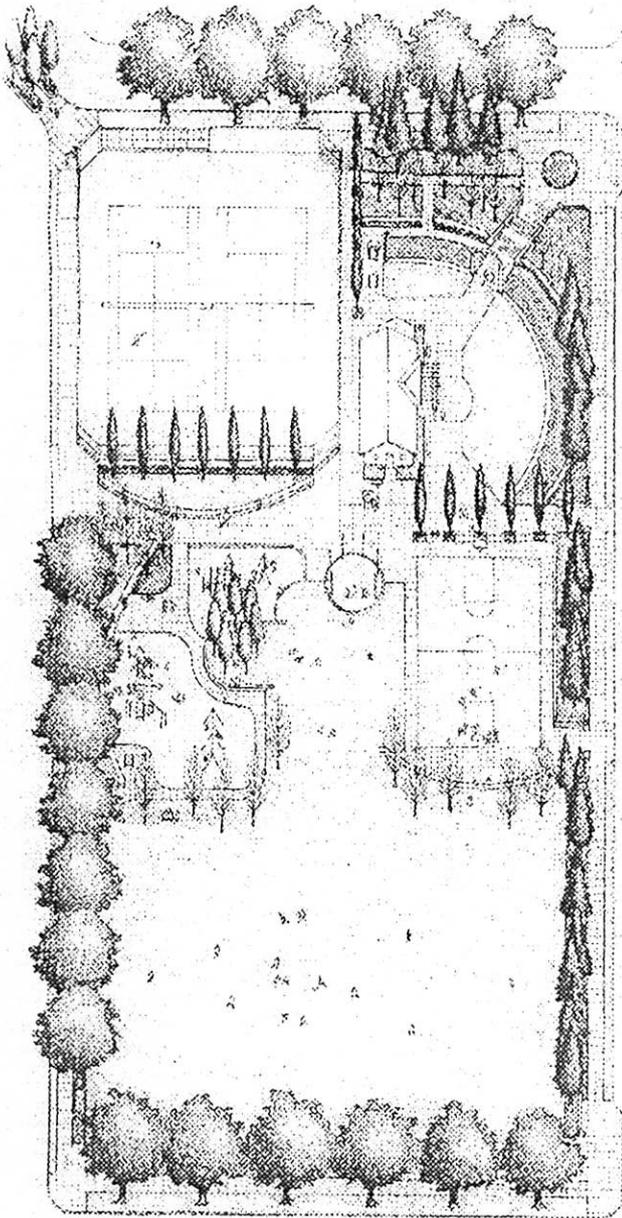


# SPECIAL PLAYFIELD EDITION

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# Madrona NEWS

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## New Madrona Playfield

*This new design for Madrona Playfield, created with Madrona neighbors by Allworth Nussbaum landscape architects, will feature new a new basketball court and kid's play areas, improved lighting and access, native plantings, spaces for gathering and relaxing, and a renovated soccer field, tennis courts, and Shelterhouse.*

## Neighborhood BBQ to Celebrate Playfield Groundbreaking

On Saturday, August 14, the lively, diverse neighborhood of Madrona will welcome the Madrona BBQ Festival, A Groundbreaking Celebration at Madrona Playfield. The festival, whose masters of ceremonies will be King County Councilmember Larry Gossett and City Councilmember Richard Conlin, runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the park, located at 34th Avenue and East Spring Street.

The Playfield itself will serve as centerpiece for the festival when neighborhood leaders and city officials formally break ground on the first phase of a \$500,000+ revitalization project set to begin in September. The project, financed by city grants and private donations, will make the well-used space more welcoming to all users.

In addition to the groundbreaking, the festival will feature a host of events designed to introduce new neighbors to old. The neighbor's BBQ competition, to be judged at noon, will fill the air with flavor and give folks a chance to meet. A "scavenger hunt" will send festival goers in search of a list of neighbors who possess a variety of notable experiences. A basketball tournament will offer friendly competition for neighborhood players of all ages and skill levels. Prizes for these events are being donated by neighborhood businesses.

The festival will also offer games, the "Bubble Man", a moon walk, face painting, an old-fashioned cakewalk, fun activities for kids, as well as music, art, and food from the neighborhood's entertainers, artists, and eateries.

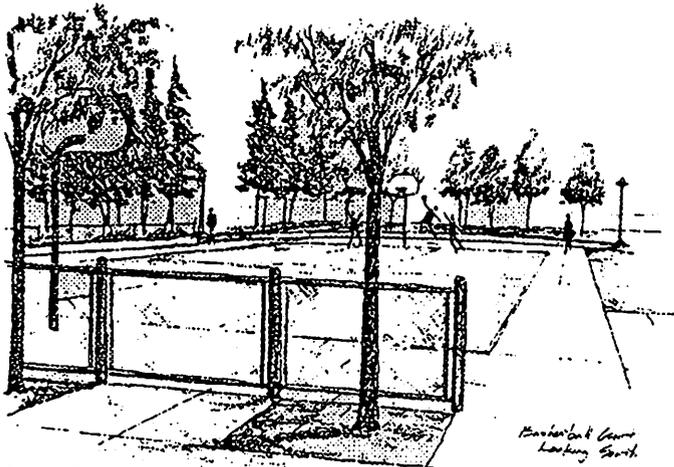
Plus, an information fair will offer tips on how to take care of each other, our neighborhood, and our environment. Do you know how to get rid of old paint? Are you prepared for an earthquake? Ever wonder how easy it is to compost? The City of Seattle and other groups will sponsor booths with useful information about these and other topics to remind Madrona residents that a new and wonderful Playfield is only one way their neighborhood can care for itself and its children. And the Friends of Madrona Playfield will be on hand to encourage neighbors to get involved in the Playfield improvement project by signing up for Fall work parties.

To volunteer to help or to participate as a competitor or performer, please contact Sayre Coombs at 328-7825. To find out more about the Madrona Playfield Project, call Donna Lou at 329-3219 or Marie Doyle at 323-6128.

# Madrona Playfield Renovation

## We've Made Great Progress

We've truly come a long way since we began the Madrona Playfield renovation in March of 1998 with 4 neighbors sitting around a dining room table. Now we've grown to a corps of 400+ volunteers, we've held more than 8 public meetings, parties, and fundraisers, and we've raised nearly \$175,000. That's progress! But we've still got a long way to go.



*A new basketball court will have state-of-the-art backboards and court surface, with maximum sound-deadening properties (for maximum neighbor satisfaction).*

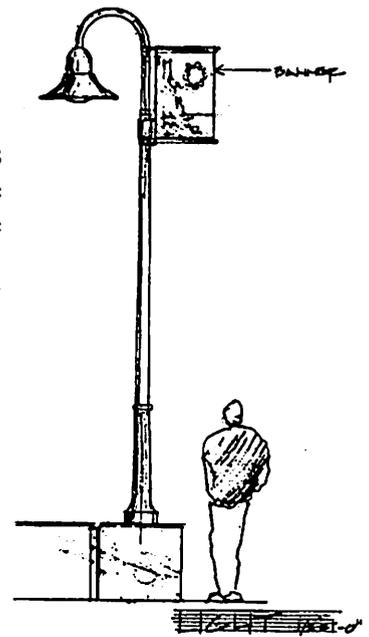
### May & June

At two public meetings in May and June, neighbors discussed and selected park fixtures such as benches and lights. We had a lively discussion about play equipment styles, and in the end, we agreed that a mix of wood and color would best suit the park and the neighborhood. And since our park serves a wide age range of kids (Madrona Elementary will have up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade by 2001), we needed play equipment that was rugged, but fun and challenging for toddlers to teens. The Kompan/Big Toys company—you've seen their play equipment at local parks such as Green Lake, 59<sup>th</sup> & Phinney, and Peter Kirk—was the company whose products we chose.

Also in June, co-chairs Donna Lou and Marie Doyle were invited to attend a press conference by Mayor Paul Schell where our \$100,000 Neighborhood Matching Grant award was announced! We were delighted that City Councilmember (and Madrona resident) Richard Conlin spoke highly of our project—and the groundswell of volunteerism and community support it has generated.

### July

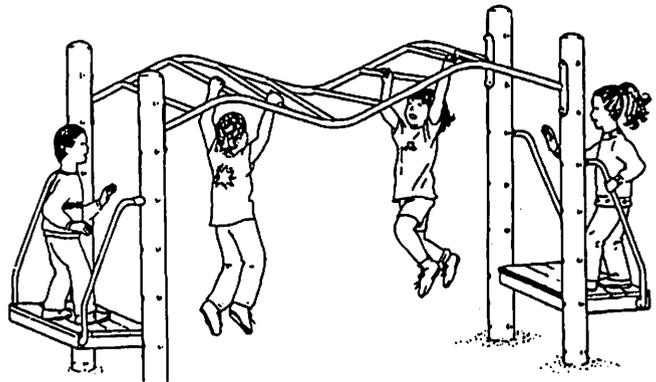
Landscape architects Allworth Nussbaum are more than 50% done with construction documents—the blueprints for the park renovation. During this stage, there are many reviews by the Department of Parks and other city agencies, so sometimes the going is tedious. But by August, the documents should be complete and ready to be distributed to contractors for bidding. Private donations are paying for these documents that cover the entire park renovation, at a cost of approximately \$30,000.



*Park fixtures such as benches and lights were selected to blend gracefully with Madrona's eclectic mix of both traditional and modern architectural details. Light posts will sport "banner holders" for announcing seasonal and festive events.*



In order to break ground in September for Phase I (the basketball court, 2 kids play areas, and central plaza with seating, stage, emergency phone, and information kiosk), we must raise \$200,000 from public and private sources. Our grant-writing team is busy contacting public and private foundations, but we need your support too! **Every dollar will go a long, long way—so send in your contribution today!**



*Kompan/Big Toys play equipment—an eye-catching mix of wood and colorful elements—will be fun and challenging for toddlers to teens.*



July 1999

Dear friends and neighbors of Madrona Playfield,

**Something extraordinary is about to begin at Madrona Playfield!**

Thanks to an imaginative design and a \$100,000 matching grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Madrona Playfield at 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Spring St. has the opportunity to become what it once was and truly should be—the “town square” of the colorful, diverse, historical Madrona neighborhood.

**But to make it happen, we need your help!**

The Friends of Madrona Playfield project was initiated by a group of parents with small children who wanted to make our neighborhood park more welcoming, safe, and accessible. After a few letters and phone calls, we discovered that the Department of Parks & Recreation had identified the park as in need of major repairs, but they were unable to come up with funding. So, a small group of neighbors decided to take it up ourselves. And that committed group has grown to more than 400 neighbors who've pledged to help!

In a series of public meetings led by Allworth Nussbaum landscape architects, we developed a Master Plan that features:

- ◆ A completely rebuilt basketball court
- ◆ New play areas for big & little kids
- ◆ Restored soccer field and tennis courts
- ◆ Central plaza with information kiosk
- ◆ Renovated shelter meeting house
- ◆ New formal entrance at 34<sup>th</sup> & Spring
- ◆ Native plantings & new trees
- ◆ Public art that celebrates Madrona & Seattle
- ◆ Added lighting & emergency phone for safety
- ◆ Less fencing & new entrances to welcome visitors

Please take a look at the enclosed newsletter for project information; we invite you to share it with your friends and neighbors. **We must raise \$200,000 to complete Phase I construction** (basketball court, kid's play areas, and central plaza) in order to secure our \$100,000 grant from the city.

When deciding how much you can contribute, remember that whether it's \$20 or \$20,000, every dollar brings us closer to our goal and will be well spent on something of lasting value to our community. Fill out the pledge envelope and return it as soon as possible. With your help, we will meet our goal—to raise \$200,000 by Labor Day—and make this most special project a reality for all users of Madrona Playfield.

Thanks for your support!

Marie Doyle  
Co-chair, Friends of Madrona Playfield

Donna Lou  
Co-chair, Friends of Madrona Playfield

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The Friends of Madrona Playfield would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions to the Madrona Playfield project during 1999.

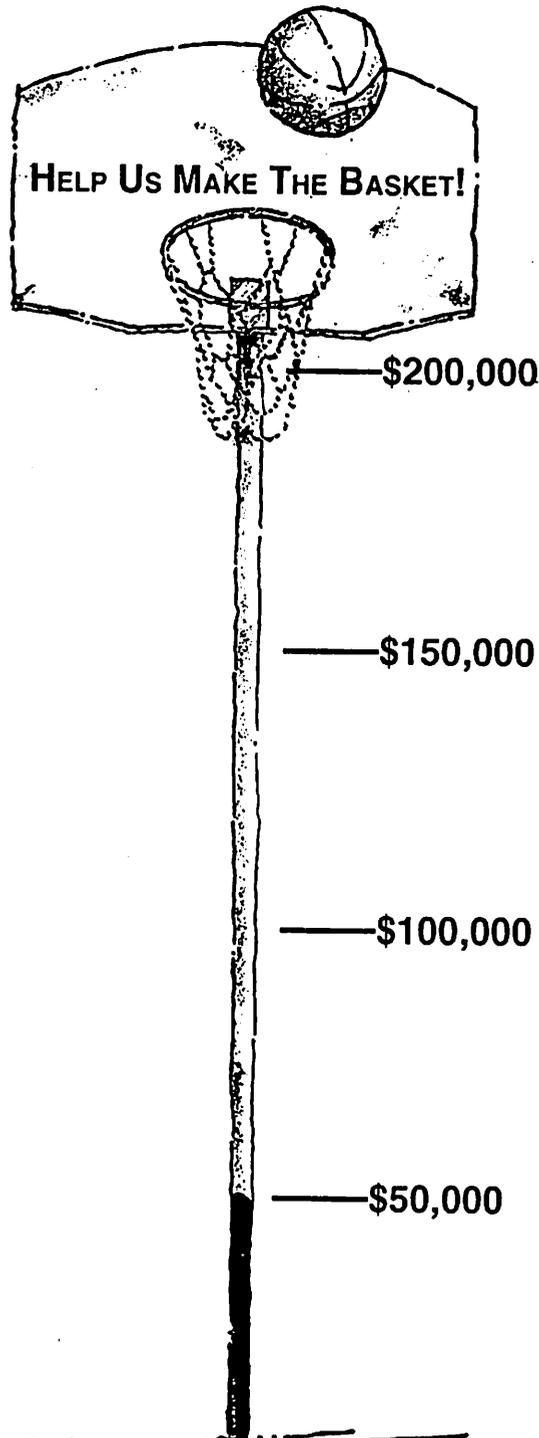
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## FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR PHASE I

Just think: If each household that receives this  
newsletter contributed \$20, we'd raise \$80,000.  
You see: even small amounts have a lot of power!

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# We Need Your Help to Rebuild Madrona Playfield!

## Volunteer Today

We are grateful to the many volunteers who have already put in long hours on the project, but there are still many jobs to do such as:

- Work parties (build the play equipment, donate refreshments, help with childcare, spread wood chips, plant trees).
- Outreach (take flyers to your neighbors, help with a "phone tree").
- Fundraising (write grants, work at a fundraiser, stuff envelopes for a mailing).

## Donate Money

Every amount will go a long way! Between now and January 2000, we must raise \$200,000 for Phase I construction (the basketball court, 2 kids play areas, and central plaza with seating, stage, emergency phone, and information kiosk). Otherwise, we may lose the \$100,000 matching grant we've just been awarded from the Department of Neighborhoods. And if we raise the money by September 1999, we'll be able to break ground as planned. So consider what you can give, and send in your contribution today!

## Donate Goods or Services

These are some much-needed items from our Wish List:

- photocopying and printing
- grading/earthmoving work (large machine)
- demolition work (large machine)
- concrete work
- landscape services and materials

If you can help in any of these areas or have good ideas for us to pursue, contact Donna Lou at 329-3219 or Marie Doyle at 323-6128.

## Community Calendar

- Aug 7 Madrona Playfield Cleanup Day**  
Madrona Playfield, 34th & Spring. See below.
- Aug 14 Madrona BBQ Festival**  
Madrona Playfield, 34th & Spring. See article.
- Sep 7 Madrona Community Council Meeting**  
7:15p Working Meeting - Board and Committees.  
Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!

There will be a "Clean Up and Decorate Day" at the park on Saturday, August 7--one week before the BBQ Festival--so if you can participate then, please let us know! Contact Sayre Coombs at 328-7825.

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All are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are generally held the first and the last Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield, 34th and Spring. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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