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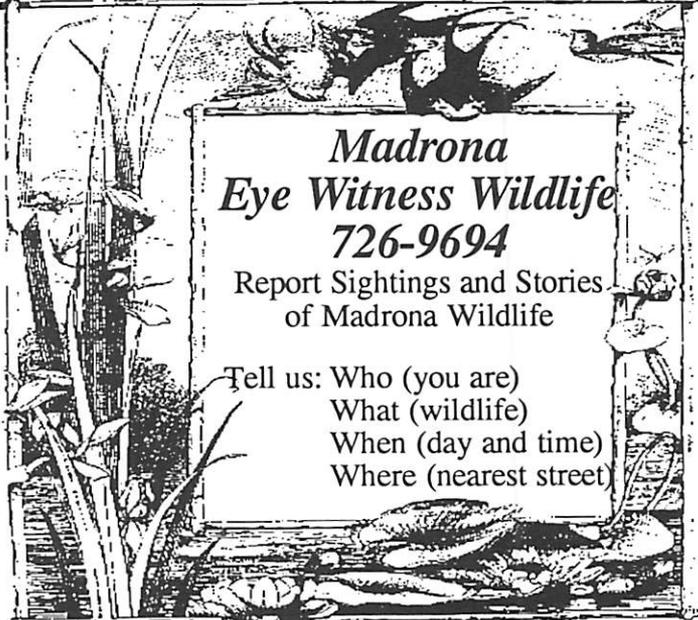
Notes From Our President

This newsletter ends another exciting year in Madrona. We have successfully completed many events and projects. To name a few; the Holiday Concert, Madrona Cleanup, Pruning Workshop, MayFair, Library Birthday Celebration, Wildlife Hotline, Business and Education Meetings and the Newsletter. There are already some exciting new events planned for next year. This year the board attempted to meet the needs we saw in the community, we have a way to go in increasing participation, but we had fun trying.

We are still looking for energetic neighbors interested in board positions, if you would like to get involved call me this summer. The election of the new community council officers will be held in September.

My heartfelt thanks to all of the board members for their support and hard work and all of the neighborhood volunteers who contributed time and support. I hope you had as much fun as I did and look forward to increasing community support next year.

Editor's Note: Thank you, Jill, from all of us for your excellent and patient leadership and hard work!



**Madrona
Eye Witness Wildlife**
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Report Sightings and Stories
of Madrona Wildlife

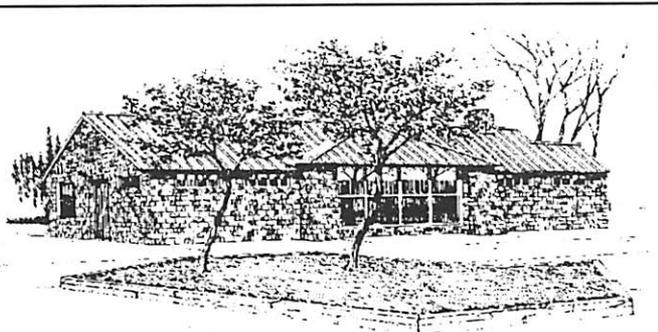
Tell us: Who (you are)
What (wildlife)
When (day and time)
Where (nearest street)

More on controlling Salmonella outbreaks at feeders: Bird droppings mixed with fallen seed provide the breeding grounds for salmonella, not the feed itself. So keep the area around your feeders clean, as well as the feeders.

Ruth Yeomans had Black-throated Gray Warblers pass up her feeders near 37th & Olive. They preferred a drink from her make-shift hose fountain. Kudos for Ruth - a clean water source is a sure bird attractant and a necessity for urban wildlife.

Mary Lou Green sighted raccoons near her home. Betsy Dic sighted Brown-headed Cow Birds for the first time near 36th and E. Denny. She also sighted Goldfinch. She said she has Bushtits daily but noted they are not as abundant as usual. Terri Spaccarotelli also saw Goldfinch for the first time in May. They must be making the rounds. Dede Rainbow's household near 36th and Olive saw an eagle May 27. Crows, being territorial, were "fussing something fierce". Barbara McKeon sees two immature Bald Eagles "all the time" near Madrona and Spring. They're frequently harassed by crows trying to chase them out of their territory.

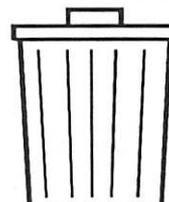
A "you're welcome" for all your positive comments and a warm thank you for all your sightings. Say, has anyone spotted the three parrots again that Raymond Phillips saw last month?



Community Calendar

- Jun 19 Madrona Ravine Planting Day**
9am 38th and Spring Street. All volunteers welcome.
(See related article)
- Aug 1 Madrona Art Walk**
or 7 34th and Union. Watch for notices.
(See related article)
- Sept 7 Madrona Community Council Working Meeting**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Sept 20 Annual Madrona Clean-up**
Seattle Conservation Corps will pick trash & rubbish
- Sept 28 Madrona Community Council General Meeting - Business District Planning**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
(See related article)
- Nov 7 Madrona Craft Bazaar**
(See related article)

Annual Madrona Clean-up



September 20

Mark your calendars! Monday, September 20, 1993 is the Annual Madrona Cleanup. The City of Seattle, Seattle Conservation Corps will collect trash and rubbish. Watch for more information in the September issue of Madrona News.

Business District Master Plan

The Madrona Community Council discussed at its final meeting of the year ways of initiating a planning study of the business district between Pike and Spring Streets next Fall. While the district appears much more active than in years past, it still needs improvement. Rather than waiting for some miracle to happen, the Council decided to be proactive on the matter. All are invited to participate, especially business property owners, tenants, local planners, and adjacent neighbors.

Many key questions will be asked and debated. Some that come to mind are:

- Can the district blossom without added auto traffic?
- To encourage pedestrian usage, is it necessary to have apartments in close proximity, and if so, how many?
- Currently the zoning for the district ends midway between Union and Spring - is this an arbitrary termination that needs adjusting, or is it a correct location?
- What sorts of businesses would we want to see added to the business district?

• How should the transition between commercial and residential uses be handled, as well as transitions between single family and apartment uses?

- What design review guidelines are appropriate?

These and other questions will be discussed. Old studies (several were done many years ago) as well as the history of the business district will be reviewed. Forums with guest speakers will be sponsored. In this way we hope to evolve a plan for the future improvement and revitalization of our neighborhood business center. All interested parties are encouraged to call 325-1224 so we can spend part of the summer planning for the start of the planning effort in the Fall.

Madrona Holiday Arts Festival



WANTED: Artists, crafters, event committee members, entertainers and idea people!



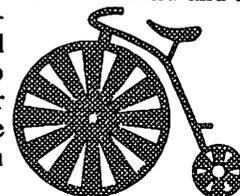
The First Annual Madrona Holiday Arts Festival is rapidly moving from dream to reality. Our goal is to provide at least 40 vendors with a holiday marketplace, raise money for a variety of neighborhood projects and attract the crowds with our quality merchandise, entertainment and food.

The Madrona Holiday Arts Festival is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Committees are forming now (lots of volunteers needed, no experience necessary) and all interested in helping or having a booth should call Terri Spaccarotelli 329-3556.

This has the potential of becoming a spectacular annual Madrona event!

MayFair - A Grand Success

On May 15, hundreds of Madrona residents and friends came out to enjoy a spring festival at Madrona Playfield. The celebration sponsored by Madrona Community Council included a bicycle parade from Al Larkins Park, performance and games with Deano the Clown, Frank Steele Band and a Spectrum Dance Theatre student performance, as well as booths for kid games and vendors. Special thanks to Spectrum and the many volunteers for kid games. We would like to see more neighborhood student performances in the future.



Summer Art Classes in Madrona Madrona Neighborhood Summer Art Program



Creative Enjoyment

Art Classes for 5-10 year old children.

Mondays, 9-11AM at Madrona Shelter House, starting July 11

Art/Playgroup for 2½ - 4 year old children.

Wednesdays, 9-11AM at Madrona Shelter House, starting July 7

Teacher: Lynn Brevig. To register, call 528-0186.

Picture Power: Learning To Draw

Drawing classes for 6-10 year old children.

Thursday, 4-5PM at Madrona Shelter House.

Session 1: June 3-24

Session 2: July 2-22

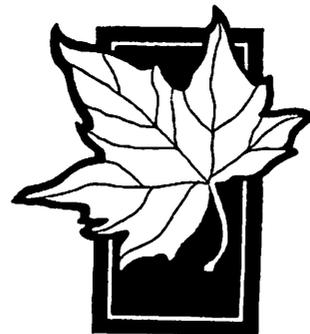
Session 3: July 29-Aug 19

Teacher: Cheryl Edmonds of A.G. Petunia ArtWorks.

To Register, call 632-7646.

Fee: \$40/session (4 classes) - includes materials.

Please Note: Through special arrangement by the Madrona Community Council, a few spaces in these classes may be available free to Madrona youth. Please contact Marty Leibowitz at 325-1224, for more information.



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Changes to Our Library Proposed

Seattle Public Library is proposing changes to the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library in its Draft Facilities Master Plan published this month. The plan calls for minor improvements to the current building in the near future. It also indicates moving the library into another (smaller) space later. These are the recommendations from the report:

PHASE I - Designate Satellite with Minor Renovations:

Short term, upgrade building with improved HVAC system; reorganize staff work area, add new furnishings and carpet.

PHASE II- Move & Co-locate Facility:

Begin negotiations to find a nearby co-location site, 600 to 1,200 sf, preferably in Madrona Elementary School, or near-by community facility, by installing SPLASH, Homework Center module with emphasis on Children's services. Provide several low partitioned work stations for tutoring and small group studying. Satellite open 5 weekday and Sunday afternoons, as well as several hours on selected days for seniors.

Increasing capacity at Douglas Truth Branch provides for adult needs, however, Satellite can provide some carousel displays of popular and large print collections for neighborhood seniors.

This library came into being through the love and effort of our neighbors. The City recognized its importance just last month when giving Madrona an award for being an Urban Neighborhood that Works! Madrona Library was mentioned and pictured on the award. The Library's own Strategic Plan states that: All of our libraries will become focal points in their neighborhoods, sanctuaries of the spirit, places of connection for all. I see our library users yearning for knowledge, refreshment of spirit and connectedness, too.

Please take this opportunity to let the City Librarian and the Board know your hopes, dreams & concerns for your library. Let them know how the Library could best suit your needs and wants.

Copies of the Draft Plan is available at all neighborhood libraries. You may submit comments to: City Librarian, 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1193. *The deadline is JUNE 15.* For more information, call 386-4103.

(Editor's Note: Please let the City know that keeping our library is important!)



Summer Activities at the Library

Story Times - Wednesdays, June 16, 23, 30, and July 7. 10:30AM. For preschoolers - stories, songs & crafts.

SPLASH - Seattle Public Library After School Happenings. Weekdays 2:30-4:00 Starting June 18. Lists of planned activities will be available weekly.

Madrona Summer Art Walk

Watch for news of a Madrona Art Walk on 34th & Union either first or second Saturday in August. Any local artists interested in being involved please contact Vicky at Sky Vision, 328-4246.

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Madrona Ravine Restoration June 5th - Thank you!

The Rotary Boys & Girls Club has adopted the Madrona Ravine as part of a Neighborhood Matching Grant project. As part of the Urban Angling and Environmental Education Project, members of the club and adult volunteers joined Madrona residents to begin clean-up of the ravine, and removal of undesirable non-native plants such as English laurel, ivy and holly. Jim Shultz and Fran Wood led the group in making major headway in removing ivy that was choking the trees! Thank you to all that participated.

June 19th - You Can Help!



The next step will be to begin replacement of the non-native plants with low maintenance native plants on June 19th at 9am. Please bring shovels, clippers, and gloves. Madrona Community Council will be providing the plant material through a Washington State Wildlife Grant. Please call Leisa, 324-7317, if you would like to volunteer or have a child that would like to participate. The Madrona Community contact is Jim Schultz at 329-3309.

The Boys & Girls Club is also working with the Seattle Drainage and Wastewater Utility to produce a pamphlet that will help the neighborhood understand how our individual actions affect the quality of environment in the Madrona Ravine and in Lake Washington where the water ends up.

Adopt a Madrona!

This Madrona (*Arbutus menziesii*) is an exceptional specimen of our neighborhood's arboreal namesake. It has the largest crown spread (95 feet) and the second largest girth (20 feet, 2 inches) in the state. It lives in Port Angeles where Jim Causton, an arborist, is trying to save the tree from destruction by the development of adjacent lots. Jim's Madrona is worth fighting for, because Madronas are on the decline in the Pacific Northwest. They are special for their beauty, but they are very difficult to raise in captivity (i.e. nurseries for transplanting) and must arise naturally from seed. Although Jim's venerable Madrona is currently in perfect health, it lost about 1/4 of its root zone to a bull dozer last summer. Jim has founded the Madrona Appeal Funs which aims to buy the tree's lot for \$90,000 and donate it to the public as Madrona Park. Last week, our Madrona Community Council voted to donate \$100 to the cause in hopes of inspiring Madrona residents to fight for this wonderful madronas. Donations will be refunded if the Madrona Appeal Fund fails to purchase the land. Send contributions to: The Madrona Appeal Fund, c/o First Federal Savings, 1603 E. 1st, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Madrona Needs You!

The Community Council Is What You Make It!

We are still looking for people interested in Madrona Community Council Board positions. Our goal is to have a community council as rich and diverse as our neighborhood. We want the council to reflect and respond to the needs of the community. If you participate, you can help ensure the community's needs are met as you see them. Call Jill (329-9836) to indicate your interest. It's a great group to join. Please call Jill if meeting on Tuesdays is difficult for you, we can try to change the meeting night.

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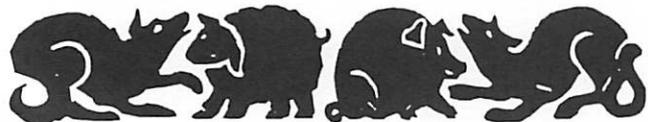
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Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first Tuesday (Working Meeting) and the last Tuesday (Program Meeting) of the month at 7:30 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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