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Madrona NEWS

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Madrona Cycling Excitement Coming 'Round the Corner



Hang onto your helmet! The 1995 Fresca National Cycling Championships Microsoft Grand Prix hits the streets of Seattle on Sunday, June 11th. This second annual event features 300 of the top cyclists from around the country. The men's race begins at 8am at Westlake Center and will cover 104 miles in eight laps of the course. The women will follow at 12:30pm riding 52 miles in four laps. The course includes the neighborhoods of Pratt Park, the Central District, Mount Baker, Leschi and, of course, Madrona.

Madrona's involvement continues to grow. Madrona's hub of activity will be on 34th Avenue between Pike and Union featuring: Redhook Beer Garden, root beer float stand, arts and crafts, live music, food, wild helmet safety demonstrations by Duke DeQuoy, souvenir sales and the King of the Mountain competition (34th and Pike is the highest point of the race course). Special family entertainment will be provided at 11:30am by the Seafair Pirates.

A raffle will also be held with the Grand Prize a beautiful GT Mountain Bike. Tickets will be available at Madrona businesses and Madrona Community Council board members soon. Remember, the more tickets you buy, the better chance you have of riding into the sunset on a new bike! Proceeds from the entire event in Madrona will benefit the Community Council with a focus on improving our wonderful business district.

Microsoft will provide computers for all to use and enjoy in the Group Health parking lot. They'll use the RiderLink system developed for last year's race which allows users to get up-to-the-minute information regarding a particular cyclist on the course, neighborhood activities and other race data.

Streets along the race course will be closed to traffic for 10 to 15 minutes approximately every 40 minutes as the race pack passes by. There are fewer closures this year as the course has been extended to include the Mount Baker neighborhood.

To ensure the complete success of this exciting event, your help is needed! Last year more than 100 Madrona volunteers got involved, we had a larger turnout than any other neighborhood and we can do it again. Can you offer as little as two hours of your valuable time? All volunteers will receive race-related goodies. Help is needed in a variety of areas from selling souvenirs to working on the road as a course marshal to providing host housing for one of the racers. There is a great sense of satisfaction when you help your own neighborhood.

With a lot of hard work, Seattle recently was awarded the 1996 Olympic Trials for men's bicycle road racing. This means that the race you see on June 11th will be an Olympic qualifying event next year. Olympic trials in Madrona!

For more information or to volunteer, please call Terri Spaccarotelli at 329-3556, or John T. Walker at 324-4479.

Madrona MayFair '95 - May 20 Be in the Parade, Join the Fun!

Madrona MayFair '95 on May 20th promises to be a fun-filled neighborhood event and we are looking forward to seeing lots of folks participate. Events will include a children's bicycle parade, entertainment, children's games and arts and crafts activities and vendor sales space. Performances by the Madrona Singers, the Madrona Youth Chorus and Spectrum Dance Theater are being planned.



Neighborhood youths are again invited to be entrepreneurs and operate activities this year at MayFair. Information and applications are available at the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library and Madrona Elementary School. In addition, booth space is available for Arts and Crafts, Flee Market, etc. To rent vendor booth space at \$10 each, please call Terri Spaccarotelli at 329-3556.

We still need help with food sales, set up, prize store and game supervision. All interested volunteers please call Susan Stocking at 324-9943. You can help to make this a great event and to carry on this Madrona neighborhood tradition.

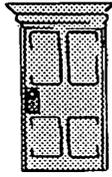


Madrona Tree Planting Project More Green for Madrona

On Saturday, April 29th, Madrona Community Council together with Seattle City Light and more than 40 volunteers planted approximately 120 street trees on 30th and 31st Avenues. Special thanks to Curt Miller, John Capps, Shirley Solomon from the Community Council and Tim Hohn from Seattle City Light for organizing a very successful effort. The neighborhood owes a big thank you to the following volunteers and to any others who helped plant the trees but didn't get a chance to sign in: Don LaFrance, Orlando Nuckols, Anne Knight, Bruce Pulmano, Rae Hayashi, Tomas Pulmano, Martin Gray, Terri Spaccarotelli, Chris Spaccarotelli, Holly Overman, Renée Salant, Sam Weis, Joe Howard, Luisa Nims, Martin Sellars, Jerry Arbes, Robert Connors, Judith Leckrone, Erika Davis-Pitre, David Parker, Charlie Stringer, Edin Ayala, Jesus Topez, Jeff Degen, Anita Degen, Oscar Matrué, Omar Stores, Ken Jelenik, Tom Ikeda, Tani Ikeda, Annie Coleman, Noah Pratt, Daphne Minkoff, Pat Williams, Oran Webb, Leon Jones, Willie London, Jonathan Overman, Matthew Overman, Marcia Appleton, Rich Appleton, Sandra Greer, Mark Solomon.

"You Keep A-Knockin', But You Can't Come In" Home Security And Personal Safety

by Mark A. Solomon



A robber once used the cover of "Block Watch" to try to gain entry into a residence in which the resident was home. The individual stated to the victim that he was from "Block Watch", so she should let him in. The victim refused him entry and asked for his identification. The suspect produced something unrecognizable. Next, the suspect told the victim that he had a bloody nose and needed to use her bathroom. The victim let him in. He stole her purse.

The reason I site this example is not to scare or alarm you, but to bring your attention to situations we have seen happen in the past. Individuals have used the cover of authority, claiming they work for the City, Block Watch, are soliciting, or have a delivery for someone, to perpetrate a robbery or a burglary. In some cases, the crime committed was much more serious and life threatening to the victim, such as an assault or rape. The question is, what can you do to prevent this from happening to you?

First of all, when someone comes to your door, and you are home, answer the door. Let the other person know someone is home. A burglar is less likely to burglarize an occupied home. Secondly, **answering the door does not mean opening the door!** Always know who is on the other side of that door before you open it, even if you are expecting someone. If that means looking out the window so you can see who's there, or installing a peep hole if you don't have one, then do it. Talking through the door to ask someone to provide proof of who they are is not rude, it's smart. This is about your safety, not the other persons feelings.

If someone you don't know comes to your home and asks to use the bathroom, the Police Department recommends that you not let them in. You can still offer assistance, however. If the person does indeed have a bloody nose, offer to provide tissue or a towel, a glass of water, chicken soup, whatever. But you don't have to let them in your home. If someone comes to your door asking to use your phone because of some emergency, whether its to call 9-1-1, a family member or a friend (car broke down, someone chasing them, they're lost) offer to make the call for them while they wait outside.

Another famous scam is for someone to appear on your doorstep and solicit money. Examples include the "I'm-not-from-this-neighborhood-my-car-ran-out-of-gas-its-down-the-block-around-the-corner-could-you-help-me-out-with-a-few-buck" blues; the "I-was-on-my-way-to-Port-Townsend-when-someone-stole-my-purse-and-I-need-\$20-to-get-home-give-me-your-address-I'll-pay-you-back" sonata; and the "I'm-a-friend-of-your-neighbors-son-and-he's-in-trouble-out-by-the-airport-and-needs-to-get-home-but-his-folks-aren't-there-and-he-needs-cabfare-I-know-they'd-want-you-to-help-him-out" shuffle. Just in case you think these are some pretty far-fetched examples, I guarantee you that these, and others even more far-fetched, have actually happened. They've happened to me and I've actually fallen for a few of them at one time or another.

If something like this has happened to you, you are not alone. You can, however, avoid it happening to you again. Just apply the same rules to any stranger that comes to your door: don't let them in and never give them money.

Finally, if a person claims to represent a City department, is soliciting for any company, or has a delivery for anyone, they will have legitimate identification. They will produce that identification when asked, in most cases a picture ID. Still, don't open your door or let the person in unless you feel comfortable that the person has established themselves. Even if the person has proven they are legitimate, if you still don't feel comfortable, don't let them in. Also, no employee of any government agency or department, whether they are Police officers, water meter readers, or Block Watch organizers, solicits money door-to-door from citizens!! Don't give them cash!

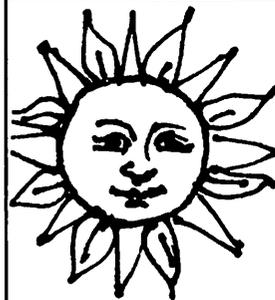
We are talking about your home. It is your safety you should keep in mind, and your family and possessions you seek to protect. Don't open the door for, or to, strangers. Don't let an unknown person into your home unless you are sure they are legitimate. Don't let your desire to be a kind and caring citizen override common sense and your personal safety. I'm not saying you should be suspicious of the world. I am saying that you should be aware of the possibilities, and perhaps change some habits to prevent things like this from happening to you.

If you want to establish a Block Watch, or rejuvenate an existing one, call the Crime Prevention Division at 684-7555. We can assist you. If you'd like to contact me, I can be reached at the above number, or at my home, 860-7285 for Community Council related matters.

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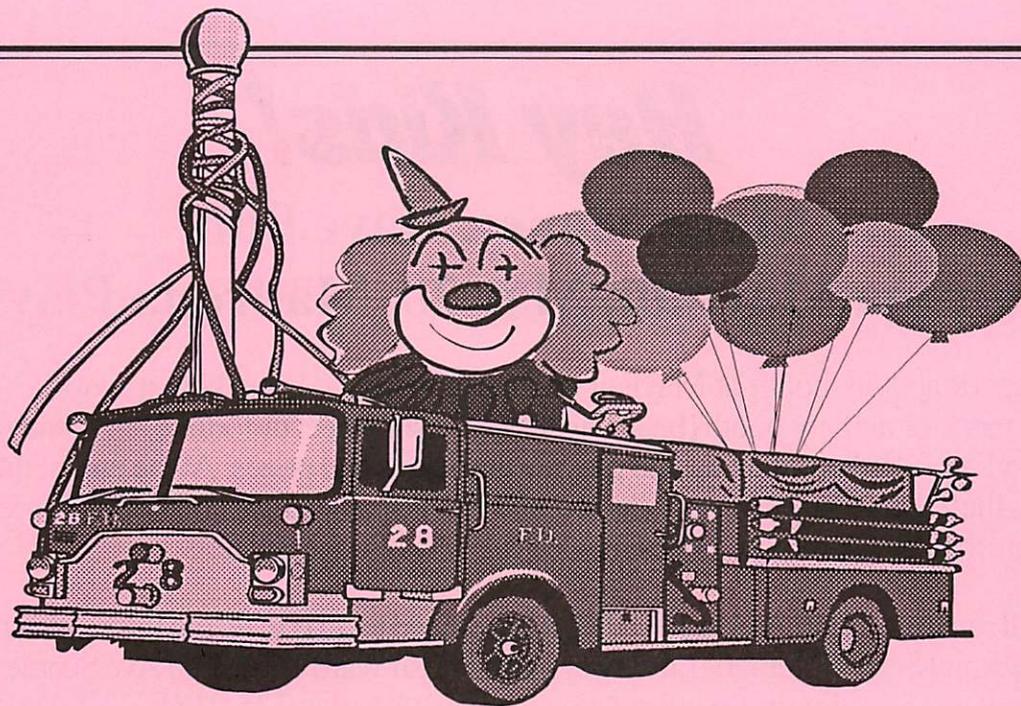
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Madrona Mayfair '95

May 20, 1995

At Larkins Park and Madrona Playfield

Join Your Neighbors for Our Annual Celebration of Spring

- 10:00 Meet at Al Larkins Park, corner of 34th and Pike, to decorate tricycles, bicycles, wagons, etc. for the parade
- 10:30 Parade down 34th Avenue, led by Deano the Clown and the Big Red Firetruck to Madrona Playfield, 34th and Spring
- 11:00 Teddy Bear Parade with DeeDee Rainbow - bring your favorite bear!
- 12:00 Deano the Clown Show and Family Games with Deano
- 12:00 Booths open for kids activities and games
- 1:30 Madrona Singers and Madrona Youth Chorus
- 2:00 Spectrum Dance Theatre student performance

Great Entertainment and Neighborhood Party
Rain Stage is at the Madrona Elementary Lunchroom
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Space available for vendors and flea market - Call Terri Spaccarotelli, 329-3556
Space available for youth game and activity booths - Call Susan Stocking, 324-9943

Hey Kids!

Make Money, Have Fun!

Madrona MayFair, May 20, Madrona Playfield

Run a game or activity booth at MayFair and make money. This is how it works: You make (or borrow) a game or activity booth (bean bag toss, go fish, wheel of fortune, etc.) and run the booth during MayFair. MayFair officials will provide the tickets and prizes. At the end of the game time, you give us the tickets that you have collected, and we will pay you 50% of the ticket prices collected. Art projects that do not require prizes may earn 100% of ticket price.

Games will run from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. All you need to do is to fill out this application and drop it off at Madrona Sally Goldmark Library or mail to: Tish Ward 1606 37th Ave Seattle, WA 98122. For more information, call Tish Ward at 325-2181.

Application to run a booth at MayFair:

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Activity/Game: First choice: _____ Second Choice _____

MayFair reserves the right to screen duplicate games - sign up soon to be sure that you can run the activity of your choice!

Parents/Guardians: Please sign here giving your permission to participate. Make sure this date and time works with your schedule. Your child's commitment may preclude another child from participating. "No shows" are unfair to other children.

Print your name: _____ Signature: _____ Relationship to child: _____

MayFair Merchants' Row May 20, 1995

MayFair is coming! Once again space is available for neighbors to sell crafts and garage sale items. Please fill out the attached application and send to: Terri Spaccarotelli, 1119 38th Ave Seattle, WA 98122. For more information call Terri at 329-3556.

Application for MayFair Merchants' Row booth:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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News from Madrona School

by Susan Stocking

Fall assignments have been completed and we are happy to hear that all new students who selected Madrona as their choice have been assigned to Madrona. Madrona Elementary has many very good teachers and an excellent kindergarten program. You may still be able to enroll your child for the 1995-1996 school year if you have not yet done so.

The PTA has just completed another successful auction. The auction and the fall wrapping paper sales are the primary fund raisers with proceeds going toward enrichment programs. We thank all the neighborhood merchants that helped make the auction a success.

Funding for school social services is in jeopardy from state budget cuts. It is imperative that the counseling and special needs funds continue. If counselors are not available, students that are having difficulty functioning in the classroom must stay in the classroom. This is disruptive to all students and we all lose. If you are not a parent of school age children, please take a few moments to talk to public school parents to understand this concern. Please let our legislators know that we are concerned and that we want to insure a good education for ALL children.

We continue to explore other sources of funds. Jill Hearne, Madrona principal, is in the process of putting together a Powerful Schools group with two other neighborhood schools. This would allow us to access some grant funding sources if we are successful. The site council has discussed forming a foundation which would fund raise for counseling staff.

At this time the Madrona Site Council is looking for a Neighborhood Representative with time and energy to devote to school issues. This is not limited to parents of school age children. If you or someone you know is concerned with school issues, please contact John Capps at 324-6847.

Neighborly Notes

Business News: The Business Committee of the Madrona Community Council will meet Monday, May 15 and Monday, June 19 to discuss issues concerning the Madrona business community. For information, call Erika Pitre-Davis, 328-8693.

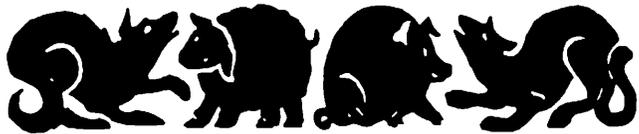
Complete Fitness, a personal training studio, opened in Madrona on the first of April. The studio caters to the beginner as well as the advanced fitness enthusiast. All workouts are by appointment only. Call Tom at 324-8765 for more information.

The former Madrona Auto Garage at 1435 34th Avenue is now the weekend site for florist *T.J. Montague of Garden Party.* You can buy a single stem flower, a bouquet or have a private consultation for larger special events. The hours are Fridays, 2-6pm and Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-5pm.

Spring Flowers: Thanks to *Carrie Bowman,* the gardener at the Library for planting the wood planter box near the Library. It is looking great. Thanks also to the Madrona Gardeners for planting and caring for the barrel planters in the business district.

Correction: The phone number for Luisa Nims, our new Southwest Quadrant Representative was listed incorrectly in the last issue. The correct number for Luisa is 860-4165. We also have a new number for Orlando Nuckols, our Northwest Quadrant Representative. Orlando's new number is 329-1325.

Please send "Neighborly Notes" to 1122 36th Ave, Seattle 98122



Community Calendar

- May 15 Madrona Business Committee**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
Call Erika Davis-Pitre, 328-8693, for more info.
- May 20 Madrona MayFair**
Parade, clowns, game booths, entertainment, prizes, and fun galore at Madrona MayFair '95. Volunteers needed for MayFair. Call Susan Stocking at 324-9943 for information. (See article)
- Jun 6 Madrona Community Council**
7:30pm **Working Meeting - Board and Committees**
Final planning for bike race. Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Jun 7 Madrona Gardeners**
7:00pm Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Jun 11 Fresca National Cycling Championship and Microsoft Grand Prix.** Planning for this event is starting now. Call Terri Spaccarotelli (329-3556) for more information or to volunteer. (See article)
- Jun 19 Madrona Business Committee**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
Call Erika Davis-Pitre, 328-8693, for more info.

Notes from the Madrona Library

by Nancy Pew

Finding magazine articles just got easier! Simply use a library terminal to look up articles from the **General Magazine Index** or the specialized Health and Business indices. This on-line version of Infotrac can give you citations to a wide selection of articles and even provide the full text of many of them. Come in and try it out!

Seattle Public Library now has a brochure explaining the **confidentiality policy** the library has had for many years. Some people have been inconvenienced by not knowing the policy. The brochure explains how to pick up a book for someone else, what parents can and cannot find out about their children's library cards and other important information. The brochure should make using the library more convenient and help avoid misunderstandings.

Summer Reading Club has a Wild West theme this year. Librarians will be visiting schools in May and June to explain the program and invite children to use the library this summer. Preschoolers are welcome to join. Sign up begins on June 1st.

Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library will have several **guest performers** this summer. Charles the Clown will present an all-new western theme show on June 26 at 10:30am. Flyers listing programs, including science and origami will be available soon.

SPLASH, the after-school program, will go to a reduced schedule in mid-June when school is out. Activities will be offered 2:30-4pm on weekdays. Children 5-11 are invited. Younger children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Preschool storytimes will be held Wednesdays at 10:30am on July 12, 19, and 26, and on August 2 and 9.

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The Madrona Newsletter is published monthly except during the summer months and December. Send news articles, items for the community bulletin board, neighborly notes, additions to the mailing list and changes of address to Newsletter Editor, 1122 36th Ave, Seattle 98122, 329-9329. The deadline is the first Saturday after the Board meeting. Call Susan Roberts (329-7322) regarding advertising.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are held the first and the last Tuesdays 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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Northeast Quadrant	Barbara Stenson, 324-9215
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