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# Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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## Notes from the President *by John Capps*

Neighbor Appreciation Day was a huge success. Genesis House was recognized with the Madrona Good Neighbor Award, and Francois Kissel was heralded with the Madrona Unsung Hero Award for his extensive volunteer services to feed the homeless. Mayor Norm Rice was on hand for the celebration, along with Jim Diers, Director of the Dept of Neighborhoods and Jill Hearn, Madrona School Principal. The lunchroom at Madrona Elementary was packed with supporters and well wishers. Thanks to Kay Gordon, Beth Purcell, Jill Gordon, and all the other volunteers, and a special thanks to Shirley Soloman for all her hard work organizing and coordinating the event.



Betsy Wells and Jeff Bolt receive the Madrona Good Neighbor Award on behalf of Genesis House



Shirley Soloman (r.) congratulates Madrona "Unsung Hero" Francois Kissel, as Mayor Norm Rice and MCC President John Capps look on. Photos by Walter Bodle

The Madrona Community Council has a busy schedule for the remaining year. The \$40,000 matching grant for the Madrona Beach Enhancement Project is fully funded thanks to the excellent work done by Kathleen Roark, Ingrid Beach and Jill Gordon. Groundbreaking should occur this spring.

Our business area is in need of revitalization. A couple of stores have moved and owners are going to retire. Erika Pitre is coordinating a program on economic development for our business area for the next general meeting of the Madrona Community Council on March 28th (see article for details). Upcoming events include the tree planting project on 30th and 31st Streets on Saturday, April 29th. Madrona Mayfair is coming in May and we need volunteers. The Microsoft Bicycle Race is scheduled in June.

I wish to thank all financial supporters to the Madrona newsletter...and remember as you walk, run, ride, play and shop in Madrona, remember to wish someone Good Day!

## Madrona Business District...

*What do you want?..How can it serve you?.. How can you support it?...Where is it going?...*

*by Erika Davis-Pitre*

As I walked through the Madrona Business District while preparing this article, I was struck by the diverse offerings our businesses have. Without leaving the district you can have a hat made, have a chair repaired, have your hair done, pick up organically grown produce, have your shirt pressed, find that special gift, and eat at some of the city's best restaurants. And even with all our businesses have to offer, there is still more we can do as a community to support this vital part of our neighborhood. The time has come for us as a community to let our businesses know what kind of services and products we would like to see offered in Madrona. Not only would this input help to improve patronage of existing businesses, but it would also help the Community Council in assisting in developing a Business District Plan. One by which we could seek out businesses to fill vacancies that occur from time to time.

On March 28th at 7:30pm at the Madrona School, the Madrona Community Council will host a "brainstorming session" specifically to explore the needs of our business district. Come with your questions, ideas and community spirit so that when we sit down to draft a Neighborhood Business Development Plan we will have many voices to assist us in shaping our future. For more information, please call Erika Davis Pitre at 325-5965 or 328-8693



## Spring Clean '95...It's up to you!

Celebrate your community pride by joining SPRING CLEAN '95, Seattle's Cleanup of Public Spaces.

This citywide effort to make Seattle shine begins March 18 through April 2. SPRING CLEAN activities are particularly significant in 1995 because they kick off a month of activities celebrating the 25th anniversary of Earth Day.

A new emphasis this year is on graffiti paint-outs. Graffiti vandalism is on the rise, hurting property values and community morale, and painting it out is a proven deterrent to this urban blight. Anyone can organize a cleanup or graffiti paint-out. You can team up with family, neighbors, friends, or a business. Your team can clean up a park, beach, street, vacant lot, alley, or planting strip; your team can paint out graffiti on private property. The City will provide paint free of charge for your graffiti paint-out and will supply litterbags and support services so that you can dispose of debris you collect.

For more information or to volunteer, please call SPRING CLEAN '95 at 233-7187.

## Madrona Tree Planting Project The Trees Are Coming... and They Need You!

by Curt Miller

The Madrona Community Council and Seattle City Light have teamed up to replace street trees in our neighborhood. The overall goal of the replanting program is to replace trees that have been lost over the years to natural causes and to meet power line clearance requirements. It is hoped that this will be only the first phase of a long term tree planting program for Madrona.

On the morning of **Saturday, April 29th**, approximately 120 street trees will be available to our community for planting. This first phase of planting will occur on 30th Avenue between Union and Cherry and on 31st Avenue between Spring and Pike. City Light will provide the trees and be in the neighborhood the week before planting to loosen the soil and dig the holes. Community volunteers and residents will plant the trees and care for them over the years.

In order for this first planting to be successful **we need your help**. Volunteers are needed to create several planting teams and assume the following roles:

**Planting Coordinators** - To recruit and manage a tree planting team, coordinate receipt of the trees and coordinate the distribution and collection of tools.

**Planting Team Members** - To plant the trees.

**Hospitality Coordinator** - To arrange for refreshments.

It is expected that some of the help will come from those living along 30th and 31st Avenues. Because this is a community event, help from all areas of the community would be appreciated and will be needed. Please give Curt Miller a call at 323-1524 to discuss this event and volunteer your help. You can make a difference in you neighborhood. This is a great way to help. Thank you!



## Earth Work/Earth Day - April 22

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Earth Day by volunteering a day of labor to help our urban environment. Sponsored by the Student Conservation Association, **Earth Work Seattle will be a day of work and fun**. Earth Work Seattle on **Earth Day, April 22** will start with a kick-off event at 8:30am at Pier 48, followed by a day of volunteer work at various project sites. A citywide Earth Day celebration with music and entertainment is set for **Sunday, April 23 on Pier 48**.

Several Earth Work projects will be undertaken in the Central District including tree planting on Yesler Way and work on the Central Park Trail. **Call Jaime Green at 324-4649** for information or to register. Earth Work Seattle is an opportunity to have fun with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers in the spirit of neighborhood/urban restoration and conservation.

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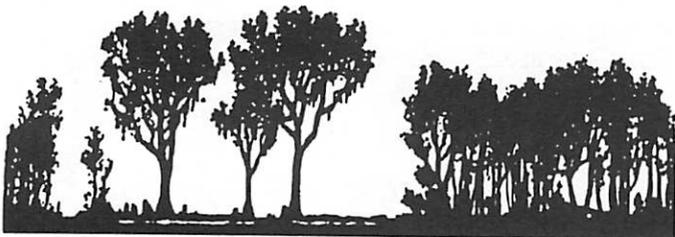
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## Symposium on Madrones

*"The Decline of Pacific Madrone:*

*Current Theories and Research Directions"*

Many residents of the Madrona neighborhood have expressed concern about the decline of our neighborhood's namesake tree and this symposium is an excellent opportunity to learn more about madrone trees. Sponsored by Save Magnolia's Madrones, the Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and Ecosystem Database Development, this symposium is intended to galvanize new research on the topic of madrones. Topics to be addressed include: natural ecology, landscape performance, and propagation. The Symposium will take place on **Friday, April 28**, from 8am to 5pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture 3501 NE 41st. For more information, call Paul West, Seattle Parks and Recreation, at 684-4122.

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## Bicycle Races to Return

by Terri Spaccarotelli

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11th and get ready for the 1995 Fresca National Cycling Championships Microsoft Grand Prix! Last year was great...and this year will be even better! Neighborhood volunteers are needed now plan and stage this exciting event.

For the second year, more than 300 Olympic caliber cyclists will race through downtown Seattle, the Central Area, Leschi and Madrona. Plans to include the Mount Baker neighborhood this year will extend the viewing area for spectators, provide a beautiful race course for the participants and expand community involvement. The opportunity for neighborhood promotion, activities and social events is limitless.

Last year, race day brought out thousands of people to view the race and enjoy a wide variety of activities—arts and craft show, live music, souvenirs, bicycle safety demonstrations, beer gardens, garage sales, root beer float stand, bicycle raffles and much more. It was great fun for the entire family. Residents who live on course waved banners and had barbecue parties in their yards. Area shop owners reported increased business by people who “discovered” them for the first time.

The 1995 race, divided into men’s and women’s divisions, will begin around 8:30am, pass through the neighborhoods 15 times over the course of the day and end at about 4:30pm. Neighboring streets will be impacted by short 12 minute closures every half hour, with a one hour break at 11:30. Nationally televised and live local radio broadcasts will showcase Seattle to millions here and across the country.

More than 400 volunteers are needed to provide a safe, fun and profitable day for all. Each volunteer will receive a package of race-related goodies. Seattle has made the final cut to host the 1996 Olympic Trials and volunteers this year will have first opportunity to help with the trials should our bid be accepted. To learn more about the National Cycling Championships or to volunteer call Terri Spaccarotelli, 329-3556. See you at the races!



## Madrona History Project

### Notice to Madrona Residents...

### Past and Present

by Carol Richman

I have been asked, as a result of my participation in the Madrona History Project, to put together a history of Madrona in the 60’s and 70’s. The history up through the 50’s will be done by others. I agreed to do this because those were such significant and memorable years. However, my idea of how to do this - for posterity - is to put together the memories and thoughts of as many participants in the events of the times as I can connect with who will contribute. Any and all memories of value - personal, family, friends, church, organization - whatever. Comments, opinions and analysis are welcome. Contributions can be in writing or verbally in person or on the phone. If you are interested in helping write, compile and/or edit, please call Carol Richman at 324-7513 or send your remembrances to 1607 40th Avenue. No deadlines are set yet, by I would like to hear with in the next month or so merely to know what to expect. We can learn from our past for the future of our neighborhood.

## Polish Cooking...

## Vegetarian Meals...

## Video Editing

Three Madrona residents, Wanda Cieslar, Jim Watkins, and Richard New are donating their time and considerable talents teaching classes at the Bush School Evening Course Program this month.

Wanda Cieslar, along with another Polish-American cooking cohort Patrice Benson, will share with you Polish customs, language, music and some Polish culinary delights. Pierogi galumpki, wild mushroom delights and a beautiful mazurek should inspire you to appreciate this wonderful ancient cuisine. The class will take place Thursday, March 30 from 7-9:30pm.

Jim Watkins, owner of Plenty Fine Food, will present a primer on vegetarianism in the first session, a hands-on preparation of a vegetarian breakfast and lunch during the second session, and a complete dinner including how to make vegetarian stocks, soups and salads in session three. These three classes take place on Tuesdays, March 14-28 from 7-9pm.

Richard New, who owns a video post-production studio - The Video Mirror - will teach basic techniques for shooting video by using your own footage in collaboration with the other students as part of a group project. You'll also learn editing techniques using computer-based editing equipment. This class meets for four sessions on Mondays, March 6-27 from 7-9pm.

While some of the classes may be underway by the time you receive the newsletter, some sessions may still have space. The winter course series offers over 70 unique courses open to everyone. For more information about the series, call Katesy Townsend at 326-7775, e-mail: [courses@helen.bush.edu](mailto:courses@helen.bush.edu)\*, or check Bush's site on the Worldwide Web for an electronic mail version. Net proceeds benefit the Bush School Scholarship Fund.

## Neighborly Notes

Dulces Latin Bistro, a well-known West Seattle cafe, is moving to our Madrona business district. Chef Julie Guerrero and partner Carlos Kainz vary Mexican provincial cuisine with food from Spain, Italy and the Provencal region of France. Dulces Latin Bistro is scheduled to open on March 22 at 1430 34th Avenue, 322-5453.

So when you forget to go to Rogers or the Leschi Mart for groceries, or are too busy or tired to cook, remember all our fine food establishments in the Madrona business district...Hi-Spot Cafe, Cool Hand Lukes, Plenty Fine Foods, Cafe Soleil, and now Dulces Latin Bistro.

After School Springtime Art Adventures - Once again, young art-lovers can explore a wide range of art mediums at the Madrona Shelter House. A six week session of classes will be offered on Monday afternoons 3:30-5:30pm by local artist and teacher, Lynn Brevig. Lynn uses a positive and fun approach to teaching creative arts, in which all kids are successful. This session will include: Handmade sketchbooks, Tie-dye painted T-shirts, papier-mache sculpture, drawing, painting and clay. Classes begin Monday, April 17th for 6-11 year olds, maximum 12 students. Reasonable fees, some scholarships available. For information and registration, call Lynn at 528-0186.

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



## New Neighborhood Planning Office Set to Begin Collaborative Planning Process

from Seattle Neighborhood News

The City's new Neighborhood Planning Office got its official start on January 1. The Office's mission is to work collaboratively with Seattle citizens and City staff to create about 30 neighborhood plans over the next four years. The Comprehensive Plan identifies neighborhood planning priorities as urban villages and urban centers, distressed communities, and manufacturing and industrial areas. However, planning areas can be broader than these and will be determined in collaboration with the community. The project has \$2.25 million in resources during 1995-96 for neighborhoods to hire their own expertise to do neighborhood planning.

The program began to take shape in May 1994, when about 300 Seattle citizens participated in a City-sponsored workshop to discuss how to make neighborhood planning successful. They elected 11 representatives who worked with the City to develop the framework for an ambitious and pioneering neighborhood planning program.

The Department of Neighborhoods also coordinated a series of six neighborhood planning workshops attended by over 450 citizens in November and December. As part of the workshops, participants were asked three questions designed to help prepare materials to support the neighborhood planning program. A report summarizing citizen feedback has been sent to workshop participants. Copies are available from the Neighborhood Planning Office.

There are still many aspects of the program to be worked out, so a Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee has been formed, consisting of one representative from each neighborhood district council area, two Planning Commission members, and six persons selected by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public; to get a schedule, call the Neighborhood Planning Office at 684-8398.

The Neighborhood Planning Office is headed by Karma Ruder, who was confirmed by City Council on January 23. Karma previously managed the City's Neighborhood Service Center Division of the Department of Neighborhoods for the last two years. Neighborhood Planning Office staff includes 10 project managers who will assist neighborhoods to prepare applications for funds and who will serve as the liaison during the planning process. The new office is located in Room 219 of the Municipal Building. You can call the Neighborhood Planning Office at 684-8398 during regular business hours; or send faxes to the Office at 233-0047.

For more information about the Neighborhood Planning Office or to receive a copy of the workshop report, call Lawrence McGuire at 233-0037.

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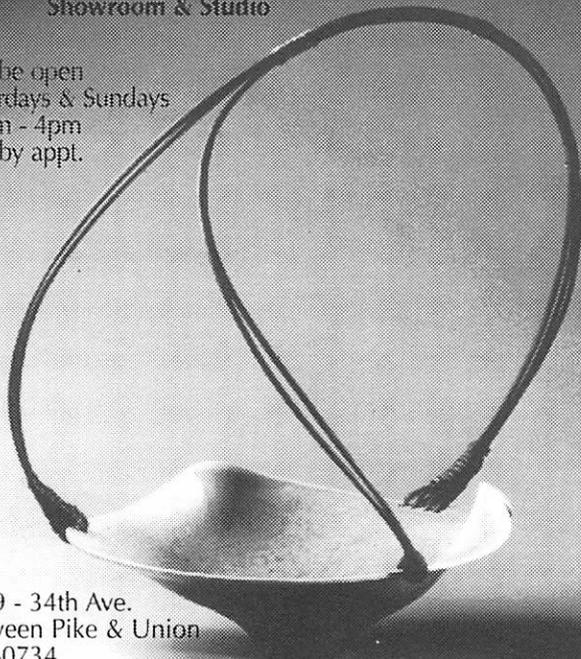
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- Mar 28 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm **Program Meeting** - "Brainstorming Session" on Madrona Business District Planning. Madrona School, 1121 33rd. Everyone Welcome!
- Apr 2 Third Madison Valley Progressive Dinner**  
5-8pm Event sponsored by the Greater Madison Valley Community Council to benefit the Before and After School Program at Martin Luther King School. Support our neighboring community in this great event. For ticket information, call 322-3626.
- Apr 4 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm **Working Meeting - Board and Committees** Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Apr 5 Madrona Gardeners**  
7:30pm Spring into the Spring gardening season! Shelter House, 34th&Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Mar 18- Spring Clean**  
**Apr 2** Volunteer clean up of public spaces. (See article)
- Apr 22 25th Anniversary of Earth Day**  
Help Earth Work Seattle, a volunteer work party sponsored by Student Conservation Association, working in parks through the city. (See article)
- Apr 28 Symposium on Madrones**  
8a-5p The Decline of Pacific Madrone: Current Theories and Research Directions. Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st. Call Paul West, Seattle Parks and Recreation, 684-4122 for more info.
- May Madrona Mayfair**  
Volunteers needed for Mayfair. Please call Susan Stocking, 324-9943 for information or to help.
- 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)

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## News From the Madrona Library

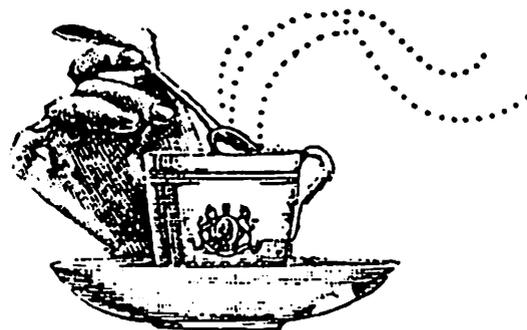
by Nancy Pew

Mrs. Virginia Bradford, who touched so many lives during her 21 years at the library, passed away on March 7 after a long illness. Neighbors and co-workers have missed her gracious presence since her retirement in 1993. Mrs. Bradford had always been there to help find the right book or information, to lend a sympathetic ear, to share community news, and to encourage generations of children by her concern, respect and expectations for them. We treasure her memory and are grateful for having known her. The library staff is preparing a scrapbook. Everyone is invited to contribute a written memory or picture of Mrs. Bradford, so the community will have a tangible remembrance of her.

Preschool story times continue on Monday mornings at 10:30am, through the end of April. Story times will resume in the summer after Nancy completes visits to four schools in May and June.

The library computer system underwent another update last month. Some of the improvements are in place, others are still being installed, such as improved indexing of subject and key word searches. This process should be completed soon.

For more information on library programs and activities, please call Nancy Pew at 684-4729.



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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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