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Mayfair T-Shirt Contest Calls All Junior Madrona Artists

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) is sponsoring the first annual Mayfair T-Shirt Decorating Contest open to all Madrona residents ages 5-12.

Create your design that best honors the Mayfair Celebration tradition on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper. Include your name, age and phone number and submit to Cupcake Royale by March 31. The MCC will select the winning design to be featured on T-shirts and Tote Bags available for sale online prior to Mayfair. The winner will be announced by April 8 and all proceeds from the sale will be used to fund neighborhood events.



Questions? Email Stacey Kryman at staceykryman@gmail.com.

MCC Officers' Column—Dickensian Budget Matters

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound ought and six, result misery."

Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*

In dollars rather than in pounds, the budgetary happiness or misery of Madrona Community Council (MCC) and its sponsored events rests on the contributions of Madrona residents. Two examples of much-loved Madrona institutions that can't happen without user support are the printed newsletter (monthly cost \$1,760)

and Mayfair (annual cost \$3,053). Following is a breakdown of expenses for each, costs that are mostly invisible in comparison to the equally huge volunteer effort required to produce them.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

We have been fortunate that the *Madrona News* newsletter has been partially funded by The Boeing Company as a match for Kim Herber's volunteer hours as editor, but that funding likely ends in June when her long service ends. Each newsletter costs about 75 cents to produce, so that,

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Former St. Therese Pastor Organizes Volunteer Fair

by Judson MacLaury, 30th Ave

Fr. Paul Magnano, pastor at St. Therese Catholic Church 1998-2003, has organized Seattle's first annual Downtown Volunteer Fair, to be held on April 3 at Christ Our Hope Church. Fr. Magnano is now pastor of this new Catholic church, which opened on August 10, 2010, and is housed in The Josephinum, a historic former hotel building which the Archdiocese of Western Washington purchased in 1963 to serve as permanent housing for the homeless. The church is located in the former dining room. The Fair is sponsored by Christ Our



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disregarding advertising revenue, a \$10 annual contribution to the newsletter from each of the 2,400 households who receive it would allow continuation in its present format, but not, of course, without an editor!

Costs:	
Printing – 12 page	\$1,330
Printing – 8 page	\$1,000
Fold/Label	\$220
Bulk Mail	\$210

MAYFAIR:

The people planning Mayfair are attempting to make the event itself be a fundraiser for MCC through day-of donations and the sale of t-shirts designed in a contest among Madrona children. Look for news about the t-shirts and contest in this issue from events chair, Stacey Kryman.

Costs:	
Liability Insurance	\$611
Parks permit	\$65
Entertainment	\$1912
Supplies	\$235
Special events permit	\$230

Send tax-deductible donations to Steve Orser, MCC Treasurer, 833 - 33rd Avenue, 98122 or it's even easier to give online via PayPal at the MCC page of the Madrona website www.madrona.us.

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Neighborhood Appreciation Day March 26

Join us at the Madrona K-8 Library on March 26 from 10:00 to 11:30am to honor some of the people who make Madrona extra special. There will be snacks and adorable entertainment provided by the students of Madrona K-8.

Award categories:

- **The Nora Award:** Given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Previous winners include Bob Bass, Mary Holm, Dorothy Grant, Dee Dee Rainbow, Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, Jim Diers, Suzanne Sheppard, John Platt & Paul Butler, Walter Bodel, Bill Hanson, Sarah Westneat, Carla Caldwell and Rich Appleton.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity. Previous winners include Sayre Coombs, Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, Ann Lennartz, Anthony Matlock, Junius Rochester, Floyd Goffney, Judith Starbuck, Laura Yuridin, Emma Kearney and Amy Bush.
- **The Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. Previous winners include Jon Hughes, the Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, Wayne Melonson, Julia Berry, Martha Ortiz-Williams, Kim Herber, Fred Strom, Cecil "Mac" McKenzie, Tyrone Love, and Burke Shethar.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a longtime, active resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed. Previous winners include Shirley Solomon, Jon Hughes, Shelley Huestis, Dr. Henry Kuharic and Joanne & Bill Scott.

Good Luck Finding a new Madrona News editor



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Madrona Businesses Plant Good Seeds

Thanks to the leadership of the Hi Spot Café's Mike Walker and Executive Conversation's Suzanne Sheppard, local Madrona businesses are spearheading the campaign to keep Madrona in bloom! With the efforts of these business owners and BOOM (Business

Owners of Madrona), the Madrona Blossoms hanging flower baskets will once again adorn storefronts and street lamps throughout our community. The baskets have been planted and are now growing in the greenhouse, so look for their color in early May!

When funding levels began to drop, these amazing business leaders stepped up to renew their support of the baskets because it's "good for business." The lush,

colorful baskets attract visitors (and photographers!), and make them want to linger—to shop, dine, play, relax. And neighbors tell us all the time how much they enjoy the beauty and color from May to October (and the holiday Wintergreens from November through January).

If you appreciate the color and vibrancy in our community, we invite you to join business leaders and neighbors in support of the 6th year of the Madrona Blossoms program! One basket, plus holiday decorations from November to February, costs \$275 annually to plant and maintain. Consider supporting a basket or two—as a family, with your friends, or group of neighbors.

Next month, we will include a Madrona Blossoms fundraising envelope in this newsletter, but if you'd like to send in your tax-deductible contribution before then, mail it to the Madrona Blossoms Treasurer. Or email doylemf@comcast.net or call 323-6128 to volunteer today! Thank you for your support!



CD Town Hall with Mayor McGinn

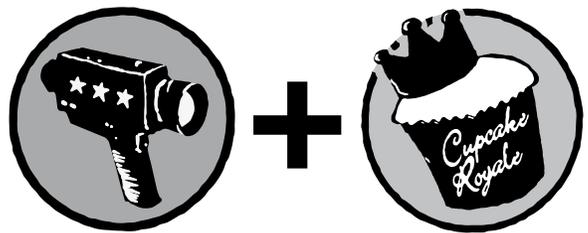
Have a question you'd like to ask Mayor Mike McGinn? Would you like to know more about who's doing what in the Central Area? If you've answered yes to either question, put the Central Area town hall meeting on your calendar. This meeting, which will be held at Garfield Community Center on Tuesday, March 22, is the next in a series of such meetings taking place across the City.

The evening's program kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with community groups, including the Madrona Community Council, the Central Seattle Parent Resource, Coyote Central, the Central District Public Art Project, and the Northwest African American Museum, staffing tables, showcasing their organizations' on-going work and recruiting additional members and support. City departments, such as Parks and Recreation, SDOT, and the Department of Neighborhoods, will also be on hand to answer questions about City-sponsored programs and initiatives.

At 6:30 p.m., youth performers will entertain meeting attendees to be immediately followed by a question and answer session with Mayor McGinn from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Whether you attend some or all of the evening's programming, this town hall gathering is an excellent opportunity to visit with neighbors, air questions and concerns, and find out more about services and programs in your neighborhood.

If you would like more information about this event please contact Susan Minoque at skminoque@yahoo.com.



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Mark Your Calendars—It's Time for Mayfair!

Madrona's annual Mayfair Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9-12:30. The parade will begin at Al Larkins park and end at the Madrona Shelterhouse. This year, the Madrona K-8 Drum Line will kick off the celebration, along with Deano the Clown and all the mini-cyclists. Bike decorating is tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon from 3-5 at the Shelterhouse so everyone will be ready when the parade begins. Please consider labeling your child's bike this year to ensure trikes go home with their rightful owners.

There will be carnival games, pony rides, a bouncy house and bake sale. Plan on joining the fun with your friends and neighbors.



Mayfair 2010

It takes nearly 500 volunteer hours to make Mayfair happen. And, there are jobs large and small to fit everyone's schedule. Please contact Nikki Lundin (nikki.lundin@comcast.net) if you have an hour to spare.

And, please consider donating to the Madrona Community Council (MCC) to help fund this event. Along with 500 volunteer hours, it takes over \$3,000 to cover city permits, insurance and vendor costs to produce Mayfair and the entire budget is neighborhood-funded. Send checks payable to the MCC Treasurer Steve Orser at 833 33rd Avenue, Seattle 98122. Or, look for the new PayPal feature on www.Madrona.us.

The MCC has also established a Facebook page for event notices and details. Please "like" Madrona Community Council to stay updated on the latest in the neighborhood.

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Madrona Needs You!

Should Madrona have a neighborhood Garage Sale this year? How about a Spring Clean-up Day? It takes you to make these events—or any others—happen, Get involved!

HOW WILL I BE INVOLVED IN MADRONA IN 2011?

2011 Madrona Neighborhood Events

Jan 15	MLK Day Celebration—Madrona Presbyterian
Mar 26	Neighbor Appreciation Day—Stacy Kryman
Apr	Community Garage Sale
May 14	Mayfair Parade & Carnival—Stacy Kryman Neighborhood Cleanup Madrona Flower Baskets
July/	
Aug	Madrona BBQ Festival
Sept	MCC Officer Election
Oct	Kids' Halloween Party
Nov	Winter Greens & Holiday Lights
Dec	Christmas Ships, Bon Fire & Carols at Madrona Beach



To get involved, contact these event coordinators or Stacy Kryman at staceykryman@gmail.com.

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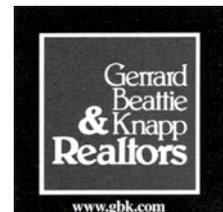
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Dine Out for Madrona K-8

By Madrona Panther Partners

Madrona K-8 is having its third annual Dine Out for Madrona K-8 on Tuesday April 12th. Dine Out for Madrona K-8 is a major fundraising event for our PTSA and school, and we hope to raise \$5,000 to support a large expansion of our arts programming, including visual, music, and performing arts. We are partnering with participating restaurants, cafes, and coffee shops on 34th Avenue to make this happen, and we ask all of you to join in supporting our neighborhood school in this future project. Businesses are helping us by donating a portion of their proceeds that day to our PTSA, Madrona Panther Partners, and you can donate directly to us on April 12th as well! So, plan on meeting up with other family and friends for a fun, community building event! Look for additional information on our posters for the event and on our website: <http://madronapantherpartners.org/>



This spring we invite you to come see just how special the spirit of St. Therese School is!

For Information:
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Two B-Ball Champs in the Same Day!

Both of Madrona K-8's middle school basketball team's became champions on Saturday February 12, 2011. The Boy's team played their hearts out and beat Ballard's Broadview-Thompson K-8 in stunning fashion! Boys are middle school K8 champions for 2010 – 2011!!!!



Coach Justin Hendrickson did a wonderful job all year and came on strong in the playoffs.

The girl's team played Magnolia's Blaine K-8 and despite being down much of the first half came roaring back for a big win! Girls are also middle school K-8 champions for 2010/2011! The girls finished with an undefeated season! Wow! Coach Jeff,

Coach Tami, and Coach Jon had a wonderful time working with the girls. Two champions



on one day! Great day for Madrona K-8!!!! Thanks for all the support, there were many staff and many parents from Madrona from all grade levels rooting on the teams! Ms. Thaxton was there screaming along with the rest of fans! The celebration is being planned! CONGRATS and Go Panthers!!

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Welcome Funds and Hands

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

With the help of funds awarded to us from the Kraus family bequest to the Madrona Community Council, about a thousand plants will have been added to the stream banks and steep hillsides in Madrona Woods and Ravine in the first three months of 2011. And the steep banks of the upper Ravine will be cleared of invasives by an Earth-Corps crew the end of March with the remaining maintenance funds in our final Aquatic Habitat Matching Grant from Seattle Public Utilities. Thanks to a small but hardy group from Seattle Works that helped our own hard workers replace gravel on the stairway to heaven in early February.

We'll be holding regular work parties the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 1:00. If you'd like to be added to our email list announcing work parties and other events, contact Deirdre at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com. Watch the kiosks or check the website for announcements and for more information about involvement in the Woods and natural area: www.madronawoods.org.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training

The Meredith Matthews YMCA is offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. Classes will be held at 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday April 18 thru 23. The cost to YMCA member is \$150 plus the cost of the book. Non-members pay \$175 plus book. Sign up at MMEM, 23rd & Olive, across from Safeway. For more information please visit www.seattleyymca.org.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Bell Thompson, 32nd Avenue

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 7.



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Leschi Natural Area Work Parties

By *Bunny and Francis Wood, 36th Avenue*

Madrona residents are invited to join a volunteer work party at the Leschi Natural Area that we and other neighbors of yours participate in on the first Saturday of most months. Our work activities change with the seasons and needs. They include planting native plants, pulling weeds, maintaining trails, trimming trees, and spreading mulch and chips delivered by Seattle Parks and Recreation. Participants are welcome for any time they can provide, and we will try to match their jobs with their preferences and abilities.

The Leschi Natural Area is about two blocks south of Cherry Street where 36th Avenue turns ninety degrees and becomes East Terrace. It is reached just beyond a concrete stairway that leads down towards Lake Washington. Occasional one-week postponements of the work party may occur, such as overlap with a major holiday. The work party day begins at 9:00 AM, rain or shine, and concludes at 3:00 PM. We provide gloves, tools, and a lunch for participants.

For scheduling or other information you may contact Bunny and Fran Wood at (206)323-2296 or co-organizer Diane Morris at (206)322-7648.

**Mutt Match-up Answers: Joanna & Nelson,
Mark & Luli, Mary & Momo**



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Meet the Folks of Oxbow Farms

Oxbow is a 20 acre organic farm and education center located in the Snoqualmie valley between Duvall and Carnation. We started the farm about 12 years ago on a ¼ acre (the year of the yellow zucchini. Lots of yellow zucchinis), and have been growing ever since. The heart of our farm business is our Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) where a household or business subscribes to our farm for the growing season. We offer small and family size shares.

We also sell at many Seattle farmers markets, including Madrona (Fri), Ballard (Sun), Carnation (Tues), and Olympic Sculpture Park (Thurs). Give or take 20 local restaurants feature our produce, and you can find our wares at the Madison Coop and Redmond PCC. If the CSA is the heart, then the soul of the operation is our children's education program. We are proud to announce the second season of our spring, summer, and fall youth programs.

Winter for a farmer is all about catching up on much needed rest; finishing projects long neglected during the spring, summer & fall; and looking back on the previous season as we plan the next season. Right now at Oxbow, winter vacations are now over. Seeds are ordered - some are in the ground already. The greenhouse is filling up with starts to be planted out in the spring. Field mapping is underway and the farmers are planning what to grow this year.

During this contemplative time of the year we are reminded how you, our CSA shareholders, our community, keep us going. Chatting with you at market, reading your emails thanking us for such beautiful, fresh produce and hearing your stories about how our work has enriched your lives, is truly what gets the farmers up in the morning. Okay, that and coffee. But you fuel us!

We encourage you to get to know where your food comes from! Please consider joining our CSA, join another farm's CSA, shop at your local farmers market, and ask for local ingredients when you are out to eat. Local food systems help us build deeper relationships with our environment and community. Eat and shop local! www.oxbow.org/csa.htm.



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Homes Sold	1	0.0%	0.0%
Median Sold Price	\$444 K	NA	▲ 3.3%
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Celebrating Local Genius

The February Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS) event of dinner and a movie featured local artist Trimpin, his new documentary, and about 100 neighbors and fans.



The Central Cinema hosted our fabulous February event.

On March 24th, 24 of us enjoyed a special \$30 meal at Nishino thanks to unique arrangements by Sherilyn Peterson who is friends with the owners.

Our plans for April 12th are to support Madrona

Elementary on their Dine Out event. Our 34th Ave restaurants pledge a portion of that evening's dinner proceeds to support programs at the school and we will have a table of MD&SS

diners at each restaurant. Join a table or just head out to dinner on your own that night.



Henry Kubarich, formerly of Madrona, brought souvenirs from Trimpin's early shows decades ago! Both were obviously pleased!

We want to do our part to support our local school and restaurants and hope that you will do the same!

You can find more

information about the event at: <http://madronapantherpartners.org/>

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Volunteer Fair... (cont'd from page 1)

Hope, co-sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Downtown Seattle Association, and the Pike Place Market Foundation, and supported by Virginia Mason Medical Center.

The Downtown Volunteer Fair will bring 25 Seattle social service agencies together in one place to meet the concerned public. Representatives will talk about what they do and how people can get involved. There will also be a schedule of speakers on issues related to homelessness and poverty and a special one-hour workshop on advocacy for the homeless. Many community leaders have expressed their support for the Fair, including Congressman Jim McDermott, who intends to stop by.

Tentative Speaker Schedule

- 12:00pm-12:15pm – Opening Prayer, Fr. Paul Magnano
12:15-12:30pm – Pastor Maynard Atik, Gethsemane Lutheran
1:00-1:20pm – Michael Reichert, Catholic Community Services
1:20-1:40pm – Nancy Reeder, Providence Health Services
1:40-2:00pm – Cathy & Paul Addis, "The Volunteer Experience"
2:00-2:20pm – Alison Eisinger, "The One Night Count"
2:20-2:40pm – Ruth Blaw, homeless teens and young veterans
2:40-3:00pm – Nancy Amidei, advocacy for the hungry
3:00-4:00pm – Alison Eisinger, "From Charity to Justice: Homeless Advocacy 101"

Christ Our Hope Catholic Church is located in The Josephinum at 1902 Second Avenue at Stewart Street, downtown Seattle.

According to Fr. Magnano, the Fair came about through grass roots activism. People in need started coming to his church last year seeking assistance and people wanting to be of help came to him seeking contacts for organizations offering assistance. Seeing that his church was becoming a de facto clearing house in this time of economic distress and reduced government services, Fr. Magnano contacted numerous local social service agencies about the growing demand for their services and a growing supply of people interested in being of use. He says there was an overwhelming response from the agencies, leading inevitably to organizing the Fair. Key to putting the event together have been a number of Madrona residents/St. Therese parishioners who worked with him on a Tent City event held on the church grounds while he was pastor. These public-spirited Madronans include John Platt of St. Cloud's restaurant and three couples: Brian Mack and Karin Ogran, Sean Walsh and Julie Tilghman, and Joel Sisolak and Julie Watts.

Fr. Magnano says of the Fair, "Given the severe budget cutbacks at the federal and state level, the Governor has called on Catholic Charities to step up with its people resources and do what the state cannot do. As a low income gentleman I know told me, "The "down-and-out" need the middle class, not to help us but to stand with us." This fair is a good way to bring all sorts of people together."

Please say "No" to poverty and homelessness and "Yes" to working together for our community, and come to the Downtown Volunteer Fair on Sunday, April 3.

Art Camp Fun at Madrona's Arts Aloft

The studio at 33rd and Spring is buzzing with activity. Classes for the Spring session have begun and we are studying art from around the world. Students created their own hot air balloons out of



plaster wrap to transport them on their journey through multi cultural art lessons.

Summer Camps are filling up with offerings such as Robin Hood and Maid Marion week, Sibling Fun, Pirates, Bugs! and Wild Things! Campers will be doing painting, plaster, mosaics, and more. Camps are for children ages 4.5-9 and begin the week of June 20th and run through the summer. You can check out summer camp offerings at www.artsaloftforkids.com or call 206-920-2015 for details and Registration.

Arts Aloft will also be offering camps for the **older artists** (age 10-15) with guest teacher Molly Crocker, Visual Arts teacher from St Joseph School Seattle. She will lead camps in glass melting, mosaics and bobble head creations. Info for this camp can be found under the Workshop button at www.artsaloftforkids.com.

Spring Break Camps are on April 18, 19 and 20 and run from 10:00-1:00 at a cost of \$60 per day or \$165 for all three days. Monday we will be doing art projects for the Garden and Kitchen. Tuesday we will explore the world of Pirates and Wednesday we will learn about Wild Things and make our own terrible mask! You can register on line and we look forward to hearing from you.



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It's Your Money: Sandwich Generation

From Barbara Banon, Edward Jones Investments

You may be too busy to realize it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Health Resource Network, a non-profit health education group, Stress Awareness Month is designed to promote awareness about ways to reduce stress in our lives. And if you're a member of the so-called "Sandwich Generation," you may well have plenty of stress to deal with — especially financial stress. And that's why you may want to look at this month as an opportunity to explore ways of "de-stressing" yourself.

To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, consider this: One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for an aging parent, according to the Pew Research Center.

To help ease this burden, consider these suggestions:

- *Save.* As a Sandwich Generation member, you're probably within shouting distance of your own retirement — so you need to be saving for it. Unfortunately, in helping these "boomerang" children, many people have to disrupt their day-to-day cash flow and raid their savings. That's why it's important to try to "pay yourself first" by deferring part of each paycheck into your 401(k) and by automatically moving money, each month, from your checking or savings account into your IRA.
- *Talk.* Many people in the "Greatest Generation" (over age 80) have not even prepared a will, so, if your parents are in that group, you may want to talk to them about taking action. Also, find out whom, if anyone, is handling their investments. And ask if your parents understand how Medicare works and if they need to add supplemental health insurance. It's best to have these conversations sooner, rather than later.
- *Delegate.* You eventually may have to take some responsibility for your parents' care — but you don't have to do it alone. You could, for example, work with a financial services provider that offers trust services. A professional trust officer can help manage your parents' investments and pay their bills. A qualified trust officer can make life a lot easier for you.

Stress Awareness Month only lasts 30 days, but by taking the right steps, you can de-stress yourself for many years to come. After all, just because you're in the Sandwich Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."

Law for All: 2011 Brings Positive Federal Legal Developments for Gay Couples

By Lori Rath, Attorney



Since the beginning of the year two important legal events have occurred the federal level that are favorable for gay and lesbian couples and their families.

Last month Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Department of Justice (DOJ) would no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) because the law is unconstitutional. Since 1996 DOJ had been defending the law, which is most often attacked for its provision that bars federal recognition of lawful marriages between same-sex couples. (Currently five states - Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Vermont - along with the District of Columbia issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples).

The impact and ramifications of the DOJ's change of policy are difficult to predict and remain to be seen. At least six court cases are pending in which plaintiffs challenge DOMA's constitutionality because it unfairly denies federal rights and benefits; Congress may be able to intervene in those cases. The federal government will continue to enforce (but not defend) DOMA until either the courts rule that it is unconstitutional or Congress repeals the law. (For example, lawfully married same-sex couples will still not be able to file their federal tax returns jointly.) Stay tuned.

In January new federal regulations regarding patients' hospital visitation rights went into effect. These new regulations require all hospitals participating in Medicaid and Medicare programs - virtually every hospital in the country - to permit patients to designate visitors of their choosing and prohibit discrimination in visitation on the basis of sexual orientation. The new regulations are in response to President Obama's 2010 directive to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop such regulations.

The President's concern stemmed from a case involving a lesbian couple from Lacey, Washington. In 2007, longtime partners Lisa Pond and Janice Langbehn were vacationing in Florida with their children. After Pond collapsed from an aneurysm that would prove to be fatal (Pond died the next day, at age 39), Langbehn's and the children's requests to be with Pond as she was dying were denied. Even the fact that Pond had a written power of attorney was ignored by the Florida hospital.

The new regulations are good news for Washington's gay and lesbian community. Although our state law contains hospital visitation protections for same-sex couples, those safeguards apply only to registered domestic partners.

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MON & THURS** 6:00 AM **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin www.nikkifitt.com
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- THURSDAYS** 11:00 AM **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library 684-4705
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Come support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Avenue www.bottlehouseseattle.com
7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker www.kbarker715@comcast.net
9:30 AM-10:30 AM **Children's Story Time**—Local storytellers! Madrona Shelterhouse. Karin Richard at k_e_richard@yahoo.com or 262-1537
- WEEKENDS** 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Mar 22 5:30 PM **Central Area Town Hall Meeting & Youth Performance**—The youth performances followed by Q&A with Mayor McGinn. Garfield Community Center. Susan Minoque, skminoque@yahoo.com
- Mar 24 6:00 PM **MD&SS Dine Around Seattle**—3 course for \$30 promotion at Nishino. Maximum 24 guests. A check for \$25 (payable to Nishino) is required to hold your spot. Audrey Seale, audreyseale@qwest.net.
- Mar 24 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting**—Meets the police to discuss local issues. Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 S. Jackson, Room 401. www.cwww.sngi.org/epcpclepcp3.htm
- Mar 26 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648.

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- Mar 26 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Neighborhood Appreciation Day**—Join us at the Madrona K-8 Library to honor some of the people who make Madrona extra special. There will be snacks and adorable entertainment provided by the students. Stacey Kryman staceykryman@gmail.com
- Mar 26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the toolbox at Spring & Grand. Deirdre McCrary, deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com

- Apr 3 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Cooking for the Homeless Serving Seattle's Outdoor Meal Site**—Fresh vegetables and fruits are greatly appreciated. Madrona Presbyterian. Darren Pritt, darren@neighborhoodcooking.org
- Apr 3 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM **1st Annual Downtown Volunteer Fair**—Join us and learn to put your concerns into action. Christ Our Savior Church 1902 Second Ave. Fr. Magnano, pmagnano@christourhopesattle.org

April						
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- Apr 5 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelter House. Paige Smith, paige.eg.smith@gmail.com

- Apr 6 9:00 AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—Amara conference room, 34th & Union. Nikola Davidson, Nikola@msnu.com

- Apr 6 7:30 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Panel discussion on the role of cultural organizations in our community with representatives from Langston Hughes, Pratt Fine Arts Center and Coyote Central. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net

- Apr 12 **Dine Out For Madrona K-8**—Dine out in neighborhood restaurants and support our school. Closer to the event date, go to the PTSA website for information and a list of participating restaurants. [madronapantherpartners.org](http://www.madronapantherpartners.org)

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700 37th Ave	\$538.29	4	\$1,195,000
1555 Grand Ave	\$459.22	15	\$1,295,000

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1137 32nd Ave	\$203.02	6	\$739,000
409 32nd Ave	\$319.68	90	\$749,000
3519 Conover Ct	\$501.80	236	\$1,395,000
1718 37th Ave	\$197.48	16	\$599,000
1618 40th Ave	\$270.68	66	\$720,000
1514 33rd Ave	\$352.36	123	\$739,000
1516 37th Ave	\$426.36	7	\$935,000
3433 E Florence	\$342.57	17	\$1,175,000

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818 30th Ave	\$281.89	79	\$535,000	\$443,975
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