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April Showers Bring...

By Barbara Parker, 37th Avenue

May flowers are especially welcome after a Seattle April that was one of the coldest and wettest on record. In addition to the gift of blooming bulbs and flowering trees and shrubs in yards and on hillsides tended by thoughtful neighbors, Madrona is home to new initiatives and returning favorites of flowers, plants, and fun.

First out of the gate in May is Best Buds which opened a garden and flower center on the NW corner of 34th and Pike early in the month. Bright garden plants arrive each day, bringing a spot of welcome color to 34th Avenue from 11-5 most days.

Owner Brenda Lorentzen intends to manage her existing Madison Park Best Buds location while sons Rory and Ross Coyne organize sales of locally grown and seasonal cut flowers and bedding plants in Madrona. Ross and Rory both attended Coyote Junior High, and both express excitement to be setting up shop in Madrona. Ross says the neighborhood welcome has been fantastic at the new location. As the accompanying picture illustrates, Ross provides special attention to meet each customer's flower and garden needs.



Ross Coyne of Best Buds offers Mother's Day floral advice to Madrona residents Alden and Andrew Arnold.

On May 7 non-profit Green Plate Special broke ground on a garden fence at 2725 E. Union (at the SW corner of Union and ML King). A good contingent of volunteers of all ages worked throughout the day, stopping only to sample goodies

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Madrona Community Council Officers' Corner

King County Assessor Lloyd Hara opened the May MCC meeting with a presentation about the work his office does and the modifications underway to make the system run more cheaply, efficiently, and transparently--which today means digital instead of paper. He reported that the average assessed value for Madrona for 2011 is \$533,979, and the average tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is 9.66, up from 9.04 last year. Individuals can see a pie chart of where their individual property

tax goes and lots of other information about property, budgets, and tax assessments at the King County website: www.kingcounty.gov/assessor.

With the departure in April of Paige Smith, Vice President for Events, and the wish of Steve Orser, longtime Treasurer, to be replaced, the MCC Executive Council has been down to two members. As of 2010, the Executive Council effectively was the board. Now, thanks to a bumper crop of new volunteers and support, the

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End of an Era: décor on 34th Wraps it Up

By Suzanne Sheppard, 34th Avenue

In August of 2003, Teresa and I, then next door neighbors on East Schubert Place, decided to venture into retail right in downtown Madrona. The result was décor, a labor of love with an elegant selection of beautiful and interesting objects for the home. In 2004, Teresa added an adorable Pug named Jasmine as our official greeter. And, the rest is history!

Somewhere in between the "7 year itch", and "8 is enough", we have decided - after almost 8 years - to wrap it up. We are grateful to all of our loyal customers. We remember all of the great parties (...well most of the party...) and it has been a wonderful experience for us. Our last day will be May 28 and everything is on sale until then.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts
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Council is pleased to announce that five executive members are in place, and the entire board is larger and more representative. Holly Smith, former Vice President, will assume the role of President until elections next fall. New board member Susan Minogue will become Vice President. Casey Losh has been working with Steve Orser to learn the financial situation and will take over as Treasurer sometime after Mayfair. Other new board members as of this year are the following: Barney Mansavage (liaison with Madrona K-8), Bill Mahoney, Jason Cook, Karin Richard (liaison with Garfield Community Center and planner of events for children), Nikki Lundin (liaison between MCC and the Business Owners of Madrona aka BOOM), and Stacey Kryman (Vice President in charge of events).

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Madrona Realtor Kevin O'Doherty has graciously offered to help get MCC onto more sound financial footing by donating a percentage of his residential sales in Madrona to MCC. His generous gift is designed to enhance—not replace—needed individual contributions that fund the volunteer-run events that we all enjoy as community assets—Mayfair, Halloween party, newsletter, and flower baskets. Ideas are brewing for additional community events—revival of the barbeque, outdoor movie in the park, emergency-preparedness workshop. If there is something that you value among these activities, please consider contributing to make them happen.

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Central District Garden Tour – June 4, 2011

By Jean Tinnea

The Ninth Central District Garden Tour takes place June 4, 2011 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. This year's focus is on urban and edible gardens, on teaching kids how to grow and cook edible gardening, and on public art. The tour features nine private gardens as well as seven public sites including Alleycat Acres, the Green Plate Special kids' garden and cooking center, the Umoja PEACE garden, the Pollinator Pathway, and Nora's Woods.

\$6 tickets are available online at gardentour.centraldistrictseattle.org, at City People's at 2939 E. Madison, and at Central Coop at 17th & Madison. On tour day tickets also will be available at Garden Tour Headquarters (MidTown Plaza at 23rd and Union) where many Central District businesses and service organizations will staff booths to showcase their own work, provide information on sustainable practices and rain gardens, and sell veggies, herbs, fruiting plants and shrubs.

Volunteers are welcome to help with any one of numerous important tasks such as selling tickets and plants, assisting at a garden during the tour, set-up, knock down, etc. Funds raised will support the CD Public Art Project, and volunteer hours will be matched by a City Department of Neighborhoods Matching Funds Grant that also supports the CD Public Art Project. For more information or to buy a ticket, visit our websites at artproject.centraldistrictseattle.org or gardentour.centraldistrictseattle.org. You may also email me at jean_tinnea@hotmail.com.



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“Most Beautiful” Bike to Work Day Station

By Bridget Quigg, Leschi

Who's in for a relaxing morning by the lake sipping hot coffee and chatting with bike commuters? If that's you, write me at quiggles98@yahoo.com to volunteer at the third annual Madrona Park Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Bike to Work Day Station on Friday, May 20.

Our Madrona Park stop is now one of the longest running DIY stations in Seattle for Bike to Work Day.



The Leschi Starbucks will donate coffee, cream, and sugar. I will bring orange juice. Can you provide homemade baked goods? Please let me know. The commuters really appreciate the boost on their way to work or school, or while just taking a long cruise to each station.

We are consistently told that we have the “most beautiful,” “most friendly,” and “yummiest” station. Come join in the fun and support our two-wheeled cause on Friday, May 20, at Madrona Park. Kids are welcome. We'll arrive around 6:30am. Come by any time before 10:00am for breakfast and a friendly “hello.”

Garage Sale Date Set

By Karin Richard, Marion St

The Madrona Neighborhood Garage Sale date has been set! The sale will be Saturday, June 18, and everyone in Madrona is encouraged to have a sale at their home on that day. Get ready to mingle with your neighbors and find some great buys! We will produce a neighborhood map of all the sales, promote it on-line, and bring lots of shoppers into our neighborhood.

I am looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. I need help putting up signs, creating the map, and working the day of the sale. Please send an email to madronasale@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

If you are interested in participating in the Madrona Neighborhood Garage Sale, email madronasale@gmail.com by June 10. Include your name, address, and a one sentence description of the things you plan to sell, for example, kids' stuff, books, household items, small furniture, large furniture, toys, women's clothes, sports equipment, records, etc. We ask participants who want their sale listed on the community map to give a \$15 donation to the Madrona Community Council. All money raised goes to support other neighborhood events, such as the Halloween Party, Mayfair and the *Madrona News*.

décor wraps it up... (cont'd from page 1)

for being so supportive with not just your purchases, but also with your presence. We have loved every minute and hope that our enduring legacy is some beauty that you brought into your home.



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Madrona Dining & Sipping Society News

Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

May's Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MDSS) event is a special salute to long-time *Madrona News* editor Kimberley Herber to honor her for all her years of editing the newsletter for us all. We'd hardly be a neighborhood without our newsletter. Please make an effort to clear your calendar and join us for dinner. If you really can't come for dinner, stop by to thank Kim or send her a note. Please RSVP to me when you know that you are able to attend at audreyseale@qwest.net. Cafe Soleil usually has a maximum of about 25 guests.

By June Pritty Boy's Pizza is expected to be open, and MDSS will be there! Maybe Molly Moon for dessert : >)

In other news: Chef Julie Guerrero and Carlos Kainz from Dulces have taken over management for the new owners of Finn Hill restaurant Bella Vita Ristorante. These two experienced restaurateurs bring a depth of experience to Bella Vita, including Carlos' long standing knowledge of the wine industry and Julie's cooking prowess. In additional good news, we learned that staff members from Dulces—including the always welcoming Manny Alfonso—continue to work with Guerrero and Kainz at the Finn Hill location. Madrona residents are invited to travel across the lake to see what's cooking at Bella Vita and for our friends from Dulces.

Barbara Parker (37th Avenue) has enthusiastically agreed to become the new editor of *Madrona News*. She acknowledges that it will not be easy to replace Kim Herber, but hopes that members of the community will continue to provide leads, ideas, stories and support to make a smooth transition.

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Play Madrona Music Matchup

By Bell Thompson, 32nd Avenue

Do you like music? Do you play any instruments? These people play musical instruments and I want you to guess who plays what. The answers are on page 7.



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St. Therese Students Row Windermere

St. Therese students were counted among a mere 50 3rd through 6th graders in Seattle who spent a day learning how to row. This activity was part of the 25th Annual Windermere Cup celebration. Rowing skills were taught by UW Husky men's and women's crew members as well as visiting national and international athletes who themselves competed in the 25th Annual Windermere Cup on May 7. The children went through the Husky team's stretching regime, worked out on ERG machines, learned about the importance of nutrition and teamwork, received instructions in basic rowing, and—as shown in the related picture—practiced their skills on the water.

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Madrona K-8 News Briefs

By Madrona K-8 Panther Partners

Another year has already flown by! June is just around the corner and Madrona K-8 is getting ready for many great end of school year activities:

- **June 08: Middle School Sports Banquet**
- **June 15: Student Talent Show.** A fun evening show celebrating student-created pieces of all kinds – science fair, art walk, singing, dancing, poetry, drama and more. All community members are welcome.
- **June 17: 8th Grade Graduation.** We are so proud to celebrate our 8th grade student achievements and wish them all well as they prepare to move on to high school.
- **June 20: Spring Field Day.** A day of fun for students – carnival games, dunk tank and more.
- **June 21: Last day of school before summer vacation.**

For information on all the above check in with

<http://madronapantherpartners.org/>

Valley's Soggy Spring

By Gail Mensher, Admissions Director

We are embracing the somewhat soggy spring season with thematic units focused on flowers and birds (pre-kindergarten), rainforests (kindergarten), park landscape design (first grade), poetry (second grade), heros (third grade)and Japanese history and arts (fourth and fifth grades). Amazing painting, sculpture, poetry, bookbinding projects, arboreal habitats, and park models are cropping up in classrooms all over campus. At The Valley School we believe that self-expression through the arts fosters cognitive, intellectual, fine motor and language development. In combination with engaging units of study, art and thoughtful hands-on projects bring greater meaning and understanding to the children and support their academic and intellectual work.

With summer just around the bend, we have requested a sunny day for our June 8 graduation ceremony and all-school picnic. Our 15 graduates from fifth grade will each be honored with a dictionary containing personal messages and congratulations from their teachers. The grads will be heading off to schools all over Seattle after their highly successful applications to middle school. At Valley, the rosters are full for the 2011-12 school though parents interested in the pre-kindergarten program are encouraged to call to see if any openings remain. Happy Spring!



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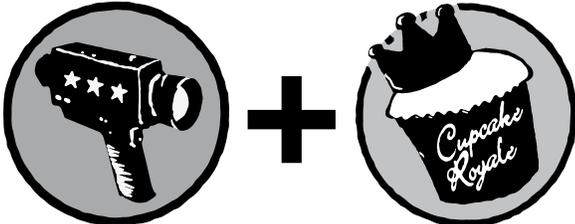
Although the neighborhood feel of Madrona makes the sometimes unmanageable scale of the city of Seattle a bit more manageable, the truth is that Madrona is still big. According to data found on www.city-data.com/neighborhood/Madrona-Seattle-WA.html, our population numbers 3,774 including a healthy contingent of infants to 15-year-olds, a great many residents aged 30-60, and many who are older than 60. According to the same report, we are Asian, black, Hispanic, white and of mixed races. Some 6.8% of Madrona residents were born in another country and over 50% were born outside Washington state. So, encouraged by an e-mail from long-time Madrona resident Cindy Bucher, I got to wondering about all the ways that people in Madrona forge smaller communities within the still-large Madrona community. Cindy's experience provides an interesting example. She wrote:

"I grew up in Madrona. I love and treasure what I consider one of Seattle's best neighborhoods, but there are downsides to being great--like high property values and taxes--and I worry about losing the diversity that always meant Madrona to me as home values become unattainable to many. To help with these problems (and because just my partner, our dog, and I would be rattling around alone in our huge 1907 home) we started renting out rooms. To share with others who otherwise might not be able to afford Madrona, as well as to add to the diversity of our community. Along the way we have had some interesting experiences and met some really neat people."

Cindy goes on to write that in four years of home sharing, a few life-long friendships have developed. Most who rent "are single people looking to have frequent interactions with others and who share a desire to tread a little more lightly on the planet and reduce that large footprint we Americans share in general. Our 'theme' has always been eco-consciousness. Madrona Nursery was started here and expanded to just up the street with my mother when she moved a few years back. Housemates have ranged in ages, backgrounds and occupations, some NW locals, but most not. We are blessed with great local eateries, lots of opportunities for fresh air and exercise with the lake and woods so nearby, and of course that slow-paced lifestyle of stopping to chat with your neighbors, which has to help reduce stress."

In writing about her experiences Cindy demonstrates one approach to making home more personal and more manageable within her Madrona community. Those experiences and insights also are the impetus for a new occasional feature for the Madrona News to be titled "Community within Community." We encourage the submission of ideas and stories from those of you who have found new and interesting ways to build your own communities within Madrona. In our June newsletter we will feature Neighborhood Night Out activities as another example of community building. If you have a Neighborhood Night out story to share, send it to us at madronanews@gmail.com. Or send other ideas you have for future "Community within Community" features also to madronanews@gmail.com.

*As it happens, Cindy has an opening for a new roommate; reach her at madronamadhouse@yahoo.com for details.



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Coyote Central Returns to CD

Coyote Central is moving into its new home at 23rd and Cherry – just in time for an exciting summer of creative workshops for middle-school kids ages 10 – 15.

A Grand Opening is planned for Sunday, June 12 from 3:00 to 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in Coyote Central's 25-year history. Come discover all the new location has to offer, enjoy performances by Coyote students and see the Nick Cave-inspired wearable art that paraded in SAM's March to the Center of the Earth procession. Sample wonderful foods prepared by Coyote's fine chefs and enjoy live jazz by the local band, Comfort Food.

Coyote Central connects adolescents with professionals, creating opportunities for kids to explore their interests, discover their talents and learn sophisticated skills. In each course – from cartoon animation to creating your own bicycle to making pastries – kids are challenged to think creatively and solve problems. With each creative solution found, they gain confidence in their ability to solve any problem – in the studio, in school or in life.

Over 85 different courses will be offered this summer, including Design and Sew, Music for Movie Soundtracks, Cartoon Animation, Glass Blowing, Cooking with a Pro, Acting and Improvisation, Chair Design & Build, and Break Dancing – just to name a few! Learn more at www.coyotecentral.org.

Music Match-up Answers: Joe plays the harmonica, Mark plays the bass, Steve plays the guitar



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Median List / SqFt.	\$419	▲ 4.8%	▲ 6.9%
Homes Sold	8	▲ 14.3%	▲ 33.3%
Median Sold Price	\$354 K	▼ 50.2%	▼ 37.4%
Median Sold \$ / SqFt.	\$352	▼ 18.1%	▼ 11.6%
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The party will feature the release of our latest white wines and Rosé just in time for summer sipping -- and the release of the second Port-style wine from our new estate vineyard on Naches Heights. Also featured will be our new Maison line of "recession-busting" wines in refillable 1.5 liter bottles. Additionally, we will have some library wines for sale, including the 2008 Red Mountain Melange that received 91 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate magazine. Winemaker and Madrona resident Paul Beveridge and his family will be on hand to discuss the new wines and give you the latest news from the vineyard.

Whites

- 2010 Pinot Grigio, Burgess Vineyard - \$16*
- 2010 Estate Melange Blanc - \$19*
- 2009 Viognier, Yakima Valley - \$16
- 2008 Semillon, Artz Vineyard - \$16

Rosé is Back!

- 2010 Rosé of Sangiovese - \$16*

Maison Refillable Bottles

- Chardonnay / Pinot Gris - \$28 (1.5L)
- Cab, Merlot, Cab Franc - \$28 (1.5L)
- Sangiovese - \$28 (1.5L)

Estate Dessert Wines

- 2010 Estate Port - \$19*

Library Selections

- 2006 Merlot, Klipsun - \$29
- 2006 Syrah - \$29
- 2007 Nebbiolo - \$29
- 2008 Sangiovese - \$19
- 2008 Red Mtn. Mélange - \$29

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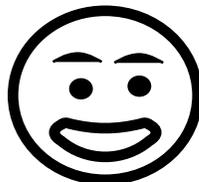
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CleanScapes Recasts 2010 Project

As you may recall, last year CleanScapes tracked the total tons of waste each neighborhood generated month by month. The part of town that reduced its waste the most won the grand prize--a \$50,000 community improvement project! The winner was the Thursday area, which includes part of Madrona.

Members from that area were invited to propose how best to spend the money. A community committee reviewed all the proposals and selected a project to improve the playground in Washington Park, just inside the Arboretum. Other projects considered were:

2. Historic bronze sidewalk art in Madrona
3. Information kiosk at Montlake Gateway Park
4. SDOT information kiosk on First Hill
5. Madison Park stairway rails

Over the last six months CleanScapes has worked through a design review, planning and implementation process with the Seattle Parks Department on the proposed play structure at Washington Park. In February, Seattle Parks determined that the original proposal would not be approved, as they did not want the swings removed from the existing containment area to make way for a new playground structure.

Seattle Parks suggested to CleanScapes that Parks could expand the existing play area and install a containment curb into which CleanScapes could install the proposed play equipment. Prior to this work commencing, however, soils testing revealed uncompacted landfill soils. It was determined that construction issues around these test results would expand the project's scope of work and cost well beyond the reach of the \$50,000 project budget, even with assistance from Parks.

At this time, CleanScapes will begin a new process with the Seattle Department of Transportation to review the next slate of projects and determine which of them can be implemented within the \$50,000 project budget.

We would like to share our sincere thanks to everyone in the community who worked on the Washington Park play structure project, namely the project proposers - Ann McCurdy and Michelle McKelvey and the many families who attended the public

meeting. As we move forward with the other proposed projects, we will keep the community informed with status updates and outreach.

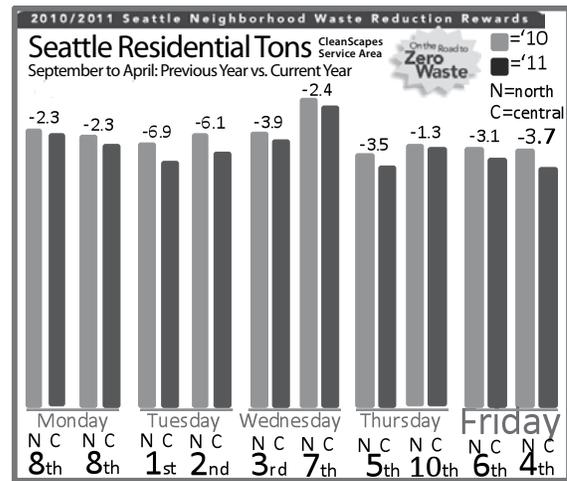
CleanScapes is still fully committed to providing the neighborhood with a \$50,000 project! Please direct any questions about Washington Park to Dewey Potter at Seattle Parks, 684-7241.

Go Friday!

CleanScapes' 2011 waste reduction competition is well underway. Right now, the Tuesday collection area is in the lead. BUT Friday, which includes part of Madrona, is a close second! If that's your trash pickup day, you have a chance to help win the next \$50,000 community improvement project. This competition ends September 30, 2011.

Did you know that a typical Seattle family of four generates 6,200 lbs (3 tons) of waste annually? But it's easy to reduce your home's output if you just:

Have a garage sale. Buy rechargeable batteries. Share. Trade. Swap. Rent. Use refillable water bottles and coffee mugs. Cancel junk mail, phonebooks and catalogs. Replace paper towels and napkins with cloth kitchen towels and washable napkins. Bring your own bag. Compost at home. Use a worm bin. Grasscycle. Mulch. Use Tupperware. Reuse. Repair. Buy in bulk. Buy local. Buy second-hand. Donate or sell unwanted items. Print double-sided... you get the idea!



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April Showers... (cont'd from page 1)

provided by Green Plate founders Laura, Libby, Tracy, and Jeff and many others who dropped by to lend support. The fence will soon be decorated with art and plants, while the lot itself will be given over to a youth garden for middle school students to grow nutritious fruits and vegetables. Also planned is a youth kitchen

where participants can learn simple and delicious cooking techniques. Anticipated start dates for the kitchen are late June to July, but summer promises outdoor cooking and BBQ opportunities. So far Green Plate has provided a class for Treehouse clients, is working with Friends of the Children for a May and June class, and working with the YMCA for an after school program. Additional summer plans include building garden beds, tilling, and fence decorating. For additional information or to volunteer, see www.greenplatespecial.org.



On May 20, Madrona Farmer's Market opens its season and will run from 3-7 every Friday through the end of September. As in years past, the market will assemble vendors selling seasonally fresh produce, flowers, breads, pasta, and an array of other items; also on offer will be a weekly cooking demonstration. The Market is located in the south parking lot for Grocery Outlet on the SE corner of Union and ML King.

May also brings back two well-known favorites: Mayfair on May 15 and the delightful Madrona Blossoms project, which maintains hanging flower baskets along 34th Avenue from May through October. Mayfair is sponsored by the Madrona Community Council; the Blossoms project is a subcommittee of the same organization.

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It's Your Money:

401(k) Review & Rollover Can Be Rewarding

By Barbara Banon, Edward Jones Investments

Your 401(k) offers tax-deductible contributions, tax-deferred growth of earnings potential and a variety of investment options — so it's a great tool for building retirement savings. Yet like all tools, your 401(k) must be used properly to get the best results. That's why you should review it at least annually and make whatever adjustments are needed.

Depending on where you work, you may get some 401(k) review help from your plan provider. But if that assistance isn't available, you might want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you're getting the maximum benefit from your plan.

As you begin to review your 401(k), you should ask:

"How much should I contribute?" At the very least, try to put in enough to receive your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. If you don't earn this match, you are essentially walking away from "free money." Beyond this, though, the amount you put into your 401(k) might depend on what other retirement savings vehicles you have available.

Of course, it's not only how much you put into your 401(k) that determines its success — it's also how you choose to allocate your investment dollars. Your 401(k) may have a dozen or more investment choices, such as stock funds, bond funds, and money market funds. To choose the right investment mix, you'll need to consider a variety of factors, including: your age, your goals, and your other retirement income sources.

Apart from putting away as much as you can into your 401(k) and choosing the right investment mix, what else can you do to get the most out of your plan? Here's a suggestion: if you have worked at various jobs and acquired multiple 401(k)s, consider rolling them over into one account. You might save money on fees and reduce paperwork, but more importantly, you'll be able to concentrate your resources and pursue a unified investment approach, with your investment dollars working together toward your ultimate retirement goals.

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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- 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.bottlehousesattle.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.kwbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kwbarker715@comcast.net)
 3:00 PM-7:00 PM **Madrona Farmer's Market**—Market starts May 20th, continues every Friday through October. Grocery Outlet parking lot.
- WEEKENDS** 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. www.bigbluetruck.org

- May 18 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. John Platt, john@stclouds.com
- May 18 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Wilridge Winery Vintage Release Party**—Neighbors and friends are invited to attend Wilridge's vintage release party to sample a variety of wines
- May 18 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM **Free Yoga**—At Madrona Presbyterian Church, 32nd and Marion. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket to class. Galen Motin Goff 963-0087
- May 20 6:30 AM – 10 AM **Bike to Work Day Station at Madrona Beach**—Featuring coffee donated by the Leschi Starbucks, plus OJ and homemade baked goods. Bridget Quigg, quiggles98@yahoo.com
- May 25 6:30 PM **Café Soleil**—The Madrona Dining and Sipping Society salutes *Madrona News* Editor Kimberley Herber. To make reservations, contact Audrey Seale at audreyseale@qwest.net
- May 26 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting**—Members of the public meet with the police to discuss local issues. Seattle Vocational Institute, 2120 South Jackson, Room 401. www.cwww.sngi.org/epcpclepcp3.htm

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- May 28 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods work parties**. Meet at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- June 1 9:00 AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—Amara conference room, 34th & Union, Nikola Davidson, Nikola@msnu.com
- June 1 7:30 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—UW authors discuss their book *Seattle Geographies*. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- June 2 6:30 – 8:30 PM **Green Plate Special “Meet and Greet” at Cortona Café**—Founders and volunteers welcome neighbors—especially middle schoolers—for a slide show of cooking classes, a brief tour of the garden site, and the opportunity to learn more about what lies ahead. Art classes for young ones will be provided. 2325 E Union; ldewell@gmail.com
- June 4 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we will meet 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
- June 4 11 AM – 4 PM **Central District Garden Tour**—This year's theme is urban and edible gardens, and public art. \$6 tickets will be available online at gardentour.centraldistrictseattle.org, at City Peoples at 2939 E. Madison, Central Coop at 17th & Madison. Jean Tinnea jeant@tinnea.net

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- June 5 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 Church. Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org
- June 7 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Please come! Madrona Playfield Shelter House. Paige Smith paige.eg.smith@gmail.com
- June 8 9:00AM **Fifth Grade Graduation**—Followed by a family picnic at 11:00AM. Valley School www.thevalleyschool.org/
- June 12 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Coyote Central Grand Opening**—Tour Coyote's new home at 23rd & Cherry. For workshops visit www.coyotecentral.org
- June 15 **Student Talent Show**—Science fair, art walk, singing, dancing, poetry, drama and more. Everyone welcome! madronapantherpartners.org/
- June 17 **8th Grade Graduation**—Wish them well as they prepare to move on to high school. Madrona K-8 madronapantherpartners.org/
- June 18 9:00AM – 4:00PM **Madrona Community Garage Sale Day**—Contact Karin Richard at madronasale@gmail.com by June 10 to have the sale at your home listed on the map!



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