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Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

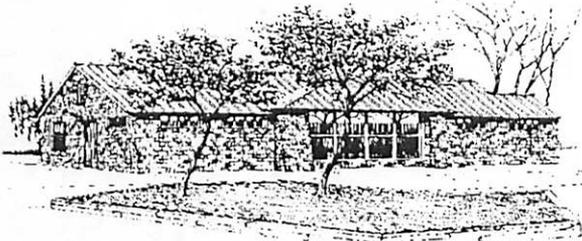
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Urban Design Award for Madrona Business District

Madrona's Business District, 34th and Union, has been recognized by the City Planning Commission and Design Commission for its success. Mayor Norm Rice presented Madrona with one of the 1993 Urban Design Recognition Awards. The awards spotlighted Urban Neighborhoods That Work: Lessons for Urban Villages. Over thirty areas were nominated for recognition. Madrona is one of nine honored for its overall urban neighborhood quality. While all neighborhood business districts have their problems, Madrona's business district shines with many attributes that are key to success.

The award is a beautiful scene depicting the corner of 34th and Union. It will be on display in the Shelter House. (Another good reason to attend the next general/business meeting.)

Congratulations to all of the businesses, institutions and neighbors who contribute to the success of the Madrona Business District.



Community Calendar

- May 15 Madrona MayFair - Note Date**
10am- Parade starts at Al Larkins Park, 34th and Pike.
4pm Festivities continue at Madrona Playground with games, prizes and music (see related announcement)
- May 15 Annual Spring Plant Exchange**
10am- Roger's Thriftway Parking Lot, Union and Martin
1pm Luther King. (See related article)
- May 25 Madrona Wildlife: What, Where, How**
7:30pm Madrona Community Council Program Meeting.
Nora Wood Meeting Room, Madrona Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Join us to learn more about Madrona's wildlife. Also our Annual Meeting for the election of new board and officers for next year. Everyone is encouraged to come! (See related articles)
- Jun 1 Madrona Community Council Working Meeting**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Jun 5 Madrona Ravine Clean-up Day**
9am 38th and Spring Street. All volunteers welcome. (See related article)
- Jun 19 Madrona Ravine Planting Day**
9am 38th and Spring Street. All volunteers welcome.

Spring Clean '93 - A Success

On Saturday, May 1st, 14 neighborhood residents turned out to help clean the sidewalk along 38th Avenue at Madrona Ravine. With the help of neighborhood youth Brian Reich; Michael, Warren and Jamie North; Thomas Buehrens; and Matthew Dobie, and others we completed the task in less than 2½ hours. We moved the enormous stumps that had been blocking the sidewalk off the walk and shoveled the built-up dirt from the walk so now it is a safer place to walk. Thomas showed great enterprise in scouring the park and ravine for trash and rolling out a tire that had been dumped over the edge. Julie North volunteered to take the trash to the transfer station the following day. Thank you all for another successful Spring Clean effort!

MayFair is Saturday, May 15th

It's not too late to participate in Madrona MayFair. Don't miss out on one of Madrona's most unique neighborhood celebrations. We are still looking for people to operate children's game booths, help with setup and cleanup and provide overall support. The jobs are varied and fun. We have a task for every skill level. Call Susan today at 324-9943.

If you prefer your own booth, there is still space in the neighborhood garage sale/vendor area. Spaces are \$5.00 each, bring your own table. Call Marty at 325-1224.

Don't miss the wonderful annual event, even if you can't help with its production. This neighborhood party is always a great time for everyone, not just children! There is no better way to get the spirit of Madrona than MayFair!

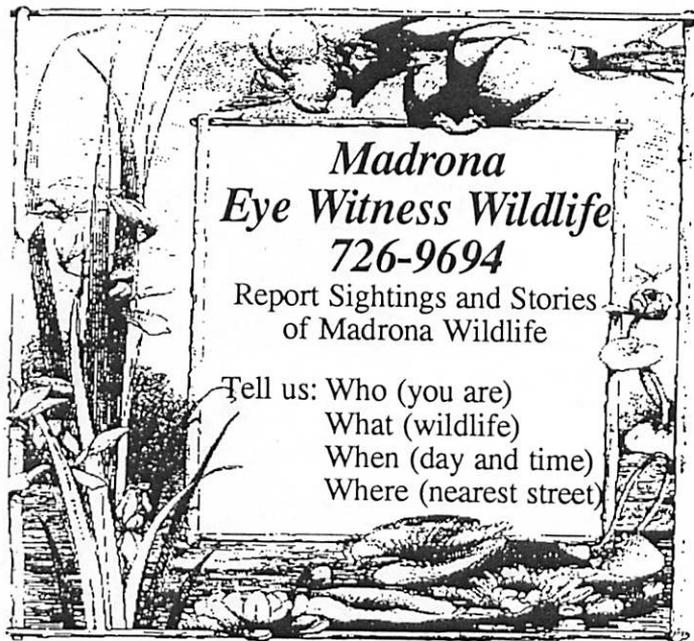
Annual Spring Plant Exchange Saturday, May 15th, 10am-1pm



Rogers Thriftway Parking Lot, Union at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. FREE plants of many kinds - indoor, outdoor, roots, shoots, etc. Good starts for your garden. Bring a box, friends, neighbors. Master gardener to answer questions. Not necessary to bring plants to get plants, just come, meet your neighbors, learn more about plants, and take something home to put in your garden.

Urban Wildlife Program May 25th What, Where, and How

We will have guest speakers on what wildlife you can find in Madrona, where to find it, and how to best provide habitat for our urban wildlife. Please bring your children. We will have special wildlife pop-up books for children. Also, we will discuss the plans for restoration work in Madrona Ravine with the Boys & Girls Club and the possibility of a trail restoration project in Madrona Park with the Student Conservation Association and Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Youth Employment Project. Learn about upcoming wildlife survey. (See article)



**Madrona
Eye Witness Wildlife
726-9694**

Report Sightings and Stories
of Madrona Wildlife

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

by Zohreh Hadji-Agha and Mike Gordon

The most unusual sighting for April was by Raymond Phillips. He spotted three parrots looking very comfortable on 31st Street. It is not known if they are feral or recent fugitives. Susan Hilliard's feeder has attracted doves, redwing blackbirds and, believe it or not, a very comical female mallard duck. Carolyn Feise also has seen redwing blackbirds at 38th and Pike. She is concerned that the bushtits have disappeared. Along with the pine siskins, goldfinches and other small birds, they may have fallen to the winter's epidemic, a highly virulent strain of salmonella spread at poorly tended feeders. When cleaning feeders or removing dead birds this spring, observe strict personal hygiene, since salmonella can be transmitted to humans. A bleach solution is an effective sterilizer.

Stephen Matthias, on April Fool's Day, saw an Opossum meander through his back yard near Madrona and Newport; Vicki Bestock saw one traversing a telephone wire! Zohreh Hadji-Agha reports two good sized turtles (about 6x8 inches) living in the Denny Blaine Pond. This is most unusual since the cement bottom prevents them from burrowing to avoid the winter freeze. Check out the pond for frogs and goldfish, too. Thanks for all your sightings. Keep your reports coming.

Controlling Cats*

Fragile nestlings and fledglings are at risk in spring. A recent four-year study in Wisconsin suggests that cats may be a major threat to some bird populations, especially the ground nesters and ground feeders. Kills by cats for Wisconsin alone were calculated at 19 million songbirds annually. No wonder, with an estimated 1295 cats per urban square mile.

What works, What doesn't

Fat cats DO hunt. With all their natural feline predator instincts intact, well-fed domestic cats can be "super-predators" of birds. Training a cat not to hunt is about as effective as training a bird not to fly. Belling your cat doesn't work because cats are almost motionless while stalking besides, birds don't associate bells with danger. De-clawed cats can still pounce, bat down and capture their prey. The only truly effective remedy is keeping your cat in doors. The Humane Society reports that free-roaming cats live three to five years; indoor cats reach 17 years or more. It's a jungle out there. Protect your cat and the birds.

* Adapted from *Crossing Paths*, Spring 1993, a newsletter of the Washington Department of Wildlife Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Program.

Madrona Ravine Restoration June 5th and June 19th

The Rotary Boys & Girls Club has adopted the Madrona Ravine as part of a Neighborhood Matching Grant project. As part of the Urban Angling and Environmental Education Project, members of the club and adult volunteers will join with Madrona residents to begin restoration of the Madrona Ravine. The next step of the restoration will be a clean-up of the ravine, and removal of undesirable non-native plants such as English laurel, blackberries and holly. The volunteers will also be stenciling storm drains to remind residents not to dump hazardous materials into the drains, which empty into the ravine and eventually into Lake Washington. With the able staff support of Leisa Portman, a clean-up work party is scheduled for June 5th at 9am.

The project will then replace the non-native plants with low maintenance native plants. The planting day is scheduled for June 19th at 9am. Madrona Community Council will be providing the plant material through a Washington State Wildlife Grant. Please call Leisa, 324-7317, if you would like to volunteer or have a child that would like to participate. The Madrona Community contact is Jim Schultz at 329-3809.

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

Gardeners Primed to Prune

by Karla Neugebauer



On March 20th, 23 Madrona residents were treated to the first gardening workshop to be held at the Madrona Shelter House. Cass Turnbull, master

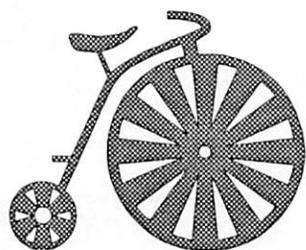
gardener and president of PlantAmnesty, gave an informative and often hilarious lecture/slide show illustrating the "do's and don'ts" of tree and shrub pruning. Bedecked in various saws, axes and loppers, Cass then took us through an excellent demonstration. Our thanks to Mr. Neuss who made his garden available to us for the demo. By the end of the morning, many of us remarked at how Cass's simple pointers had demystified the subject completely.

A number of us came away with enthusiasm for another such workshop next year. The Shelter House was the perfect place for the event: friendly, cozy, and centrally located. The only draw back, however, was the lack of a way to cover the windows for the slide show. The black plastic we devised fell down incessantly. For the sake of future slide shows, a set of retractable shades for the two magnificent windows would be a solution. Is anyone interested in making a donation?

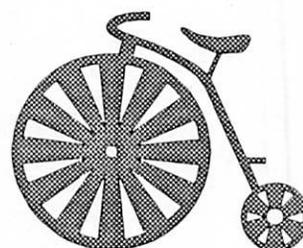
Volunteers Wanted For Urban Bird Surveys

The Washington Department of Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Unit at the University of Washington are looking for volunteers to help with urban bird surveys and monitoring.

Volunteers are needed for 1) monitoring bird species and numbers in backyards, 2) documenting and cataloguing the kinds and amounts of feed provided for wildlife in backyards, especially in winter, 3) coordinating other volunteers, and 4) helping computerize the data collected. These surveys will begin in the winter of 1993-94. If you are interested please contact Patricia Thompson, Washington Department of Wildlife, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek, WA 98012, 775-1311, Ext. 111.



Madrona May Fair



May 15, 1993

Join Your Neighbors for Our Annual Celebration of Spring

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| 10:00-10:30 | Decorate tricycles, etc for the parade at Al Larkins Park, corner of 34th & Pike |
| 10:30-11:00 | Parade down 34th Avenue led by the firetruck and Deano the Clown |
| 11:00-11:30 | Deano the Clown show |
| 11:30-11:50 | Parachute games for little kids with Deano |
| 11:50-12:10 | Family games with Deano |
| 12:10-12:30 | Pull for Peace, Sack race, etc |
| 12:30- 2:00 | Booths open for kids activities |
| 12:30- 1:00 | Community Building Project
Help build a maze from cardboard boxes
Please bring boxes and tape |
| 1:00- 1:30 | Teddy Bear Contest with Dee Dee Rainbow |
| 1:30- 2:00 | Spectrum Dance Theatre student performance |
| 2:00- 4:00 | Music from the Frank Steele Band |

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Summer Art Classes in Madrona Madrona Neighborhood Summer Art Program

Once again, young artists can explore a variety of art mediums with artist and teacher, Lynn Brevig. Classes will be held at the Shelter House during July and August. Art Classes for 5-10 year olds will be Monday mornings from 9am to 11am, beginning July 11th. Art/Playgroup for 2½ - 4 year olds will be Wednesday mornings 9am to 11am, beginning July 7th.

Kids will explore a wide range of art materials, including silk-screen, watercolor, sculpture, jewelry-making, collage and more. Creative Enjoyment Guaranteed! For more information, call Lynn Brevig, 528-0186.

Creative Enjoyment

Art Classes for 5-10 year old children.

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

Art/Playgroup for 2½ - 4 year old children.

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

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



Madrona Shelter House Drawing Classes

Picture Power: Learning to Draw...Imagine...lush green plants and trees filled with exotic birds...snakes slithering along the jungle floor of the rain forest...or watching kittens playing on your playroom floor. Picture Power is a class about learning to draw for children 6-10 years old. Students learn to draw by practicing concepts of planning, shading, design and perspective using high quality artist materials. Exciting projects teach the students to see the world with an artist's eye to detail, composition and color!

The class is taught by Cheryl Edmonds of A.G. Petunia ArtWorks. She brings years of experience teaching children 4-12 years old to draw.

The class will be offered in three sessions of 4 classes each on Thursdays from 4-5PM, at the Madrona Shelter House. Classes will have a minimum of 5 children and a maximum of 15. Fees are \$40/session (4 classes) and includes materials. Register through A.G. Petunia Artworks 632-7464. Leave your name, telephone number and be sure to note that the class is at the Madrona Shelter House.

Picture Power: Learning To Draw

Drawing classes for 6-10 year old children.

Thursday, 4-5PM at Madrona Shelter House.

Session 1: June 3-24

Session 2: July 2-22

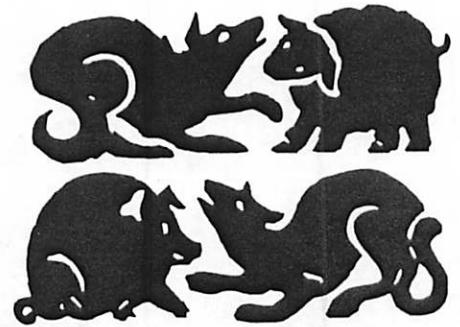
Session 3: July 29-Aug 19

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

To Register, call 632-7464.

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

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



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Madrona Authors Shelf Dedication Celebration a Great Success

by Nancy Pew, Librarian

Please stop by the library and peruse our new Madrona Authors Shelf above the fireplace. You will find the beginning of a collection of works written by Madrona residents, reflecting the diversity of backgrounds and interests in our community. You will find children's books, guide books to the Northwest, histories and more. A special binder holds information about these authors. The Authors Next Door, a booklist compiled by Mary Carbray, features these authors and their works as well.

This shelf was dedicated on March 20 as the library celebrated its 20th birthday. About 100 people came to see Toby Wessel's program in the morning. One hundred more attended the adult-oriented dedication in the afternoon, complete with introductions of authors and remarks by them. This program was videotaped. We hope to have copies to borrow available soon. The whole day was a lovely celebration of books, our library, and the Madrona community.

If you know of people who have written books and who live/have lived in Madrona, please call Nancy at the library, 684-4705. We hope to feature other groups of interesting neighborhood people in the future - activists/reformers, artists, etc. We look forward to other joint Library/Community Council events with lots of involvement from neighbors. Special thanks to Kay Gordon for her work on this effort.

We are *not* having preschool story hour in May or early June as I will be visiting 3 or 4 schools in the area to promote summer reading at the library. We expect to have these programs again in the summer. The Library is still deciding on the extent of school age programming for the summer.

Madrona Welcomes You!



Have you noticed the latest addition to our community? Madrona's new welcome signs have been installed at key entry points to the community. Many thanks to the Seattle Engineering for their work on production and installation, and thank you to John Capps for his early work on the project and his urging that the project be completed, Amanda Wood for the logo artwork, Anne Knight and Jerry Arbes for graphic production, and everyone who took the time to vote for the final design. If there is anyone who would like to paint the logo on our folding signboards (the remaining piece to complete the neighborhood matching grant), please call Jerry Arbes (329-9329).

Madrona Needs You!

The Community Council Is What You Make It!

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

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

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