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Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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President's Corner

by Bill Hanson

I attended the Neighborhood Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on April 25th and was impressed by the number of residents that turned out for the meeting and their enthusiasm and willingness to become involved in their community! Many issues were discussed, including possible zoning changes on 34th. Thanks to all of you who participated and remember the next meeting is on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:15pm at the Madrona Shelterhouse.

On a less pleasant note, one of the business in our community was less than pleased with the Committee's initial tabulation of the responses to the Neighborhood Planning Survey that was distributed earlier this year. It seems that the initial tabulation of the responses, which were distributed at the Committee meetings, included one survey respondent's comments on improvements they felt were needed at a particular business. The initial tabulation of all the responses without respondents names, does not mean the Council is agreeing or disagreeing. The purpose of the survey was to solicit peoples comments and start a discussion of the issues that the residents of our community believe are important. We will include more information on the survey and the planning efforts in next month's newsletter.

On another note, I have received several reports of car prowls occurring in our neighborhood. The car prowls seem to be widely disbursed throughout the community. Remember to lock your vehicles and please REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to the police at 911. Perhaps we should start listing in the newsletter the location of all reported crimes occurring in our community during the previous month. What do you think? I may be sorry, but to get a better idea as to the extent of the problem. Please call me at 287-4837 if you are a victim of a crime that has occurred in Madrona this year. Also, we still need a volunteer to head up our Public Safety Committee.

Rick Malsed, Executive Director of City Safe '96, has agreed to make a presentation at our June 4th MCC meeting. City Safe '96 is an anti-crime program that helps link individuals with community resources and builds public awareness so we can make our city safe. This year's program will concentrate on youth. Many activities, including a "Walk of Confidence", are planned at the Seattle Center on August 24th, starting at 9 am. Please call Rick for more details at 682-2793, if you can not make our June 4th meeting.

A reminder—nominations are still open for the 1996-97 MCC Board, Committee Chairs and neighborhood quadrant representatives. Please call me at 287-4837 if you would like to become involved. We need your help!

I look forward to see you at MayFair and at the Bike Races.

Olympic Trials Men's Team Qualifying Bike Race Coming to Madrona

By Terri Benson Spaccarotelli



The major cycling event in Washington State returns to Madrona on Sunday, May 19th—with an added twist. This year's race is not only the Third Annual Microsoft Grand Prix but also the Olympic team qualifying for men's road race cycling!

Several activities and events are planned for the entire family—KUBE 93 FM radio will broadcast live from the corner of 34th and East Pike which is also the location of the Redhook Beer Garden and Oberto Barbecue. In the Group Health parking lot, Microsoft will again offer the use of their RiderLink computer system, a moonwalk will be available for children to play in, Jocelyn Owens of La Mediterranean Delicatessen has planned an incredible array of foods, with Cajun shrimp, jambalaya and barbecue ribs, there will also be a select group of other vendors and Madrona Community Council souvenir sales. Grand Prix souvenir t-shirts are now on sale for \$12. Raffle tickets are being sold for a chance to win a beautiful GT bicycle. The more you buy, the better your chances of winning! Across the street, Plenty will again host the rootbeer float stand. There are easily the best floats in town! (continued on page 2)

Madrona MayFair '96 - May 18 Be in the Parade, Join the Fun!

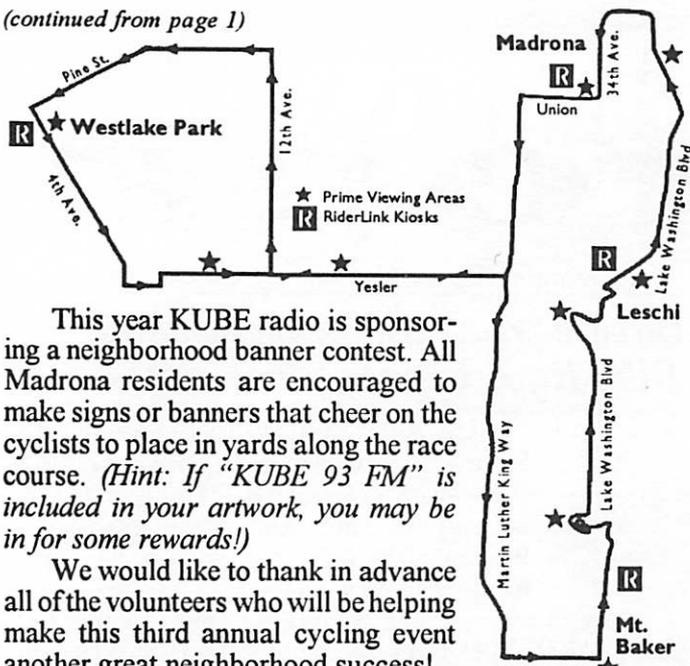


Madrona MayFair '96 on Saturday, May 18th promises to be a fun-filled neighborhood event and we are looking forward to seeing lots of folks participate. Events will include a children's bicycle parade starting at Al Larkins Park at 10am, entertainment, children's games and arts and crafts activities and vendor sales space at Madrona Playground at 11am. Local volunteer musicians are welcome to perform for tips. In case of rain, MayFair will take place at the Madrona Elementary Lunchroom.

Neighborhood youths are again invited to be entrepreneurs and operate activities this year at MayFair. In addition, booth space is available for Arts and Crafts, Flee Market, etc. If you haven't already arranged for a booth, you may still rent a space for \$10 by calling Erika Davis Pitre at 325-5965 or 328-8693 or talking with Erika at the event on Saturday.

We still need help with food sales, set up, prize store and game supervision, and cleanup. All interested volunteers please call Erika or come to the park on Saturday to help. You can help to make this a great event and to carry on this Madrona neighborhood tradition.

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This year KUBE radio is sponsoring a neighborhood banner contest. All Madrona residents are encouraged to make signs or banners that cheer on the cyclists to place in yards along the race course. (Hint: If "KUBE 93 FM" is included in your artwork, you may be in for some rewards!)

We would like to thank in advance all of the volunteers who will be helping make this third annual cycling event another great neighborhood success!

For more information, call John Capps (324-6847) or Terri Benson Spaccarotelli (329-3556).

Microsoft Grand Prix Men's Road Race & Olympic Team Qualifying

Sunday, May 19, 1996

Start at 11am at Westlake Park, Finish at 4:30pm

10 Laps of 12.6 miles each for a total of 126 miles



In its third year, the Microsoft Grand Prix will showcase and challenge America's best professional and amateur cyclists on what has become recognized as one of the nation's toughest road courses to date. This nationally and locally televised event will be the first of three U.S. Olympic Team Trials-Cycling events for team selection for the men's road race. In 1996 over 100,000 spectators are expected to line the 12.6 mile course anchored in downtown Seattle, continuing through the Central, Mt. Baker, Leschi, Madrona and Capitol Hill neighborhoods. Live music, barbecues, street fairs, block parties and Microsoft RiderLink Kiosks will highlight this celebration of sport, endurance and spirit. A special feature in Madrona will be the **King of the Mountain Competition** with riders earning points for special prizes for being the first to climb the hill to 34th and Pike on each lap. Madrona will be a great place to watch the event as the riders race to the top of the hill and around the corner at 34th and Union.

Madrona Summer Arts for Kids

Once again, young art lovers can explore a wide range of art mediums at the Madrona Shelterhouse. Classes will take place on Wednesday Afternoons from 1-3:30pm for ages 6-11. Local artist and teacher, Lynn Brevig, uses a positive and fun approach to artistic guidance in everything from cartooning to sculpture. Classes begin July 3rd and run through August 28th. Reasonable fees with some no-cost scholarships available for those students who need them. Please call Lynn, 528-0186, for more information.

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Madrona MayFair '96

Saturday, May 18, 1996

Al Larkins Park and Madrona Playfield

Join Your Neighbors for Our Annual Celebration of Spring

- 10:00 Meet at Al Larkins Park, corner of 34th and Pike, to decorate tricycles, bicycles, wagons, etc. for the parade
- 10:30 Parade down 34th Avenue, led by Deano the Clown to Madrona Playfield, 34th and Spring
- 11:00 Teddy Bear Contest with DeeDee Rainbow - bring your favorite bear!
- 11:00 Booths open for kids activities and games, etc.
- 2:30 Activities and booths close and park cleanup

*Rain Site is at the Madrona Elementary Lunchroom
Sponsored by the Madrona Community Council*

Madrona Community Council

May 7, 1996 Meeting Summary by Doug Tooley

Although competing with the Olympic Torch for attendance on this fine late spring evening a core of dedicated Madrona volunteers spent a productive evening discussing issues of neighborhood concern.

Madrona Elementary Traffic/Parking Revisions on 33rd and Spring: A meeting was held on April 30 with fifteen people in attendance. Bill Hanson reported on the alternatives available to us through his conversations with Seattle Engineering resolving previous communication problems with that Department. It was decided to resubmit a one-way petition as originally proposed by Erika Davis-Pitre and John Capps several years ago. Madrona Elementary and Nancy Pew of the library concur. Sandra Woods of Seattle Engineering informed us that we could not do this. Bill Hanson indicated that it had been cleared through one of her supervisors. Holy names and Pike Place in the Market were put forth as similar streets. Ms. Woods eventually agreed to process the petition and install a temporary test along the street prior to the end of the school year. Douglas Tooley will handle the petition with Bill Hanson taking the lead with Seattle Engineering on neighborhood transportation issues.

Epiphany Expansion: Epiphany is renovating one of the single family homes along Howell Street for use by the school as an arts education center. They need a conditional use permit. Terri Spaccarotelli asked what the opinion of the immediate neighbors was. They have had extensive conversations and there are some minor reservations around noise and security/lighting concerns. A traffic management plan is being established to discourage parents from driving through the alley.

Genesis House Addition: Genesis house is an independent non-profit social service agency located at 34th & Cherry. They are upgrading this residential facility connecting the two main buildings with a smaller structure including a day care and offices. The structure will also include a hallway connecting the two buildings reducing noise in the immediate area from early morning conversations, etc. The structure will be about 4000 square feet. They currently serve 25 adults and 10 children.

String of Pearls: At the invitation of the Council, John Barber of Leschi reported on the status of the "String of Pearls" project. This project creates shoreline access at four street ends in the Leschi neighborhood. Adjacent property owners had some concerns about the project and it was necessary to go to the State Supreme court to implement the project. The String of Pearls won this case. After three years they are just now completing the renovation of these areas, including benches and other minor improvements. The four street ends are King, Dearborn, Charles, and Norman streets. The Board thanked John and the Leschi Improvement Council for their efforts at reclaiming these important public rights-of-way for public use.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee is continuing its work to prepare a slate of candidates for the 1996-97 MCC Board for presentation at the June meeting. However it was reported that Bill Hanson will be nominated to extend his interim presidency into a full term for 1996-97. Jim Straatman and Douglas Tooley will be nominated to continue their positions as Treasurer and Secretary respectively and Luisa Nims will be nominated as Vice President. Nominations are still open for all positions, and additional volunteers are needed for a second Vice President position, committee chairs and neighborhood quadrant representatives.

Bike Race (May 19): John Capps and Terri Spaccarotelli are completing the planning for the Bike race. We are all looking forward to a great event!

Columbia Neighborwoods Project (29th & Columbia): Luisa Nims (860-4165) is working with the Trust for Public Land to develop a grant proposal for the Department of Neighborhoods.

Planning and Land Use Committee: Michael Kern will apply for a \$500 grant from the Department of Neighborhoods for membership expansion and leadership development, as long as it doesn't jeopardize the grant request for the Columbia Neighborwoods Project.

Remodeler's Home Tour: Martin Sellars is continuing work for a remodeler's home tour in the neighborhood. No date is set yet.

Madrona Elementary Playground Project: The Council unanimously passed a resolution thanking Jim Saver and his volunteers for their work building the new playground at Madrona Elementary. [Secretary's Note: My back certainly remembers that 16 tons of pea gravel and 46 cubic yards of wood chips fondly. :-)]

The next meeting of the MCC Board will be June 4 at 7:15pm at the Shelterhouse.

Transportation Committee

Madrona School-33rd Avenue Changes

by Douglas Tooley

On April 30 fifteen people from around the neighborhood gathered at the Shelterhouse to discuss the traffic issues at Madrona elementary along 33rd Avenue and Spring Street. Bill Hanson reported on the alternatives available to us.

Erika Davis-Pitre and John Capps recalled for us their earlier efforts at establishing a one-way street solution and the lack of response from the City. Douglas Tooley spoke briefly about the possibility of creating a load/unload zone as a partial solution, but noted that we should be able to implement the more complete solution at this time. Hal Kimbal, Vice Principal at Madrona, expressed his support for the neighborhood's decision.

Sandra Woods of the Seattle Engineering Department informed us that we could not implement the one-way option contrary to what we had been told by many others in the Department. It was decided to pursue the one way street alternative, with Spring Street one way westbound from 34th to 33rd, and 33rd Avenue one way northbound from Spring to Union. Ms. Woods eventually agreed to install a test solution to the problem prior to the end of the '95-96 school year. Douglas Tooley has gathered the signatures from nearby residents and Bill Hanson is continuing his role as the neighborhood lead with the Seattle Engineering Department.



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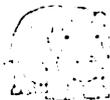
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Genesis House Improvements

by Mary Kenny

At the May 7th meeting of the Madrona Community Council, Genesis House presented plans for updating and improving its facilities at 34th and Cherry. This residential drug treatment facility moved to Madrona eleven years ago and has evolved from a program serving mostly men to one where two thirds of the clients are women and children. The proposed improvements address the pressing city and state requirements regarding daycare facilities and handicapped access.

Jeff Bott, Genesis House administrator, and architect Steve Matthias showed drawings and a cardboard scale model of the 4000 square foot addition which will connect the two main buildings, provide a modern day care center, offices and a handicapped accessible women's bedroom, as well as enclosing presently uncovered stairways and walkways. An open house for immediate neighbors was held on May 2nd and these plans met with their support and approval.

Funding is a current priority. A bank loan and Genesis House reserves will provide the major part of the need but foundation requests are also being submitted. If any Madrona resident can help in this effort or has suggestions for additional funding, it would be most appreciated. Plan and permit approvals are being pursued. Under the most favorable timing, construction will start in September. For more information, please call Jeff Bott at 328-0881.

Epiphany School Improvements

by Tom Phillips, 441-7579

The Epiphany School has applied to DCLU for an Administrative Conditional Use Permit which would enable the school to use a house adjacent to its playground for school purposes. Epiphany purchased the house in 1995, and is planning to remodel the interior and move its existing art classroom, pre-kindergarten classroom, and some administrative offices into the three story house at 1802 36th Avenue. These changes are being made to improve the school's facilities, and do not involve adding new students.

A member of the Epiphany School board, the architect for the project (Miller-Hull), and the school's planning consultant, have been meeting with Madrona neighbors who live in the immediate vicinity of the house. The architectural plans, which call for maintaining a residential quality to the exteriors facing both 36th Avenue and Howell Street, have been shown to the neighbors for their comments. The plans were also reviewed with the Board of the Madrona Community Council at the May 7th meeting.

Epiphany School headmaster, David Selby said that Epiphany is proud to be a part of the Madrona neighborhood and looks forward to working closely with the community. He wants to ensure that the project is carried out in a manner that respects the character and quality of the surrounding neighborhood.

Calendar

- May 18 Madrona MayFair '96**
 10a Meet at Al Larkins Park for bike parade to Madrona Playground, followed by games, booths, flea market, food and fun. All welcome.
- May 19 Microsoft Grand Prix and Olympic Trials**
 11a **Bicycle Race**
 Join the festivities in the heart of Madrona at 34th and Union.
- May 21 Remember to Vote!**
- May 23 Planning and Land Use Committee Meeting**
 7:15p Meeting to discuss neighborhood planning efforts in Madrona. Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. All welcome.
- Jun 1 Metro Transit Planning**
 2-5p Metro Transit will have an information table at Roger's Thriftway to gather citizen comments.
- Jun 4 Madrona Community Council**
 7:15p Working Meeting - Board and Committees Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Jun 6 Neighborhood Planning Celebration**
 4-7p SCCC Student Activity Center, 1718 Broadway. Learn more about planning efforts around the city, see first hand examples and ask fellow citizen planners about what their neighborhoods are doing, their problems and their successes. Call 684-8398 for more information.
- Jun 8 Deadline for February Newsletter**
 Send articles to 1122 36th Avenue, 98122
- Late Jun Madrona Community Council Annual Meeting and Social**
 Watch for announcement in next newsletter.

Madrona Bulletin Board

☞ A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who worked on Spring Clean '96 to clean the streets and sidewalks along 34th and Union and especially to Mike Wilson for organizing the event.

☞ Our neighbors in Leschi have completed the first improvements in the Leschi String of Pearls, an effort to improve four street ends along Lake Washington for public enjoyment. Volunteers worked for three weekends at the King, Dearborn, Charles and Norman street ends to reclaim these public rights-of-way for public use. Thank you to all of you who have supported this project over the past months.

☞ Metro Transit is starting to plan for major system changes in 1997. In order to get input from Central District residents, Metro will have an information table set up at Roger's Thriftway on Saturday, June 1st from 2-5pm. Please stop by to get information on the latest proposals and to let them know what you think about the proposed transit service options including multicentered transit system, fare structure, and improvements to transit service to the Central District.

☞ The Community Council has received a donation of plastic laminate to resurface the tables at the Shelterhouse. If you have time, tools and experience for installing plastic laminate, please call Jerry at 329-9329 if you would like to volunteer to help.

☞ **Wanted: Experienced, caring Nanny** for two toddlers, part-time in Madrona/Leschi neighborhood. Also another toddler to be part of Nanny's share. Call Nancy, 329-5463.

☞ **Wanted: Dry garage space** for car storage. Contact: Gordy Davidson, 684-8239 or 322-3758.

Many Hands Lighten Work on New Kindergarten Climber

by Hal Kimball, Reprinted from Madrona Panther Prints

Under the leadership and persistence of PTSA co-president Jim Saver, the kindergarteners are now enjoying more opportunities to climb, slide, crawl, stretch and jump. On April 20th and 21st Madrona parents and community volunteers worked together to construct a play structure in the kindergarten court area. Funds for the project came from two sources: the PTSA and a Seattle Department of Neighborhoods matching grant. Madrona owes many thanks to Jim and his tremendous crew of volunteers. The helpers included Cindy and Jim Saver, Kristy and Karl Kunkle, Ryan Michaels, Gary Porter, Erika and Mike Davis-Pitre, Chris Spaccarotelli, Doug Tooley, Jan Frederick, Warren Gibbs and Beth Purcell. We may have inadvertently failed to record other volunteers' names since we were such busy workers! If so, please let me know for recording purposes and accept our thanks and apologies.

The smiles of delight and joyful sounds of children at play make all the work, sore backs and all, worth it. Thanks, volunteers! You made a difference!

Editor's Note: A BIG thank you also goes to Hal Kimball, Vice Principal, for all his hard work on this project.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Newsletter Editor:

Would you please alert our community to how important it is to cut that pesky and deadly ivy from their trees. It is appalling how many of our trees are being slowly killed because of ivy. Allowed to climb it will eventually cover the branches and prevent the leaves from receiving sunlight—unable to photosynthesize, the tree gradually smothers to death.

So grab those shears and saws, join the "Ivy League" and save those trees.

Thank you,
Marilyn Fite

P.S.: The newsletter is great—congratulations.

Editor's Note: Thank you, Marilyn, for your note and reminding the neighborhood of this important maintenance activity. Many efforts over the last few years have been undertaken by volunteers to strip the ivy in our parks and public spaces, including Madrona Park woods, Harrison Greenbelt and recently at Columbia Neighborhoods. Watch next month's newsletter for information on a new expanded Adopt-A-Park effort at Madrona Park. In the meantime, we can all fight the encroaching ivy in our own backyards. If you are unable to pull the ivy from your trees, at least cut the climbing vines around the base of the tree and let the ivy dry.

Hi Newsletter Folk

Since I moved into the neighborhood a year and a half ago I have meant to write you and offer my help to your wonderful newsletter. It has been a great introduction to the neighborhood and I look forward to it each month.

Here are a few dollars to help with costs. Also, I have experience in writing and producing newsletters, so call if you need more hands. While I like to write, I am not above licking envelopes or helping with mailing and distribution.

Kim Herber

Editor's Note: Thank you, Kim, for your letter of support, your contribution and your offer to help. You can bet that I will be following up with you. The Community Council needs more volunteers like you to take a little time out of our busy lives to help keep Madrona, enjoyable, vital and diverse. Thanks again.

Newsletter Support

The Madrona Community Council would like to gratefully thank and acknowledge the following members of our neighborhood who have made recent donations to the newsletter: Tema Nesoff, Joan McNabb, Peter Snow, Deirdre McCrary, Jayne Hulsey, Barbara Parker, Caroline Feiss, Betty Wagner, Edith Rosencrantz, Sue Partridge, Trish Ward, Ginny Larkins, James Jorgenson, S. Bell, Kim Herber, Arie Nellie, Mary Binns. We thank you all!

Have Something to Share?

You can contribute thoughts, articles, letters, poetry, artwork, neighborhood events, neighbor milestones, or anything else you think your neighbors would be interested in. Your ideas for the Madrona neighborhood and the Madrona Newsletter are always welcome. Please mail your items to: Newsletter Editor, 1122 36th Avenue, Seattle 98122, and we will include them as space allows.

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We Need Your Help!

The Madrona newsletter is produced and distributed entirely by neighborhood volunteers, with the only expenses being printing and postage. The expenses are paid for by your contributions and various fundraising efforts such as the Bike Race and Holiday Arts Festival events.

We are struggling to cover costs. If you value receiving the Madrona News, please show your support by sending a contribution. Every dollar helps!

Thank You To All Who Have Contributed To The Newsletter

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All are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Community Council which are generally held the first and the last Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 in the Shelter House at the Madrona Playfield, 34th and Spring. Please call your neighborhood representatives if you have questions or would like to become involved in the Community Council.

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