

October/November 1993

Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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Letter from Our President

The Madrona Community Council would particularly like to welcome all of our new neighbors who have moved to Madrona recently and extend a special invitation to come and join us on the first and last Tuesday of each month, at the Shelter House on 34th and Spring at 7:30pm.

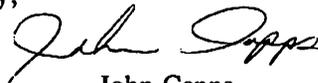
When Jill Gordon asked me to take on the job as President of the Council, I had to sit down and think of why I should take on this responsibility, what I could do to make a difference, what is the reason for the Council, and what is it's function. I've worked this out for myself. I would like to ask you to pose these same questions to yourself: What can I do? What is my role in our community? Then, I would like to encourage you to join in making Madrona a better place to live for all of us.

This year crime prevention and public safety will be a major concern for me. Also, working closer with the East Precinct Police Department on some of the things that you and I can do as a team, to keep Madrona a fun, good, clean and safe place to live and play. This year I'm also personally interested in focusing on increasing our financial reserves. In the last 3 years we spent down our reserve from \$12,000 to \$5,000. If this trend continues, we will have a zero balance by the end of the year. Some new fundraising efforts are underway and we need to identify others.

The Madrona Business District is improving and growing. I plan to work hard to see that trend continue. To flourish, the District needs your support. Please patronize our local neighborhood businesses. We hope to have many more stores and businesses that cater to the various needs of our community.

Thank you Jill Gordon, Jerry Arbes, Anne Knight, Dorothy Grant, Susan Roberts, Susan Stocking, Marty Liebowitz, Shirley Solomon, Curt Miller, Karla Neugebauer, Sonja Griffin, Monica Lake, Nancy Pew, Michael Pitre, Gray Peterson, Terri Spaccarotelli, Orlando Nuckols, Lynne Iglitzin, Barbara Stenson and everyone else for all their hard work this past year. I look forward to working with all of you and many of our other neighbors in the coming year.

Sincerely,

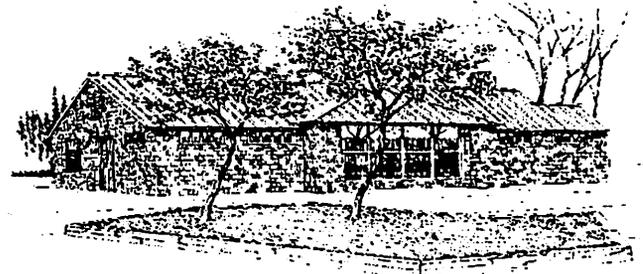


John Capps



Superintendent Kendrick to Meet with Madrona Community

Seattle School Superintendent William Kendrick will meet with the Madrona Elementary School Site Council on Monday, November 8, 1993 at 7pm at Madrona Elementary School. Members of the Madrona community are encouraged to attend to discuss the future of Seattle's schools and Madrona Elementary with Dr. Kendrick. Please call Mark Hall (329-7608), for more information.



Community Calendar

- Oct 26 Madrona Community Council Committee Organization Night**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, 33rd and Union
Solomon/Miller Home, 1614 33rd
Sky Visions, 1406 34th (See related articles)
- Nov 2 Madrona Community Council Working Meeting**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Nov 3 Madrona Gardners Meeting**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
(See related article)
- Nov 4 Martin Luther King, Jr Way Signalization**
7:00pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
A joint meeting with other Central Area community councils to discuss the signalization project along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.
- Nov 6 Madrona Holiday Arts Festival**
10-5 Madrona Elementary School, 33rd & Union
Nov 7 Over 35 artists and crafters, New England style
10-4 raffle, food . Come one, come all!(See related article)
- Nov 8 Madrona Elementary School Site Council With Superintendent William Kendrick**
7:00pm Madrona School, 33rd & Union. Everyone welcome!
- Nov 17 Martin Luther King, Jr Way Signalization**
7:00pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
Meeting with Seattle Engineering to discuss the community's preferred signal control options.
- Nov 30 Madrona Community Council Public Safety Meeting**
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Dec 3 Seattle Sampling in Madrona**
5-9pm Madrona Business District. Come one, come all!
Holiday Celebration featuring artist groups open for holiday shopping - Sky Visions, Ginny Conrow Porcelain/Kathy Allen, and Dee Dee Rainbow/Diana Bower. (More details next month.)

Madrona Community Council Committee Organization Night

October 26, 1993, has been designated as Committee Organization Night. Five committees will be meeting at 7:30pm in different locations in our community to develop plans for dealing with issues raised at the September Meeting and the Board's Retreat.

Public Safety Committee - Michael Wilson (329-9616)

The Public Safety Committee will meet at the Madrona Library at 7:30pm and will be discussing issues dealing with public safety, such as the increasing drug dealing at 34th and Union, general personal safety on our neighborhood streets, and preparation for the November 30 Public Safety Meeting.

Traffic/Transportation Committee - Bill Hanson

The Traffic/Transportation Committee will also meet at the Madrona library at 7:30pm. The committee wants to find out what traffic problems or concerns you are experiencing and to eventually develop a plan for resolving the issues. Some concerns have already surfaced. Nancy Pew is worried about safety of our children using the library because of vehicular traffic. Stephanie Preston has expressed concern with the increased traffic on 32nd Avenue which is a residential street. Madrona Community Council is also participating with other Central Area community councils in meeting with Seattle Engineering to discuss the proposed signalization project on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. (See calendar). Bill Hanson (323-3450) has agreed to chair the Transportation Committee.

Business/Community Relations Committee

The Business/Community Relations Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, 7:30pm at Sky Vision Frame and Gift Shop, 1406 34th. This meeting follows a preliminary meeting in early October at which a gathering of interested people began looking at opportunities for planning improvements in the Madrona business areas. Following on the ideas from the first meeting, the meeting on October 26th will provide a chance for business owners and interested neighbors to get to know each other and begin a dialogue of concerns and ideas for the future of the business district. Hopefully we can create a cohesive, inclusive group of business owners that communicates with each other, and also helps each other and the community. Anyone interested or needing more information, please call Vickie (328-4246).

Fund Raising Committee - John Capps (324-6847)

The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:30pm at the Shelter House. Last year we spent about \$7000. Our annual base budget is estimated at \$5000. We currently have a balance of \$4915. If we are to remain solvent we need to discuss additional revenue sources. Suggestions have included dues, voluntary donations and various fund raising activities such as the Holiday Arts Festival and MayFair. Also, any reductions in our expenses would result in additional monies being available for other projects. Currently over one half of our expenses are related to this newsletter, even after considering advertisement revenue.

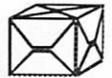
Open Space & Wildlife Committee - Shirley Solomon

The Open Space & Wildlife Committee will meet at 7:30pm at Shirley Solomon and Curt Miller's home, 1614 33rd (323-1524). This will be a chance to discuss activities for the coming year, including opportunities for neighborhood planting and Madrona Ravine enhancement with the existing Wildlife grant that must be spent by next spring. Also this will be a chance to look at opportunities for expanding and enhancing our Madrona open spaces.

You are encouraged to attend one of the committee meetings. Your ideas and help is needed. If you have a concern or have a particular interested in any of these areas, please attend. We can only address your concerns if you become involved!



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Madrona Community Council

September General Meeting

The September General Meeting was very well attended with standing room only. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Brainstorming on community issues, including public safety, transportation, and business district planning. Committees will be following up on these issues.
- Approval of the changes in the bylaws. We can now proceed with the application for tax exempt status.
- Election of new Board Officers for 1993-94.

Board Officers:

John Capps	President	324-6847
Barbara Stenson	Vice President	324-9215
Jerry Arbes	Vice-President-Newsletter	329-9329
Sonja Griffin	Treasurer	329-5324
Kathleen Roark	Secretary	328-2296

Other Board Members include:

?	NE Quadrant	
Orlando Nuckols	NW Quadrant	328-2266
Karla Neugebauer	SW Quadrant	323-3078
Lynne Iglitzin	SE Quadrant	329-4814
Vickie Vellinga	Business District Liaison	328-4246
Nancy Pew	Library Liaison	328-3277
Erika Pitre	Education/Site Council	328-8693
Noah Tratt	Block Watch Liaison	328-0834

Committees:

Michael Wilson	Public Safety Committee	329-9616
Bill Hanson	Transportation Committee	323-3450
John Capps	Fundraising Committee	324-6847
Marty Liebowitz	Business District Planning	325-1224
Shirley Solomon	Open Space/Wildlife	323-1524
Kay Gordon	History Committee	328-1327

Terri Spaccarotelli	Holiday Arts Festival	329-3556
Stephanie Preston	Homeless Shelter Liaison	
Jill Gordon	InterCouncil Liaison	329-9836
Susan Roberts	Newsletter Ads	329-7322

There are still a few vacancies in the Board to be filled. If you are interested please contact John Capps (324-6847).

- Report on S.H.A.R.E. homeless shelter. St. Therese's plans to locate a homeless shelter in the St. Therese School gymnasium are on hold. They are rethinking how they will help the homeless. There be future meetings to look at options and discuss how to best use neighborhood resources in the effort to stem homelessness.

October Board Meeting

Jill Gordon, outgoing president of the council and John Capps, president, reviewed the brainstorming and planning which occurred at a recent executive retreat. The planning and brainstorming at the retreat was complemented by the ideas and concerns voiced at the general Madrona Community Council meeting on September 28th. Both meetings focused on ways to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Issues such as Public Safety, Transportation, Business District Planning, helping the homeless in our neighborhood in association with local churches, and helping to organize block watch programs, were all seen as very important goals for the next year. It was decided that the best way to attack these problems is through Committees. **Committee participation is open to anyone in our community. We urge you to attend.** The Committees will meet on October 26th at 7:30pm. See related article for details.

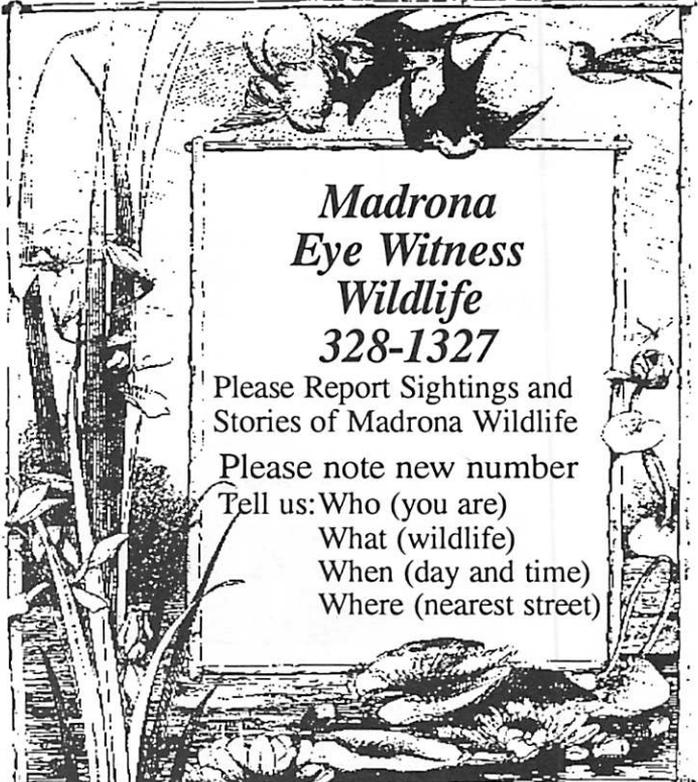
Sonja Griffin, Treasurer, presented a preliminary budget for the next year as well as an outline of how funds were spent in the past fiscal year. After reviewing our financial situation, it was clear that fundraising for the council was a priority of the next year. The balance is currently \$4915. The primary expenditure for the council is providing this newsletter.

Terri Spaccarotelli presented a progress report on the Holiday Arts Festival at the Madrona School November 5 & 6. Terri has single-handedly brought together professional crafters from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Things are moving smoothly but Terri needs help! Can you spend an hour or so setting up tables before the fair? Cleaning up afterwards? Let Terri know! (329-3556)

The City is soliciting ideas on specific neighborhood improvements. Last year, the Madrona Community Council successfully proposed several major and minor improvements to our neighborhood parks, sidewalks and streets. If you have a specific sidewalk, park or street you would like to see improved please get these ideas to John Capps (324-6347) as soon as possible.

**1993-94 Calendar
of
Madrona Community Council
General Meetings**

October 26	Committee Organization Night
November 30	Public Safety Program
December	Holiday Celebration
January 25	City Issues
February 22	Community Resources Fair
March 29	Community & Business District Planning
April 26	Gardening and Open Spaces
May 31	Election and History Program



**Madrona
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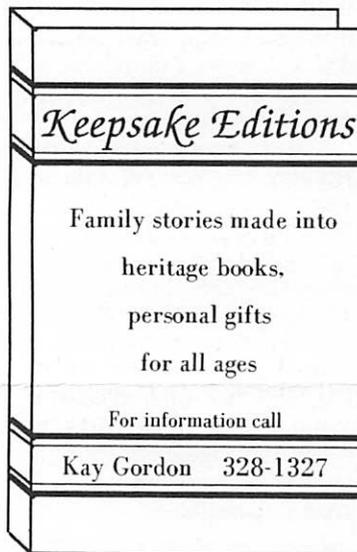
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What (wildlife)
When (day and time)
Where (nearest street)

Madrona History Group: Looking for History

by Barbara McKeon

The neighborhood history files at Madrona Sally Goldmark Library are based on the research done by Nora Wood. Over the years, Nora collected newspaper clippings, maps, photographs, and letters which document the rich history of the Madrona neighborhood. Here you can find out which house Northwest artist, Kenneth Callaghan lived in and where the creator of Paul Bunyon wrote his stories. You will find citations and articles outlining the history of social activism in this community. There are descriptions and photographs of many Madrona houses, biographical sketches of local characters, a short biography of architect, Ellsworth Storey, the Madrona PTA scrapbook and meeting minutes. The list goes on and on.

The Madrona History Group would like to build on the fine work that Nora did and continue to collect archival materials of interest to the neighborhood. Our focus for programming this year is "The Activist Sixties". If you have letters, photographs, documents or other memorabilia of this period that you would be willing to donate, either originals or copies, there will be a drop-off box at the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library. If you don't want to donate items, but would be willing to let us make copies, or would like to help, please call Barbara McKeon (329-5051). Next spring's History Program will be dedicated to our many Madrona



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Notes from the Madrona Library

by Nancy Pew

The library held an Open House on Sunday, October 16, in honor of Mrs. Bradford, whose last day with the library is October 19. If you missed the day, please stop by the library and write a note in her farewell book. It will be available through mid-November. All of us who have known Virginia as library users and co-workers will miss her very much. It is the end of an era, but not the end of a friendship!

The family and friends of Ewart "Papa" Upper have made some generous donations to the Madrona library in his memory. Mr. Upper was our oldest patron - 101! Many thanks to his daughter, Elinor Pollock, and the rest of the family for arranging for these gifts.

Storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers continue on Wednesdays at 10:30am through the end of November. Programs include stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts.

The library is happy to accept current hardback and paperback books you no longer need. Please contact the library about items (books, CD's, etc.) that you might want to give.

The library has ordered a new adult sized table and more chairs for our branch to replace the broken ones. We hope this will make visiting the library more enjoyable for everyone.

People have been asking what will happen to the library in the future. The City Librarian has told me that there will be a public meetings before there is a final decision. There is interest in doing something cooperative with the school especially in dealing with children. Options being considered include moving the whole library to the school, moving the children's materials to the school, moving the children's activities to the school, or ??? There is much discussion to be had with the library, the school district, and the neighborhood. None of these options look likely until the school is rebuilt/remodeled in the future. While the library is not actively soliciting comments, citizens are always welcome to express their concerns. Please send any comments to both:

Liz Stroup, City Librarian	Seattle Public Library
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Holiday Shopping in Madrona

Madrona is dressing up for the holidays! The business district at 34th and Union will be having a Holiday Celebration on Friday evening, December 3rd. Although many businesses will participate, there are 3 locations that are included in the Seattle Sampling which is a list of 15 artist groups at various Seattle locations that are open for holiday shopping. Three are in Madrona: Sky Visions Custom framing gallery (328-4246), Ginny Conrow Porcelain/Kathy Allen (324-0734), Dee Dee Rainbow/Diana Bower (323-7787). For a Seattle Sampling brochure with map, stop by or call Vickie at Sky Visions 328-4246. Any ideas or volunteers for street decorating welcome.

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A Hearty Welcome!

by Susan Roberts

Plenty, a new store in Madrona on 34th Avenue, just opened this month. It is the brainchild of Jim Watkins, consulting chef to Cafe Flora, Richard Rolf, and Loree Hyde. After close to a year of planning, it is now open for business.

Plenty offers a wide variety of produce, more than half of it organic, as well as gourmet and natural food items. "We have just about everything you need to cook with." They hope that the neighborhood will let them know when they come in what they'd like to see on the shelves. Plenty will also have fresh meal items for take out. They will cater full meals, so if someone wants lasagna for 8, a large salad, a wonderful dessert, just give them a few days notice, and it will be ready.

Starting in November, dinners for eight people will be served every Sunday evening in a stylish setting around a big round table. There will be a sign up sheet in the store listing that week's menu. You can sign up for all eight spaces or sign up for just one or two and meet some new friends.

There is a plentiful bounty of creative concepts, quality food and delightful decor at Plenty - we wish them success. By the way, their pickled yellow beets, sampled by this reporter, were heavenly and the rest of the items in the deli section looked mouth-watering. Check out the newest addition to Madrona - Plenty!



Community Bulletin Board

☞ **Madrona Cooperative Preschool** has openings for 2 to 5 year-old children. For information please call Shawnie (726-0844) or Roslyn (328-3669).

☞ **Central Branch Preschool's Annual Halloween Party** is Sunday, October 31, 1-4pm. This is a non-scary event for 3 to 6 year olds, to benefit its scholarship program with free admission, 25¢ tokens for games, face painting, mask making, a maze, refreshments; costumes optional. In the Mt. Baker Clubhouse, Mt. Baker Boulevard, just off S. McClellan St., 723-1187.

☞ Opportunity for Adventure on the High Seas

Reed and Judy Jopling (325-4899) are looking to employ someone with outboard engine, electrical and basic deck hand experience for U/W Sea Watches on a 120ft yacht. They will be departing November 6, 1993, from Seattle to Florida via the Panama Canal, Costa Rica, the Caribbean. The pay is \$2500 per month, plus room & board. Non-smokers only.

Madrona Gardeners

by Kay Gordon



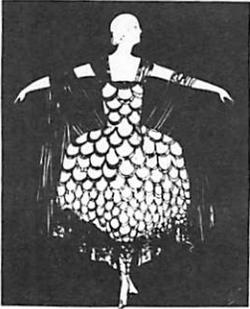
The seeds of laughter, story-telling and clever solutions to common problems were sown at the first meeting of the Madrona Gardeners. The enthusiastic group generated lots of ideas for future meetings to take place at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Nora Wood Meeting Room at the Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring.

Everyone who is interested in sharing what they know or have with neighbors is welcome to join the Gardeners. A drive around Madrona shows how much love, effort, knowledge and resources people shower onto their home gardens. Madrona also has lots of novice gardeners who are eager to learn, or wishful gardeners who do not know where to start. Beginner or expert, we can learn from each other's successes and mistakes, and as a bonus we can share interesting plants as well. In addition, well maintained yards and gardens can help increase our neighborhood pride and build a strong, cohesive community.

The focus of the meeting on November 3 will be on fall planting and mulching: what and how to plant now, and the pros and cons of various mulches. You can learn whether to put all those autumn leaves in your Clean Green cans or use them for mulch over the winter. Gardeners with divided perennials are welcome to bring them along to distribute. Tentative plans for future meetings include:

- ☞ December Holiday Decorating from our December Gardens
- ☞ January Garden Books and Magazines
- ☞ February Garden Catalogues: Which are good for what?

For more information, call Barb McKeon (329-5051), or Kay Gordon (328-1327).



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November 6th and 7th Madrona Holiday Arts Festival

by Terri Spaccarotelli



What an event!!! The Madrona Holiday Arts Festival has already attracted more than 35 artists and crafters, which is unheard of for a first year show. The auditorium at Madrona School is now

full and arrangements have been made to use the gym for more booths. Please let your creative friends and neighbors know about the additional booth space, which is only \$35.00.

We still need more volunteers to make the festival a success! Anyone can join in the fun without a large investment of time. You can:

- ~ Help design and make flyers and banners.
- ~ Help distribute flyers to businesses, schools, churches, etc.
- ~ Help with the raffle.
- ~ Loan us a stereo system to play holiday music.
- ~ Help with set-up and/or clean-up.
- ~ Help with the Madrona Community Council food booth.

As a way to promote local businesses and artists, donations of new merchandise and services are being accepted for a unique New England-style raffle. Great advertising for your business and a great fund raiser for the Madrona Community Council.

The Madrona Holiday Arts Festival is November 6 from 10am-5pm and November 7 from 10am to 4pm. at Madrona Elementary School. Admission is FREE, but you are requested to bring a non-perishable food donation for the local food banks.

To donate raffle items, sign up for a booth or volunteer your assistance, please call Terri Spaccarotelli (329-3556).

MADRONA HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New Baby in the House???

by Wendy Crocker

A parent support group is starting in the Madrona area in October. You are invited to join us in getting together with other new parents to share experiences, information and the ups and downs of life with a new baby. We will be meeting on Thursdays from 1-3pm.

The Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS) is a country-wide program that offers weekly support groups held in neighborhood homes. Typically, each meeting allows time for sharing concerns and events, activities with the babies, and a topic for discussion. Occasionally speakers are invited to address the group on a subject of interest. It's a great way to form a network of new friends and neighbors with similarly-aged children and similar concerns. Please call Madrona resident Wendy Crocker (324-7178), for more information.

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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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