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# Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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## October Program Meeting Bond Issues - Building a Better Seattle

Join your neighbors on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30pm at Madrona Elementary School** to hear about and discuss the three proposed bond issues for building a better Seattle which will appear on the ballot on November 8. Representatives for each of the bond issues will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the **Library, School and Public Safety** bond proposals. Two of the bond issues affect Madrona directly, with funding proposed for Madrona Library and Madrona School. This is your chance to find out what changes are proposed for the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library and Madrona Elementary School.

Please come and join us to learn about these important proposals which could affect the Madrona neighborhood for years to come. Coffee and cider will be provided, and you are invited to bring cookies or other baked goods to share with your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you on October 25...and remember to vote on November 8.

## The Face of Madrona by Shirley Solomon

To all of us fortunate to live here, Madrona is a wonderful neighborhood. It is a place of beauty, history, and rich diversity. It is also a place of contrasts and contradictions, one that has not been bypassed by urban and social problems, not the least of which is the breakdown of neighborhood and community ties.

For some time, the Madrona Community Council has discussed ways to more effectively reach out to all those who live within Madrona and to actively engage them in the civic and social affairs of this community. We have talked about how to ensure that our magnificent physical setting is protected and enhanced. We have wondered about how to create a caring community, one in which people know one another and look out for their neighbors and fellow residents.

We are now in the process of pulling all the pieces together into an ambitious program we are calling "The Face of Madrona." The initial phase of this long term outreach effort will be to develop a community profile or inventory of who we are and the resources, facilities and services within our boundaries. We next meet on Monday, October 24 at 7pm at the Shelter House in Madrona Playfield. Everyone is most welcome to take part in developing this effort. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Shirley Solomon (323-1524). We look forward to see you there!

## Sky Visions Moving Out, Plenty Moving In by Vickie Vellinga

After much consideration, I, Vickie Vellinga of Sky Visions custom frame and design, have decided to take a year off to work on other projects. I will close my retail store at the end of the year after Christmas. I hope that gives everyone time to complete their framing projects. If not, I plan to keep my business phone number (328-4246) and frame out of my home, providing a pickup and deliver service. (Continued on page 2)

## Madrona Arts and Crafts Festival

by Terri Spaccarotelli



Holiday shopping at its best comes to Madrona on November 5th and 6th, from 10am to 4pm at Madrona School. More than 70 artists and crafters will gather for the **Second Annual Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival**. Proceeds benefit the Madrona Community Council and Madrona Elementary PTA.

This is your opportunity to meet the artists and buy great one-of-a-kind gifts such as jewelry, pottery, paintings, dried floral arrangements, and decorations for your home. Espresso, Italian sodas, and other refreshments will also be available.

A special feature of the show this year is the addition of **Kid's Korner**, a section just for children to display and sell their own handmade artwork. Some space is still available for budding artists and entrepreneurs at \$5 per child. A few adult booths also remain at \$35 each.

This event is destined to be even better than last year. It's a family event, with something for everyone, right in your own neighborhood.

**Volunteers are still needed** for just an hour or two to ensure the success of the festival. You can help with:

- \* Set up on Friday evening, November 4th;
- \* Clean up on Sunday at 4pm, November 6th;
- \* Distributing flyers at work, school or church;
- \* Donating a product or service for the raffle;
- \* Working at the food concession.

Please come and support these talented people while helping the Madrona Community Council and Madrona PTA raise funds to make our neighborhood a better place for all. We look forward to seeing all our neighbors at the Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival. For more information and to volunteer, please call Terri Spaccarotelli (329-3556).

## Community Calendar



- Oct 24 Face of Madrona Planning Meeting**  
7:00p See related article. Everyone Welcome!  
Madrona Shelter House, 34th & Spring.
- Oct 25 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30p Program Meeting - Discussion of Library, School and Public Safety Bond Issues. Everyone Welcome!  
Madrona Elementary School, 1121 33rd Avenue.
- Nov 1 Madrona Community Council**  
7:30pm **Working Meeting - Board & Committees**  
Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Nov 2 Madrona Gardeners**  
7:30pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone Welcome!
- Nov 5-6 Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival**  
10a-4p Arts and crafts, New England raffle, food, and fun.  
Come one, come all! Madrona Elementary School.
- Nov 8 Election Day -  Remember to vote!!!**

## Sky Visions Moving Out, Plenty Moving In (Continued from page 1)

In January, *Plenty* will expand into my space with their kitchen and their deli food with seating. This will give them more room for produce and other items the neighborhood needs and desires. Jim Watkins, the chef at *Plenty*, has volunteered to be the business liaison for the Madrona Community Council when I leave.

The Madrona neighborhood has been so supportive of my business and now my new endeavor. I am so appreciative of that support and I am sad to give up a business here. But I have so many friends here to come back to visit, I don't feel like I am leaving the neighborhood completely.

In the meantime, December 2 is our *Holiday Arts Open House* for Sky Visions, GinnyConrow Porcelain and Dee Dee Rainbow's Art. I plan to make this a big Madrona party. Come celebrate your neighborhood!...Come see lots of great arts and crafts sold by the artists...And Always Remember To Support Your Neighborhood Businesses!

## News from Madrona Library by Nancy Pew

A *bond issue* for new library buildings and renovation of others will be on the ballot on November 8th. Madrona Sally Goldmark Library is slated for some changes if the bond issue passes. For more information, stop by any library branch to review the Informational Notebook on the Bond Issue, or to pick up a fact sheet. If you have questions, please call Andra Addison, Public Information Officer (386-4103).

*Storytimes* continue on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am through November 16th. Children six and under and their parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome.

The Library gardeners have installed a wire fence around the *new dawn redwood tree* to prevent damage to the tree. Neighbors have reported children pulling on the tree and there are some signs of damage. The Library appreciated the gift of this tree and is taking steps to keep it safe. Together, library staff and neighbors can enjoy and protect this tree as we watch it grow to be a Madrona neighborhood landmark.



*Opening doors in the Madrona neighborhood...*

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## Council Board Opposes Vacation of Public Access to Ravine Supports City Engineer's Recommendation

by Barbara Stenson

The Board of the Madrona Community Council voted at its October 3rd meeting to oppose a petition to turn over a public right-of-way to a condominium development located in a scenic ravine on Lake Washington Boulevard, north of Madrona Park.

A petition by the condominium owners to vacate a portion of the 39th Avenue right-of-way will be reviewed by the Seattle City Council's Transportation Committee. The right-of-way has been covered by the condominiums landscaping, making it appear to be private property. The only access to the undeveloped part of 39th Avenue, with its wooded hillside behind the condominium cottages is through a gravel drive posted as "private." A city sewer line that serves the Madrona and Denny Blaine neighborhoods also lies underneath the street right-of-way and several of the condominium units.

In recommending against the petition, Gary Zarker, Director of Seattle Engineering Department, noted that a street use permit currently in effect allows this housing to continue its encroachment onto the street right-of-way. He also stated that the owners of the condominium cottages were able to obtain financing to buy these units recently, despite the encroachments of their homes into the right-of-way.

Cottages originally were built on this property by the Sangster family in 1914 as summer rentals when Madrona was largely undeveloped. According to the City, the Sangsters continued to rent the units as low income housing while allowing them to fall into disrepair until they were rebuilt and sold as market rate housing in 1990. One unit remains in the Sangster family, according to the City report.

Zarker noted that no public purpose is served by the vacation of the right-of-way. Only the owners of the condominium units would benefit by the removal of this cloud on the titles to their property, and this is contrary to City policy.

The Street Use Appeals Board recommended the vacation be granted by a three to two vote, stating that the rebuilding of the cottages provided affordable housing in Madrona. A conservation easement also was granted by the Sangsters on an undeveloped hillside immediately north of the cottages. However, this easement does not provide for public access to the property that is guaranteed by the East Pike Street and 39th Avenue street right-of-way.

In a letter to the Seattle City Council, the Madrona Community Council Northeast Quadrant Representative, Barbara Stenson, asked that the City require, as a condition of the condominiums street use permit, that public pedestrian access be provided. If you have comments, please call City Councilmember Martha Choe (684-8802) or for more information, contact Barbara Stenson (324-9215).

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## Newsletter Receives Outpouring of Support from Madrona Residents

by Sonya Griffin

In the previous issue of the newsletter an ad ran asking for support of the Madrona Newsletter members of the council were not sure about the support it would get. Well, each day that I opened my mail box there was an outpouring of support. The council was astounded by the level of support for the newsletter and overjoyed that Madrona residents appreciate the newsletter and all of the work that the council does to make Madrona the peaceable Kingdom that it is. The comments and positive feedback were just what the council needed to forge ahead in planning programs and events for Madrona this year.

So without any further ado, the Madrona Community Council would like to extend thanks to the Madrona residents listed below for their generous donations to the newsletter.

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The combined contributions along with our advertising income completely paid for the production of the September newsletter. October newsletter support is still coming in, so it is not too late to mail your donation today. Many individuals expressed how much they appreciated receiving the newsletter to keep abreast of neighborhood happenings and others indicated their willingness to lend their expertise to the council in a variety of ways from writing for the newsletter to helping with neighborhood clean up projects. Supporting your Madrona Newsletter or volunteering is just one way to demonstrate how much you care about Madrona, so please send in your pledge of support today!

## Thank you!

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## *New Businesses in Madrona* by Susan Roberts **Cafe Soleil**

Madrona has become a restaurant Mecca of sorts with the opening of yet another fine eatery, *Cafe Soleil*, located at the corner of 34th and Union. Its owner, Kuri Teshome, with a dazzling, ready smile, grew up in Ethiopia with a love of cooking. Her inspiration was her mother, whose kitchen reflected not only Ethiopian cuisine, but that of their Italian and Greek neighbors, plus ideas picked up traveling to France. Kuri grew up to study geography at the university, but was always cooking on the side for weddings, for family and for fun. She moved to France to study petroleum, also studying French and collecting ideas for cooking. Moving to the U.S. in 1988, she ended up in Seattle preparing for her master's degree while working downtown at Ray's and Columbia Tower Club where she learned how the restaurant business works. To her joy, she has developed an appreciative clientele in the short time since the opening of *Cafe Soleil*, and she loves the Madrona neighborhood. For Kuri, cooking is an art...she never measures, she creates. The results, tasted by this reviewer on three occasions, are delicious...in an ambiance of a beautiful Italian cafe.

### *Carol's Essentials*

Another new business, *Carol's Essentials*, is an ethnic gift shop at 1411 34th Street. The proprietor is Carol Houston, a lifelong member of the community. She carries collectable figurines such as Sarah's Attic, also dolls, books, bath scents, cards and candles, all with an ethnic theme. Come in and browse! This reporter walked out with a cassette of gospel music. Let Carol know what you are looking for and she will hunt it down. She is also interested in school fund raising possibilities. With the holidays coming up, this is a pleasant place to shop in your neighborhood. The Asian and Black dolls are worth the trip!

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**Madrona Community Council Meeting**  
**Library, School and Public Safety Bond Issues**  
**October 25, 1994 7:30p Madrona School**