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# Madrona NEWS

Newsletter Of The Madrona Community Council

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## Notes from the President by Shirley Solomon

I am pleased to live in Madrona. I have lived here with my family for eight years now and feel like I belong. The trees, the architecture, the friendly village feel, the diversity, are all sources of satisfaction to me. Another source of satisfaction is my involvement in the Madrona Community Council. Through my participation, I have come to know people from throughout Madrona. These are wonderful, dedicated people who work well together on projects of common purpose. They take good care of the business of the community. And they are concerned about what happens to our neighborhood and are willing to do what it takes to make things better.

As you know, all of us who live and work here are automatically members of the Madrona Community Council. The Community Council provides a focal point for organized community events and on-going community activities. I invite each of you to participate, to get involved in community issues, to attend community events. We are looking for additional members for all the committees. So if you have an interest please call me at 323-1524 and I will give you all the particulars and let you know what we are planning for this year.

I look forward to serving as Board President and would like to continue the tradition established by our previous President, John Capps, and ask us all to think and behave like neighbors and never miss an opportunity to smile and say hello to those we pass on the streets of Madrona. It is up to all of us to make real the promise of the "Peaceable Kingdom".

*(Editor's Note: At the recent general meeting of the Madrona Community Council, the 1995-96 Board of the Community Council was elected, including Shirley Solomon (324-1524) as President, Terry Spaccarotelli (329-3556) as Vice-President, Mark Solomon (860-7285) as Vice-President, Douglas Tooley (718-8195) as Secretary, and Jim Straatman (323-0775) as Treasurer. We welcome and thank them for their involvement and encourage you to become involved also.*

*In addition, the new Board thanked John Capps for his two years of service as President of the Madrona Community Council and presented him with a certificate and a copy of Roberts Rules of Order to mark the occasion)*

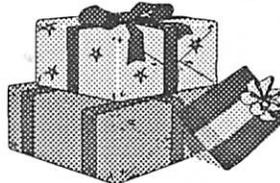


## "Trick or Treat"

### Stop By for a Treat on Halloween

The Madrona Community Council is hosting a drop-in "Trick or Treat" gathering on Halloween from 5pm to 8pm at the Madrona Shelterhouse. Bring your costumed kids by for a Halloween treat--hot spiced cider, cookies, cupcakes, and other special treats--while supplies last. Polaroid photos will be available for families in costume for a small suggested donation. Join us for some howling good times on Halloween.

## Third Annual Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival



Grab your checkbook and your holiday shopping list and race to the **Third Annual Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival on November 4 and 5, from 10am to 4pm at Madrona Elementary School.**

This popular event has become a tradition combining incredible quality gifts with fundraising for the Madrona Community Council and the Madrona Elementary PTSA. A portion of money raised will be used for student instrument rentals at Madrona Elementary.

There are a few booth spaces still available. Booth rental is \$40.00 for an 8' x 6' space.

### You Can Help!

As with many neighborhood events, we need several more volunteers to make this festival a success. Anyone can help:

- ☆ Distribute flyers to schools, churches, businesses, etc.
- ☆ Donate goods and/or services for raffle
- ☆ Donate use of stereo system for holiday music
- ☆ Help with set-up and/or clean-up
- ☆ Help on days of the event with a wide variety of tasks

To volunteer, sign-up for a booth or to donate raffle items, please call Terri Benson Spaccarotelli at 329-3556.

## Central Area Planning Forum October 21 at Washington Middle School

A very exciting event for planning the future of our greater community, the *Central Area Planning Forum*, is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 to 4:30 at Washington Middle School, 2101 S. Jackson St. This is the beginning of the next step in neighborhood planning which will build upon the previously adopted Central Area Action Plan. There will be displays by over 25 groups about projects and activities in the Central Area. The agenda includes an overview presentation on "Where we've been, Where we are, and Where we're going," followed by morning and afternoon workshops facilitated by members of the Seattle Planning Commission and community representatives. The workshops will focus on the areas surrounding the urban village nodes (Jackson/23rd, Union/23rd, Madison/22nd, and Cherry/Jefferson/12th) and will provide an opportunity for everyone to share their vision of what the Central Area could be and how we can get there. If there is sufficient interest, workshop tables will also be set up for the nodes at Union/34th, Madison/Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and Jackson/Rainier. PLEASE join the Central Area Action Plan-Implementation Team (CAAP\*IT) and other members of the community to share your thoughts and ideas on building a great future. For more information, please call Jackie Walker, CAAP\*IT, 720-0080.





# Halloween "Trick or Treat" Gathering

## Tuesday, October 31, 5pm to 8pm

### Madrona Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring

Parents...Round up your kids in costume and stop by the "Trick or Treat" Gathering at the Madrona Shelterhouse on Halloween, October 31st from 5pm to 8pm. Enjoy a cup of hot spiced cider, cookies, cupcakes and other special treats, while supplies last, with your neighbors and their children. For a small suggested donation, Polaroid portraits of your Halloween costumes will be taken in a decorated corner of the Shelterhouse.

**Sponsored by the Madrona Community Council**



We need donations and volunteers to help with this event. If you want to volunteer, please call Jerry Arbes at 329-9329. If you would like to make a donation, please fill complete the information form and sent along with a contribution to:  
*Madrona Community Council Treasurer - Halloween Event*  
1603 34th Avenue, Seattle WA 98122.

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## **How To Be A Good Victim** By Mark Solomon

In crime prevention, we stress the importance of neighbors watching out for each other, calling each other when they see something suspicious, and calling 9-1-1. We continue to encourage citizens to take a few, cost effective steps to make their homes more secure and we can offer recommendations. We also emphasize that citizens should engrave their property or have some means by which it can be positively identified just in case the property is stolen.

We must be doing something wrong. As often as we've stressed these prevention tips, many of our citizens are still caught in habits that take little effort to overcome. So instead of addressing prevention, I'd like to spend a few moments to tell you how best to be victimized. After all, if you're going to be a victim of a crime be a good victim.

First, when you leave home, leave your doors and windows wide open. Don't bother to lock or latch them. Make it easy for the burglar to get in. In Seattle this spring, 47% of all burglaries occurred through open and unlocked doors and windows. In some neighborhoods, it was as high as 62%. Strive to be #1!

Say you're working in the yard and your garage door is open. Don't be concerned if you can't see the door, even if you have thousands of dollars of tools and bicycles, or even if the garage leads into your home. As we said above, the chances of someone taking something out of your garage or getting into your house is only about 50/50.

When you see suspicious activity, just ignore it. It will go away eventually. Live in a neighborhood where no one talks to each other. Be passive. Why get involved? Your neighbors will probably just bug you with stuff you don't want to know. After all, you're ignoring suspicious activity, so it will go away. Remember?

If you spend time at the park, take all your valuables with you. Just cover your purse, wallet, keys and other things important to you with a towel so no one can see them. And make sure your purse and wallet have all your credit cards, identification, money and personal effects. You never know when you're going to leave the park and get that urge to go shopping or who will want to see pictures of your pets.

If you're at a cash machine, let the people around you know your PIN number. If you really want to be a good victim, be sure to count your money as you're walking away from the machine. That way, potential robbers know in advance how much they'll be getting.

If you want to be a good victim, then follow the steps outlined above. Burglars, thieves and robbers will thank you for making it so convenient for them to work. Oh, how you've enriched their lives!

**But you don't have to be a victim.** There is no reason for so many of our citizens to be needlessly victimized by crime, and we shouldn't be. The solutions are simple.

- ☞ Lock and latch all doors and windows when your not home, or at least be able to limit how far they can be opened so you can still have ventilation, but not send an open invitation. Any opening more than five inches counts!
- ☞ Don't leave your garage or home doors open if you can't see them
- ☞ Don't take valuables to the park or beach. Only carry or bring what you need and leave the rest in your secured home.
- ☞ Pay more attention to what's going on around you. A little awareness saves a lot of grief.
- ☞ Report anything suspicious NOW. Don't just ignore it.
- ☞ Talk to your neighbors. You live together. You should know each other, work with each other, and watch out for each other as well. That's what "neighborhood" means.
- ☞ If you want help organizing, call the Seattle Police Crime Prevention Section at 684-7555. Call Crime Prevention about Business and Home Security Surveys. They're Free!

**Please, no one wants to be a victim. Don't let yourself, your family and your neighbors become another number in a statistical report when simple steps can prevent it all.**

## **MCC Board Meeting** **October 3 Meeting Minutes**

by Douglas Tooley

The 1995-96 Madrona Community Council Board met for the first time on October 3. Shirley Solomon ably handled a very full agenda which included presentations, the Board retreat agenda, and Committee reports

**Bill Bailargeon**, of Citizens For Parks, presented the organization's current effort at setting up park usage policies to deal with park encroachments and requested a Madrona community representative to the Citizens For Parks steering committee.

**Kimberly Frappier**, resident, employee of the Archdiocesan Housing Authority and representing the campaign - "Yes! for Homes", presented information on the proposed Seattle housing levy which will be on the November 7th ballot. The levy would provide funding for 1000 new units of low-income housing as well as small amounts for housing rehabilitation and 'distressed area' home ownership. The \$59.7 million, seven-year property tax levy would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home an average of \$29 per year. This levy succeeds two previous successful housing measures in Seattle - the 1981 housing bond that produces 1300 units and the 1986 housing levy that produced 1200 units.

**Shirley Solomon** presented the Board Retreat results and set out goals for the organization. Projects concerning our by-laws, the Shelter House maintenance, the Newsletter, and other outreach projects including a new 'Home Page' on the internet were discussed.

**Ann Lennartz and Peg Gaynor** presented the landscaping plan for Phase I of the Madrona Gateway Project for the 30th Avenue 'split' adjacent to Union Street. The project would clear the weeds and blackberries and beautify the area with native, low maintenance plants. The plans are being reviewed by adjacent neighbors and most have been very supportive. Follow-up on remaining concerns is nearly complete. A supply of Madrone trees may also be available for this project.

**Gray Pedersen** discussed the upcoming neighborhood planning project focusing on the Central District and particularly the business centers at 22nd/Madison, 23rd/Union-Cherry, 12th/Cherry-Jefferson, and 23rd/Jackson. A Central Area Planning Forum will be held on October 21 at Washington Middle School between 9am and 4:30pm. Weekend parking around the Madrona business district was also discussed.

**Terry Spaccarotelli, Luisa Nims and Jerry Arbes** presented the plans for the Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival on November 4 and 5 from 10am to 4 pm, and the Halloween event at the Shelterhouse on October 31, 5-8pm. Volunteers and donations are still needed for both events

# Central Branch Preschool's Afternoon Program



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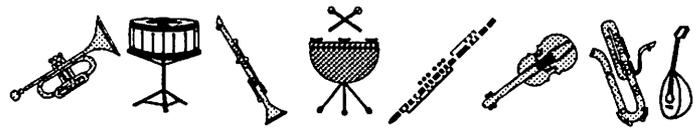
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## Family Concerts Benefit Music Program At Madrona Elementary

*Sunday, November 5th, 3pm* by Anabel Cole

Last spring, over Memorial Day weekend, the portable classroom at Madrona Elementary which housed the school's music program was extensively vandalized. Drums were smashed; the piano, some strings and brass instruments were damaged; a computer with its music-composing software was destroyed, and some equipment was stolen. After her initial shock, the music teacher, Jamie Koroch, immediately set to work to rebuild the music program.

In June the music critic of the Seattle Times, Melinda Bargreen, wrote an article about the incident, and a fund was set up at Key Bank to accept donations. To date about \$2,000 has been collected, and donations are still being accepted at any Key Bank branch. If you would like to donate to this cause, specify the Madrona Elementary Music Fund.

Two benefit concerts, planned for October and November, have been donated by Lyric Theatre Productions of Seattle, whose president heard about the vandalism and wanted to organize some aid. The concerts will help add band instruments, assemble a rhythm section, and refurbish the school's stage piano.

The first concert, on Sunday, October 1, featured W. Greg Nissen with his "Musical Medicine Show". More than 150 enthusiastic children and adults attended the afternoon and evening concerts. According to one neighborhood nine year old, "It was an outstanding performance by a very talented piano player. You could tell he really used his mind, and he took his time to plan it to be fun for kids and adults."

Another concert featuring the 35 member Seattle Civic Band will take place on Sunday, November 5 at 3pm. at the Madrona Community Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. Plan to stop in at the Arts and Crafts Fair at Madrona School, and then head over to this enjoyable musical event—and help our neighborhood school at the same time! For more information, or to purchase advance tickets, call 781-7745. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, \$6 for adults, \$4 for school-age children.

There is another way Madrona neighbors can aid this project—by checking your houses for those no-longer-used musical instruments which you could donate to the school. Ms. Koroch has already received nine instruments, but can use many more. These instruments are available for use by children who can't afford to rent their own to take lessons provided at Madrona Elementary.

In her year and a half at Madrona, Ms. Koroch has assembled a remarkable, vibrant music program. Watch the readerboard through the fall and winter for announcements of concerts by her two student choirs—they are wonderful. And let's join with other families from around the city to give our support to this fine neighborhood program!



# Calendar

- Oct 17 Madrona Community Council Special Board**  
7:15p Meeting to discuss Committee Work Plans. Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. All welcome.
- Oct 21 Central Area Planning Forum**  
10-4:30 See article. Washington Middle School, 2101 S. Jackson. Everyone welcome!
- Oct 31 MCC Halloween Trick or Treat Gathering**  
5p-8p See article. Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring
- Nov 1 Madrona Gardeners - Learn All About Bulbs**  
7:30p Everyone welcome! Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring.
- Nov 4-5 Madrona Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival**  
10a-4p Arts and Crafts, Games, Raffle, Food and Fun. Come one, come all! Madrona Elementary School.
- Nov 5 Madrona Music Program Benefit Concert**  
10-4:30 See article. Support Madrona School Music Program.
- Nov 6 Madrona School Site Council Meeting**  
7p Meeting to discuss Site Council goals for the year. Madrona School Library. All welcome.
- Nov 7 Madrona Community Council**  
10a-4p Working Meeting - Board and Committees Shelterhouse, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Nov 7 General Election Day -  Remember to vote!!!**
- Nov 21 Madrona Community Council Program Meeting**  
7:15p An evening with new Seattle School Superintendent, John Stanford, sponsored by Madrona Community Council, Madrona Site Council, Madrona PTSA. Save the date. Details in the next newsletter.

# Madrona Bulletin Board

## Change In Meeting Times

The MCC Board has approved a change in starting times for regular Community Council meetings. Please make a note that all MCC Board and General Meetings will begin at 7:15pm unless otherwise noted.

## Madrona Gardeners

Barbara Flynn will talk about bulbs — everything we need to know but don't know who to ask. All Madrona gardeners are welcome to attend this excellent presentation. Bring your questions and leave with inspiration. Join us on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:30pm in the Madrona Shelterhouse, 34th and Spring.

## Thank You!!!

A BIG thank you to Madrona resident, Michael Wilson, Madrona School Art Instructor, Doris Anderson, and especially to the students of Madrona School for painting the litter cans in the business district. They look grrrrreat!!! Let's all make an effort to "feed our litter" to the animals that adorn the litter cans and keep our business district clean.

## Meeting New Neighbors

New and long-time neighbors gathered on September 30 at Dulces Restaurant to make new acquaintances, to renew friendships and to reminisce. Thank you to Audrey Seale and Jayne Hulsey for organizing the event and to Carlos Kainz for letting us once again use Dulces Restaurant. Watch for future notice in the newsletter of the next new neighbor gathering in January.

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