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Madrona NEWS

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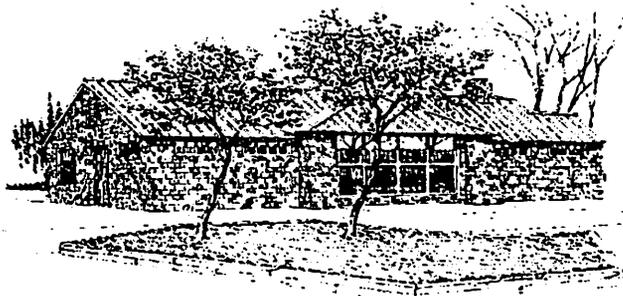
Community Dialog On Neighborhood Issues

The Board of the Madrona Community Council has been meeting to plan for the 1993-94 year, but we need your help. As a reminder, everyone who lives or works in Madrona, roughly between Martin Luther King Way and Lake Washington and between Terrace Street and Denny, is a member of the Madrona Community Council, and the Board wants to hear from you... What neighborhood issues are important to you?... What activities or projects do you participate in and enjoy?... What do you see as the role of the Community Council?... How can the Community Council work with other neighborhood organizations, churches, etc. to strengthen and improve the Madrona neighborhood?... What are the most important issues the community should address?... How would you like to get involved?

You are encouraged to attend the next program meeting, **A Community Dialog on Neighborhood Issues, Tuesday, September 28, at 7:30pm in the Madrona Shelter House at 34th and Spring.** The meeting will be a chance to meet the Board and to discuss a wide variety of neighborhood concerns, from public safety to business district planning, from traffic mitigation to park maintenance. The meeting agenda will also include the annual election of officers, a vote on amendments to the bylaws, and an update on the proposed St. Therese shelter for the homeless.

The nominees for Madrona Community Council Board Officers for 1993-94 include: **John Capps, President; Jerry Arbes, Vice President; Sonja Griffin, Treasurer; Kathleen Roark/Dorothy Grant, Secretary.** An additional Vice President position will also be filled. A full listing of the Officers and Board will be published in the next newsletter.

Community issues and opportunities include: ideas for City Neighborhood Budget Requests, matching fund projects, business district concerns and opportunities, public safety program needs, and ways we can work together with neighboring communities. We will be looking for community support....and committee volunteers. But don't let that keep you away, since we mostly want to hear your concerns and ideas. Please plan to attend. There are many ways to get involved Call Jill Gordon, Past President at 329-9836, or John Capps, Future President at 324-6847 if you have questions.



Community Calendar

- Sept 20 Annual Madrona Clean-up**
(See related article)
- Sept 28 Madrona Community Council**
7:30pm **Program Meeting - Community Dialog on Neighborhood Issues - Bylaws - Elections**
Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
(See related articles)
- Oct 7 Madrona Community Council**
7:30pm **Working Meeting**
Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
- Oct 11 Police Department Public Hearing**
6:30pm Langston Hughes Center, 104 17th Ave S
Seattle Police/Community Relations Task Force will conduct four community public hearings to hear citizens' concerns about the Police Department with one hearing in the Central Area.
- Oct 12 Martin Luther King, Jr Way Signalization**
7:00pm Shelter House, 34th & Spring. Everyone welcome!
A joint meeting with several Central Area community councils is being held to discuss the proposed Martin Luther King Way signalization project with the Seattle Engineering Department.
- Nov 6-7 Madrona Holiday Arts Festival**
Madrona Elementary School
(See related article)

Madrona Needs You!

The Community Council Is What You Make It!

We are still looking for people interested in Madrona Community Council Board and Committee 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 John Capps at 324-6847 to indicate your interest. It's a great group to work with.





New Madrona Business

Plenty, offering gourmet takeout, is opening soon at 1404 34th Avenue, 324-1214. Stop by, check out the delicious delights, and welcome them to Madrona.

Madrona Book Group

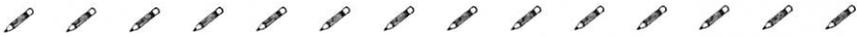
Madrona residents interested in forming a book group, with emphasis on contemporary fiction, please call Patricia Vadasy at 329-1073.

Autumn 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 Celeste Henriquez of A.G. Petunia ArtWorks. She brings years of experience teaching children 4-12 years old to draw.

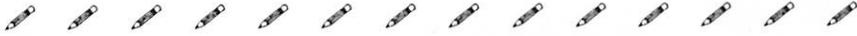
The class will be offered Thursdays from 4-5PM, at the Madrona Shelter House. Classes will have a minimum of 5 children and a maximum of 15. Fees are \$40/session (4 classes) and includes materials. Register through A.G. Petunia Artworks 632-7464. Leave your name, telephone number and be sure to note that the class is at the Madrona Shelter House, 35th and Spring.

Art Classes in Madrona Madrona Neighborhood Art Program



Picture Power: Learning To Draw

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Teacher: Celeste Henriquez of A.G. Petunia ArtWorks
To Register, call 632-7464.
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Creative Enjoyment

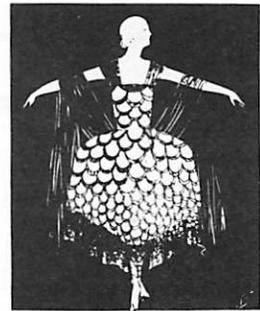
Art Classes for 5-10 year old children
Art/Playgroup for 2½ - 4 year old children
Madrona Shelter House
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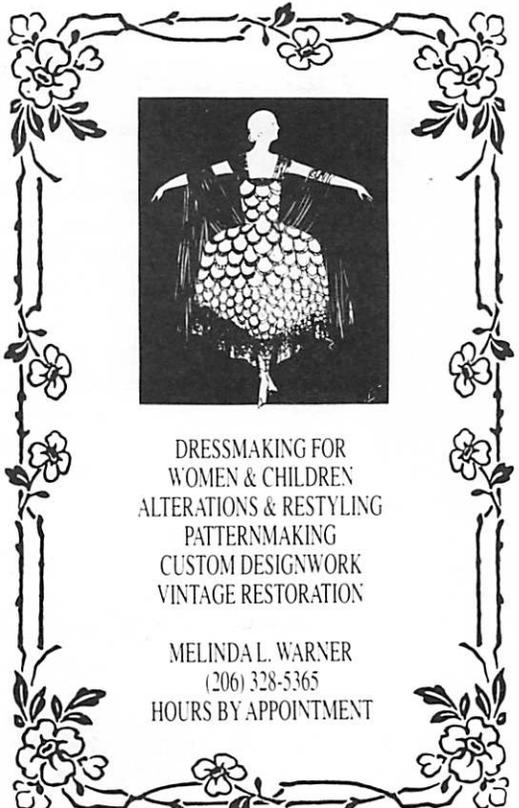
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Notes from the Madrona Library

by Nancy Pew

Mrs. Virginia Bradford, who has worked at the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library for 20 years, is retiring in October. The library will be holding an Open House for her on her last Saturday of work. Please stop by the library on **Saturday, October 16 between 1pm and 6pm** to visit with Mrs. Bradford and enjoy refreshments. A short ceremony will take place at 2:30pm.

☛ Storytime will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30am in October and November.

☛ Please stop by or call 684-4705 to use the library or find out more about these events and other services.

☛ Madrona Library Hours are:

Monday, Wednesday	10am - 6pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	2pm - 6pm
Saturday	1pm - 6pm
Sunday	Closed

☛ Please note: Copies of the proposed changes to the bylaws of the Madrona Community Council and copies of the draft position paper on the SHARE shelter for the homeless at St Therese will be available for review at the library.

☛ Watch for an update on plans for the future of the Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library in the next newsletter.

Madrona Beach Enhancement

Last spring Vesna Summers, Peter Loft, Ingrid Beach and others met to discuss improvements to the beach play area at Madrona Beach. With the help of the Madrona Community Council and especially Jill Gordon and Marty Leibowitz, good progress has been made.

A neighborhood matching grant was submitted in July to the Department of Neighborhoods for a beach play enhancement project in the area south of the Madrona Dance Studio along Lake Washington. The final grant application, prepared by **Ingrid Beach**, who we thank for all her efforts, was helped along immeasurably by all who signed the volunteer sheets pledging time to help with the project, and by the **preliminary design generously donated by Alan Whittaker**, an architect with NBBJ and resident of Madrona. It is anticipated that the beach enhancement project will utilize natural materials such as rocks, madrona logs, and driftwood to better utilize the passive sand area at the Madrona Park beach.

The grant application is now being reviewed by the City and a decision will be made this fall. While the grant was submitted on behalf of the Madrona Community Council, the project will be followed by a new energetic and enthusiastic project management team which includes:

Matt Dietrich and Patricia Feely, 243-2192

Barbara Imer-Browning, 325-2858

Rebecca Huston, 329-6412

Marty Leibowitz, board member of the Madrona Community Council has offered to stay closely involved as an advisor to the project.

To be successful, if the grant is awarded, the project will need substantial volunteer and financial support. Anyone interested in learning more about the project or to volunteer should contact any of the team members above.

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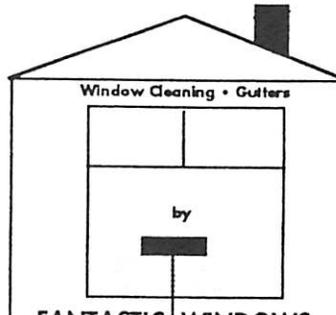
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Proposed Overnight Shelter for the Homeless At St. Therese

The Madrona community first heard about the proposed shelter for the homeless at St. Therese earlier this summer. The church, in partnership with SHARE (Seattle Housing And Resources Effort, a nonprofit group dedicated to helping the homeless find housing) agreed to house approximately 20 men/couples in the church's gymnasium, from 10pm to 6am, seven days a week. SHARE would be responsible for on-site management, and an oversight committee consisting of representatives of St. Therese, the Madrona Community Council, and SHARE would meet at least monthly to address community concerns. Potential shelter residents would be screened downtown to screen out persons suspected of drug or alcohol use. Shelter residents would take the #3 bus to Madrona at approximately 10pm each evening. They would be expected to remain in a group walking from the bus stop to the church. No one would be permitted to leave St. Therese's until the following morning when they would again travel in a group to the bus stop from where they would return downtown.

Three community meetings were held during the summer, at which many views, both for and against the shelter, were aired. Although the suddenness of St. Therese's initial decision seemed to suggest that the community input was not a part the decision-making process, the church has decided to conduct more discussion with the community and with the parents of children attending the St. Therese School before implementing the shelter.

To promote community input, an ad hoc community work group was created in August. This group gathered information and drafted recommendations for consideration, and possible adoption, by the Madrona Community Council. Members of the committee were Fred Connell, Wes-Howard Brook, Casey Runde, Joan Scott, and Bob Trumble. Mirroring the wide diversity of views prevalent in the neighborhood as a whole, the committee members varied from strongly in favor of the shelter to strongly opposed.

The committee members gathered information from residents in communities where other SHARE shelters have been in operation, from SHARE representatives, and from city and police officials. Reports from other neighborhoods were generally positive, but not universally favorable (e.g., one contact reported a "perceptible increase in transients and panhandlers in the Phinney Ridge/Greenwood area). In summary, while there were mixed findings about whether SHARE shelters have had negative impacts on neighborhoods in which they were located, the information the committee was able to collect suggested that few problems occurred and that most, if not all of these, were quickly and effectively handled.

The ad-hoc committee did not choose to recommend for or against the shelter, but instead formulated four recommendations for consideration by the Madrona Community Council:

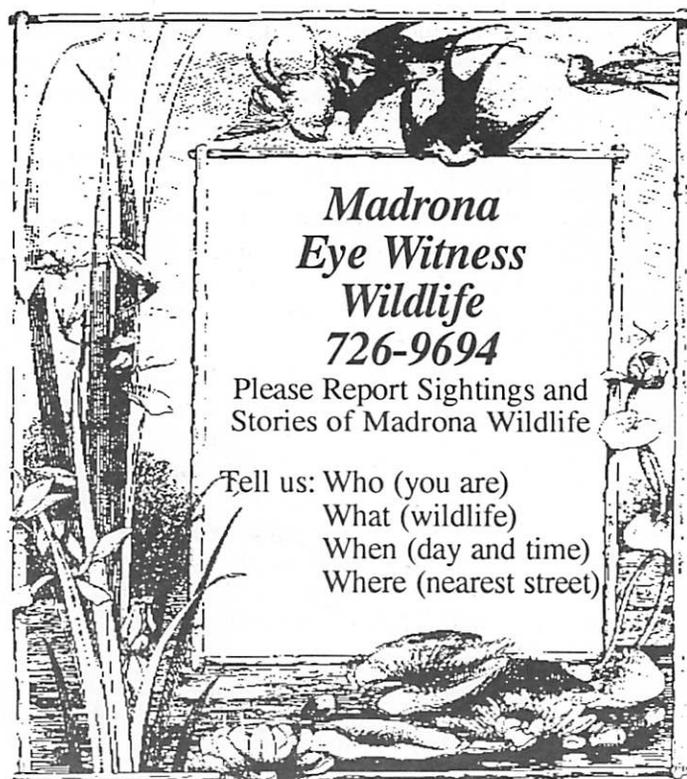
1. The Community Council should work to assure that there be church or community supervisor on-sight throughout the night, at least during a trial period during which the shelter can be evaluated. Also, there should be a responsible party to accompany individuals onto a bus in the eventuality that anyone is turned away or evicted from the shelter. (One member of the committee did not support this recommendation because SHARE generally self-governs its shelters.)

2. A formal monitoring process should be implemented to receive, evaluate, and act upon complaints — should they be made — from community members. This process should monitor both problems directly attributable to shelter users, as well as indirect consequences of the shelter.

3. The Community Council should work with St. Therese's to explicitly articulate including what impacts will not be tolerated, as well as the criteria and process that will be used to determine under what circumstances the shelter should be closed.

4. The Madrona Community Council, as the representative of the neighborhood, should be a full and active participant at all levels in the planning and monitoring process. It is essential that the community exercise its appropriate and legitimate responsibility to assure that the Madrona neighborhood does not become — if things do not go according to plan — an unintended victim of this charitable effort.

These recommendations will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting, on September 28 (see calendar) at the Madrona Shelter House, 34th and Spring. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting and to participate in the discussion.



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Seattle Times

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Business District Planning

In response to an article last spring in the Madrona News, a new group of people have joined the **Business Committee of the Madrona Community Council** to look at opportunities for planning improvements to the Madrona business district. The first meeting of the business district planning committee will take place in early October. All interested parties are encouraged to call 325-1224 if you wish to become involved or to participate in anyway.

Community Council Board Retreat

The Madrona Community Council Board Members met at the Sand Point Officers Club for the annual retreat, thanks to arrangements by John Capps. The meeting included discussions of the 1993-94 budget, goals, programs and events. We see another busy year for the Board and the community.

One of the **primary goals for this year will be expanding participation**. We hope to reach out to the community to identify the most pressing needs of the neighborhood. We need more participation in committees and events. All residents and business owners should realize that they are a part of our community and the Council.

During the next year, in light of the current safety issues raised by residents from all parts of Madrona, we expect to place **major emphasis on exploring ways of increasing public safety in our neighborhood**. We would also like to explore business district planning opportunities, and developing exciting new fun community events. Plans are well underway for the Madrona Holiday Arts Festival. We are considering hosting another successful community concert, and of course there is always our annual Madrona Mayfair. We hope to complete our application for IRS tax exempt status and do some exciting new fundraising events. We have applied for a Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Grant for a beach enhancement project at Madrona Beach which will require volunteer time. And the newsletter mailing list needs updating so that everyone in the neighborhood receives the newsletter every month.

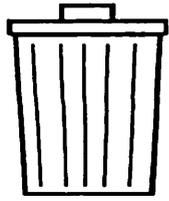
As you can see there is lots to discuss and lots to do. The Board needs your help in defining and meeting our 1994 goals. There is something for everyone. Please give us a call or **come to the September 28 meeting**.

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Changes

On the agenda of the September 28 meeting of the Madrona Community Council will be **changes to the Community Council bylaws**. The proposed amendment is necessary to meet the requirements for application for Internal Revenue 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status. Changes area proposed to page 1, Article 1, Section II, (A) Purpose of Organization and (B) Tax Exempt Status.

The amendments define the roles and purpose of the Madrona Community Council and the limitations required of tax exempt organizations. **The current bylaws and proposed changes can be reviewed at the Madrona Sally Goldmark Library** at 33rd and Union. Copies will also be available at the September 28 meeting. Call Jill Gordon at 329-9836, if you have questions.

Annual Madrona Clean-up



September 20

Mark your calendars! **Monday, September 20, 1993 is the Annual Madrona Neighborhood Cleanup** with the Seattle Conservation Corps collecting trash and rubbish from your curb beginning at 7am. This free pick-up is for moderate amounts of your household rubbish placed on your own front curb. It cannot be used by anyone who lives outside the cleanup area, by businesses or apartments.

The boundaries are approximately Harrison Street on the north, Lake Washington on the east, Cherry Street on the South. On the west the boundary runs along MLK Way from Cherry to Union, along 28th Avenue from Union to John, and along 32nd Avenue from John to Harrison. Household rubbish will be pick up within this area only.

Items which will be collected include appliances, small quantities of construction debris, bagged, boxed or bundled junk, and furniture. **Items which cannot be picked up include concrete, tires, yard waste, hazardous waste, food waste, large logs or lumber, large glass.**

Rubbish placed on medians, parks, or any curbside other than your own is illegal dumping and is punishable by fine. **If you see illegal dumping while it is happening, please note the license number of the vehicle and report it by calling 911.** To report illegal dumping after it has happened, please call the Illegal Dumping Hotline at 684-PKUP.

November 6th and 7th Madrona Holiday Arts Festival



The Madrona Holiday Arts Festival is coming on November 6th and 7th! The winter fundraiser for the Madrona Community Council will take place in the Auditorium of the Madrona Elementary School and will feature booths of arts and crafts including pottery, hand painted windsocks, ornaments, children's clothing, photography, dolls, jewelry and much more. Extra special touches include an espresso bar, an exhibit of Madrona student art, and a children's art booth where children can create their own masterpieces while their parents shop. The Madrona Community Council will be operating the food and refreshment booth.

To assure the success of this event, we need your help. Can you help with any of the following?

- Design and/or printing of flyers or posters
- Distribution of flyers or posters
- Assist with press releases and contacts
- Help make two large banners
- Work in the food concession.

There will be no admission charge but the donation of non-perishable food items will be encouraged for distribution to the local food bank.

A few booth spaces are still available and are not limited to Madrona residents. For more information or to volunteer your much needed assistance, please call Terri Spaccarotelli at 329-3556. Now is your chance to help with what could become a spectacular annual event.

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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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