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Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day!

By Laura Yurdin, 32nd Avenue

Thanks to all who attend this year's event—the Madrona K-8 library was packed to the gills with the best turn-out ever!! Thanks to our performers, Brownies Troop 18, Juniors Troop 398, and SHUMBA! Thanks to our special guests Mayor Greg Nickels, School Board President Mary Bass, and event MC Cole Austin. Thanks to our wonderful neighborhood businesses Verite, Cupcake Royale, Madrona Sapphire, Kismet, Dulces, Fetch, Jaywalk, St. Clouds, and Izilla Toys for donating treats and prizes. But most of all, thanks to this year's school and neighborhood award winners for their contributions to making Madrona such a special place to live.

- 🍏 **The Doris Baptist Hickman Staff Award:** Roslyn Adams, Kindergarten Teacher
- 🍏 **The Madrona Student Award:** DeAundreney Brown, 7th Grade Student
- 🍏 **The Go Panthers Award:** Jan Toth- Literacy Coach
- 🍏 **The Mary Bass Award:** Vicki Polk, Director of Madrona CDSA
- 😊 **The Nora Award:** Walter Bodel, Youth in Focus
- 😊 **The Local Hero Award:** Floyd Goffney, 33rd Avenue
- 😊 **The Unsung Hero Award:** Kim Herber, *Madrona News* Editor
- 😊 **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Jon Hughes, Community Activist



Where's Greg? Seattle mayor blends in with a group of Madrona K-8 students during the 2006 Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day celebration.

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

Madrona School and Neighborhood Appreciation Day was a huge success. A great big thank you to Madrona Community Council (MCC) Vice President Laura Yurdin for leading the charge on this event again this year. One of the reward recipients was our very own Kim Herber for all the wonderful work she does on our fabulous newsletter. Way to go Kim, I really appreciate everything you do for our community and I do not know what we would do if you weren't here. To

by Bill Hanson, 32nd Avenue

learn more about all the people honored for making Madrona great, see the story and pictures on page 6.

At the March MCC meeting, the conflict at Madrona Playfield was discussed again. In my opinion, this whole "issue" has been blown out of proportion and far off track. The basic concern is safety for children of all ages at the Madrona Playfield. It's not right that one hateful remark from one

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King Co. Logo to Honor MLK

By Zan Barker-Aderem, 37th Avenue

Sometimes things get done right the first time. Other times, like with the logo for King County, the second time is the charm. Councilman Larry Gossett first petitioned to have the logo of King County changed from an imperial crown to the visage of Martin Luther King, Jr. The county was originally named for William Rufus King, who was in fact a slave owner, but that is neither here nor there. The county name was officially changed in 1985 to honor the civil rights leader, Dr. King, and on February 27, 2006, the King County Council voted on changing the logo too. The meeting was very interesting to me but I thought a tad too long.

The meeting was open to anyone except during what they call the executive session in which only special people could be in the room. Members of the county also testified to the council people what it would mean to them to have Dr. King's visage as the county symbol. I feel that there should not be an executive session because it prevents normal people from witnessing the proceedings. This decision took a lot of deliberation. The councilmen all talked for a while and came up with a vote. The two

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anonymous Madrona resident who has no use for black children, has allowed the school and school district to shift the focus from child safety, good behavior and good neighbors to a discussion of race relations in Madrona. This may not be the perfect neighborhood, but such issues do not absolve the school or the school district of the responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of the children who attend Madrona K-8. We must not allow any older children using Madrona Playfield to make any younger children there feel threatened. Behavior is the key issue in my mind. At any rate, the discussion will continue and Mark Melroy, MCC vice president, Madrona K-8 Assistant Principal Brad Brown, and Dr. Ed Taylor of the UW will be working together to improve neighborhood/school relations.

Speaking of improving relations....it's time to start thinking about our annual Madrona Mayfair parade and celebration. Last year's organizer, Ann Hollar, is looking to pass the baton to other parents of young children. If you and a friend or two are interested, this is a very fun event and we need your help to keep it going. Contact me at 323-3450 or Ann at annhollar@msn.com for more info.

Raul and Christine Mustelier were also at the March meeting to talk about traffic problems on 32nd Avenue between Cherry and Spring streets. They are collecting signatures from residents of those blocks to ask the city to remove the No Parking signs from the east side of that part of 32nd Avenue. The hope is that parking on both sides of the street will slow traffic—recently a car traveling at over 60 mph crashed near 32nd and Marion and did significant damage. This is a much-needed project that was supposed to have been done as part of the renovation of Madrona School.

Another neighborhood project, the proposed 3-story office building at 1120 34th Avenue, will incorporate most of the public comments from the city's January 4 early design meeting. As you may remember the proposed project would completely fill the 40 by 100 foot lot, and include retail on the first floor level, and a basement garage parking accessed from the alley between 34th and 35th avenues. Design suggestions include:

1. Setting the upper two stories back to create recesses at the front sidewalk level compatible with neighboring buildings.
2. Not allowing stucco to be used on the exterior.
3. Replacing the proposed second story deck on the alley with a landscape screen to protect the privacy of the neighbors on 35th Avenue.
4. Minimizing blank walls by covering walls with trellises, vegetation or murals.
5. Installing a hip roof in the back along the alley.

The Department of Planning and Development is working with the Department of Transportation to have the south portion of the alley behind the building reopened.

At the April MCC meeting, Joann Scott will discuss the Madrona Woods stream daylighting project to rescue the stream from culverts and storm drains and allow it to run free above ground all the way to Lake Washington. This is definitely a worthwhile project! Please come to our community meeting April 4 at 7:15 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34th and East Spring Street. You can find out what's happening around Madrona, and share with us any projects you want to get started in our neighborhood. We do have seed money so if you have a favorite idea or pet project; this is the time to get started.

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female Republicans were the only two people who voted against the change.

I think that the council should have voted unanimously on changing the logo but they did not. The woman who was the biggest one opposing the change said that it was too costly. For some reason she thought that because she had written a book about Dr. King she automatically knew what was right. She also said that the city would be charged by the King estate constantly. I think that is ridiculous and that she was just grasping at straws. If the King family did not want Martin's image on anything then they would ask the county not to put his image there.

This change I feel was needed in the community. The United States of America has never been ruled by a monarch and we fought off the British one who did rule. I think that it is a great idea to make a man who fought against oppression a county symbol. I mean no disrespect to William Rufus King but he was no civil rights leader. I think that if anyone should be idolized in this civilization it should be someone who was peaceful and helped others. With this vote, the new logo of Dr. King will be designed and replace the crown of King County.

In conclusion, the implications of this decision show that people are starting to accept that everyone should be treated equally. I hope many changes of this sort are incorporated into society.

Zan Barker-Aderem is 12 years old and lives in Madrona with his family. His house is on 37th Avenue and it has plenty of room for Zan and his two sisters, Zoe age 15, and Sasha age 11. Zan took the time to go to the county meeting because he believes in peace and that is what Dr. Martin Luther King represents.

Rath Law
paste-up

Better Safe Than Sorry!

By Virginia Sly, 38th Avenue

There have been two recent daylight burglaries in the neighborhood—one on 33rd Avenue and one on 37th Avenue. In one case, the thief entered through an open window; in the other he came in through a back door that faces onto the alley. These unfortunate events should serve as a reminder to us all that we need to be vigilant and take precautions to protect our homes during the day, even when you're only away briefly. If you are observed leaving, a thief needs only a few minutes to break in and grab valuables that are portable and in plain view. Laptops are a favorite target. Before leaving home, ensure windows and doors are locked and your alarm system (if you have one), is armed.

This weekend, take a walk around your house to inspect it for vulnerable spots that need to be secured. Light is a good deterrent so look at landscaping to see what needs to be cut back to reduce hiding places. Leave your porch light on at night and encourage your neighbors to do the same. It's much cheerier to good folks and discourages the bad guys! If nearby street lights don't work properly, call City Light at 684-7056. I got a very prompt response when I called about a street light near my house that wasn't staying on all night.

And finally, remember to keep your eyes open! The police advise against confronting a suspicious person but ask that we pay attention to descriptions of people and vehicles, and report all incidents even if you know nothing can be done. Police resources are assigned to the various precincts based on the number of incident reports and 911 calls.

P.S. A neighbor mentioned that a very convincing con-man is in Madrona. He comes to the door with a sad story involving a car problem that is impeding his charitable work and asks for money. Your best bet is to limit donations to recognized charities, not to a guy on your doorstep, no matter how good his story is!

Come and See Our New Spring Merchandise



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Dining & Sipping at Sapphire

By Geoffrey Ruskin, 38th Avenue

Hello, once again the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society will be hosting its monthly get together. This month's meal will be held at the newly re opened Sapphire's Restaurant on 34th Avenue on March 23. We are an ad hoc group of neighbors who get together on the fourth Thursday of the month to share good food and conversation, and to get to know each other. Everyone within the sound of my voice is invited to join us.

I have spoken to the head chef at Sapphire and he has agreed to serve a 3-course meal for \$25 with accompanying wine for an additional \$10. He plans to provide three entree choices and two or three starter choices. There will be only one desert but he promises something delicious! I will email more information about the menu.

There is enough room for 12 to 20 diners, the perfect size for an evening like this. To reserve your place at the table, send me a email at guskin@mac.com. I hope you can come—and bring along a neighbor or a friend.

Juvenile Justice Volunteers Needed

By Benjamin Chotzen, 30th Avenue

The King County Superior Court Partnership for Youth Justice is seeking volunteers to serve on the Central Area Accountability Board. This group determines consequences for minor juvenile offenders. I have been involved with this group for about 12 years. It allows children ages 12 thru 17 who have committed their first crime, usually shoplifting, to avoid going to court and having a criminal record. Instead, the kids meet with two members of the community and a monitor from the city.

The time commitment is approximately six evenings per year to for training and to attend hearings at the Youth and Family Services Building on MLK Jr. Way, across from the Amy Yee Tennis Center. At the hearings, you work with the youth involved, another community volunteer, and a consultant from the court. From personal experience, I can guarantee that you will gain personal satisfaction, while reducing crime in our neighborhood and giving kids a second chance.

For more information on the Central Area Accountability Board, contact Area Manager Shirley Noble at 296 1133 or shirley.noble@metrokc.gov.

Michael Cuccina's pasteup

Be a Baseball Sponsor, Baby!

By Steve Orser, 33rd Avenue

The Seattle Central Little League (SCLL) is now preparing for the 2006 baseball season. The SCLL baseball program pulls boys and girls from Elliott Bay to Lake Washington and north to the Ship Canal and south to Massachusetts Avenue (I-90), including Madrona.

We are in need of company sponsors for our teams and our league. Our sponsorship program gives your business great visibility in the community and associates you with a successful youth program. Donors will be acknowledged in SCLL communications.

Thanks to Grocery Outlet for being among the first to step up to the plate with a sponsorship donation. Little League team sponsorship comes at two levels:

- With a donation of at least \$250, SCLL to add a link to your company from the Sponsors page on our web site <http://eteamz.active.com/SeattleLL/index.cfm>
- With a donation of at least \$500, SCLL will produce a banner with your company name and display it prominently during games.

A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated and used to buy uniforms and equipment, fund scholarships for children unable to pay league fees, fund participation in tournaments, and/or support other SCLL activities. In-kind donations of photocopying, snacks and beverages for games, food for celebrations, equipment, trophies, and pro bono services are also gratefully accepted. We can use any of the many items necessary to run the league.

Your donation to Seattle Central Little League is tax-deductible. If you would like to donate or be a sponsor, contact Michael Kern at 601-4766 or mkernbiz@yahoo.com.

Barbara Bannon
paste-up

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Celebrating Passover & Easter

All the churches in Madrona—and even some beyond—invite you to join them to celebrate Passover and Easter. On April 13, Passover (and Maundy Thursday) a Freedom Seder at Seattle First Baptist Church First Hill will celebrate the joint struggles of the African-American and Jewish communities. The Seder meal is at 6:00 and costs \$20 per person. On April 14, Good Friday, the three Madrona churches—Madrona Presbyterian, Epiphany Episcopal, and St. Therese Catholic—will join Mount Baker Park Presbyterian in an ecumenical service at 2:00pm at Mount Baker Park, 3201 Hunter Blvd. South.

Holy Week services at individual Madrona churches are as follows:

Madrona Presbyterian, 832 32nd Avenue

- April 16: Easter Sunday service at 10:45, with children of the congregation actively involved in the service and the before-service Easter egg hunt.

St. Therese Catholic, 936 35th Avenue

- April 13, Holy Thursday: Soup supper at 6:00pm; Liturgy at 7:00pm with all three choirs—St. Therese Choir, Shades of Praise Gospel Choir, and Jubilation Gospel Choir.
- April 14, Good Friday: Liturgy at 7:00pm with all three choirs.
- April 15: Easter Vigil at 8:00pm with all three choirs.
- April 16: Easter masses at 8:00am with cantor-led singing; 10:00am with the Children's Choir; noon with the Shades of Praise Choir; 5:00pm with the Jubilation Choir.

Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

- Palm Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:15am; egg-dyeing for kids.
- Monday through Wednesday: 6:30pm Evening Prayer
- Maundy Thursday: 6:30pm Agape Service and Meal
- Good Friday: 6:30pm Liturgy
- Holy Saturday: 9:00am Liturgy
- Easter: Choral Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:15am; Easter Brunch between services. Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:15 service.

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Feeding the Homeless with the Hearts and Hands of Madrona

By John Platt & Paul Butler, St. Clouds

For more than four years now, volunteers have gathered monthly at St. Clouds Restaurant to prepare a fresh, home-cooked meal for homeless people around Seattle. What started out as two nights of food for the Tent City residents camped at St. Therese in August of 2001, has grown into a project that serves over 225 people in five shelters every month in support of Seattle's goal to end homelessness here in the next 10 years. While the project may be headquartered at St. Clouds, it depends on countless volunteers, two other Madrona restaurants, and one progressive Madrona business to keep it going and evolving.

When the program began the volunteers were a mixed group of Madrona residents, St. Therese parishioners, and St. Clouds' customers. Over the years, as the word has spread, we now count on a wonderful variety of volunteers. Some are at-home moms or dads who hire a sitter or take advantage of kids-at-school to come join the action—Thom Ditty did a wonderful stint for us, Donna Lou is one of our stars, and Winky Hussy has become our brilliant packaging and transportation specialist! Many people who come are retirees with time and compassion to give—this includes devoted regular Mary Galwey. Some folks come every single month, others once every few months, others every once in a while. A gang from Whidbey Island comes down frequently; stalwart retirees Sally and Tim, Bill and Shari, Walt, Dick, Steven, and Patti form a virtual core group for our culinary adventure most every month.

Besides individuals, we also depend on other Madrona businesses. Every month our friends at the Hi-Spot and Dulces cook up food in their restaurants and add it to the packages we send out Wednesday afternoon. Madrona high-tech company Synapse also helps out in a unique way. Every Wednesday, the gang from Synapse holds their weekly lunchtime staff meeting at St. Clouds. Usually, they enjoy a catered lunch in the restaurant but on the Wednesdays we cook for the homeless, the restaurant isn't open for customers. So, to support the Homeless Cooking project and to be sure Synapse gets their regular Wednesday lunch, we worked out an arrangement that benefits everyone. Now, Synapse writes the Homeless Cooking project a big check each month, and on Homeless Cooking Wednesday, we bring some of the food we've prepared to their office. They get to experience the food we give to the homeless, and we receive important financial support to keep the project going. It's a win all around and one of the quiet ways Synapse supports the work of Madrona.

So, who do we feed? It's a rich variety of people, all full of need. On Capitol Hill is a daytime drop in shelter for teens, Peace for the Streets – we feed them. Also on Capitol Hill is the Jubilee Women's Center, a long-term residential facility – we feed them. Downtown, in the basement of the First Methodist Church, is the Men's Inn, a temporary shelter for men that opens each night at 6 – we feed them. We also feed two YWCA shelters downtown – the Women and Children's Shelter at 6th & Seneca, and the YWCA Opportunity Center Daytime Drop-In Shelter for Women, who use our bounty to feed over 100 women during the day. In all these places we bring a meal of dignity for those who deserve much but find little in their lives.

If you'd like to help, we'd love it! You can help cook, be a volunteer delivery driver, drop off food at the shelters, or make a tax-deductible financial donation. We will use your money to buy the central protein each month and the containers we package the food in. We meet the third Wednesday of every month—do you have anything better to do that day?

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Neighborhood Appreciation Day!

Madrona Student Award: DeAundreney Brown, 7th Grade Student

This award recognizes a Madrona student who demonstrates through his/her actions the Madrona Way: "We are academic achievers, respectful and caring of ourselves, our school, and our community".

DeAundreney is a seventh grader that embodies what it means to be a well-rounded individual. She's not only one of the best basketball players in the city, she is an excellent student. She has maintained above a 3.4 grade point average since she has entered Madrona this year. In the years' past we have chosen an 8th grader, however this year it was a unanimous vote that she get the award. She's always ready to help all around the school. Her attitude is always positive, she's a calming spirit with her peers, and we are thankful that she's with us.



DeAundreney and Principal Andrews

Madrona Resident for Life Award: Jon Hughes, Community Activist

This award recognizes a former Madrona resident for the impacts she made while she lived here, and the timeless value of those contributions.

Former Madrona resident and super-citizen Jon Hughes returned to his native New Mexico in 1995 but the work he did lives on and certainly earned him the title of Madrona Resident for Life. For Jon, volunteering to get involved with a project almost always meant taking on a leadership role. He was vice-chairman of the Madrona Community Council Land Use Committee, president of the Madrona School PTSA, president of the CDSA Board, and deeply involved in Little League baseball. His advocacy and dedication to Madrona School is one of the main reasons why 50+ people regularly attend PTSA meetings and the community now raises over \$60,000 a year to support school programs. Jon was tireless in pursuing anything he thought would make our community better and he inspired dozens of other people to get involved, too. Since he left, it has "taken a village" to replace him. Thanks too to Alix Hughes, for graciously sharing her husband with us.



Members of Juniors Troop 398 give colorful hand-made paper flowers to guests



Madrona MCC VPs Laura Yurdin & Mark Melroy kick off the celebration and then turn the podium over to Madrona K-8 alumni Cole Austin

Doris Baptist Hickman Staff Award: Roslyn Adams, Kindergarten Teacher

This award is named for our beloved teacher. It honors a Madrona K-8 School staff person who has made a significant contribution to the school.

Roslyn taught kindergarten at Madrona K-8 for the past 5 years. She started as an intern under the tutelage of Christopher Robert. Ms. Adams has one of the hardest jobs in the building. She's the first teacher most of her students have so her room is warm and inviting to all that come in. She was the perfect teacher to receive this award because she lives the same ideas and principals that Mrs. Hickman does. She is a dynamic teacher who embodies The Madrona Way and we are thankful to have here.



Award presented by Christopher Robert

Local Hero Award: Floyd Goffney, 33rd Avenue

This award is given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity.

Floyd Goffney was born and raised in Conroe, Texas and enlisted in the army in 1953 to serve our country in the Korean War. Upon leaving the service, Floyd lived in Houston before moving to Seattle in 1978. In 1981, Floyd married a longtime Madrona resident and he and Marie have lived on 33rd Avenue ever since. This summer Floyd proudly invited everyone on his block to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Floyd is quick with a hat-tipping wave and a welcoming greeting to both "old" and "new" Madrona community members. When Floyd has a party, he invites old neighbors who have moved away and introduces them to new neighbors who have just moved in. Floyd's positive attitude and heartfelt commitment to our community offers a hopeful outlook on Madrona's future that comes straight from Madrona's past. Ask Floyd about his views on Community and he'll put it to you simply, "Treat your neighbor right and you're in good shape"



Unsung Hero Award: Kim Herber, Madrona News Editor

This award is given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community.

You may not know her face but hers is literally a household name because it's all over the back page of the *Madrona News*, the monthly newsletter of the Madrona



community. Ten times a year, for the past six years, she has spent countless hours to produce a newsletter that keeps all of Madrona informed and connected. In 1998, she also used her writing skills to bring in grant money to support the Madrona Playfield renovation and is the main organizer of the annual Madrona Garage Sale. Kim and her family have lived in Madrona since 1994, after 10 years in Leschi. As if working with production editor Christine Bender and manager Steve Orser to produce the *Madrona News* weren't enough, she has a full time job at Boeing, two tweenaged children, a fabulous husband, three cats, one fish, and a very large Landseer Newfoundland dog.



Madrona K-8 Library was filled with friends and neighbors on March 11, 2006

Mary Bass Award: Vicki Polk, Madrona CDSA

This award goes to a person who goes above and beyond the call of duty linking the community and the school.

Vikki Polk came to our community by way of Leschi Community Day School Association. She started at Madrona Community Day School Association in 2002 as an assistant director. She became the director in 2004. She is an excellent addition to our community. Whenever we need a place for our children to go after school, she does everything in her power to make that happen for our families. She always has a smile for the children and families. She's one of the most positive people in the community and we are grateful that she's a part of our world.



Go Panthers Award: Jan Toth- Literacy Coach

This award recognizes an individual who has made extra and extraordinary efforts for the education and growth of Madrona K-8.

Jan has been our Middle School Literacy Coach since 2003-2004 and has made wonderful progress with our middle school students. She's a hard worker and a team player. If a teacher is having some difficulty in instituting a project, Jan's help eases their anxiety. She instituted "Pizza Topics", which divides middle school students into small groups to meet with their teachers and other adults at school. This allow students to have input and interact with other adults. Jan goes above the call of duty and creates a wonderful place for children with all of her energy and pizzazz.



Award presented by Marcus Harden

Neighborhood School News

Madrona K-8 Panther Partners PTA Update

*By Shelley Huestis, Panther Partners Secretary,
31st and East Spring*

When Madrona K-8 PTSA put a call out for a volunteer to be Panther Partners co-treasurer, Ed Jackson offered to take on the role—thank you Ed! Ed and his family live on 33rd right across from the school and have been in Madrona for over twenty years. He and his wife Lynnet were Madrona PTSA co-presidents for five years before the school was relocated temporarily during the renovation. The Jacksons currently have two daughters at Madrona, one in 2nd grade and the other in pre-school at Madrona's Community Day School Association (CDSA).

Madrona neighbors are invited to come meet Ed at any of our remaining PTSA monthly general membership meetings taking place in the school library from 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday April 19, May 10, and June 14. Also, at the March Madrona Community Council meeting, Assistant Principal Brad Brown invited any interested Madrona neighbors to attend our school's Family Chess Night on Thursday, March 30th from 6:30- 8 PM to learn about our exciting chess program and how it helps student learning.

If you have any questions about Panther Partners, please contact the Panther Partners office at 252-0450, ext 97872, pta@gomadronak8.org or www.gomadronak8.org. Thanks to everyone involved with Madrona K-8 Panther Partners PTSA. We hope to see you soon!

Teaching by Gender

By Lisa Hanses, Communications Chairperson

This time of year, St. Therese School takes a critical look at its programs and begins to make plans for the next school year. Right now we are planning for staffing adjustments, program changes, and facilities upgrades. One major program change for the 2006-07 school year will be a move toward single gender middle school classes—a change we take on with the highest of hopes.

Next year our school will have two 6th and 7th grade combined classes—one for boys and one for girls. The 8th grade will remain co-ed. All the research says this is a critical time in the life of children. The social and emotional development of the genders is extremely different and on different timelines. Students separated by gender can be taught differently, so as to maximize the strengths of both boys and girls and increase success for every student. We will be able to tighten the Math and Science achievement gaps that exist between boys and girls, as well as address the different need and interests of boys and girls when it comes to learning Reading and Writing.

At St. Therese, we feel this is a programmatic change whose time has come. As one parent commented, "I am so excited that my daughter will be a part of something that will maximize her strengths and at the same time push her to expect more of herself." What more can a school do for a student than that?

Collecting Common Cents

By Kathi Webster, Madrona K-8 Panther Partners

Many people wonder what to do with those jars full of pennies sitting around the house gathering dust. The answer? Donate them to Madrona K-8 during the Spring Penny Harvest, sponsored by Common Cents.

Every March for the last 15 years, Seattle students and their families have collected coins in their neighborhoods. Since 1992, local students have collected over \$300,000— last year Seattle's 20,000 students ages 5-17 collected over \$15,000, and MadronaK-8, with the help of the Junior Girl Scouts and Student Council, raised over \$200. Our goal this year is \$1,300.01!

With the Penny Harvest, every penny and every person counts. At Madrona K-8, once the coins are collected, students serve on a Youth Philanthropy Roundtable to decide how to best invest the money. They get to assess the most pressing community needs, such as poverty, homelessness, environmental pollution, or mental illness, and allocate money to address them.

Please help make the Penny Harvest a success by dropping coins into the pink collection canisters at Madrona businesses, including Grocery Outlet, Scenarios, Verite, Ruby Cleaners, décor on 34th, Madrona Moose, Dr. Loren Tarr, DDS, World Travel Center, and Kismet Salon. You can also bring your donations to the main office of the school.

The process is easy. The results are meaningful. And the need is there. On behalf of the Madrona K-8 students and the people, families and organizations across King County supported by the Spring Penny Harvest, I thank you. For more information, contact Marcus Harden at Madrona K-8 at 252-3125, Common Cents at 957-4779 ext 117 or www.commoncentsforkids.org, or me at 709-4338.



Big Bang! *The members of SHUMBA rhythm ensemble rocked the Madrona K-8 gym during the 2006 Madrona Neighborhood Appreciation Day Celebration. The performers are students and various local schools. Thank you to Madrona Panther Partners PTA member Grace Lenz for arranging for SHUMBA to perform at Madrona K-8.*

CD Forum Spotlights African-American Chefs

The Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas (www.cdforum.org) will hold its Third Annual Food As Art fundraising gala on April 8 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. The event features cuisine from some of Seattle's most well-known and respected African-American Chefs and restaurateurs, including Daisley Gordon of Campagne, Michael King of St. Cloud's, Perry Brown of Palomino, Donna Moodie of marjorie, and Leslie Coaston of The Kingfish Café.

Food As Art is the Central District Forum's signature fundraiser and is designed to be a fun and entertaining way to support the organization's efforts. Last year, more than 200 people mixed and mingled, savored exquisite culinary creations, and raised more than \$80,000. The funds go toward expanding the Central District Forum's offerings of inspirational theater, music, readings, lectures and discussions about the black experience in America. Throughout the year, the Central District Forum offers progressive programs to encourage thought and debate on the role of African-Americans in American culture.

This year's event includes remarks by Central District Forum Executive Director Ellis-Smith; Mary Snapp, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Microsoft; and Donna Moodie, Central District Forum board member and owner of marjorie; as well as a special award presentation honoring the decades-long accomplishments of the historic restaurant Thompson's Point of View in the Central District. DJ Hitmann will provide the music.

"Food As Art has become one of Seattle's signature fundraising events," says Stephanie Ellis-Smith, Founder and Executive Director of the Central District Forum. "It offers a unique opportunity to meet some of Seattle's most well-known African-American chefs, taste their exquisite cuisine, and support the Central District Forum's mission. The food is outstanding, the crowd is diverse, and the vibe is chilled."

Food As Art also includes a silent auction featuring local artists including Angelena McQuarter, Inye Wokoma, Chuck Taylor and many others, as well as a selection of Brown Estate wines, an award-winning Napa Valley vineyard owned by an African-American family. The fundraising goal for this year's event is \$100,000.

Food As Art will be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center; tickets are \$100-\$150 per person and are on sale at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2926>. Tickets will not be sold at the door. General information about the fundraiser is available at www.cdforum.org/gala-event.php and 323-4032.

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Meet Your New Neighbors: The Family that Taps Together....

Shauna Mindt of 31st Avenue has been dancing since she was four years old. In her early years, when she began more intensive training, she developed a passion for rhythm tap. She studied with Lynn Dally, Dianne Walker, Arthur Duncan, Brenda Bufalino, Brownie Brown, Savion Glover, Gregory Hines, and many others, including Greenlake locals Johnson Peters. Soon, she was passing down the history of tap while teaching others to tap. In fact, Shauna met her fiancée Pamela Hamilton eight years ago when Pamela took her adult tap class.

Before you could say step-ball-change, Shauna's career in tap was born! She began by choreographing numbers for six competitive tap teams, plus numerous soloists, duos and trios. Her most recent adventures in tap include:

- Working as Savion Glover's right hand in the Summer 2005 Dance This... production.
- Organizing a weekly tap jam with tap friend Roxane Butterfly at The Pink Door in downtown Seattle this past summer.
- Choreographing a group tap tango and solo number for herself in the En L'air artists benefit show at Consolidated Works in the winter of 2005.
- Choreographing two group-numbers as well as performing herself in the February 2006 NW Tap Festival at the Kirkland Performing Arts Center.
- Choreographing a senior solo for a student at Cornish just last month.



Proving again that the tap shoe doesn't fall from the foot, Shauna and Pamela have instill a love of tap in their children; Nikola age 12, Bridget age 10, and Brooks age 8. These days the girls work hard on Shauna's performing tap team, Pamela taps on the adult team, and Brooks is taking a year off to play baseball!

During the rare times when they are not tapping, the family enjoys horsing around in local parks, playing board games and cards around the dining table, reading, sports, listening to music, and supporting our community by shopping locally as much as they can. The kids especially love sitting at the counter in St. Cloud's where the chef juggles for them during dinner! The Hamilton-Mindts are another family that is truly thrilled to be a part of the Madrona neighborhood!

Powell Barnett Legacy Project

It's almost time to start construction on the long-awaited Powell Barnett Legacy Project! The community's vision for this project is to restore Powell Barnett Park in Central Seattle with an increased diversity of recreation opportunities, including a new children's play area, and to enhance safety through design, maintenance and programming.. And for those of you who have noticed that the red spider climbing toy is gone—fear not! The new park will include a new climbing web. The project will also renovate the restroom and upgrade the southwest entry

The park property is located at 352 Martin Luther King Jr., Way between Alder and Jefferson streets. It spans 4.4 acres, bridging the Leschi and Madrona neighborhoods. It was dedicated in 1969 to honor Mr. Powell Barnett upon the suggestion of the Leschi Improvement Council and students of Leschi Elementary School. Our vision is to restore the vitality of this historic landmark with a focus on Design, Safety, Maintenance and Events.

With the recent Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund grant, this project can now move forward to construction. For more information, contact Project Manager Andy Sheffer at 684.7041 or andy.sheffer@seattle.gov. You can also visit www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/PowellBarnett.htm or <http://homepage.mac.com/mindset/powellbarnett/>

St. Therese Paste-Up

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Madrona.us Business Listings Updated

By Traci Pichette, Festive Flowers

Thanks to all the local business owners who got back to me about their business listing on the Madrona community web site at www.madrona.us. I've incorporated everything I received so I hope the site is more complete and more accurate. This is a great way for people in Madrona to find out about and support local businesses.

To be listed in this neighborhood directory, a business has to be physically based in Madrona. Businesses located in adjacent neighborhoods (Madison Valley, Mt. Baker, Leschi, etc.) or that advertise in *The Madrona News* will be listed as time allows. Web-based businesses of Madrona residents will be listed if those businesses are focused on providing a tangible service to members of the Madrona community.

If anyone finds errors or omissions in the Business Listings on the website, email me at festiveflowers@gmail.com.

Madrona Computer pasteup

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Library Open More Hours

Attention evening readers! As of February 23, the Madrona-Sally Goldmark library has expanded its hours of service and is now open until 8:00pm every Thursday.

The change comes thanks to the recent city budget process, and the city officials who added funds to help restore cuts made to libraries starting in 2001. Back then, less prosperous economic times forced city-wide budgetary belt-tightening that closed all library branches at 6:00pm. In addition to the \$961,000 for increased Library hours, the council also added \$1.5 million to the Library's operating budget to help restore funding for the Library's collections.

"The people of Seattle love their libraries, which are among the most popular and valued of our city services," said City Librarian Deborah L. Jacobs. "We thank our elected officials for identifying libraries as a priority."

With expanded hours, the Madrona Sally Goldmark staff will be able to hold more story times, computers will be more readily available, and students will have more time to finish homework assignments.

More than 6 million people used the Central Library and branches in 2005. Nearly 80 percent of Seattle residents have a library card. A national survey recently ranked Seattle as the most literate city in the country, partly due to the city's strong library system. The Seattle Public Library circulated 7.5 million books and materials last year.

For information about the Madrona branch, stop in or contact Branch Manager Daria Cal at 684-4705.



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Bigger & Junkier than Ever

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Soon the air around Madrona will be filled with the smell of musty basements and long forgotten toys as your friends and neighbors start dragging out their wonderful trashy treasures in preparation for the annual Madrona Community Garage Sale. Everyone should start making a pile of items to sell now, so it will be very easy for you to bring them to the sale and donate them to be sold for the benefit of the Madrona Community Council (MCC).

For the past several years the sale has been held in the parking garage of the Madrona Plaza building, right across the street from the Hi-Spot. However, we seem to have outgrown that perfect spot and so I am scouting a new location. I have a couple places in mind, but no firm commitment. Likewise, the date of the sale is still squishy but it will probably be either April 22 or May 13. As things firm up, I'll put up signs and there will, of course, be a notice in the April *Madrona News*. I just wanted to give everyone plenty of time to get ready.

As always, you will be able to donate your items to support the MCC, or rent a space for \$15, or a space with a table for \$20, and sell your own goodies. Last year we had 12 different families/groups who worked their own tables inside the garage, and another four or five who set up shop outside the morning of the sale. We organize and price everything up on Friday night so we can just open the doors and sell, sell, sell at 8:00am on Saturday. I'll be looking for volunteers to help me prepare the donated items, and help sell them and collect the money for the MCC on Saturday. Any time you have to help is greatly appreciated.

Stay tuned for details but start sorting out your stuff now—the Big Day is almost here!

Kevin O'Doherty
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Your School Board Wants U! School Board District V Representative (and Madrona School alumni) Mary Bass welcomes everyone to participate in the Boardwalk 5K Run & Walk March 25 at the University of Washington. This event will raise money for health and fitness programs in Seattle schools and Mary is forming a neighborhood team. Anyone can run or walk—or roll, skate or crawl—in the Boardwalk.....or you can just send in the money!

Mary holds her monthly community meetings at the Garfield Community Center. The next meeting is March 24 at 6:00pm; food is provided and all community members are encouraged to attend. Contact Mary at 720-3303 or mary.bass@seattleschool.org.

Welcome Babies!

Good luck and lots of love to these growing families!

- **Finn Asheim Terry** was born January 23, 2006. He weighed 8lbs., 9oz., and was 21 inches long. First-time parents are Tove Martin and Brian Terry of Howell St.
- **Jasper DiJulio Ruben** was born January 26, 2006 to Adam Ruben & Sarah DiJulio of 34th Ave. He weighed 8 pounds even, and was 20 inches long.

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Calendar of Events

It's calendar time again! Check below and online for events in your neighborhood. If you have events to add to the on-line or want to have them included in the printed calendar in next month's *Madrona News*, please send an email to Erika Shaffer at Erika@suberlandgold.com

HOMEWORK HELP CENTER - Madrona-Sally Goldmark Branch – Monday 6:30-8:00pm, Tuesday 3-7:00pm, Wednesday 6-8:00pm, Friday 3:30-5:30pm

WEDNESDAYS 10:30am, PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, 684-4705

WEDNESDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP—Meet at 36th and Pine, Nikki.lundin@comcast.net

WEDNESDAYS 8-10:00pm, PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS—Madrona K-8, \$3 donation to the school, SteveOrser@yahoo.com

THURSDAYS 7:30pm, AA/ALANON MEETING—Epiphany Great Hall

THURSDAYS — MONDAYS 8:30pm LIVE MUSIC—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html

FRIDAYS 7:30am, MADRONA/LESCHI CITIZENS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATION—Corner of 23rd and Union

SATURDAYS 9:30am, MADRONA MOMS RUNNING GROUP—Meet at Madrona Beach parking lot, Nikki.lundin@comcast.net

Mar 23 Madrona Dining & Sipping Society—6:30pm Sapphire, RSVP to Geoffrey Ruskin, gruskin@mac.com

Mar 23 East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition—6:30pm, 2120 S. Jackson, Seattle Vocational Institute, Mary Williams, 587-4950

Mar 24 Seattle School Board District V Community Meeting—6:00pm, Garfield Community Center, Mary Bass, 720-3303 mary.bass@seattleschools.org

Mar 25 Seattle School Board Boardwalk Fundraiser—Boardwalk 5K Run & Walk March, University of Washington, Mary Bass, 720-3303 mary.bass@seattleschools.org

Mar 25 Madrona Woods Work Party—9:00am-1:00pm, Meet at 38th and Marion, Deirdre McCrary, jaymccrary@juno.com

Mar 25 Friends of Madrona Ravine Work Party—9:00am-noon, Meet at the bus stop on Madrona Drive next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge, Linda Hanson, 322-5554

Mar 30 Family Chess Night—6:30pm, Madrona K-8

Apr 4 Madrona Community Council Meeting—7:15pm, Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, Bill Hanson, 322-3450

Apr 6 Open Studio—3-6pm, 2912 E Cherry, Victoria Mackenzie Shelby, 323-3630

Apr 8 Food As Art Fundraising Gala—6:00-11:00pm, Bell Harbor International Conference Center; Central District Form for Arts & Ideas, www.cdforum.org/gala-event.php and 323-4032.

Apr 9 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist—8:00am, egg-dyeing for kids at 10:15am, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 10 Evening Prayer—6:30, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 11 Evening Prayer—6:30, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 12 Evening Prayer—6:30, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 13 Passover Freedom Seder—6:00pm, Seattle First Baptist Church, Seneca & Harvard, \$20 per person

Apr 13 Evening Prayer—6:30 Agape Service and Meal, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 13 Holy Thursday—6:30 Soup supper and 7:00pm Liturgy with all three choirs, St. Therese Catholic, 936 35th Avenue

Apr 14 Good Friday Service—2:00pm Mount Baker Park, 3201 Hunter Blvd. S.

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Apr 15 Easter Vigil—8:00pm, with all three choirs, St. Therese Catholic, 936 35th Avenue

Apr 16 Easter Choral Eucharist—8:00am and 10:15am, brunch between services, Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:15 service, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue

Apr 16 Easter Sunday—10:45am service with a before-service Easter egg hunt, Madrona Presbyterian, 832 32nd Avenue

Apr 16 Easter Masses—8:0am with cantor-led singing; 10:00am with the Children's Choir; noon with the Shades of Praise Choir; 5:00pm with the Jubilation Choir, St. Therese Catholic, 936 35th Avenue

Apr 19 Homeless Cooking—9:00am—Noon, St Clouds Restaurant, 726-1522

Apr 19 Madrona K-8 PTSA Meeting—6:30pm, School Library—childcare provided during meeting, Shelley Huestis 322-8004, www.gomadronak8.org

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