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Powell Barnett Gets an Ultimate Park Makeover

Starbucks Coffee Company, the City of Seattle, and the Powell Barnett Legacy Project steering committee invite everyone in Madrona to join us in a celebration of the renovation of Powell Barnett Park at 352 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

- Date: May 19, 2006
- Time: 11:30am

The Starbucks Neighborhood Parks Program has produced, within its \$1 million commitment to local parks in the greater Puget Sound Region, its first-ever Ultimate Park Makeover at Powell Barnett Park.

A \$ 550,000 commitment from Starbucks made possible a major acceleration of the renovation of Powell Barnett Park. Coupled with the grant, Starbucks teamed up with neighborhood organizers, the Seattle Parks Department, and hundreds of volunteers to revitalize the 4.4-acre park in just one week. Between May 12 and May 18 they are erecting a new playground, laying sod for an expansive play meadow, improving the landscaping, and teaming up with the Sonics to create new basketball courts.

Powell Barnett Park, located on Martin Luther King Jr. Way, between Alder and Jefferson streets, was named after Powell Barnett to honor the longtime community leader and organizer. The park, which bridges the Leschi and Madrona neighborhoods, was built in 1969 on the site of the former Garfield High School running track.

Powell Barnett Park was originally slated for renovation in 2007 as one of the projects funded by the Pro Parks Levy, approved by Seattle voters in November 2000. The Starbucks grant of \$550,000 has enabled crews to begin work a full year ahead of schedule, and to increase the scope of the project. We hope everyone will attend the grand opening on May 19, and then enjoy the park for many years to come.

MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

by Bill Hanson, 32nd Avenue

Who doesn't enjoy eating fresh veggies like those available this time of year at local farmer's markets? Many Madrona residents support the open-air markets in Columbia City, and at 19th & Union. But Rob Holland from the King County Agriculture Commission attended the May Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting to pose an interesting question: Would a farmer's market work in

Madrona? If you ask me, it would be nice to have locally grown farm produce close by but I'd be concerned about where to hold such an event and increased traffic. Also, where would shoppers from outside the neighborhood park? Parking and traffic are already big concerns in Madrona. There are definitely pros and cons to this question so we need to hear

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Neighbor Walks Against Cancer

This summer, Stacie Youngblood of 32nd Avenue will participate in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation August 25-27. Breast cancer is the second



Stacie & her training partner, Kramer

leading cause of cancer death for all women, and the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55. Both its cause and the means for its cure remain undiscovered. This year more than 200,000 women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer; about 40,000 will die from it. Stacie is walking in honor of Madrona resident, Frank

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Madrona Mayfair Saturday May 20!

President's Corner (cont'd from page 1)

your comments when Rob and a representative from the Seattle Neighborhood Market Alliance attend our June 6 MCC meeting. Please plan to attend and make your views known.

If it's Spring in Madrona, it must be time for Mayfair. This year's children's parade down 34th from Al Larkins Park to Madrona Playfield is scheduled for May 20. The free festival for kids at Madrona Playfield will have a clown show, pony-rides, face-painting, bouncy-jumping, a fire truck, carnival games, balloon-twisting, reptiles, a fabulous bake sale and more so please don't miss it! Kids will meet at Al Larkins at 34th & Pike at 10:00am to decorate their trikes, bikes, strollers, and scooters and ride them proudly through downtown Madrona. The free fun at the park will last until about 1:00pm and organizer Heath Foster is still looking for volunteers to help. There are plenty of fun "jobs" available—from pony-handling to face-painting. If you are interested, email Heath at heathfoster@tromboldlaw.com.

Looking ahead to summer, I hope you will also consider getting involved in the summer BBQ set for July 15. John Healy is heading up that wonderful event and I'm sure he'd be glad to hear from you. Planning is already underway so contact John at 720-1090 or john.healy@mindspring.com to get involved.

Mayfair...the BBQ....there are all kinds of ways to get involved in keeping Madrona great. I need a volunteer to set up and maintain a Madrona residents email group similar to the Madrona Moms. A Madrona-only group would help us get out the word on important neighborhood issues, such as crime sprees and local happenings. If you are willing, email me at hansonwilliam@msn.com

Thanks to Madrona K-8 Principal Kaaren Andrews for allowing the Madrona Garage Sale to take over the school gym, and to organizer Kim Herber and all the neighbors who sold their stuff or brought donations for filling that gym up with so many great treasures. It was a very successful event that put several hundred dollars into the MCC account, and gave lots of neighbors a chance to meet, mingle, catch-up, and go home with a perfect "new" gewgaw.

Remember, your MCC is a great way to make Madrona a better place for us to live, work and play. Come to our next meeting on June 6 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at 34th and East Spring Street starting at 7:15 pm. It is a great way to find out what is going on in your community and to get some seed-money to start your favorite community improvement project.

Festive Flowers paste-up

Walk (cont'd from page 1)

Renzi of 34th Avenue, and everyone who has been affected by cancer.

Stacie, who is a Windermere agent, is making the 60-mile trek with fellow Windermere agent Cari Sulcer and they call their two-woman team the Seattle Juggs. Stacie has committed to raise \$2,200 to participate in this walk, and has already received pledges equaling \$1,900, primarily from happy clients she has helped purchase homes. But her personal goal is to raise at least \$3,000—\$1,000 for each day of the event.

The route of the Seattle walk won't be released until just before the event so Stacie has no idea what terrain she might face. To prepare, she and her pooch Kramer are spending lots of time walking up and down the hills of Madrona getting in shape. Being a real estate agent, Stacie loves to look at the cool houses that fill our wonderful neighborhood as she walks. Being a dog, Kramer is interested in.....other things.

Stacie has no doubt she will reach her personal goal of raising \$3,000 to fight breast cancer. If you would like to move her one step closer, simply go to www.the3day.org, click the **DONATE** Seattle button, and type in Stacie Youngblood. You can pay with a credit card or check online, and all contributions are fully tax-deductible. Another way to support Stacie is to be part of a garage sale fundraiser she is planning for mid-June. If you have used clothing, housewares, or furniture that you would like to donate for the sale, or if you have any questions about the 3-Day Walk, contact Stacie at 650-8186 or stayoung@windermere.com.

Rath Law
paste-up

Madrona's Sweetest Tradition

By Heath Foster, 33rd & James

One of the sweetest traditions our neighborhood has is Madrona Mayfair—the day that the children of the neighborhood decorate their bikes, trikes and strollers with streamers and parade through “downtown” Madrona from Al Larkins Park to the Madrona Playfield. This year the festival at the playfield following the parade will have more free activities for young children than ever, thanks to a generous outpouring of support from Madrona's businesses and schools.

As always, kids (and parents) will meet at Al Larkins Park at 10:00am to decorate their wheels. The parade, led by Deano the Clown and Dee Dee Rainbow and accompanied by the beat of local artist and drummer Monad, begins at 10:30am.

Once all the children arrive at the playfield, Deano will put on his hilarious clown show. And then the free fun continues—pony rides with Buckaroo Bob on the basketball court, a rocket-ship bouncer sponsored again this year by Izilla Toys, a balloon twister provided by Epiphany School, old-fashioned carnival games provided by St. Therese School, an iguana and boa constrictor to get to know, as well face-painting. There will be a fabulous bake sale so parents can indulge a sweet tooth or pick up a dessert for dinner. Also benefiting the Madrona Community Council (MCC) is a prize-packed raffle. Ticket buyers have a chance to win a \$150 kids photo shoot from Classic Photography, cocktails and appetizers at St. Clouds, a \$100 hydrating massage and facial from hitchcock, a dinner for four at the Madrona Ale House—a \$100 value, a handmade Jaywalk purse, toys from Izilla, \$250 in gifts from décor on 34th, a centerpiece from Festive Flowers, dinner at the Hi-Spot, and more.

Over the last two years, the cost of putting on Mayfair has nearly doubled because of post 9-11 requirements that the MCC buy an expensive special insurance waiver to cover the parade. This year, a wonderful group of small business people in the neighborhood stepped forward to help sponsor Mayfair; they all agree that this is an event they are proud to support. Thanks to: Wilridge Winery, Madrona Realtor Benjamin Chotzen, Dr. Loren Tarr of Madrona Family Dental, Izilla Toys, Epiphany School and St. Therese School for giving so generously. Cupcake Royale & Verite Coffee will donate 25 percent of all coffee sales between 9:00am and 1:00pm on May 20.

Please don't miss out on this wonderful neighborhood celebration of Spring!

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Summer BBQ Planning Begins

By John Healy, 35th Avenue

It's that hopeful time of year again. Trees and flowers are in full bloom. The days are warming up. The Mariners are...oh, never mind. And, of course, the 8th annual Madrona BBQ Festival is just around the corner. This year the Fest is set for July 15 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

For people new to Madrona, or for those who have missed this chance to celebrate our neighborhood, here's a little background. Madrona is home not only to lovely houses and beautiful views, but more importantly it is filled with a colorful array of talented and interesting people who share an affinity for a place that is a welcoming roost for a wide diversity of residents. The BBQ Festival is an event where neighbors of all ages and all backgrounds gather to celebrate this place we all call home. Over the years it has blossomed into a lovely coming together around food, music, poetry, art, games, and good conversation.

The 2006 Fest will again feature barbeque from Mama WillieBell's BBQ, children's games, live music and poetry, basketball, other food, an amazing Madrona raffle, the biggest cakewalk Seattle has ever seen, hair braiding, face painting and anything else the neighborhood wants to bring to the party. This year we're also looking for ideas that will appeal to Madrona's older children. It promises to be the best yet—if people like you volunteer their time and energy to make it happen.

My personal experience is that the product of that work is amazing; you'll make new friends and deepen your connection to the place you live. Healthy and vibrant communities don't happen by accident. They happen because the people living in them take the time to get involved with neighbors they otherwise might not meet, and do work that is both fun and important.

Thank goodness it's spring and time to begin celebrating our place and our people. To be included in making the celebration, contact me at 720-1090 or john.healy@mindspring.com.

Michael Cuccina's pasteup

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Neighbors Petition to Keep Greenspace

By *Melanie Nalbandian, 33rd Ave. S.*

Calling everyone who thinks it's important to help protect public land from being sold to private hands! Near the South Leschi/North Mt. Baker border, the greenspace adjacent to a well-used public stairway is in serious danger of being sold. Neighbors up and down the Leschi ridge are banding together to prevent the sale from happening and we would appreciate support from Madrona as well.

A petition is currently being considered by the Seattle City Council that would turn over ("vacate") all this publicly-held land to Douglas Jackson, a well-known developer who wishes to acquire it for personal use. In order for the City to even consider such a request, any petitioner must offer a permanent "public benefit." To meet this requirement, Jackson has proposed building a small east-facing public "view overlook" of I-90 and the Cascade Mountains. Mr. Jackson is also offering to "clean up the mess" around the stairway and eliminate a "public safety hazard" by cutting down all the trees and greenery. Once the land is his, he would then build two view homes to sell, and a large home for himself.

At the April 25 public hearing, it was revealed that the few public comments received so far are divided evenly over this issue and that at least some City Council members like the proposal because they think a true public benefit is being offered. We feel this is not the case and so need your help. Not only would this sale be a bad decision for our neighborhood, should the petition be approved, it would be the first time in 20 years of Street Vacation policy that public land of this type has been sold to private hands. We fear it would open the floodgates to vacations of public rights-of-way all over Seattle and so call on citizens of Madrona and all of Seattle to voice their opposition to this potentially precedent-setting case.

To protest this Petition, send a short email to Councilmember Jan Drago, Chair of the four-member Transportation Committee at jan.drago@seattle.gov, and to Beverly Barnett of SDOT at beverly.barnett@seattle.gov. The City Clerk File number is 306587 and the Vacation Petition number is 3829. The City Council will vote on this petition on May 23 so please submit your email soon! We are also gathering signatures on a petition and if you would like to physically sign it, contact me at Locrian7@comcast.net.

Let's hold onto these ribbons of green that beautify our walking experiences, clean our air, provide habitat for wildlife, and offer trees. These are our urban forests, and we should save them for our future.

CoRRRECCIONS

Jim and Tiffany Cook's son Grayson Alexander was born on March 21, 2006.

Due to a production error, several of the advertisements in the April *Madrona News* were incorrect. We apologize profusely to our faithful advertisers, and to anyone who was confused by that edition. Special thanks to Festive Flowers and the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA for their continued support of the *Madrona News*

Save the Madison Valley View Newsletter!

By *Friends of the Valley View*

Residents and friends of the Greater Madison Valley, this message is for you! Do you enjoy receiving "The Valley View," the newsletter of the Madison Valley neighborhood? For several years, the newsletter has come out nine times a year but after this June's issue, production of "The Valley View" will be suspended unless key staff positions are filled and money to keep the newsletter in production raised.

Is anybody out there looking to fill some time with a worthy volunteer project? If we do not find people for these two jobs, we will be forced to shut down the newsletter.

- Advertising Coordinator: to handle ads from local businesses, track payments, and attend local merchant meetings.
- Printing Supervisor: The Bush School has generously agreed to allow "The Valley View" to use their printing facilities, but we need someone to oversee the project. The production takes a few hours.

We also need writers, and a layout editor—even a small amount of graphic design experience is helpful. If you are interested in any of the staff positions, contact: heathers@speakeasy.net or lindsayzaccara@yahoo.com, or cjnunneley@yahoo.com. Monetary donations can be sent to: Greater Madison Valley Community Council, P.O. Box 22278, Seattle, WA 98112

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Another Dinner, Another New Madrona Restaurant

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

What a grand and vibrant neighborhood we live in! The Madrona Dining and Sipping Society (MD&SS) travels to Restaurant Crémant on May 25 for our monthly community dinner. Start time is 6:30pm and we will be inaugurating the new private dining room Salon du Jardin, which is located behind the main restaurant space.

Everyone in Madrona is invited to join us but for this special event, there is room for only 18 guests. The price for this intimate dinner, including one glass of Crémant, is \$35, excluding additional beverages, taxes, and gratuities. Spaces will be reserved first-come, first-served, so if you'd like to be part of this experience, contact me as soon as possible. We expect a waiting list and so request that anyone who reserves a space and then discovers they can't come let me know so I can pass your spot on to someone else.

Restaurant Crémant is reminiscent of, and takes its inspiration from, the venerable bistros of Paris. In the Salon du Jardin, our group will sit at one large common table and share a welcoming feast brought to the table on great family-style serving dishes. The menu for our May 25 MD&SS dinner will be:

- One Glass of Crémant to start
- Salade Verte (mixed greens, herbs, champagne vinaigrette)
- Poulet Roti (roasted chicken)
- Frites
- Chocolate Mousse

Food at Crémant is warm-heartedly traditional, the portions generous, and the preparations skilled yet simple. If you would like to be part of this very special evening of Crémant and conversation, *répondez, s'il vous plait* to me at 329-8775 (home), 669-3995 (cell), or audreyseale@qwest.net.

Leslie Lucas
paste-up

Jazzy Senior Center Fundraiser

The Central Area Senior Center (CASC), located on 30th Avenue South in Leschi, offers a stunning view of Mt. Rainier and Lake Washington. It is a place of great fellowship for older friends and neighbors from Madrona and beyond. The Center continues to experience funding cuts—\$40,000 less than last year. Be instead of hanging its head, the Center is kicking up its heels and inviting the neighborhood to its 4th Annual “An Evening with Jazz” featuring the jazz greats of Seattle.

If you love jazz and the folks who live it, here is your chance to get to see and hear them up close and in person!

The June 25 event will be held in the McEachern Auditorium at the Museum of History and Industry in Montlake from 4:00 to 8:00pm. Jazz performances will feature Michael Powers, Clarence Acox, Floyd Standifer, Jr. and Mikel Rollins. Following the music, guests and musicians will mingle in a semi-formal reception with a cash bar. Come help us keep the Center alive and strong for now and into the future.

The Center is truly integral to its community members, both young and old. At a time when seniors need our help the most, we want CASC to be there for them. Founded in 1972, the Center hosts the award-winning Enhance Fitness Program that helps seniors stay healthy. It is also the home base for the performance troupe “Senior Sliders” who have appeared at Qwest Field and the Seattle Center House.

The Center hosts many services and activities that bring the community together such as “Let’s Walk and Talk.” That program allows high school students to earn community service hours by walking with seniors to improve their health...and to allow them pass along some wisdom!

To get even more involved in keeping the CASC alive and well consider volunteering. They need people to do all kinds of tasks and if you have more time, the center is also seeking new board members.

Tickets for An Evening with Jazz can be purchased ahead of time or at the door—\$100 (VIP), \$25 (regular), and \$15 (students). For tickets or more information, call the CASC at 726-4926 or email event coordinator Jennifer Hopkins at Jenniferhop@ccsww.org

Welcome 35th Avenue Babies!

Wow, what’s been going on on THIS street?!?

Jordan James Smith, first child for Jen and Todd Smith of 35th Avenue, was born February 8, 2006. He weighed 9lbs and was 20.5 inches long.

Declan Edberg Rule weighed 8lbs and was 21 inches long when he was born on April 21. Big Brother Liam, Dad Alex Rule, and Mom Kim Edberg live on 35th Avenue.

Neighborhood School News

Donations Enrich Madrona K-8 Education

By Leslie Olson, 33rd Avenue

The learning at Madrona K-8 is almost palpable.

Imagine visiting a 225-acre outdoor learning center on beautiful Bainbridge Island, where children perform hands on science experiments and learn lifelong lessons of community and environmental stewardship. With help from the Madrona PTSA, it happened this year for Madrona Fifth Graders who spent several days at Islandwood.

At the beginning of this school year, Fourth and Fifth Graders wanted to take band, but many had no instruments to play. Now all fourth and fifth grade band students not only have instruments, but have accelerated their learning with individual music instruction after school.

Often, Madrona K-8 teachers have had to purchase their own classroom materials because their supplies budget, which was cut by the District to only \$200, won't stretch over nine months. But this year, each teacher and certified staff member got an extra \$300 to spend on books and supplies essential to effective instruction.

This only scratches the surface of what has been happening at Madrona K-8 this year. From sculpture classes to chess tournaments to library sleepovers to Brazilian dance intensives, students have been enriched and inspired. None of this could have been possible without significant monetary and volunteer contributions from generous neighbors and several Madrona businesses:

- Executive Conversation
- Weisman Design Group
- Madrona Enterprises
- Madrona Ale House
- Christian Moulin and Jeff Stegelman of Windermere Real Estate
- St. Cloud's Restaurant.

Together, these donors are enhancing the educational foundation of Madrona K-8 students. And in the process, they are building a close community.

St. Therese Paste-Up

After-school Music Lessons

Reprinted from the Madrona K-8 Panther Prints Newsletter

The instrumental music program at Madrona K-8 is alive and thriving. This year we have expanded our instrumental program to include optional lessons for students after school and it has been a great success. Every Thursday, eight fabulous Cornish College of the Arts musicians come to our school to share their time and talents. They offer semi-private lessons to those students from Mr. Chambliss' instrumental music class who choose to put in a little extra time after school.

Next year we will continue to teach music to our students with a bigger program. Thanks to donations of money and used instruments from our Madrona neighbors, we have a large inventory of instruments for the kids to borrow and learn with. Like many of you, we believe music is a gift that stays with a child forever.



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Neighborhood School News

Public School Closure Meetings Continue

Reprinted from the Madrona K-8 Panther Prints Newsletter

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on School Facilities and Programs heard a tremendous amount of feedback from the community during the meetings regarding school closure and consolidation held in April. More than 650 parents, teachers, and interested community members participated, contributed comments, and shared their ideas.

More meetings in May will provide additional opportunities for the community to give input on specific recommendations before the CAC makes its final report to the superintendent.

Recommendations from this committee will affect school closures and consolidations for the 2007-08 school year. The meetings originally scheduled for May 11, 13, 15 and 17 have been rescheduled for later in the month. The meeting nearest to Madrona will take place on May 23 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Meany Middle School Cafeteria, 301 21st Ave. E.

The CAC will submit its recommendations to Superintendent Raj Manhas on May 30. Based on the committee's proposal, the superintendent will develop his official preliminary closure recommendations. The School Board will take final action on the proposal at the end of July. More information, including other meeting dates, can be found at www.seattleschools.org or by calling the Hotline at 252-0600. Comments can also be sent to the CAC at cac@seattleschools.org or Mail Stop 11-010, PO Box 34165, Seattle, WA 98124-1165.

Register Now for Fall Soccer

Summer isn't even here yet but for some folks it's already time to think about fall and Soccer Season! All young Madrona cleat-loving, head-spiking, corner-kicking dribblers should jump into gear and register now for the 2006 fall season of the McGilvra Soccer Club. Registration is open from May 1 to June 20, and practices and games are held in and around Madrona.

Age divisions are based on player's age as of July 31, and opening are available for all age groups. For boys and girls ages 5-9, the season runs from September to the end of October. For kids ages 10 and up, the season runs from September to the end of November. Games are on Saturdays.

Lots of Madrona kids play in this league, which is affiliated with the Seattle Youth Soccer Association. Returning players will be assigned to the team they were on last year unless they request a change. All new players must send a photocopy of their birth certificate to McGilvra Soccer Club Registrar, Sheila Friend Gray at 343 - 22nd Avenue E, Seattle, WA 98112. The registration fee of \$80 includes Challenger coaching and a team jersey; scholarships are available.

On-line registration is fast and easy at www.mcgilvrasoccerclub.org. You can also get more information about the McGilvra Soccer Club by calling 860-2488 or emailing info@McGilvraSoccerClub.org. If you are interested in coaching a McGilvra team, drop a note to registrar@mcgilvrasoccerclub.org.

Coffee and Art at Tully's

By Liz Ottley, Epiphany School

This month, the Madison Park Tully's is displaying posters of Epiphany School's Second Grade students. The project features collages adapted from the appliqué molas handcrafted by the Cuna Indian women of the Republic of Panamá. The display will be up at least to the end of the month.

Longtime art teacher Barbara Buchman is an inspiration to students Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Drawing on art from various time periods, countries, and cultures, Barbara challenges students to stretch their skills and create projects in an array of media—pencils, paint, clay, collage, and three-dimensional displays. Barbara also works in symphony with classroom teachers to expand and deepen students' understanding of curricular concepts through art. Recently she helped First Graders make stuffed whales in connection with a science unit, and Pre-Kindergarten students model clay bears like those they read about in *The Bear Snores On*.

The idea to feature Epiphany students' art was promoted by Tully's corporate employee Lesley Odland, whose nephew Casey (class of 1990) and niece Amy ('92) Schuchart attended Epiphany, and by the Madison Park store manager Ashley Irvine, a 1996 Epiphany alumna.



Epiphany School Second Graders enjoy lemonade and cookies at their Tully's "Art Show Opening" hosted by Madison Park Store Manager Ashley Irvine, who is seated sixth from right in the front row.

Bush School Paste-up

Introducing the Painted Ladies...

By Linda Hanson, Madrona Drive

The painted lady butterfly stretched its wings several times and then gently lifted to land on the branch of a nearby plant, then rose once again into the sunshine and off into the distance. Several others joined it sensing the fresh breeze and freedom.

Pause and watch for the butterflies as you cross the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge over the ravine. The painted lady butterflies, native to Washington and Oregon, belong to the genus *Vanessa*, are medium-sized butterflies with strong, fast zigzagging flight that makes them hard to keep in sight for long. The wings are about two inches wide, marked with orange and black with white spots on the outside edge of the forewings. Butterflies are better than people are at recognizing different shades of green, as well as a wider range of colors, allowing them to pick their favorite flowers and food plants.



Generally, painted ladies migrate from southern to northern areas each spring and summer, flying as far as 600 miles. They prefer moist open areas so the ravine is just the right home. But these special butterflies arrived by a different route—they were raised by the Second Graders of The Bush School. They arrived during what has become an annual spring event when students, teachers, parents, and the Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) come together. First they improve the butterfly habitat in the open-space ravine, and then they release the newly hatched classroom raised butterfly babies. Special thanks to The Bush School students with great support from teachers Barb Renfrow-Baker and Kristen Korthis, and from many parents.

Please join us for the next Friends of the Ravine in Madrona work parties: May 20 and June 24, from 9:00am to noon. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring your favorite tools and gloves, and meet at the bus stop next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge on Madrona Drive. The butterflies await.

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Barbara Bannon
paste-up

Expect the Unexpected

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Madrona Woods is a teacher. Working there means setting aside our careful human plans, accepting nature's laws and learning the best ways to help them along. Our most recent lesson has been about the power of a little bit of water.

You may have noticed some changes in the water cascade across from the Madrona Dance Studio. Recently we found recently that some of the stream created by seeps in the hillside had begun to flow under rather than over the rocks, undermining them and creating a potentially unstable condition. An emergency crew from the neighborhood has temporarily diverted the stream near the bridge into a pipe so that the stream bed can dry out, cleaned, and repaired. Later this month the eroded areas will be filled, the rocks "caulked" with Bentonite Clay and gravel, and the stream is returned to its original tumbling course.

While this repair diverted us slightly from our work of the moment, the stream daylighting, preparations for this summer's construction continue. Adult work parties and another group of hard-working Northwest School 8th Graders planted and mulched along the Spring Street Ravine. An application for a second Seattle WaterWorks grant has been submitted. We are starting the bidding and pre-qualification process required by the City of Seattle for hiring contractors.



Upcoming work parties are scheduled for June 17, July 15 and August 19. They start at 9:00am, focus on clearing, weeding and mulching, and quit for lunch at 1:00pm. This summer we need people to help water new plants in the lower ravine during the driest months. We also need tools, especially drain shovels and potato rakes, and someone with a truck who can help haul mulch. Most planting will take place in the fall and winter after the construction area is reopened. To get on our e-mail list for notification of work parties and other events or to volunteer, contact Deirdre McCrary at jaymccrary@juno.com. And don't forget to check out our NEW website, www.madronawoods.org.

Susan Roberts pasteup

hitchcock Scares Up High Style

By Erica Sheehan

I am proud to introduce hitchcock, a new women's accessories boutique in Madrona at 1123 34th Avenue, next door to Paul Gray's Style Lounge. The "hitchcock style" is inspired by the classic, icy, sophisticated style represented by the heroines of Alfred Hitchcock films, such as Grace Kelly and Kim Novak. Our goal is to carry products not represented in the Seattle area. We want to unearth new artists and designers from all over the world so you can be the first to wear their goods. At hitchcock, we prefer to stay away from "trends" and focus on timeless pieces.

Currently our offerings include extraordinary handbags from Not Rational, Bells & Whistles, and Bahay Bags, and exclusive jewelry by Lulu Frost, China Baroque, e 9th Jewelry, and Ema Takahashi. We also work hard to procure one-of-a-kind vintage pieces.

At hitchcock, we pride ourselves in our skilled team of style consultants who offer "style services" such as event make up applications, skincare consultations, wardrobe styling, personal shopping, event styling, interior design, and gift wrapping. We will help you create or polish your very own personal style. We are open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and available on the web any time at shophitchcock.com. Stop by or call us at 838-7173 to discover our products and inquire about our services. We look forward to meeting everyone in our new neighborhood!



YMCA
paste-up

Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Kelsey Roy, 35th Avenue & Eloise Evans

Sometimes it seems like everyone in Madrona has a dog. All of these dogs live in our neighborhood. To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 10.



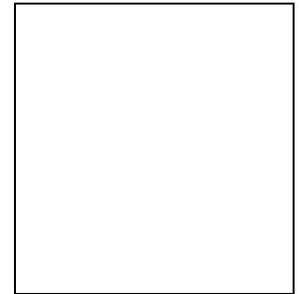
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Favorite treat: Mozzarella cheese
Age: 13 years



Kim
Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 1 year



Masai
Favorite treat: Goldfish crackers
Age: 4 years



Sue
Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 35 years!



Jack & Mac
Favorite treat: Rawhide chew toys
Age: 3+years



Bill
Favorite color: Blue
Lived in Madrona: 10 years

Ben Chotsen
paste-up

New Neighbors Appreciate the Little Things with a Big View

By Deidre Silva, 31st Avenue

Stephanie Giamatteo and her husband John didn't think a view mattered when they were shopping for a home. Having never been to Seattle before, they just wanted to have a suitable home in a nice neighborhood with good schools for their three kids.

After living in Asia for six years, John accepted a job offer with Real Networks and embarked on long-distance house-hunting in a city they had never visited. When they arrived in Seattle, the family opted to rent a home from some friends in the Denny Blaine neighborhood rather than rushing right into home-ownership. Situated on a grotto-like lot, the colonial is accessible only from a steep catwalk complete with switchbacks winding through a garden. The house has a large deck overlooking Lake Washington where John enjoys an occasional cigar. In September 2005 the couple moved into the temporary rental home with their three girls, fully expecting to find a permanent home within a few months.

Armed with an agent, they spent weekends looking at various homes throughout the city only to realize that nothing compared to what they were renting. Then, the crisp fall quickly descended into the mist that is a typical Seattle fall/winter/spring. Suddenly, wrapped in a damp gray blanket, a home with a view was important.

"We didn't think a view mattered because we'd never had a house with a view before," Stephanie said. The view from her living room and deck helped her to transition through this past record-setting rainy Seattle winter. "When the weather was crummy, at least I get to see some boats." That's a good day, by Seattle standards.

They made an offer on the Denny Blaine house and, with a few updates, closed on the house in early April.

Now that they are comfortably situated in Seattle, the Giamatteos are excited be closer to their family in Florida (everything is relative) and their summer house in Long Island, which was leftover from their younger childless days in Queens. Though Stephanie says that she's still open to living abroad, the family is excited about exploring a new part of *this* country.

Daughter Angela has settled into First Grade at the Bush School while middle sister Julia, 5, attends preschool at the Valley School. Jenna, 3, enjoyed this interview from her mother's lap while being plied with treats.

Like most new homeowners, there are plans to knock down a few walls but, right now, the Giamatteos are happy to have a home—and a view.

Mutt Match-up answers: Kim & Masai; Mac & Jack & Bill; Sue & Scout

Personal Discovery at the Center for Ethical Leadership

By Dannette Allen, 29th Avenue

While The Center for Ethical Leadership is located outside Madrona at 14th Avenue & Jefferson, I would like to take this opportunity to share its mission with my Madrona neighbors. I believe that the Center's work and training opportunities may interest others who share my passion for developing leadership skills that focus on integrity and graciousness and that focus on transformative leadership. On June 8 and 9, The Center for Ethical Leadership will facilitate an ethical leadership development intensive at the Community Center at Mercer View on Mercer Island.

Through storytelling, dialogue, reflection and group learning, The Ethical Leadership Intensive (ELI) takes you deeper into the skills and practices of values-based leadership. ELI is a two-day immersion in gracious space with a small group of participants. Together you will create a learning community that helps you claim your unique core values, and imagine new ways to live out those values in service of the common good. Through deep-level discovery and exploration of the Center's original philosophies and models, you will undertake the inner journey of ethical leadership toward the outer commitments needed to make real change.

This workshop will be especially relevant to those who currently face externally-imposed changes in their life, find themselves beginning an important life transition or taking on new challenges, have a commitment to social, economic and environmental justice, or seek to more closely align your values with your actions. Learning objectives include discovery or rediscovery of your core values, identifying your sources of courage, and envisioning the life you want to lead. The event fee is \$395 (scholarships available), and space is limited to 20.

To talk with me about the Center for Ethical Leadership, contact me at 328-9776 or tendingthegarden@earthlink.net. For information about this class or to register, contact Ann Beltran of the Center at 328-3020, or visit www.ethicalleadership.org.



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Neighborhood Congrats

There's always something going on around here, and someone in Madrona making a difference and being recognized for their good deeds, hard work, and special talents. Kudos to these folks for being who they are and doing what they do

Madrona resident **James Bangasser**, a senior majoring in history, was named to the Dean's List at Syracuse University for the fall 2005 semester.

The **Columbia City Cinema** and all its volunteers for a throwing itself a raucous 2nd birthday celebration.

Seattle City Council member and Madrona resident **Richard Conlin** for being appointed to chair the National League of Cities CityFutures Panel on Community and Regional Development. The national panel works to develop strategies for improving local land use decision making, affordable housing, growth management, and coordination of regional development strategies.

Crémant and chef-owner **Scott Emerick's** for generating beaucoup good press all over town.

Photo-of-the-Day artist **Leslie Duss** on having an exhibit of her favorites hanging at the Fuel coffee shop on Capitol Hill during the month of May.

Everyone who planned, attended, and supported recent fundraising auctions held by **Community Day School Association, St. Therese School, and Global Visionaries.**

Global Visionaries and their students who worked on the Coffee Project Work Team in Guatemala in February and were profiled by *Seattle Times* columnist, Jerry Large.

Jody Hall, Kim Thomas, and everyone at **Café Verite and Cupcake Royale** as they expand their vision of grandma's cupcakes from Madrona, through Ballard, and now to their third location in West Seattle.

Knew Garden owner and architect **Roy McMakin** who was featured in the *New York Times'* Design Style Magazine in an article by Pilar Viladas, and his 34th Avenue studio included in the Resources list.

Former Madrona K-8 principal **Rickie Malone** for finishing up a year leading the students and staff of the African American Academy after being coaxed out of retirement.

Rob Ord, St. Cloud's Welsh bartender and dashing mixologist, for following his nose and completing his Level 2 Sommelier certification. Rob is (sadly) leaving Madrona to pursue sommelier duties at Wild Ginger downtown.

Jana Peckar for helping to organize several Mother's Day Peace Events, including an evening with peace activist Cindy Sheehan at Town Hall.

Lake Washington Girls School 7th Grader **Camille Pham-Lake** for placing second in the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center Holocaust Creative Writing Contest.

Joanne Rochester, B.A., R.N., presented her study on "Hope for Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Patients" at the Bone Marrow Transplant Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

Local historian Junius **Rochester** spoke about "Urban Neighborhoods: Their Rise, Power and Influence since the 1970s." at the 59th Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference in Portland. He included Madrona and the history of community council involvement in his presentation.

Back by popular demand! Madrona aerialist **Tamara the Trapeze Lady** and her Columbia City Cabaret return to the Columbia City Theatre starting May 12 for an on-going run of Friday evening shows.

Psychotherapist **Kathy Underwood** has opened a new office in the Amara Building at 34th & Union.

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Saturday, in the Park

By Deidre Silva, 31st Avenue

The Seattle Mariners hosted their second Savvy Girls Day at the Park with my writing partner, Jackie Koney, and me on May 6. We'd planned this day for so long—in fact, we'd picked the date out last September! It seemed like a sort of D-Day for us—the planning, the panicking, the press!

The day started when the "Evening Magazine" van pulled up to my house. (Well, it really started with me scraping eggs off of the kitchen floor after breakfast but let's stay glamorous, OK?) The camera crew interviewed us in the backyard during a brief sunbreak, took some photos of our baseball memorabilia, and then proceeded to follow us as we headed down to Safeco Field in my aqua blue MGB with the top down. Who cares that it was freezing? It was a great photo-op!

At Safeco, we were hosting a pre-game party for 100 women from all walks of fanhood. When we got to the stadium, the receptionist greeted us with, "You must be the Savvy Girls!" We felt like celebrities! Or, maybe she was just reading our Savvy Girls t-shirts (available on our website...). Little did we know that we'd have the KING TV camera *and* the Fox Sports Northwest TV crew in our faces until about the 7th inning of the game? The hardest part was that, even though the shows were taped, we had to think fast and be smart on camera and remember to smile! We never should have had a glass of wine; it made the smiling easier but the thinking much harder.

The Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* also sent along its gumshoe reporter, Athima Chansanchai to our reception, which started two hours before game time. There were lots of little girls among the guests, including my daughter Amelia, and an entire junior high school softball team and coaches. There were also women sports industry executives, and everyone enjoyed drinks, good conversation, and food before heading up to our special section in the stadium.

Because Jackie and I both lost our mothers somewhat recently, the P-I article will come out sometime around Mother's Day; that will be a special honor for us. When we know when our segment will air on Fox Sports and "Evening Magazine" we will post it to our website.

With that successful event behind us, we are now looking forward to making a presentation about our book project at a baseball conference in Seattle next month. We may also be part of a panel the baseball Hall of Fame is having during their Mother's Day celebration. We are also still working on the book and repackaging our proposal to Random House, Warner Books and Simon and Schuster, which are the publishing houses most interested, at this point. The retooled proposal will include a DVD highlighting all the great press we got during Spring Training and at the May 6 event at Safeco Field. We are working feverishly to have the book on the shelves by Spring 2007. If you see me at the park over the next year, it'll be a rare occurrence.

Keep in touch with us on the web at www.savvygirlsofsummer.com or drop me a line at deidre@SavvyGirlsOfSummer.com.

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Calendar of Events

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WEEKDAYS HOMEWORK HELP CENTER—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, Monday 6:30-8:00pm., Tuesday 3-7:00pm., Wednesday, 6-8pm., Friday, 3:30-5:30pm., 684-4705

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

WEDNESDAYS 3-7:00pm COLUMBIA CITY FARMER'S MARKET—Rainier Avenue S & Graham

WEDNESDAYS 8-10:00pm PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR ADULTS—Madrona K-8, \$3 to benefit 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—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union

FRIDAYS 3-7:00pm MADISON VALLEY FARMER'S MARKET—19 & Madison, Mt. Zion Church

- May 19 Powell Barnet Park Grand Opening** 11:30am, 352 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
- May 20 Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM)**—9:00am to noon, meet at the bus stop on Madrona Drive next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge, Linda Hanson 322-5554
- May 20 Madrona Mayfair**, 10:00am decorate wheels at Al Larkins Park, parade starts at 10:30, Heath Foster, 328-7110 or heath@tromboldlaw.com
- May 20 Madrona Woods Work Party**, 9:00am-noon, Meet at 38th & Marion, Deirdre McCrary jaymccrary@juno.com
- May 23 City Council Vote on Vacation Petition 3829**, proposal to sell Leschi greenspace to a private individual. To voice concerns, contact Melanie Nalbandian at Locrain7@comcast.net
- May 23 Public Schools Closure Meeting**, 6:30pm, NE Quadrant representatives, Meany Middle School, School Board Rep Mary Bass 720-3303
- May 25 Madrona Dining and Sipping Society**, 6:30pm Crémant, RSVP to Audrey Seale audreyseale@qwest.net or 329-8775
- May 25 East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition**, 6:30 PM, 2120 S. Jackson, Seattle Vocational Institute, Mary Williams, 587-4950
- May 25 Madrona K-8 New Student Ice Cream Social**, 5:45 to 6:30, Madrona K-8 library, all new students and parents welcome! Panther Partners 252-0450 ex. 97872
- June 4 FREE Jazz in the Park**, 1-5:00pm featuring music performed by the Garfield High School Jazz Band, the Franklin Jazz Lab, and the Washington Middle School Senior Jazz Band, Seward Park, Cindy Block, SEED Arts Program Administrator 760-4287
- June 6 Madrona Community Council Meeting** 7:15pm, Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450 LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER HIATIS!
- June 9 & 10 Center for Ethical Leadership Ethical Leadership Intensive Weekend Workshop**—Community Center at Mercer View, Mercer Island, Ann Beltran 328-3020 or www.ethicalleadership.org
- June 17 Madrona Woods Work Party**, 9:00am-noon, meet at 38th & Marion, Deirdre McCrary jaymccrary@juno.com
- June 17 Madrona K-8 8th Grade Graduation**, Madrona School, 252-0450
- June 15 Family Fun Night**, 6:00pm, Meredith Mathews YMCA, 322-6969
- June 21 Homeless Cooking**, 9:00am-noon, St. Clouds Restaurant, 726-1522
- June 21 Last Day of School**—Seattle Public Schools
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- June 25 An Evening of Jazz: Fundraiser for Central Area Senior Center**, 4:00 -8:00pm, Museum of History & Industry, Jennifer Hopkins 726-4926 or jenniferhop@ccsww.org

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