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Epiphany School Expansion Impacts Neighborhood

By George Edwards, Head of School

Epiphany School was invited to share its plans for expansion at the Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting on May 4. After the presentation, the Madrona residents in the audience had many comments and questions, especially about the need for school expansion, communications with the neighborhood, traffic, parking and noise. This column is an opportunity to give a broad overview of our plans. We look forward to addressing specific neighborhood questions and concerns at the June 1 MCC meeting.

Background. Epiphany School was created in 1958 by Epiphany Parish and became an independent school in 1969. About 60% of current students come from the two zip codes including and surrounding Madrona. For the past 45 years, the school and church have shared church-owned space, and members of the Parish serve on the school's board. About

three years ago, the church informed the school that it will need to reclaim some of its space when the school's long-term lease expires in 2011. This advance notice enabled Epiphany School to begin its own strategic planning effort.

The Need to Grow. For almost five decades, Epiphany School has averaged about 135 students with one class per grade, from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th

Grade. In recent years, our 6th

3625 E. Howell

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MCC President's Corner

Monthly Neighborhood Update

By Bill Hanson, 32nd Avenue

I hear that over 60 residents attended our May Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting to learn about Epiphany School's expansion plans. The main concern from neighbors seems to be that the school has not kept them informed. Consequently, the City has extended the public comment period on this project. It will be the main topic for discussion at the June 1 MCC meeting where we will vote to support it or not. A special thank you to MCC VP of Issues Suzanne Sheppard for running the meeting in my absence, and to Madrona neighbor Steve Sheehy for facilitating the lively discussion.

And where was I, you may ask? I was in Central America. My friend told me that Belize is a great place to live but after a short visit, I think not! It is true that I could live like a King there, but I could just not live with the wide-spread poverty. Even the most run down house in Madrona looks like a castle when compared with the average house in Belize. Travel really does make you realize how lucky we are.

I have received several calls on how to reserve the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse in the for birthday parties and other get

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Ann Bucher IS Madrona Nursery

By Cindy Bucher

Hello, I would like to introduce to you Madrona Nursery, the nursery my mom Ann Bucher started in our Madrona backyard 16 years ago. Although Dad and I help out whenever we can, Mom really is Madrona Nursery. I like to think my noisy brother and I helped her on her way down that primrose path by driving her outside into her garden so many years ago. Once she got started producing wonderful veggies it wasn't long before she added perennials to her repertoire and then started on her Quest to eradicate all grass. A few years later, with her perennial borders bulging and her pocket book shrinking, the nursery was born, a natural way for her hobby to support her growing "habit" of acquiring really cool and unusual perennials. Now that I've been bit by it too, I realize that the planting bug is not a cheap one, especially if you have an eye for the exotic!

These days Mom's garden is nice and full all year round. Some large old cedars provide shade gardening and foster her interest in woodland plants, especially the Hellebores and Trilliums that make her garden shine even in the drear of winter. Lately she has added a lot of natives to her standard parade of Hellebores, Astrantias, hardy Geraniums and other colorful perennials.

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Epiphany School Expansion... (cont'd from page 1)

Grade enrollment has consistently declined as parents elected to move their children to other schools with a full Middle School program. At the same time, we have also experienced record interest in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten but, unfortunately, have had to turn away more than half our applicants due to lack of space. To meet these changing realities of our "marketplace", this school year we replaced our declining 6th Grade class with a second Kindergarten section. Over the next five years, the school will transition to two sections per grade, Pre-Kindergarten through 5th, for a total of approximately 200 students.

Goals & Opportunities. The school sees several educational benefits in this growth. The social experience of our students is greatly improved by having two sections per grade. The school curriculum is strengthened by our ability to hire full-time specialist teachers in music, art, and PE. Most importantly, Epiphany School will be able to attract a more diverse student body while retaining the character of a neighborhood school.

Current Expansion Plans. By consolidating and reorganizing, the school can accommodate some of this short-term growth on the current campus. But we know we will soon need additional space. We carefully considered relocating, but our parents and alums have urged us to remain in Madrona. To meet the space challenge, the school recently purchased the property at 3625 E. Howell and plans to convert it into 4th and 5th grade classrooms. As the drawings we shared at the May MCC meeting show, the house will become two large classrooms and, per city regulations, the site will include an enclosed staircase, an elevator, and one handicapped parking space. Our goal is for the house to retain the feel of the neighborhood just as the house on the corner of 36th and Howell did when it became Augustine Hall, home of our Pre-Kindergarten. This page on the Epiphany School web page explains more about our current expansion plans www.epiphanyschool.org/content/top. This work is being done under Seattle City Department of Design Planning Department project number 2307637, with Land Use Planner Lauren Hirt, 615-0736. Public comments on this project will be accepted through at least June 2.

Future Expansion Plans. When our long-term lease expires in 2011, the school will need more space to serve its students. For the past year, the school has been in discussions with the private property owners of the four parcels on the block bounded by Denny, 36th Ave and Howell Street not already owned by the church or the school. Just last month, the school closed on two of these houses that adjoin the campus, 3605 and 3609 E. Denny Way. When the four-parcel property acquisition is complete, the school will be prepared to replace its leased space. Then we can begin designing building solutions, planning for more parking, and addressing traffic flow and other neighborhood concerns.

Open Communication. The school's commitment to its Madrona neighbors is to improve and sustain open communications. Whatever the school builds or remodels will be compatible with the neighborhood and reviewed by the Parish. In all honesty we apologize that the unpredictable timing of real estate transactions has left us in an unfortunate "catch-up" position. An open dialogue is vital to continued strong relations between the school and the neighborhood. We look forward to the June 1 MCC meeting.

Ann Bucher... (cont'd from page 1)

While Mom is in her garden nearly every day, it's only open to the public on occasion or by appointment. She keeps things pretty tidy but it's still a working backyard nursery so things are not always ship shape. If you've never visited, you should come! Every flat surface is covered with plants—the garage roof is her selling space, and the kitchen roof is her growing space. Sun loving plants grow in the front yard and shade-lovers in the back yard. Before we open the garden for visitors, we try to make sure that everything is tagged and priced for your convenience. That way when you come we can relax over cookies, enjoy the garden, and spend some time looking at and talking about our favorite things, plants. Madrona Nursery at 815 38th Avenue will be open Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, and June 11, 12, and 13. Hope to see you here!

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

together. Effective April 1, the Seattle Parks Department manages the rental at a charge of \$25 per hour plus a refundable damage deposit. For information contact the Garfield Community Center at 684-4788 or visit www.seattle.gov/parks/reservations/rentalGuide/facilities.htm

Do not forget that Saturday, May 22 is Madrona's wonderful Mayfair celebration. Then we'll see you at the June 1 MCC meeting. Al Rechterman of the Animal Control is scheduled to discuss another heated topic: Madrona's off-leash dog problem; a very special thank you to Carolyn Pinkett for making the arrangements. Epiphany School will also be on the agenda again. We may move the meeting to a larger location so I will let you know when I email the detailed agenda. If you are not on my email list yet, now is the time to send me a note at hansonwilliam@msn.com. We will also post the June 1 meeting location on the shelterhouse door.

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Open Gardens at Madrona Nursery

Ann Bucher would like to invite you to come join her in her garden and home nursery at **815 38th ave.**

The nursery is always open by appointment at **323-8325**, but on these days you don't need to call ahead and she'll even provide cookies and clean up the yard ☺

Summer BBQ Plans Get Cooking

The 2004 Madrona BBQ Festival is July 10. This is one event that is truly what we all make it because everyone in Madrona are the stars, the guests, the cleanup crew, and the entertainment. Together we can make this day whatever we want it to be.

Ideas for this year's festival include: bellydancing - celebrity dunk tank - block picnics - neighborhood talent show - henna tatoos - pie-baking competition - voter registration - information fair - more cakewalks - more bbq - more live music . . .

Have more ideas? Like to perform? Want to meet more neighbors? Get involved—and please bring your friends and neighbors! Contact Beth Purcell at 329-7952 or Sayre Coombs at 328-7825 to find out about upcoming planning meetings.

To get you in the mood for this year's Big Event, here are the Get to Know Your Neighbor Treasure Hunt Questions from the 2003 BBQ.

I speak three languages.	I have more than 4 grandchildren.
I have been to China.	I am adopted.
I have a twin.	I love anchovies on my pizza.
I won more than \$100 in a contest	I drive a VW Eurovan.
My house is 75 years old or more.	I am expecting my first child.
I love to eat Liver.	I love to sail.
I know someone famous—who????	I have been to Africa.
I am originally from the East Coast.	I've lived in Madrona less than 1 year.
I have a pair of leather pants.	I lived in Madrona for 35 years.
My middle name is Elizabeth.	I come from a family with more than 5 children.
I work in Madrona.	

Use It Again Recycle Event at Garfield High

Back "in the day" the city came around once a year and picked up whatever homeowners put out on the curb. These days, the city has replaced that fun but messy event with the FREE Use it Again, Seattle program, which offers a location where you can drop off things you don't need—and perhaps pick up a treasure or two. Maybe you just cleaned out your attic or garage and have a bunch of old stuff. Or maybe you're looking for baby furniture, exercise equipment, a bike or a lamp. Either way, you'll want to drop by Garfield High School on May 22 between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

Seattle residents are invited to participate. The event at Garfield will be in the east parking lot at 25th Ave and East Jefferson St. behind the school. All items must be in good working condition and Use It Again staff reserve the right to reject items. Items are intended for free reuse, not for resale or personal profit. If you are interested in re-selling things, please come back at the end of the day to see what is left. For info on what kinds of items they will and won't accept, call the Use It Again Hotline at 615-0701 or visit www.seattle.gov/utill.



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Ale House Break In Still Unsolved

By Megan Shethar, 33rd Avenue

The Madrona crime wave continues! Early in the morning of April 21, Burke and I were woken up by a by a phone call at home from the security company for the Alehouse. They told us that someone had broken into the pub using a brick!

There were three witnesses who later filled in the details. Amazingly, the man first attempted to hurl the brick through the front glass door, but it bounced off. Then he used the brick to smash one of the side windows. He climbed in and got to the office, but the alarm sounded and he took off in his truck.

Witnesses wrote down his license number and later gave a very detailed physical description of him to the police. I've heard from others in the neighborhood that they think this person may be the same guy who has stolen the Hi-Spot tip jar (repeatedly) in the middle of morning rush and sped off in an old blue GMC. Similarly, someone used a large garden rock to break out a window for a smash and grab robbery in a home on 37th Avenue. The homeowner didn't see anyone but did hear the thief tear away in a vehicle with a very powerful, old engine that could have been an old truck. So far, we haven't heard that the police have caught him but we still send a HUGE thanks to those who were watching and paying attention.

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I Remember When...

Reading Seattle with Mary McCarthy

Novelist Mary McCarthy ("The Group") was born in Seattle in 1912. In 1918, when she was six, McCarthy's parents died within a week of one another in the influenza epidemic then sweeping the U.S. To add to the horror, Mary herself was deathly ill with the virus and the family was traveling by train to start a new life in Minnesota. Orphaned, she and her siblings lived with a loveless aunt and uncle for the next five years. Mary was tremendously unhappy, claiming she didn't have enough to eat, was dressed in hand-me-downs, and



frequently beaten. At age 11, she came to live in Madrona at 712 35th Avenue with her benevolent, wealthy grandparents Harold and Augusta Preston. Harold Preston was an attorney and wrote the first workman's compensation legislation in the United States. From that time on, Mary received the kindest attention and was well educated at Garfield High and Annie Wright Academy in Tacoma. Then, in 1929 as a self-described "bright wild girl from Seattle," she left for Vassar College at age 17.

The University of Washington Press has just published "Reading Seattle: The City in Prose" (\$22.50, 320 pages), an anthology of writing about the urban experience in Seattle from the 1930s to the present from the perspective of various well known artists. Included is an excerpt about Mary McCarthy's childhood in Madrona from her 1987 memoir "How I Grew".

"In my mind, Seattle's Bohemia was identified geographically with Queen Anne Hill, the highest part of the city, formerly a "good" neighborhood with large old frame houses painted dark colors and looming up from overgrown yards. It looked down on Elliott Bay. My grandparents' pale-gray house was in Madrona, between Cherry and Columbia, looking out across the Lake toward Fuji-like Mount Rainier. . . Despite my tenure in this paradise, where ice-cream was churned every Sunday morning on the kitchen porch ... restlessness had set me to exploring, by foot, streetcar and cable car all the far-flung districts of Seattle, from Alki Point to Laurelhurst to Seward Park. And I longed to 'come from' Queen Anne Hill."

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Central Area International Market & Bazaar

*By Adrienne Bailey,
Central Area Cultural Arts Commission*

Summer's coming and now is the time for you to become a part of the 2nd Annual Central Area International Market & Bazaar. The Central Area Cultural Arts Commission is in the process of planning this year's event, which is scheduled to begin mid-summer. It will be open every Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00pm on the playground of NOVA school on Cherry Street between 24th and 25th. It will include fresh fruits and vegetable, as well as merchandise, crafts, and artwork from area small businesses and artisans.

Last year we had two vegetable and flower farmers, a poultry farmer, a vegetarian restaurant, a number of small businesses, and lots of local entertainment. This year we will be working with the Washington State Farmers Market Association and other area markets and so we anticipate having even more farmers. We look forward to hosting the vegetarian restaurant again, and adding a small bakery.

To make this year's event bigger and better we need your assistance recruiting and coordinating farmers, merchants, and artists, and doing site planning, marketing, and many other fun volunteer tasks and activities. Last year, The Cherry Street Association and Seattle Parks and Recreation contributed insurance, a sign and tables, and the African-American Veterans Group and other community members helped set up and dismantle tables, register vendors and farmers, and control the traffic; we hope to call on these groups and others again this year. If you're interested in joining in on the fun and excitement of planning and implementing this year's Central Area International Market & Bazaar, contact me at KISMIT_2000@yahoo.com or 860-1200. I'll provide you with information on upcoming meeting times and locations.

*Judy Honican
Paste-up*

Father Harbaugh Answers the Call

by Chuck Middendorf, St. Therese Church

Fr. Jim Harbaugh, S.J., Priest Administrator of St. Therese Parish since April 2003, will become Pastor of St. Therese effective July 1. Father Harbaugh's appointment for a six-year term was announced April 29 by Seattle Archbishop Alex Brunett.

Father Harbaugh has assisted at St. Therese since 1996. He was ordained in 1976 and has been a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for 40 years. Before joining the St. Therese staff full-time in July 2002, he taught for nine years in the Addiction Studies Program (one of the oldest in the world) at Seattle University (SU).

He was also Scholar in Residence for three years at the SU Law School where he specialized in Values and Social Justice. He has a doctorate in English Literature from the University of Chicago and is the author of four books. He is also a Washington state Certified Chemical Dependency counselor.



Ravine Revivalists Dig Into Spring

By Linda Hanson, Madrona Drive

Friends of the Ravine in Madrona (FORM) has begun its 2004 Spring season with two very positive events. Our first work party brought just over a dozen energetic community members together on April 24. Thanks to the Chanen family for contributing bagels, Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee to give us an energy boost. We are working to maintain and enlarge areas cleared of invasive weeds and re-planted with native species. It is very rewarding to see the native plants in bloom next to the bus stop and below the Pine Street pedestrian bridge. We hope you'll stop by

The students (plus a few parents) from teachers Barb Renfrow-Baker's and Kristen Korthius' second grade classes from The Bush School are working in the ravine and they were awesome! They cleared a large area of invasive weeds and planted about 100 native plants. They work with a wonderful energy and enthusiasm and got more accomplished than I thought was possible. We can't wait until they return soon to release their butterfly babies, hatching now in their classroom. If you know any of these Bush students, please thank them for their great work!

Our work continues and we need your help — bring your neighbors, and your gloves! Our work parties are 9:00-12:00 on the fourth Saturday of the month. We meet at the Bus Stop next to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge on Madrona Drive. Call Jenny Cummins at 324-7825 or me at 324-5554 if you have any questions.

Family-Friendly Coffee

By Megan Shethar, 33rd Avenue

Hey folks! Just wanted to get the word out about a new nearby kid-friendly coffee shop that opened recently. It's My Coffeehouse on Madison Street, across from Cafe Flora and next to Izilla Toys.

Owner Julie Parker (mother of two, ages 6 and 2) wanted to create a place where moms and dads can enjoy a good cup of coffee and chat with other folks, while their kids entertain themselves. She has filled the space with great things to keep little ones busy, such as baskets of toys, a wonderful wooden kitchen set with play food, a cozy reading loft with pillows and books, and a big magnetic wall with letters and words. Combine all that with a great color scheme and it adds up to a really comfortable spot for families to just hang out.

So, if you find yourself jonesing for a good cup of coffee or a simple lunch, or if you are simply seeking something to do with the kids during these wonderful, rainy Seattle days.....drop by My Coffeehouse and see what Julie has to offer.

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Neighborhood School News

Getting Educated Block by Block

By Ian Tierney, St. Therese Middle School

In our middle school there are many mixed feelings about this new phenomenon—block teaching. Some people see it as a very nice break that gives us a little more homework, but more time to do it. Those hard-nosed learners see the longer classes as a time-waster.

The block schedule differs significantly from last year's daily class schedule. It replaces three 55-minute classes with two 90-minute classes. Students use this new-found time for more independent study and class work. In our science class, we have more labs and experiments. In our social studies class, we have more time for in-class work. In our math class, we spend our time going over new chapters and discussing problems that we had with the homework.

There are many different theories of why we switched into this new schedule. The main one, we students believe, is that teachers wanted more continuous class time and fewer transitions. Not everyone likes the change however. Take Mr. Demeroutis, who recently explained to us why he's unhappy about it. He says that if one adds up the 30 minutes of math time lost each week it totals three months of work! This is very alarming to hear, figuring that we got farther in our math textbook than any other class. All bragging aside, Mr. D. strongly opposes this system and believes that it has made us work harder than we had to.

Some students do not share Mr. D.'s irritation and instead see the positive side of this schedule. MORE HOMEWORK TIME! But I know the most important part about this block schedule is also the worst part—loads of homework. AAHH! After every class I walk away with at least three worksheets. It seems overwhelming at the time, but our new schedule also gives you time to do it.

The most important thing we miss out on in this schedule is very valuable teaching time. In my eyes, we could do with even less, but the teachers seem to have something against it. They are steamed over a loss of 30 minutes a day! But the loss of these minutes really made me think about how much we could accomplish if we had even more time. Even with the loss of seemingly vital minutes, we still have reached the normal eighth grade goals. It actually makes me feel proud to go to such a school. Not proud enough to *want* to go to school, but proud.

Now that you have heard the opinions about this, maybe you will think more about it. It's hard for me to take sides. I will however leave you with a thought. If we had 30 minutes more of each class per day, would we ever be as challenged as we were this year?

Ian is an eighth grader heading to Seattle Prep next year. He is a nine-year veteran of St Therese and his favorite basketball team is the Sonics

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Welcome New Principal Kaaren Andrews

By the Madrona K-8 PTSA

Seeing our principal of five years, Rickie Malone, head in to retirement had made it a sad yet happy time at Madrona these past few weeks. Losing her is something that all students, parents, and staff are having a hard time getting over. Ms. Malone has meant so much to so many people that we can simply never re-pay her for her 30 plus years of service to children. Just when we were feeling really down about our loss, suddenly a burst of sunshine opened right above our heads when the School District announced that Kaaren Andrews will be our new principal! Her credentials are outstanding and she was seeking an opportunity to contribute to a school with the very attributes we treasure at Madrona: diversity and community.

Ms. Andrews has been the principal at Blaine K-8 in Magnolia for the last two years. Before that, she was principal at two schools in California and then Director of Technology Education and the varsity head basketball coach for Seattle Preparatory School. She received her B.A. from Princeton University (where she also played basketball), her M.A. in Education from Stanford, and her PhD in Education at Columbia. She has also worked as associate editor for ABCnews.com and as assistant editor for NBA.com at Starwave in Bellevue.

Ms. Andrews will officially take over the duties of principal on July 1 but she's already working double duty closing out her time at Blaine and working here with Ms. Malone to ensure a smooth transition. She has been introduced to the staff, the PTSA, and the students, who really want to hear more about her basketball skills! She and has been active in interviewing candidates for open school positions and coming up to speed on the budget. One key position that she, parent, and staff will work together to fill in the next few weeks is assistant principal. Madrona's Andhra Lutz is leaving after a great run and she will be sorely missed. Please welcome Ms Andrews and give both Ms Lutz and Ms Malone your thanks for all they have done for Madrona school and the Madrona neighborhood.

Madrona K-8 School News

By Mary Myslewicz, Parent Volunteer Coordinator

With only a few short weeks left of the school year, Madrona K-8 is packed full with end-of-year events for families! The groundbreaking of the children's learning garden took place on two sunny Saturday mornings in April.

This month the PTSA hosted a Scholastic Book Night and Ice Cream social. Parents and students purchased a ton of books, with the profits going to the Madrona K-8 library. On May 20 the PTSA is sponsoring an Arts Night to celebrate a successful year of the new Spanish and art programs. These programs were made possible thanks contributions from Madrona K-8 parents and the greater Madrona community. Children's art will be displayed, drama and dance students will perform, and the whole community is invited.

As always, thanks to all the members of the Madrona neighborhood who volunteered their time this past year at our school. Whether people come in on a regular schedule to tutor children or helped out at a specific school event, your commitment to Madrona is very appreciated.

Arts Corps Moves South

Arts Corps, the great kid-centric arts organization located on 34th Avenue for the past four years, is moving and shaking its offices to Columbia City. Effective May 17, they will be citizens of South Seattle at 5609-B Rainier Ave South. The staff is psyched to be closer to their school sites, closer to good Vietnamese tofu sandwiches and closer to not killing each other since they'll have more space. Even if they're not in Madrona anymore, we can still enjoy their good works at several upcoming events.

SisterFire is a national cultural arts tour of radical women of color artists and activists sponsored by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence. Arts Corps teaching artists Rita Alcantara, Dora Oliveira-Newman, and staff mavin Lara Davis will perform and display. The show begins at 7:00pm on May 21 at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center on Alaska Street in Columbia City.

The Arts Corps end-of-year Showcase Extravaganza returns to ACT Theatre, the site of the 2001 showcase, on June 4 from 6-9pm. Come revel in students' successes!

Beat Bush Bakin' Bash

Who says kids can't make a difference? "Cheesecake for Change", "Beat Bush Banana Bread", and "Kupcakes for Kerry" were just some of the delicious items on sale at the Beat Bush Bakin' Bash spearheaded by 10-year old Addy Borges on April 17.

It was an inspiring show of force as Addy and more than 25 bakers as well several servers and countless eaters united to raise **\$1000** for MoveOn PAC. The money will fund efforts to "get out the vote" for the next presidential election as well as pay for advertising aimed at turning over control of the White House. The Madrona bakesale was one of 1,100 held across the country that day that together raised over \$750,000. Thank you Addy and thank you Madrona!

Madrona Computer pasteup

*Dentist
Paste-up*

ACTIVE Playfield Use & Upkeep

The good news is—the field at the Madrona Playfield is really getting used a lot! The bad news is—the field at the Madrona Playfield is really getting used a lot! Kids of all ages are out there almost every day and the grass is starting to show it. However, the Parks Department is working hard to re-improve that field. Like last year, they have been out covering up bare spots, aerating, over seeding, and topdressing. The seed mixture is a shade tolerant blend that should work better under the large trees. The process will be repeated during the spring and summer every 8-10 weeks to help the grass gain a good foothold.

If you have concerns or questions about the field, maintenance, or the park in general, Parks contacts include: manager Royal Alley-Barnes royal.alley-barnes@seattle.gov, crew chief Carol Baker carol.baker@seattle.gov, senior gardener Kathleen Blanchard kathleen.blanchard@seattle.gov, and playfield focal Kevin Schmidt kevin.schmidt@seattle.gov. To report graffiti call 684-7587 and to rent the shelterhouse, contact the Garfield Community Center at 684-4788.

But if you just want to HAVE FUN at the playfield, try this!

Ultimate Frisbee—On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00pm everyone—men, women, kids and families—is welcome for some laid back ultimate Frisbee. Come on out for fun and a good workout. For more info drop a note to ultimate@mydreampower.com

Soccer—On Tuesdays at 6:30pm join a feisty group of aging Madrona folks for adult co-ed pick-up soccer games. It's our third season so we know you'll find plenty of friendly play and good exercise. For info contact Greg Elkerton at grege@oz.net.

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Madrona Mayfair: Saturday May 22nd

By Tina Shepard, MLK Way

Saturday, May 22 is the date for the wonderful 2004 Madrona Mayfair Children's Parade and Activities. Plan now because it's a Madrona tradition that you don't want to miss!

Neighborhood children and their parents are invited to meet at Al Larkins Park (34th & Pike) at 10:00am to decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Crepe paper will be available at the park but we'd like to encourage families to get creative and turn those little vehicles into pint-sized floats! I've heard that someone is already hard at work transforming an ordinary wagon into a extraordinary bi-plane.

At 10:30, Deano the Clown, Dee Dee Rainbow, and a Seattle Fire truck will lead the parade down 34th Avenue to Madrona Playfield. At the playfield children's activities will include a show and fun games with Deano the Clown, pony rides, face painting, and lots of treats. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the day together with their Madrona neighbors. The MCC is sponsoring the event and so all Mayfair activities are FREE! We want everyone to come celebrate spring in Madrona!

The event desperately needs both volunteers and donations—there are lots of really fun things to do! The more neighbors who pitch in, the better the event will be and the less burdensome it is for individual volunteers who also want to enjoy the event with their own kids. All volunteer opportunities are one hour shifts or less! If you'd like to help, contact me at shelly@bluegecko.net or 720-7881. We also need lots of baked goods so if you'd like to donate a dozen or so treats contact Christine Wise at christine_wise@mindspring.com or 709-2089.

A Review from Me to You: That's Amore

By Shelly Edwards, 30th Avenue S

For almost a decade, That's Amore Italian Cafe has been one of the best restaurants most Seattlites have never heard of. But the people who know it go again and again for the wonderful food, great prices, and unbeatable view of Seattle. It is a wonderful place to go for a romantic dinner, a family night out, or to entertain out-of-town guests. The atmosphere at That's Amore is inviting, warm, and very laid back. The service is always friendly and helpful, and the wine list is very good and moderately priced. Ask to sit at the back of the restaurant, the view is amazing!

While these are good reasons to patronize a restaurant, the real reason to go is the wonderful Italian food. If you can make it there for lunch, try a panini sandwich served with penne pasta salad. I'm usually not a big fan of panini because they always seem too dry and breadly. But the panini at That's Amore are perfection! I really don't think I have had a better sandwich anywhere. I always say I'm only going to eat half and take the rest home, but I've never actually accomplished that goal.

After eating there about 12 times in the last two years, nothing I've ordered has ever been less than delicious. The restaurant is smoke free and has outside seating on nice days. Take out and catering are also available.

That's Amore Italian Cafe

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322-3677

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Women Get Fit & Learn to Row

If you live in Madrona, you know you live near an amazing body of water. Maybe you walk or jog Lake Washington Bl. in the morning and love the soft light and the sight of the occasional eagle or heron. Maybe as you work out, you've been thinking, "How can I challenge myself a little bit?"

Conibear Rowing Club has the answer for 50% of you reading this: learn to row! Conibear is a club for master's level women age 27 or more who are interested in recreation and competition. The Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center on Lake Washington is our home and we already have several members from Madrona. To learn more about Conibear call Kristi Skanderup at 322-0885.

If you're not sure about rowing but want to try it, come to Conibear's Learn to Row course June 21 through July 16. From 6:00am to 7:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays you'll receive top-quality coaching and be surrounded by like-minded women – out to learn something new and to get fit. Graduates are welcome to continue rowing with Conibear. The class costs \$95 so call the Mt Baker Rowing and Sailing Center at 386-1913 and sign up now!

Madrona Woods Gratification

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Madrona Woods is aglow with the fresh greens and blossoms of spring, and alive with the impressive new growth in the areas cleared and replanted by the St. Therese 6th Graders and Epiphany 5th Graders. In these little plots, the fledgling conifers are neon at the tips; fruits are setting on the Indian plum, salmonberry, Oregon grape, thimbleberry, salal and huckleberry seedlings; oxalis, wild ginger, vanilla leaf, alumroot, columbine and bleeding heart are spreading across the forest floor. The students have been monitoring their success rate (good so far) and hoping for enough rain this spring and summer to keep the young plants alive. We're developing ways to provide some water if we need to.

Both classes have also been learning more about native plants in a game where they pretend they are members of a native village "gathering" (identifying) the plants they would need for survival. Both schools will be having their end-of-the-year parties, complete with gummy worm cake, on June 2.

Regular Madrona Woods work parties continue on the third Saturday of each month, meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the 38th and Marion entrance. Contact Joan Scott, 324-6468, if you're interested in getting involved in the Spring Street Creek Daylighting project. Watch the kiosks for announcements and more information on any of our activities, or contact Ann Bucher at 323-8325 or me at 322-2640, judithstarbuck@msn.com. Please let us know if you'd like to be added to our e-mail list.

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Barbara Banon Opens Office in Madrona

The people of Madrona have to wait no more for personal service when it comes to their investment needs. Barbara W. Banon has opened the local office of the financial services firm Edward Jones at 3304 East Spring St. in the new Bowling Green building.

Edward Jones was founded on the philosophy of personalized service. For that reason, Ms Banon was required to meet members of the community personally before even opening her office. "That's one of the things that impressed me about this firm," she said. "Edward Jones recognizes that people still like to do business with someone who has taken the time to get to know them and their financial goals." Once she got her door open, Barbara also got right to work serving the community by presenting a workshop called "Smart Women Finish Rich" at the SafeCo neighborhood Academy Jackson Street.



"I've been impressed with the welcome I've received here," Ms Banon said. "I have enjoyed meeting the people of Madrona, and I look forward to helping them meet their financial needs."

Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots back to 1871 and currently serves more than 6 million clients. Visit their new Madrona representative via their interactive website at www.edwardjones.com, or by calling Ms Banon directly at 323-0440.

Community Sale Clears out the Clutter

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

The garage at Madrona Plaza was packed with treasures on April 24 for annual Madrona Community garage sale. 12 Madrona families and other community members offered a wonderful assortment of odds that brought in more than \$2,000, including \$600 the MCC will use to fund neighborhood events. Thank you to Suzanne Shepard for the use of the Madrona Plaza garage and to all the tenants who cleared their cars out early. Thanks too to everyone who rented a space and spent the day making deals and chatting up friends. I also really appreciate Bertha Beverage helping sell the donations.

Folks from the East Cherry YWCA shelter hauled away unsold furniture and household goods to give to needy families, and Julie Wroble took a vanload of kids' stuff to Baby Corner. Even still there were plenty of leftovers for Marty Liebowitz, Thom Ditty, Frank Dauer, and Robert Ingman to take to the Goodwill.

My feet were sore for days but we'll do it again next April so plan now to clean house then.

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Madrona Summer ARTcamps

If your kids are looking for something fun and creative to do this summer, you needn't look far. Madrona resident and artist Tracy Bier is offering two week-long sessions of art camp in her Madrona studio. Tracy is a certified teacher and mother of a 7th grade son so she knows how to engage children—especially boys—in art. These classes go way beyond pencil and paper.

1st - 5th Grade ARTcamp: Nothing But Fun—Pet portraits (live subject), papier mache figures, outdoor activities, landscape design on sheet cakes. June 21 through June 25, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Middle School ARTcamp: No Ordinary Art—Paint a bicycle helmet or skateboard, make jewelry from Coke cans, build houses from driftwood, create a sculpture from tree branches. June 28 through July 1, 10:30am to 2:00pm with a short break for lunch.

Sessions have space for only 12 children and the cost is \$130 per child per session. For more information, call Tracy at 322-8613, 227-2369, or email her at atbier@mindspring.com. Mail a \$20 deposit to 1132 38th Ave.

Fun for Epiphany Kids

By Nichelle Hilton, Epiphany Parish Youth Leader

Epiphany Parish is going through some fun exciting changes in the youth & children area. We are adding lots of fun activities, and changing things around so now we just need the kids to come and enjoy it all!! Check out the new web page at www.Epiphanyseattle.org_2.

If you enjoy helping children learn and grow, Epiphany could use your help as we seek new Sunday School teachers. Our new exciting program for 2004 is growing fast and we need people to help. Please call me at 709-9918 for more information.

Joe Gast
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Whimsical Copper
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Hi-Spot Welcomes Back Diners for Dinner

By Thom Ditty, 35th Avenue

The Hi-Spot helped turn Madrona into an evening destination and I for one am glad that after a three-year hiatus, on April 1 they started serving dinner again. My family and I—two hungry kids and two hungry adults, a statistically reasonable cross-section of the neighborhood—walked in on a Thursday night to see how Mike and crew were getting on. As soon as we arrived, the art, jazz and friendly people reminded us that this is a fine dinner venue.

Let's start at my favorite, the wine list. I'd venture that it is one of the best two-pagers in the city. It reflects a real understanding of what people want. Voignes, Syrah, Rioja round out a list with Merlot and Chardonnay and prices stick to the \$16-20 dollar range. We went for a delicious bottle of Spanish Rioja.

The food menu is crisp, the selections interesting without being weird. First things first—the kids. The Hi-Spot doesn't have a kids' menu, but offers quesadillas, grilled cheese sandwiches, and pasta. Our kids happily chose pasta. The rest of the menu gives plenty of opportunities, including five large, classic dinner salads. Still, my vegetarian wife passed them by and settled on the poblano pepper sandwich. She didn't leave much at the end of the dinner. An unrepentant carnivore, even as I watched the guest at the next table tuck into the steak, I enjoyed one of the finest pasta putanesca I've had in a while. Plenty of capers, enough garlic to know you've visited a place with courage, and the sweet chunks of fresh tomato... The untried chicken and fish selections are still tempting and I look forward to trying them next time...and the time after that. Even after a bottle of good wine and satisfying dinners we decided to share a dessert. Four spoons and one pot of milk chocolate pudding perfection in a wine glass! Trust me, get one and don't share it with the other greedy buggers at your table.

The food was fine and I need also to mention that tie breaker—good service. Intelligent, thoughtful staff seems to be a Madrona trademark and it is wonderful at the Hi-Spot. Our server talked straight with the kids, and laughed with the adults. It's just like old times—welcome back.

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- MON & WED 7-8:45pm ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- TUES & THURS 5-7:00pm ULTIMATE FRISBEE**—everyone welcome, Madrona Playfield, ultimate@mydreampower.com
 6:30pm **ADULT CO-ED PICKUP SOCCER**—Madrona Playfield, Greg Elkerton grege@oz.net.
 7-8:45pm **ADULT OPEN BASKETBALL**—Garfield Community Center 684-4788
- WEDNESDAYS 10:30am PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**—Madrona Sally Goldmark Library, Lynn Lorenz 684-4705
 3-7:00pm **COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET**—live music and FREE kids’ activities, 4801 Rainier Ave S at S Edmunds, Karen Kinney 632-5234
 8-10pm **ADULT CO-ED PICKUP BASKETBALL**—Madrona K-8 gym, Steve Orser 423-1412 (\$3 “cover charge” supports the PTSA)
- THURSDAYS 7:30pm AA/ALANON MEETING**—Epiphany Parish Great Hall 38th & Denny, 625-0000 or www.seattle-al-anon.org
THURSDAYS — MONDAYS Evenings LIVE MUSIC—St. Clouds 726-1522, calendar of performers at www.stclouds.com/NewFiles/music.html
SATURDAYS 10-11:00am & 3-4:00pm FAMILY FLOAT SWIM—Medgar Evers Pool 684-4766
SUNDAYS 2:00 STORY TIME—Izilla Toys, 2840 E Madison 322-8697
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- May 19 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
 3-7:00pm **COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY**— live music and kids’ activities, 4801 Rainier Ave South at South Edmunds, Karen Kinney 632-5234
- May 21 10-4:00pm SENIOR TRIP: CENTRALIA/CHEHALIS ADVENTURE**—driving and walking tours in both cities, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$8.00)
 7:00pm **SISTERFIRE**—cultural arts tour of radical women of color, Rainier Valley Cultural Center, Arts Corps www.artscorps.org
- May 22 9-noon MADRONA RAVINE WORK PARTY**—Meet at Madrona Dr & Pine St. bus stop, Linda Hanson 325-5554
 10:00am-3:00pm **USE IT AGAIN, SEATTLE**—Garfield High east parking lot (behind the school), Use It Again Hotline 615-0701 or Tom Gannon at tom.gannon@seattle.gov
 10:30am **MADRONA MAYFAIR PARADE & CELEBRATION**—Parade from Al Larkins Park to Madrona Playfield, Shelley Edwards shelly@bluegecko.net
 7:00pm **BINGO**—Play for as little as \$10.00! doors open at 6:00, St. Therese School, Lou 725-4859
- May 25 10-1:00pm SENIORS STEPPING THROUGH SEATTLE**—Transportation to walk site provided, Garfield Community Center, 233-7255
 7-9:00pm **OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION: THE HUMAN STAIN**—by Phillip Roth, SafeCo, 23rd & Jackson, pre-registration 545-6111
- May 28 9-6:00pm SENIOR TRIP: HISTORIC ANACORTES & WAR MEMORIAL PARK**—bring a brown bag lunch and visit museums and galleries, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$8.00)
- May 30 EXHIBITION CLOSING: MADRONA DOGS BY NANCY SCHUTT**—Verite Coffehouse 34th & Spring, Nancy Schutt www.gooddogart.com
- June 1 7:15pm MADRONA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Bill Hanson 322-3450
- June 4 10-2:00pm SENIOR TRIP: VAN GOGH TO MONDRIAN**—tour the modern art exhibit from the Kroller-Muller museum now showing at SAM, no transportation provided, Registration 684-4240 (\$5.00)
 10-5:00pm **SENIOR TRIP: EDMONDS WATERFRONT FESTIVAL**—spend the day exploring downtown Edmonds, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$6.50)
 6-9:00pm **MADRONA BEACH POTLUCK BBQ** —Seattle Bicycle Club, Yvonne activity@seattlebicycle.com
 6-9:00pm **SHOWCASE EXTRAVAGANZA**— ACT Theatre, Arts Corps, www.artscorps.org
- June 8 10-1:00pm SENIORS STEPPING THROUGH SEATTLE**—Transportation to walk site provided, Garfield Community Center, 233-7255
 7:00pm **MADRONA BBQ PLANNING MEETING**—Madrona Playfield, Beth Purcell at 329-7952 or Sayre Coombs at 328-7825
 7:00pm **MADRONA VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING**—1426 27th Avenue, George Martinez 329-8851
 7-9:00pm **FREE CLASS: GET MOVING WITH THE FELDENKRAIS METHOD**—SafeCo Neighborhood Academy, 23rd & Jackson, pre-registration 545-6111
- June 9 6:30pm MADRONA K-8 PTSA MEETING**—School library, Jon Hughes 219-1441
- June 11-13 10:00am-4:00pm MADRONA NURSERY OPEN GARDEN**—plants to enjoy and purchase, 815 38th Ave, Ann Bucher 323-8325
- June 11 9-6:00pm SENIOR TRIP: TENNANT LAKE, FERNDALE, WA**—bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the park and gardens, transportation from Garfield Community Center, Registration 684-4240 (\$6.50)
- June 12 9:00am-5:00pm FREE CLASS: WOMEN & MONEY**—SafeCo Neighborhood Academy, 23rd & Jackson, pre-registration 545-6111
- June 15 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: MAKING THE ASK GRANT WRITING**—SafeCo Neighborhood Academy, 23rd & Jackson, pre-registration 545-6111
- June 16 9-1:00pm HOMELESS COOKING**—St. Clouds Restaurant, John Platt 726-1522
- June 17 2:00pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**—Early dismissal, Seattle Public Schools
- June 18-20 2004 JUNETEENTH FREEDOM FESTIVAL**—Pratt Park, Central Area Chamber of Commerce, Madge Thompson 380-2061
- June 19 10-2:00pm MADRONA WOODS WORK PARTY**—38th & East Marion, Ann Bucher 323-8325
- June 24 7-9:00pm FREE CLASS: DO-IT-YOURSELF BIKE REPAIR**—SafeCo Neighborhood Academy, 23rd & Jackson, pre-registration 545-6111

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