

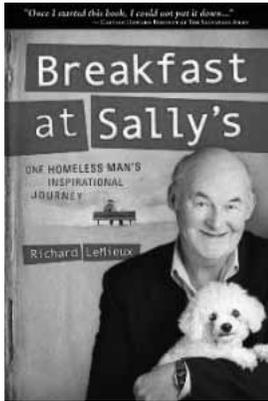


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The Perspectives of a Homeless Man

By Charley Bush, E. Columbia

Have you ever wondered what being homeless means to someone who is homeless? Have you thought about a life on the streets, in all weather, without income sufficient to secure even temporary shelter? And without an apparent identity in society other than as someone to be avoided? Have you had the opportunity to extend a hand, more than mere spare change, to a homeless person and, thereby, enter a relationship that acknowledges the other person as one in need of loving interaction? Richard LeMieux learned all these lessons and more, recounting them in his book, *Breakfast at Sally's*.



In his book, LeMieux shares his life of transition to homelessness from a family and a three-decade business career that produced a waterfront home, boats, cars, and other trappings of material success. All of the latter disappeared when LeMieux's business was forced into bankruptcy and he began living out of his van on the Kitsap Peninsula with Willow the Wonder Dog. LeMieux met many others who were similarly displaced from homes and families, and he learned firsthand what people can feel when they're not wanted or welcomed, even if those around them don't say a single word. His transition includes redemption by communities of love populated by other homeless men, women, and children and by more fortunate people from all walks of life who reached out to address the needs of the homeless. This fellowship began to form in the Bremerton Salvation Army

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Council Corner

Two compelling issues, neighborhood crime and changes to the neighborhood's appearance, made the Nov. 1 MCC meeting at Verité a standing-room-only affair. Three representatives from the Seattle Police Department's East Precinct addressed recent burglaries in the neighborhood. They discussed tactics citizens can use to make their homes less attractive to burglars and things we as neighbors can do to help police and to improve our own skills of observation. Much of the information they imparted, as well as the handouts and phone numbers they distributed, can be found at www.seattle.gov.

In a follow-up to last month's presentation by the Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) regarding removal of street

trees along 34th Ave., a committee of neighbors formed to work with the department on a master plan to determine the new design for the 34th Ave. corridor and to seek grants to pay for changes beyond what SDOT provides.

Those present also heard from a representative of Community Power Works, the local, government stimulus-funded program designed to remove barriers to energy efficiency in homes (described in last month's newsletter).

All candidates for the MCC offices ran unopposed and were unanimously elected for another term. Names, phone numbers, and email addresses are posted on the MCC website at www.madrona.us.

Al Doggett Studio

A visit to Madrona's Al Doggett Studio reveals a wide range of visual media from fine to graphic arts, including oil paintings, illustrations, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, and much more. The art is produced and the studio managed by Al Doggett and Esther Ervin.

Al's early interest in art was refined in New York's High School of Art and Design, followed by a stint with the Art Students League. He worked thereafter in New York studios as an illustrator for clients like Warner Brothers Arts and as a freelance commercial artist and photographic retoucher. But Al decided he was meant for the Northwest. As he tells it, he wrote ten letters to Seattle advertising agencies looking for work. After five replied affirmatively, Al made his 1967 move to Seattle where he continues to seek balance between fine and graphic arts in his studio at 1747 34th Avenue.

Commercial art and success in photographic retouching led to a strong word-of-mouth reputation in the Northwest for Doggett. But according

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to a 1996 *Wall Street Journal* article, the Al Doggett Studio faced a turning point in the mid-1990s with the advent of digital technology. Despite initial misgivings, Al learned when mastering this new tool that computers could free up time for his fine art work. He also observed that some artistic skills could not be matched by computers.

At about the same time, Al met artist Esther Ervin, who invited him to participate in a Seattle show she was curating. Early discussions about her sculpture and jewelry and his painting led to a firm friendship and then marriage. Like Al, Esther arrived in Seattle via a circuitous route with highlights that include university in Beirut, a Peace Corps stint in Colombia, and a graduate degree in medical illustration. Esther's artistic interests range widely to include jewelry as well as mixed-media sculptures using wood, metal, and found objects. Esther observes that much of her current work pulls together her biology background and lifelong interest in producing art.

Although Al and Esther develop separate fine arts skills, they share a common interest in photographic restoration. When clients bring in damaged or aging family photographs, Esther is the production manager, often cleaning and scanning photos that might be crumpled, torn, or faded. Al then uses his artistic skills to reconstruct, perhaps painting in a missing chair leg in one or removing crease lines from another. Both are experts in photographic restoration, taking great pride in helping families restore photographs to which time has been unkind. Esther

has authored do-it-yourself guidelines on the process titled *Identification and Preservation of Photographs and Documents*.

Al and Esther are active members of the Seattle arts community. Both participate in many shows, and Esther often curates shows; she is curating one and showing in four this month. Al has taught art and offered workshops in local schools to show children how to make a living with art.

Al and Esther are planning to offer studio tours in future. Keep an eye on the *Madrona News* Calendar and website to explore opportunities to view the graphic and fine arts produced by this extraordinarily talented couple.

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facility, and it grew as Richard became more involved with the homeless community and those willing to aid them.

Richard LeMieux will be the guest speaker on Dec. 18, 9:15-10:15am in Epiphany Parish's Great Hall. All are welcome. Please come and help celebrate Richard and all who lovingly served him. Direct questions to me at 325-1190 or charley.bush@gmail.com.

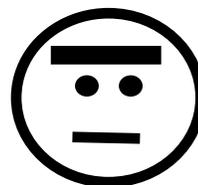
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Community and Business News

- In mid-October Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) hosted the Madrona Community Council and new members of the business community at a mixer hosted by St. Cloud's Restaurant. The meeting's purposes were several.

First, BOOM leaders explained their purposes, which include maximizing business potential in the neighborhood. The group meets monthly to share success strategies and to leverage collective small business might, although increasingly meetings are held virtually to accommodate busy schedules of business owners. Andres Mantilla, from Seattle's Office of Economic Development, also attended. He described the city's interests in promoting small businesses. Mr. Mantilla can be reached at 233-3868 or andres.mantilla@seattle.gov.

Second, MCC president Holly Smith explained the Council's objectives, outlining cosponsored activities such as the BOOM/MCC Halloween events and "Hanging of Winter Greens" in the Madrona business district.

Finally, the mixer provided a much-needed opportunity for business owners to meet with one another and with members of the MCC further to explore common interests. The venue was full and the banter lively.

- BOOM announced plans to hold their second Be Merry in Madrona event on the weekend of Dec. 2-3. Many stores and restaurants will extend their hours. In addition, BOOM and Cleanscapes will cut the ribbon for the Madrona Bronze Rings project mid-morning on Dec. 3, signaling that the project is ready to break ground.

- Molly Moon closed its tiny Madrona storefront for the fall and winter season, expecting to reopen in April or May. However, according to a spokesperson, the Molly Moon truck will visit Madrona most Sundays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

- Proprietors Jim Maloney (formerly of European Vine Selections on Capitol Hill) and Mark Souder have opened the doors of Madrona Wine Merchants at 1127 34th Ave. The shop specializes in wines with exceptional quality, complexity, and distinctiveness of style at a reasonable price. In addition Madrona Wine Merchants provides a good selection of wines for special occasions. With over 400 different brands to choose from they can provide an answer for most every palette and price range. Hours are Weds-Fri. noon to 7:00pm; Sat. 11:00am to 7:00pm; and Sun. 11:00am to 5:00pm. Starting in November there will be weekly Saturday tastings from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

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Madrona Dining & Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

Our October outing was to the newest restaurant on Leschi Ridge, La Bonne Franquette. About two dozen MDSS'ers dined on French bistro fare created by chef Hamid, whom we remember from his days at St. Clouds. We appreciated the good food, thoughtfully planned restaurant, and lovely view of downtown.

Although they don't involve an official MDSS event, plans are afoot to share in the festivities when holiday ships visit Madrona beach on the evening of Dec. 3. I'm thinking we may gather for appetizers and cocktails at Daniel's Broiler before the ships arrive and then walk to the bonfire. Or if the weather's bad, perhaps we can enjoy the ships from safe inside Daniel's.

The next official MDSS event is set for Dec. 8, when we will travel to 1404 Western Ave. just south of the Pike Place Market for a \$30 prix fixe three course dinner at the new Dulce's. Julie will charm us with her delicious cooking while Carlos reintroduces us to his wines, paired with the dinner or available separately from his new wine bar Cava above the restaurant floor.

Our first MDSS event of 2012 will be a return visit to Bistro Turkuaz on Jan. 15. Start the new year with a little Turkish delightful dinner, I say. This venue is always popular because chef Ughur cooks for us like we're family. There is limited seating.

Lots of fun ideas are percolating for the coming months, so if you wish to hear the latest or RSVP for any of our dinners, please contact me at audreyseale@gmail.com and I'll add you to the MDSS email list.

Notable Neighbors

- Over 280,000 books are published in the US each year. The odds of any one of those books appearing on *New York Times* best seller lists are exceedingly small. And yet, two Madrona authors have beat those odds multiple times.

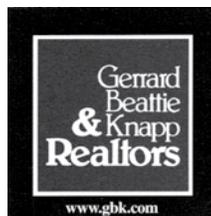
Four years after its initial publication, Madrona author Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* remains on the best seller list for young adults. Read more about Alexie and his books on his website: www.fallsapart.com.

- Books penned by Madrona author Julie Quinn also are frequently found on *New York Times* best seller lists. Her June 2011 title *Just Like Heaven* debuted at number 2 on the *New York Times* mass market paperback list. Many of her other books have gone to number 1 on the same list. For more about Quinn, see her website: juliaquinn.com.

- Lee Barnes, founder of glassybaby, also drew *New York Times* attention with a Sept. 28 case study about expanding to a city that does not know the glassbaby story and opening a Greenwich Village storefront that had limited foot traffic. Readers were invited to submit comments, which appeared Oct. 5, about the company's New York expansion decision. By then Ms. Barnes had decided to move the store to a location with more foot traffic and to add a functional glass-blowing studio. She developed partnerships with various not-for-profit organizations that could help tell the glassbaby story. She also established a mechanism for donating partial profits from glassbaby NY sales to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and founded a same day delivery service dubbed "Fresh From the Oven" to deliver products to NYC customers, many of whom do not have autos to carry their glassbabys home.

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Toys for Tots Drive

By Barbara Banon, Edward Jones Investments

Happy Holidays to our Madrona neighbors! I wanted to say "thank you" to all the people in the area who have brought toys for the US Marine Corps' "Toys For Tots" program to my office in past years. This is the eighth year for participation by my office, and we hope this will be our best year to date.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 in Los Angeles when Diane Hendricks asked her Marine Corps husband to find an organization that could deliver a doll she'd made to a needy child. When Major Hendricks realized that no such agency existed, his wife encouraged him to start one. He did. In that year Hendricks and a group of Marine Reservists collected and distributed 5,000 toys to Los Angeles children who would otherwise have received few if any toys for the holidays. Success with the first spontaneous toy drive led to Toys for Tots in 1948 and soon to a nationwide campaign.

You can help needy children in the area by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to our office now through Dec. 20; we are located at 3304 East Spring St. I will also sponsor an open house on Dec. 10 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please stop by for refreshments and light snacks, and bring a toy to help us make the holiday a little brighter for a child in need. For more information, contact me at 323-0440.

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Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 8.



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The Valley School

Admissions tours have begun for the 2012-13 academic year. The school serves children ages 4-11, beginning with pre-kindergarten. This entry-level class offers the most openings for new students; we encourage parents of preschoolers to consider Valley for this transitional year before the elementary (K-5) program begins. Openings at older grades also may be available, particularly in kindergarten when class sizes grow.

Parents and other interested adults are invited to sign up for school visits, which are held most Thursdays 9:00-11:00am. They include a general presentation of founding principles and practices, short visits in each classroom, and information about the admissions process.

Valley is also moving along with plans to expand interior spaces, in the first phase of larger campus improvements. Architect Taine Wilton of TenArch will present phase one proposals to the school community before Thanksgiving. These proposals emerged from hours of research and brainstorming with parents, teachers, and staff members. The recent school gala added over \$100,000 to the generous funding already set aside for phase one.

Come on a school tour! Contact info@thevalleyschool.org or 328-4475 to sign up.

Instructional Coaches at Giddens School

"Your school feels really different! There is so much excited energy coming from the kids!" "You're the best kept secret of Seattle independent schools!" "I have traveled to communities in search of the ideals you put forward here." These are just a few of the comments heard during Giddens School tours for prospective parents and visits from UW School of Education professors and educational consultants. The Giddens School's strength and unique niche in Seattle is palpable when you enter our school, because we work consistently and intentionally to create this vibrant community every day.

We feel proud of the good work we do to create this environment for children. We also know that this does not happen by accident. At Giddens, we have a teaching faculty who accept that we are critical members of the learning community. Research informs us time and again that the most critical element for strong student success is effective instruction for all children. At Giddens, we addressed this challenge head-on with a fundamental shift in how we work with our teachers: we hired instructional coaches to provide weekly professional development for our faculty. Our commitment to changing this dynamic for our teachers, coupled with small class size, is what sets us apart and creates a strong learning experience for Giddens students. This is expensive and it requires more work and teacher time. But we see it paying off in all of our daily instruction and standardized tests. All of these factors combine to create a community of critical thinkers who are self-confident, centered, and ready for the next step.

Madrona K-8

The days may be getting shorter, but activities continue to ramp up at Madrona K-8. The examples below are only a few among many K-8 initiatives for October and November:

- The Seattle chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a Panther Partner. Among sponsored K-8 activities is the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy for girls in grades 6-8. Spearheaded by Dr. Sonja Hampton and Victoria Romero, this special program provides numerous opportunities for the girls to expand their horizons after school. Last year's topic was "Architectural and Structural Engineering," a program that included a visit to the architectural firm Schacht Aslani—designers of the Douglass-Truth Library addition—followed by structural assessments during visits to the Space Needle and the Seattle Public Library. Among other activities last year, the girls assumed roles of astronauts and ground controllers in a Museum of Flight simulation. In the previous year, Delta Academy girls tested Xbox-Kinnect software, providing input that led Microsoft to retain a feature it had considered eliminating.
- Madrona K-8 has also teamed up with Umpqua Bank for their *Learn to Earn* program. Students can open a bank account for just \$1. Every Thursday morning Umpqua Bank is at the school to accept student deposits. To date, 24 students are enrolled, with deposits of more than \$500.
- The Mt. Baker Rowing Club loaned gleaming rowing machines to K-8 for two weeks, providing middle-school students

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with opportunities to try rowing. Heather Alschuler, who placed 4th in rowing at the 2008 Beijing Olympics as a member of the Canadian team, also joined students for a workout.

- Madrona K-8 is teaming up with St. Therese School for the 2011 Penny Harvest (see www.PennyHarvest.org). Over 900 schools, including 51 in the Puget Sound, will participate in this nationwide project of Solid Ground and Common Cents. Penny Harvest will show young people they have the ability to change the world via philanthropy and service. In Madrona, students at the two participating schools will share the proceeds from pennies (and other coins) deposited in designated containers at Madrona businesses. Coins will also be collected at each school. K-8 classrooms will compete with one another on the pound weight of their donations. In the spring, all proceeds will be distributed as grants to local organizations, and grantees will be chosen by a student leadership team. So if you see a penny, do more than pick it up: donate it to the 2011 Penny Harvest.

- On Nov. 5, MCC Vice President Susan Minogue, mom to a kindergartner, spearheaded a Grounds Beautification Project at Madrona K-8. The school community joined with 15 McChord Air Force Base personnel spending the day to build three new raised beds for the learning garden, prepare the garden for winter, weed the playground, and spread wood chips throughout. Many hands made the work lighter.

Looking SPOOKTACULAR!

Thanks to everyone for participating in Madrona's great Halloween tradition. We had a wonderful turnout of neighbors and families and so many fantastic entries for the Halloween contest. And, a very special thanks to the BOOM partners for donating so many fabulous prizes. Below are our winners!

Best Girl Costume (5 and under)

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Faith, the Rainbow girl

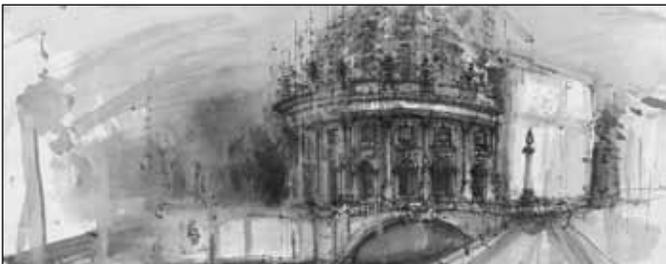
Best Boy Costume (5 and under)

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Spooktacular Costumes... (cont'd from previous page)

Best Girl Costume
(6-12)

Prize: Root beer floats for 4 at BottleHouse & 4 chocolate chip cookies from Hi Spot



Sophia, the Good Witch

Best Boy Costume
(6-12)

Prize: Mac & cheese and ice cream sundae party for 4 at St. Cloud's



Jack, Secret Service Agent Extraordinaire

Best Family Costume

Prize: Shaving cream from Cameo & Crowns and an "Adult" float from Bottlehouse



Carmel, James & Soraya as Cat in the Hat

Trick or Treating in Madrona



Trick or Treaters at Bottlehouse



Hi Spot Café Scone Witch

Mutt Match-up Answers: Ann & Dorsey and Signe, Cathy and Zoe & Leo, Jan and Rosie

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Transportation and Urban Use

1. In October, the Seattle Department of Transportation removed six trees and replaced sidewalks on the northern two-thirds of the east side of the block of 34th Ave. between Spring and Marion Streets. Phase 2 of the project will take out the remaining three trees on the block; it will begin in 2012 after the rainy season. According to SDOT, the nine trees removed will be replaced with 17 trees elsewhere in the neighborhood where the planting strip is wide enough for them to grow undisturbed. An existing tree on Spring St. will be preserved through root pruning, and a tree on 34th Ave. will be replaced with a new tree on site, because the sidewalk provides a wide-enough planting space.

The existing planting strip will be replaced with alternating sections of paving for access to parked vehicles and an open strip for plantings to soften the edge between the sidewalk and the street. For information or comment, contact Liz Ellis, SDOT Street Maintenance Sidewalk Repair Program, 233-2768 or liz.ellis@seattle.gov.

2. A neighbor reports that zoning proposal number 3012508 posted at 1612 Martin Luther King Jr. Way would convert two existing single-family homes and one empty lot into a preschool institution with parking for seven vehicles.

3. Metro transit is planning bus route changes that will affect the 2, 3, and 4 bus routes (as well as many other routes). The recommended June 2012 service changes will be presented to King County Council for consideration in early December and adoption by January. To learn more or to provide citizen input visit <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/have-a-say>

Real Estate Trends

By Dan Sanchez, John L. Scott Realty

These days people frequently ask me about the performance of the real estate market. This is a tough question, because inventory is down dramatically while prices have not really recovered. To better answer the question, I examined all sales across the 98122 zip code over the past six months, as compared to the same period a year ago. I chose the entire zip code to ensure a meaningful sample size. I found some interesting facts.

In the last six months there has been a monthly average of 70 homes for sale. This compares to 125 for the same period a year ago. The total average number of days on the market is currently only 52 days, compared to 93 days a year ago. Unfortunately, it also seems that prices have decreased about three percent. But at the lower end of the price spectrum, prices are actually up approximately one percent.

So... how is the real estate market? Prices haven't improved but sellers can find buyers (if priced right for today's market) and buyers still have inventory (albeit dwindling) to choose from. To me, an obvious result of dwindling inventory should be higher prices in the future.

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Get Ready for Flu Season

By Dianne Glover, M.D., 37th Avenue

Influenza is a highly contagious infection caused by Influenza A and B viruses. Every year 30,000 to 40,000 Americans die from this disease. These nasty viruses are spread from person to person by respiratory droplets suspended in the air (through coughing, sneezing, close contact) and by making contact with those droplets and then touching your mouth, eyes, or nose. Infection usually occurs one-four days after exposure. Peak influenza season in the US can occur anytime from November to May, but most often in January and February.

Influenza typically begins with fever, chills, malaise, headache, diffuse muscle or joint pain, and dry cough. You may then develop sore throat, stuffy-runny nose, and worsening cough. Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea are not uncommon. Rarely, influenza causes brain (encephalitis) and heart (myocarditis) infections. In babies and young children, influenza viruses may cause middle ear infections, croup, pneumonia, and an inflammation of the small airways known as bronchiolitis. Infants less than two months of age may present just with fever and forgetting to breathe (apnea). Pregnant women, the elderly, and people with chronic medical conditions like diabetes, asthma, and heart disease are more vulnerable to severe influenza and its complications.

The best way to keep from suffering from influenza is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your family members; this reduces your chance of catching this infection by 60-90 percent. You need

to get the vaccine yearly because the viruses change enough every year so that last year's flu shot does not protect you from this year's influenza viruses. It is best to get the flu vaccine as early as possible. Flu vaccines are generally given from October through January, but vaccine can be given anytime during the flu season. It may take up to six weeks for the vaccine to stimulate your immune system so that you are protected. Influenza vaccine does not cause the flu.

Flu vaccine may be given as an intramuscular shot for people age six months and older or as an intranasal spray for people between two and 49 years of age. The nasal spray flu vaccine contains live, attenuated virus, so it should not be given to pregnant women, people with conditions like asthma or diabetes, or people with compromised immune systems. Women can be given the flu shot at any time in pregnancy since it is considered safe for the embryo and fetus. Your health care provider should be an excellent resource for any questions you have about flu vaccines. What else can you do?

- Decrease the chance the virus will enter your system by washing your hands frequently with soap and alcohol gels.
- Sneeze and cough into your inside (bent) elbow instead of your hands, and teach your children to do the same.
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick to decrease the chance of spreading the flu bugs.
- Stay healthy through good nutrition, exercise, fresh air, and plenty of fluids.

More information is available at www.cdc.gov/flu.



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Here Are a Few Tips To Prepare Your Home For Winter

1} Furnace Inspection

Call an HVAC professional to inspect your furnace and clean ducts. Stock up on furnace filters and change them monthly. Consider switching out your thermostat for a programmable thermostat. If our home is heated by a hot-water radiator, bleed the valves by opening them slightly and when water appears, close them. Remove all flammable material from the area surrounding your furnace.

2} Get the Fireplace Ready

Cap or screen the top of the chimney to keep out rodents and birds. If the chimney hasn't been cleaned for a while, call a chimney sweep to remove soot and creosote. Inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing. Buy firewood or chop wood. Store it in a dry place away from the exterior of your home.

3} Check Foundations

Rake away all debris and edible vegetation from the foundation. Seal up entry points to keep small animals from crawling under the house. Tuck-point or seal foundation cracks. Mice can slip through space as thin as a dime. Inspect sill plates for dry rot or pest infestation. Secure crawlspace entrances.

4} Prepare Landscaping & Outdoor Surfaces

Trim trees if branches hang too close to the house or electrical wires. Ask a gardener when your trees should be pruned to prevent winter injury. Plant spring flower bulbs and lift bulbs that cannot winter over such as dahlias in areas where the ground freezes. Move sensitive potted plants indoors or to a sheltered area.

MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Madrona website at www.madrona.us allows you to update or add community events to the "Calendar of Events." Alternatively, send your event in the format below to madronanews@gmail.com by Monday noon for Tuesday additions.

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MON & THURS** 5:50am – 6:50am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, www.nikkfitt.com
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm **Song Writer's Salon**—A not-so-open mic at Bottlehouse; contact comalrkin@gmail.com for information about performing
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Kid's Crafting Corner**—Ages 6-10, 11/2–12/14, but no class on 11/23; fees apply. www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm
 6:00pm – 7:00pm **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrone Grace Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- THURSDAYS** 9:00am **Valley School Tours for Prospective Families**—Through February. Reservations required. The Valley School, 310 30th Avenue E, 328-4475
 10:00am **All Threads Together**—Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Library, Deanna Killian, 524-1501
 11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705
 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave www.bottlehouseseattle.com
 7:30pm **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [www.kbarke715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarke715@comcast.net)
 9:00am – 10:00am **Sing-A-Story**—Ages 1-5, 11/18 and 12/2– 12/30; Madrona Shelterhouse; fees apply. For additional information, consult www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm. (This activity also is offered on Saturday mornings.)
- SATURDAY** 2:00 – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Cellars**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult www.MadronaWineMerchants.com
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Nov 19 1:00 – 3:00pm **Fire Station 34 Open House**—Meet firefighters, tour the engine, and see the design of the neighborhood fire station at 633 32nd Ave. E. Address questions or address special needs with Evanne Vaivadas at 733-9625 or evanne.vaivadas@seattle.gov
- Nov 21—Dec 20 **Toys for Tots Drive**—Drop off unwrapped holiday gifts for children at Edward Jones, 3304 E. Spring. Contact Erin Nold 323-0440
- Nov 23 9:00am – 1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. John Platt, john@stclouds.com
- Nov 26 10:00am – 1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Go to the toolbox at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com
- Dec 3 **Mid-morning Ribbon Cutting for the Madrona Bronze Rings Project**—Madrone business district
- Dec 3 9:00am – 3:00pm **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- Dec 3 8:00pm **Spectrum Dance**—Dancing on the Beach at Madrona Beach
- Dec 3 9:20pm **Bonfire and Christmas Ships arrive at Madrona Beach**
- Dec 4 5:00 – 7:00pm **Madrona Resident Sandra Chait Reading**—From her new book *Seeking Salaam Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Somalis in the Pacific Northwest*. Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts, 518-6000
- Dec 6 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelter House. Paige Smith paige.eg.smith@gmail.com
- Dec 7 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net

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