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## Seattle Mayor Tours Madrona, Honors The Facts Newspaper

On September 10, Mayor Mike McGinn and Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith joined Madrona Community Council President Holly Smith and Vice President Susan



*Mayor Presents Proclamation to The Facts Newspaper Personnel*

Minogue, along with Madrona K-8 Principal Farah Thaxton and co-PTSA President Julie Hanson for a walking tour of the Madrona neighborhood. The walk began at 34th and Pike with a visit to the Madrona Biofuel Co-op and the Dirty Hands Co-op with their respective founders, Nikola Davidson and Lyle Rudensy. Lyle demonstrated how used cooking oil is converted on-site into biodiesel, and Nikola explained that the two co-ops together provide biofuel for 35 local families. The next stop was what is now the working studio for glassybaby, followed by a very special event at The Facts Newspaper. The latter is celebrating its 50th anniversary, a milestone commemorated with a proclamation Mayor McGinn presented to CEO and publisher Dennis Beaver declaring September 10 to be The Facts Newspaper Day.

The tour continued south to the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, where the mayor heard from Holly Smith and Susan Minogue about upcoming renovations to the  
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## Madrona Fall Wine Tasting

Come join your neighbors for the first annual Madrona Fall Wine Tasting event, scheduled from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at glassybaby studios, 3406 E. Union Street on November 5th. This is a Madrona Community Council fund-raiser to benefit popular community activities such as Halloween and Mayfair and to cover recurring printing and mailing costs for the *Madrona News*. Tickets to the event are \$25, entitling each purchaser to taste any or all wines represented and ensure that popular MCC activities continue in 2011-12.

Beverages for the event will be supplied by Leschi Market and ever-helpful owner Steve

Shulman. Leschi Market staff have gathered wine choices from around the world, including those located as close as Walla Walla and others from as far as Argentina, Spain, and New Zealand. In fact, just about every country that produces wine will be represented at the event, including the very special Five Star Cellars and Mark Ryan Winery. Leschi Market personnel explain that the wine tasting provides a chance for community members to sample inexpensive to high-end wines. This removes the element of doubt that can occur when one buys an untasted wine as a gift for family or friends.

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## Where is Madrona?

*By Barbara Parker, 37th Avenue*

Having recently assumed the editorship of the *Madrona News*, a question I first asked is, where does Madrona begin and end?

Maybe this is a question in your mind too. After all, while some of us have been here a long time, others of us are relative newcomers, not



just to Madrona but even to Seattle and Washington state. According to bylaws of the Madrona Community Council (see [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us)) Madrona is delineated as shown on the attached map. As you can see, the boundaries appear, but there are oddities because boundary lines run down the center of each dividing street so that the folks living on one side of the street

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## Mayor McGinn's Tour... (cont'd from page 1)

Shelterhouse bathrooms, the previous large-scale effort of the MCC and neighbors that renovated and enhanced the playfield and playground we all now enjoy, and the MCC's various community events, including Mayfair and the upcoming Halloween event (see related story). Next up was a stop at St. Clouds where co-owner John Platt spoke on behalf of community efforts such as the Homeless Cooking Project, which, under his leadership, pulls together volunteers each month to prepare food at the restaurant for a variety of organizations serving the wider Seattle community.

Following the walking tour, the mayor met with community members in a town hall-style meeting in the Madrona K-8 School library. The mayor explained that the Madrona visit is a part of his efforts to visit and listen to community members and business owners in Seattle neighborhoods. He observed that Madrona exemplifies efforts to build community, sustain the environment, take care of the homeless and the poor, and recognize and work to correct historical injustices. The Mayor went on to review economic conditions in the country and the city before declaring his intention to examine and revise existing regulations and city ordinances that no longer are useful and may even be counterproductive for creating businesses and jobs. Following the mayor's prepared remarks, attendees shared their concerns and comments on a range of issues that included urban development, transportation, homelessness, and public safety. A full video of the question-and-answer/town hall session appears at [www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=1031127](http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=1031127).

## Where is Madrona... (cont'd from page 1)

are in Madrona, and the folks living on the other side are out of Madrona, e.g. Terrace, MLK, Cherry, Denny, Howell, and Lake Washington Blvd.

Tracing the streets around Madrona addresses the marketing question about who is our readership, but it also begs a question about boundaries. On that topic I am reminded of a March, 2008, *Madrona News* article by Adrienne Bailey, who argued that Madrona is only one of many communities, such as Madison Valley, Leschi, Squire Park, Judkins, Cherry Hill, and others that constitute Seattle's Central District. Her thought was that defining ourselves in terms of only a particular neighborhood weakens the broader community and our collective ability to work together for the greater good. I tend to agree with her assessment, but would add that focus on a particular community such as Madrona helps all of us feel a sense of connection in a world that sometimes keeps us disconnected. It seems possible that the safe space of connection within a community like Madrona helps many of us reach out to collaborate with our neighbors, not just here but well beyond. There are not enough hours in any day for each of us to do all we want to do. But there is time to consider how Madrona connects for you. Your answers doubtless will appear in future issues, reflected in the articles you write, the events and activities you report, and the information you seek from *Madrona News*.

Be in touch at [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com).

## Wine Tasting... (cont'd from page 1)

Further, having tasted the wines, participants then can purchase those they like at discount prices to stock wine cabinets just in time for holiday entertaining. While the Leschi Market ordinarily provides a 10 percent discount on more than six bottles, those who submit orders at this special wine tasting event will enjoy an even bigger discount. Order forms will be available at the wine-tasting event. These will subsequently be processed and assembled by the Leschi Market staff, who will contact customers when their orders are ready. It's not exactly "presto, chango" but it's a great way to get your holiday wine shopping finished in record time. Tickets available for the Wine Tasting Fund Raiser are limited and can be purchased at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/204197](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/204197).

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## Bring out the Costumes

The Madrona Community Council and B.O.O.M. (Business Owners of Madrona) have organized many Halloween activities between 4-6:00pm on October 30. All young ghosts and goblins are invited to join in.

Meet at the Madrona Shelterhouse at 4pm for tasty treats, then visit businesses to collect treats and take part in a special scavenger hunt. Participating merchants include Hi Spot Cafe, Bottlehouse, Cameos & Crowns, Conscious Body Pilates, Edward Jones Investments, Guesthouse, Juniper, Kismet Salon, Madrona Alehouse, Nena Gifts, and St. Clouds (they will also have a "shot" bar for the grown-ups). This year, each business will have a letter to a secret word. Kids can collect the letters, solve the word puzzle, and pick up a prize from the Shelterhouse!

This year costumed children and adults are invited to participate in the First Annual Halloween Costume Contest. Fabulous prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best Boy Costume (age 6-12) - Mac & cheese and Ice Cream Sundae Party for 4 at St. Cloud's
- Best Boy Costume (5 and under) - Free Drop-in Class from Arts Aloft
- Best Girl Costume (age 6-12) - Root beer floats for 4 at Bottlehouse and 4 chocolate chip cookies from Hi Spot Cafe
- Best Girl Costume (5 and under) - Free Drop-in Class from Arts Aloft
- Best Female Adult Costume - Scented candle from Cameo & Crowns and one free Pilates session at Conscious Body Pilates studio
- Best Male Adult Costume - Shaving cream from Cameo & Crowns and an "Adult" float from Bottlehouse

Just email a picture of you or your child in costume, along with name, age and email address by 5pm on October 30th to [staceykryman@gmail.com](mailto:staceykryman@gmail.com). All entries will be judged that night. Winners will be announced on Madrona Moms at 6 pm (winners will also be contacted via email).

Treat volunteers are needed for the Shelterhouse kick off. Please email [staceykryman@gmail.com](mailto:staceykryman@gmail.com) if you can participate. Plan on preparing 2-3 dozen of your favorite treat, please avoid nuts.

Join the fun and be part of this opportunity to socialize with your Madrona neighbors!



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## Thanks for Your Blooming Support

*By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue*

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone—individuals inside and outside Madrona, businesses and real estate owners—who so generously supported this year's hanging flower baskets. Special appreciation goes out to longtime, loyal, and generous donors, Virginia Sybert and Peter Byers. It's neighbors like you who keep our community strong and vital! Thanks everyone, until next spring.



Now the wintergreens are coming. If you're looking for a way to contribute in a fun way to Madrona, then join in on Saturday, November 19, to install Madrona's Wintergreens: holiday lights & swags along the length of the 34th Avenue commercial corridor (from Spring to Pike). These festive greens give the Madrona community a warm glow through the dark fall and winter months, November to February. The group will gather on Saturday morning at 9 am outside the Madrona Plaza building (opposite the Hi Spot Cafe). The more volunteers, the better! (Young people looking for service hours are most welcome.) Please bring a heavy-duty pair of gardening gloves and good cheer. For more information, contact [doylemf@comcast.net](mailto:doylemf@comcast.net).



Halloween is just around the corner! Do you need a Chico trick-or-treat bag, Halloween cupcake recipe book, or the coolest decorations known to humankind? Please stop by the shop and be prepared to be impressed!

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## Neighbors

- *Sandra Chait* is a writer who has lived in Madrona for almost 30 years. She is the author of *Seeking Salaam: Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Somalis in the Pacific Northwest*, University of Washington Press, 2011. When asked, Sandra explained that her interest in this area of the world started in 2001 with two Eritrean friends who spoke in glowing terms about their country. They explained that the war for independence had taken a heavy toll on Eritrean families but the population was working cooperatively to make a success of their new country. Eventually these two friends persuaded Chait and others from the UW to visit Eritrea; this led to an informal association with the University of Asmara through which Chait co-taught an internet-based oral history biography course. Through the latter, students at both the UW and the University of Asmara interviewed one another to learn about the other's culture. Following this experience, Chait began to read everything she could about Eritreans and the two countries with which they were most involved, namely, Ethiopia and Somalia. At the time Chait was teaching African literature and running the UW African Studies program, which also introduced her to many students from the Horn of Africa. As she tells it, Chait became fascinated with their stories, and the rest, as they say, is history. Hear more about Chait's experiences by attending her book readings; dates and places are listed in the *Madrona News* calendar and on line at [www.madrona.us](http://www.madrona.us).

- Peter Greenfield, Madrona neighbor, will receive the ACLU of Washington's highest honor: the William O. Douglas Award. The award is given for outstanding, consistent, and sustained contributions to the cause of civil liberties. A longtime attorney with Columbia Legal Services, Greenfield has represented vulnerable populations, domestic violence victims, and those daring to challenge police practices on constitutional grounds. As a cooperating attorney for the ACLU, Greenfield has handled cases involving religious liberty, discrimination based on sexual orientation, and freedom of expression. He litigated the landmark 1974 case *Spence v. Washington*, in which the U. S. Supreme Court held that the First Amendment protected a war protestor's right to display an American flag with a peace symbol on it. According to ACLU-WA Board President Jesse Wing,

Peter exemplifies the best tradition of advocacy on behalf of the disenfranchised. He has demonstrated a deep com-

mitment to advancing civil liberties for all. He has tackled many difficult issues and done so with notable success, serving as an inspiration to people who believe that law should uphold justice.

Greenfield will receive the award at the ACLU's Bill of Rights Celebration Dinner on Friday, November 4, at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront. Tickets are available via the ACLU website, [www.aclu-wa.org](http://www.aclu-wa.org).

## Madrona Businesses Robbed

Early in the morning of September 9 local businesses Kismet and Juniper were broken into and burglarized. All of the items on Juniper's sales floor were stolen, but because owner Lisa Clinton stocks unique clothing and accessories the police guessed that the products would be hard for thieves to sell on the open market. Lisa was very relieved that Juniper's current resident foster cat Ralph hid out during the burglary and was not harmed.

Owner Heather Caldwell at Kismet lost the equivalent of at least six 32-gallon containers of products, including all the shop's shears, clippers, flat irons, combs, brushes, and other tools used to brighten Madrona customers' lives. Also lost were all candles and Aveda skin and body care products.

But it appears the thieves were interrupted before entirely clearing out the Kismet store. Witnesses described thieves as two white males in their 30s or early 40. Heather Caldwell surmised there may have been one more thief, since so much product disappeared. She asks that if you see the items described at garage sales or being sold out the back of a car please call the police.

Owners of both establishments were up and running shortly after the robbery; Lisa was restocked and open for business by September 21. Both are grateful for expressions of community concern and support. Heather particularly thanks her staff for their support.

On September 20 thieves broke into Madrona Plaza. They took computers, office furniture and equipment, and even a wall safe. All of these merchants frequently advertise in the *Madrona News* and therefore help to bring this newsletter to you for 10 months of the year. Please let these merchants know they have your support.



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## New Landmark in the Making

The Madrona Rings Project is well on its way to becoming a new landmark for our neighborhood.

As you may recall, Madrona was one of the neighborhoods that won the CleanScapes 2010 Neighborhood Waste Reduction

contest. The community was invited to submit proposals for a \$50,000 community improvement project. The Madrona Rings Project was proposed by members of the Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) and selected by CleanScapes for the award. The project entails embedding nine 14-inch diameter bronze rings in the sidewalk

along 34th Avenue between Union and Pike. Each ring commemorates a historic Madrona business and/or event with a stylized photograph and a few words. The project also includes installing a bench and concrete "tree stumps" for a public seating area at 34th and Union.

The bronze rings resemble the concentric circles of a mature madrona tree, signifying the strength, diversity, and longevity of the Madrona neighborhood. Over the summer, the Rings Project design team partnered with the Madrona Community Council, local history buffs, property owners, and CleanScapes to select a theme for each ring: trolley car, theater, restaurant, medical clinic, grocery store, gas station, madrona tree, the Peaceable Kingdom sculpture, and a historic map. In October the project plan was submitted to the city for review and final permitting. If all goes well, installation will occur before year's end.

Thanks to everyone who has helped create this exciting new neighborhood feature, and to the Madrona Community Council for its support and guidance. If you have feedback or questions, contact Nikola Davidson at 206-948-5326 or [madronabusinesses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusinesses@gmail.com). More information about the content and location of the rings is available at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Avenue.



## 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 7.



David - 35th Avenue



Riga



Paula - 38th Avenue



Omar

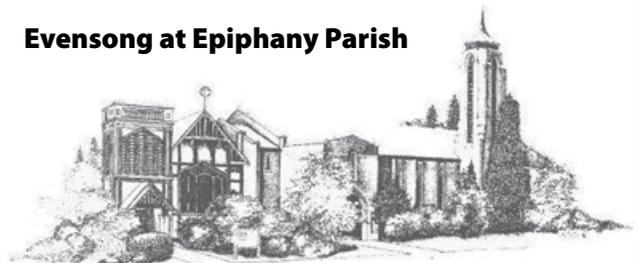


Shaun - 38th Avenue



Wally & Lily

### Evensong at Epiphany Parish



Evensong is the most particularly Anglican service in all of Christian Worship. It is sung regularly in many cathedrals and parish churches throughout this country, and daily in many places in England. The choir traditionally offers certain portions while the congregation joins in the hymns and prayers. Join us at Epiphany Parish on **All Saints' Sunday, November 6 at 5 pm** for this service of rare and mystical beauty. Epiphany Choir will sing music of prominent English and American Composers.

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### Valley School Launches Building Project

The Valley School is moving forward with construction of a new building that will provide bigger classrooms and easier interactions for the third, fourth, and fifth grades. The school also plans a more user-friendly administrative area and a kitchen designed for learning opportunities and parent-assisted projects.

Funds for this expansion have been accumulating over the years and form the financial underpinning of the project. The annual fund-raising event, this year called "Metamorphosis," in honor of the exciting changes at the school, is October 22, and proceeds will go to support the expansion. If all goes according to plan, the school will break ground late this spring and the building will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2012. Look for continuing news of this exciting Valley School project.

### St. Therese School

St. Therese is sponsoring its Third Annual St. Therese Catholic School Halloween carnival for preschoolers and kindergarteners. Please join us on Saturday, October 29, from 10:30am to 2:30pm with bouncy house, fish pond, crafts, raffle, snacks, and coffee for parents. Admission is free, with games at \$1 each. For more information please call the school office at 324-0460 ext. 117. St. Therese School is located at 900 35th Ave.

### Giddens School

Please join us! Giddens School, located at 620 20th Avenue South is hosting an All-School Open House (Preschool-5th grade) on Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-8:00pm. Parents of prospective students will have the opportunity to hear student presentations, visit classrooms, and meet teachers, current parents, and administrators. Come see how an academically rigorous curriculum, dedication to social responsibility, and a creative environment can merge to inspire a love of learning in your child. For additional information contact Christy Haven at 324-4847, ext. 30.

### Coyote Central Gears Up for Fall Term

Coyote Central, winner of the 2008 Mayor's Arts Award, is gearing up for its fall term for 5th-8th graders beginning on October 15. Nearly 25 courses are offered in the fall term (Oct. 15-Dec. 20) and winter break weekdays (Dec. 26-30), with action-packed courses ranging from Fashion Design to Welding, Swing Dancing, and Cartoon Animation. Participants will spend their weekends or out-of-school time working with professionals from numerous creative fields on Coyote's campus at 23rd and Cherry or in professional settings throughout central Seattle.

Coyote programs are open to all kids; no one is ever turned away. For the whole Coyote story, visit [www.coyotecentral.org](http://www.coyotecentral.org) or contact Jessica Schwab, 323-7276.

### Garfield Community Center Events

*At the Madrona Shelterhouse:*

- Sing-A-Story for ages 1-5—9:30-10:00am (Fridays), 10/21-11/18 and 12/2-12/30; 9:30-10:00am (Saturdays), 10/22-11/19 and 12/3-12/31; fees apply.
- Kid's Crafting Corner for ages 6-10--4:00-5:00pm (Wednesdays), 11/2--12/14, but no class on 11/23; fees apply. For additional information, consult [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)

### Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA

- **Tumble Tots**, walking- 3 years old  
Sing, climb, jump and play with Mom and/ or Dad  
Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15 & 22; 11-11:45am  
Contact Shea Trogdon, 322-6969, [strogdon@seattleyymca.org](mailto:strogdon@seattleyymca.org) for this and the activity below
- **Homework Help and Healthy Snacks**, 8-12 years old  
Tutoring and help with homework projects. Free for facility members and program members.  
Mondays, 4-6pm, starting September 19th
- **Itty Bitty Indoor Soccer**, ages 3-5  
Tuesdays, 4-4:45 PM, October 25-November 15  
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## Amara, Serving Vulnerable Children in our Community for 90 Years

Amara—its building is slightly tucked away in Madrona's business strip—is celebrating its 90 years of service to the Puget Sound community. In 1921 Amara was founded as an orphanage and served “the babies of unmarried mothers.” The orphanage provided these babies a nurturing home-like environment until the right adoptive family could be found.



*Children in Amara's care in the 1920's*

Today, Amara continues to find adoptive families for infants who are directly relinquished to the agency, but its main function is to serve children in Washington State foster care. On any given day in Washington State, there are about 10,000 children in foster care. Though the state's primary goal is to have these children go home when it's safe for them, it's not always possible to do so. If that's the case, agencies such as Amara step in to search for a loving, permanent family.

“We have an incredible, talented and devoted staff,” said Amara executive director John Morse. “It's a great team, and that team doesn't end at our walls. It includes the families that we work with and a very generous community.”

Congratulations to Amara in their 90th year!

**Mutt Match-up Answers:** David and Omar,  
Paula and Wally & Lily, Shaun and Riga

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## How Can We Help?

*By Sandra Chait, E. Schubert Place*

On 34th Avenue, a couple of months ago, a tourist from Italy asked me where she could find downtown Madrona. Seeing my bemused smile, she explained that she was dying for some spicy Ethiopian food and had heard that Madrona was just the place. Over the last few years, our neighborhood, and the Central Area in general, has sprouted numerous Ethiopian and Eritrean restaurants. Their very names—Lalibela, Cafe Selam, Hidmo, As-simba, Meskel, Ras Dashen, Café Soleil, for example—connect Madrona with the pride of ancient cultures, and their peoples' aspirations for a bright and peaceful future. Together with small and popular Somali restaurants which also dot the neighborhood, like Fatima's and Dur Dur, they bring Horn of Africa culture into “The Peaceable Kingdom.”

Yet now, as I walk toward these restaurants and get a whiff of peppery dora wat (chicken stew with egg) or spicy goat meat spaghetti, I cannot help but think about the famine in the Horn of Africa and the thousands of men, women, and children, pushing their malnourished bodies along the road in the hope of reaching one of the refugee camps. The pictures that appear in the media horrify; the images of distended bellies and insect-thin legs haunt my sleep.

I tear off a bit of lacy, sour injera bread and scoop up berbere-spiced mesir wat (red lentil puree) and gomen sega (mustard greens). I try to comfort myself with the thought that the Horn countries are accustomed to drought which visits them every few years like an unpleasant family member reminding them of his or her existence. Normally, though, people have laid in stocks that help them survive the bad season until the rainy days return. This time, however, political violence has turned the drought into a famine. In Somalia, al-Shabaab refuses access to international aid organizations, and the little food that does get through, the Islamist group holds back for its supporters alone. In the south of Ethiopia, where the famine has hit hardest, the government of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi offers food aid in return for party support; in Eritrea, President Isaias Afwerki denies that famine even exists in his country and refuses to deal with aid agencies.

Under such circumstances, how does one get food to starving Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Somalis before it's too late? Local Africans from the Horn send help directly to those belonging to their own ethnic group or clan, but what of members of other ethnicities and clans? As I rack my brain for answers, I inhale the lingering smell of ginger, cardamom, coriander, cinnamon, and cloves on my fingers. On the CARE website, I read that 13 million people in the Horn are in urgent need of life-saving humanitarian care. I send my donations to CARE and Doctors Without Borders, who work in the refugee camps of Dadaab. It all seems so inadequate, such a feeble act, given that many of the refugees kill themselves just walking to Dadaab. And what of the others who cannot even leave?

## Got Drafts? Here's What to Do

By Deirdre McCrary, E. Marion St.

Visitors to Madrona Farmer's Market may have noticed a booth labeled Community Power Works (CPW) this summer. The background is this: In April of 2010 Seattle received a \$20 million award through the \$3.2 billion federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to provide funding to local jurisdictions. The purpose of those funds is to help neighborhoods achieve energy savings and to create green jobs. In turn, Seattle set up CPW with the goal to upgrade buildings in neighborhoods like Madrona and achieve 15% to 45% energy savings per building retrofitted. Additionally these upgrades are expected to eliminate approximately 70,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

Our household participated in the CPW program. First we looked at the CPW website and made a call to set up an assessment to show where an older house like ours might be leaking heat or using energy inefficiently. On the appointed day a team arrived. What a team typically does is seal heat registers and cold-air intakes and pressurize the house with a huge fan to determine how well the house holds the pressure. In our case, the house didn't hold pressure at all. After much searching, we learned from the CPW team that an external vent next to the furnace had been warming our garden for 23 years!

In our house we discovered quite a big air leak. But the CPW group also is equipped to identify many smaller sources of air and heat leaks, including unsealed can lights and poorly sealed ducts, as well as inadequate insulation in windows, walls, and the roof and floor that can result in air and heat losses. Together these losses can make the house colder and the homeowner or renter poorer for paying high heat bills. As part of the audit, the CPW team also checks the furnace and water heater and replaces incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents (when appropriate). This process takes three to four hours to complete.

Although the assessment audit would ordinarily cost \$400, CPW funds subsidize much of that, resulting in a final audit cost for homeowners of \$95. Additionally, CPW assists in making any upgrades the owner chooses by offering rebates, low-cost financing, and approved contractors to do the work. To learn more about the CPW program or to sign up, visit the CPW website, [community-powerworks.org](http://community-powerworks.org).

## Street Improvements

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) intends to improve Madrona walking conditions by replacing broken and uplifted sidewalk on the 900 block of 34th Ave. This is part of the "Bridging the Gap" transportation levy approved by Seattle voters in 2006. Repairs on the east side of the street between Spring and Marion may begin as early as mid-October 2011, requiring removal of nine street trees. For each tree removed SDOT will plant two trees elsewhere in the neighborhood, where planting strips are wider. Public hearings and opportunities to meet Project Manager Dave Nelson occurred Oct. 4 and 6. During normal work hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, Mon.-Fri., neighbors may experience disruptions in normal routines such as parking restrictions, temporary driveway closures, pedestrian detours, tree removal and replacement, and moderate construction noise and dust.

SDOT is considering future sidewalk repairs similar to the 2011 project within two blocks north and south of the 2011 project, as well as on the 3300 block of E. Union. The 34th Ave. corridor from E. Pike to E. Cherry was planted with 93 red sunset maples in 1977. SDOT has made numerous spot repairs and some sidewalks are no longer serviceable in a manner that is ideal for preserving the trees in such a narrow growing space. SDOT identified the 34th Ave. corridor for sidewalk repairs due to the severity of the sidewalk damage and the importance of the corridor for pedestrians of all ages and abilities. SDOT seeks input from the community on planned and future work. Dave Nelson can be reached at 733-9302; Sidewalk Safety Repair Program Project Manager for SDOT Liz Ellis can be reached at [liz\\_ellis@seattle.gov](mailto:liz_ellis@seattle.gov) and 233-2768.



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# Candle, Room Spray, Diffuser, or Potpourri – Home Fragrance Choices

*By Lynn Vertoch, Cameos & Crowns, 34th Ave*

With the holidays approaching, this is a time of year when we unpack scented candles, potpourri, and other items held from last year. But you may want to reconsider. Last year's cranberry cinnamon candle or pinecone potpourri has probably lost its luster.

But what fragrances are appropriate? And what form is useful? Something to consider is how long you will use the fragrance. Do you really want a Christmas-tree scented diffuser for the next eight months? Maybe a candle or room spray would be better for such a specific fragrance. Also, keep in mind the type of fragrances that will be near dining or kitchen areas – food doesn't mix well with all scents, and some scents can even make a meal unappetizing. Another decision to be made is the product type--be it candle, room spray, diffuser, potpourri, or something else.

Candles are probably the most common room fragrance choice. On top of scenting a room, candles also give you the added benefit of creating ambiance and setting the mood with flattering and soft light. When scenting a room with a candle it will be most effective when lit (known as the "warm throw"). Simply from a fragrance standpoint, candles give you much more control over when and for how long you want the fragrance present. Linnea's Lights "Pumpkin" or "Forest Fir" candles would be an excellent choice during the holidays.

Diffusers emit a constant, consistent fragrance and—depending on quality--tend to last a very long time. While its scent typically is not as strong as a lit candle's, a diffuser is probably the most effective way to give your home its "signature scent." An important factor with this choice is choosing correct size for the room you wish to scent. A tiny diffuser that might be appropriate for a powder room will do virtually nothing in a large space. Another thing to remember is that diffusers provide a constant scent you will get accustomed to. Thus while you might not notice it as much as you did in the beginning, your guests will. Aquiesse's Embers is a perfect all around fall/winter/holiday fragrance for any room.

Room sprays are great for adding instant fragrance to a room and will linger for quite a while much like the sillage, or "wake" of scent, in a perfume. Used in conjunction with a diffuser, room sprays add an extra punch in a room. My favorite this season is Antica Farmacista's Noble Fir – absolutely heavenly.

Botanicals are a great way to provide a constant subtle fragrance and can be quite beautiful when done right. But botanicals such as potpourri can be tricky to use if they make your décor seem dated. So choose botanicals that are large in size, have texture, color, and interest. I love Rosy Rings' Forest – a beautiful collection of cones, mosses, and pods with fragrance notes of Siberian fir, ivy, and a soft musk.

Keep in mind only the finest quality products are considered above. There is a vast difference in quality on the market, and you get what you pay for--particularly when it comes to fragrance.

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## Madrona Dining & Sipping Society

*By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue*

Happy Fall, fellow fine diners of the neighborhood. Here are a few upcoming events to consider. Two are sort of flash mob in that you self arrange. One is the official MDSS dinner that will require you to RSVP to me.

October 23, 2:00pm – Sunday matinee of “Humor Abuse” at the Seattle Rep, plus dinner. This is the final performance of a wonderful, funny, and poignant play. I am sure this run will sell out. We saw it in previews, went back for opening night, and yes, plan to attend the final performance too. How’s that for a recommendation? Contact the Seattle Rep box office on line or by phone to get your seats fast. After the show, we will head over to Brave Horse Tavern for their Sunday chicken dinner, at \$14.95. You may want to reserve with Brave Horse.

MDSS will meet on October 27 at 6:30pm for a prix fixe dinner at La Bonne Franquette on the Leschi Ridge. Many of us know Chef Hamid from his days cooking at St. Clouds. Now we get to join him and his wife for a special French bistro dinner. I am hoping that we will fill the restaurant, but the maximum is 28. Expect a delicious multi-course menu in the \$30 range. You may reserve your space with me now or wait till later in the month when I have a menu to publish, but I will do first come, first served. Reserve for October 27 at [audreyseale@comcast.net](mailto:audreyseale@comcast.net).

There are two great neighborhood events scheduled for November 5. The MCC is sponsoring a wine tasting fundraiser at glassbaby studios. Also on the same evening and only a short walk away is the annual Ukrainian Festival at Epiphany’s Great Hall from 4:00pm to 11:00 pm. Great food and more.

## Community Events for 2011-2012

The Madrona Community Council sponsors many events throughout the year; all are driven by citizen energy, donations, and fund raising. The MCC sincerely thanks all the people who have led these events in the past or donated time to inflate balloons, bake cookies, paint a face, attend a meeting, or make a financial contribution.

Below are MCC opportunities that require leaders and other volunteers in 2011/2012. To volunteer, send your name via email to [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com).

### November

- \* MCC Officer Elections at MCC meeting, Nov. 1; 7:15pm at Verité
- \* Hanging of Winter Greens and Lights on 34th Avenue at 9am on November 19; volunteer by contacting Marie Doyle at [doylemf@comcast.net](mailto:doylemf@comcast.net).

### December

- \* Christmas Ships, Bonfires, and holiday songs at Madrona Beach (Dec. 3)

### March

- \* Neighborhood Appreciation Day

### May

- \* Mayfair
- \* Neighborhood Clean Up (Seattle “Spring Clean” held in April and May; Madrona date to be decided)
- \* Madrona Flower Baskets
- \* Spring Community Garage Sale (to be decided)

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# MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Madrona website at [www.madrona.us](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm **Song Writer’s Salon**—A not-so-open mic at Bottlehouse; contact [comalrkin@gmail.com](mailto:comalrkin@gmail.com) for information about performing
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. [www.epiphanyseattle.org](http://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. For additional information, consult [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)  
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. [www.madronachurch.org](http://www.madronachurch.org)
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am **All Threads Together**—Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Library, Deanna Killian, 524-1501  
11:00am **Family Story Time**—Beginning Sept. 22, bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705. No Story Time Oct. 6, but will resume on Oct. 13  
6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Come support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Avenue [www.bottlehouseseattle.com](http://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.kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:www.kbarker715@comcast.net)  
9:30am – 10:30am **Children’s Story Time**—Madrona Shelterhouse. Karin Richard [k\\_e\\_richard@yahoo.com](mailto:k_e_richard@yahoo.com) or 262-1537  
9:30am – 10:00am **Sing-A-Story**—Ages 1-5, 10/21–11/18 and 12/2– 12/30; Madrona Shelterhouse; fees apply. For additional information, consult [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)
- SATURDAY** 9:30am – 10:00am **Sing-A-Story**—Ages 1-5, 10/22–11/19 and 12/3–12/31; Madrona Shelterhouse; fees apply. For additional information, consult [www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/garfieldcc.htm)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

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- Oct 22 10:00am – 1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods**—Work Party. Meet at the toolbox at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCray [deirdre\\_jaymccray@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com)
- Oct 22 6:00pm **Water 1st International Benefit-Washington State Convention Center**—For more information: [info@water1st.com](mailto:info@water1st.com) or 297-3024.
- Oct 29 2:00 – 4:00pm **Reception for “The Architectural View” Show**— At Prographica, 3419 E. Denny Way, 322-3851
- Oct 29 10:30am – 2:30pm **Third Annual St. Therese Catholic School Halloween Carnival**—For preschoolers and kindergarteners. Free admission, games for \$1 each. 900 35th Ave. For more information please call the school office at 324-0460 ext. 117.
- Oct 30 4:00 – 6:00pm **Annual Madrona Halloween Event**—Begins at the Madrona Shelterhouse. Includes treats, visits to Madrona merchants, a costume contest, and a special hunt for secret letters and words
- Nov 1 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! At Verite, 34th and Spring, sponsored by Kevin O’Doherty. Contact President Holly Smith at [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Nov 2 1:00 – 2:00pm **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—New comers welcome! Amara conference room, 34th & Union, [madronabusinesses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusinesses@gmail.com)
- Nov 2 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Emergency Preparedness. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell [jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell1@comcast.net)
- Nov 5 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 Diane Morris at 322-7648
- Nov 5 6:30 – 9:00pm **Madrona Fall Wine Tasting Event**—At glassbaby studios, 3406 E. Union Street. Purchase tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/204197](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/204197)
- Nov 5 4:00 – 11:00pm **Ukrainian Festival**—Great food and more at Epiphany’s Great Hall, 1805 38th Ave
- Nov 6 5:00pm **Evensong at Epiphany Parish**—1805 38th Ave. For details email [epiphanyparish@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:epiphanyparish@epiphanyseattle.org)
- Nov 10 6:30pm **Madrona resident Sandra Chait reads from her new book Seeking Salaam Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Somalis in the Pacific Northwest**, Seattle Library North-East branch, 6801 35th NE, 684-7537
- Nov 21 **Toys for Tots**— Drop off gifts for the holidays through Dec 20 at Edward Jones, 3304 E. Spring. Contact Erin Nold at 323-0440



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