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Madrona K-8 to Host Award Winner

By Martha Brockenbrough, 37th Avenue and Jen Norling, 37th Avenue

Many thousands of children’s books are published each year, but only one author per year is chosen to receive the Newbery award for most distinguished contribution



to American literature for children. Linda Sue Park was one such winner for her book *A Single Shard*. She has been additionally lauded for her many other novels and picture books. Further, she is a great role model for children as an avid reader and early writer: she began writing in kindergarten and published her first paid work at age nine. Her new book *A Long Walk to Water* is slated for November publication and on November 7 she is scheduled to speak at Madrona K-8.

Park’s new book tells the story of a boy in southern Sudan who faces many threats before reaching safety and eventual relocation in upstate New York. The boy accomplishes much and as an adult returns to his original home to provide water access for villages in dire need of clean water. That is the story of the book. But the story of how award-winner Park connected with Madrona K-8 illustrates an ever-expanding Madrona network.

Park made the first move, offering through the local Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators chapter to visit a Seattle school that otherwise could not afford her speaking fees. Given the current economic climate, perhaps few Seattle schools have unbudgeted funds. Madrona K-8’s extra advantage is the many students, faculty and parents who support Water 1st International, a not-for-profit whose mission is to help the world’s poor meet basic needs for safe water. Like the protagonist in *A Long Walk for Water*, Water 1st works in Africa (as well as Bangladesh, Honduras, and India), having completed two large projects in Ethiopia that

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Madrona Community Council Officers’ Corner

Two representatives from Seattle Public Utilities attended the September meeting to report on progress toward the city’s recycling goals and to solicit opinions from those present about proposed changes in solid waste collection. Those interested in this issue can read and comment on the Solid Waste Management Plan draft update at www.seattle.gov/util/solidwasteplan. A 5-minute survey at the end of the plan invites your opinions.

Other more local business at the September meeting included information about the

proposed shelter at Madrona Presbyterian; the Mayor’s Town Hall Meeting for Sept. 10 at Madrona K-8; BOOM’s brass rings art/history project, set to be installed in the business district by November; Halloween plans; the Madrona Shelterhouse bathroom remodel; and the perennial issues of finding volunteers willing to fill offices of MCC and funding the events and newsletter that the council sponsors. We invite you to bring your interests, ideas, and issues to future council meetings—monthly, first Tuesday, 7:15, Madrona Shelterhouse.

Madrona Presbyterian Shelter Project

By Galen Motin Goff, Madrona Presbyterian Church

By this winter, members of Madrona Presbyterian Church hope to give a small group of homeless families—14 individuals in all—a warm, safe place to sleep in the church. Learn about plans to create the supervised shelter by attending a coffee chat Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:00-8:30pm. at the church, located on the corner of 32nd and Marion.

The coffee chat, the second in a series of three public forums, offers opportunities to learn about “Julia’s Place at Madrona Grace” from Madrona Presbyterian’s pastor, the Reverend Mark Zimmerly; shelter committee members, community business owner and shelter supporter Darren Pritt; and Marty Hartmann, executive director of Mary’s Place, an agency that provides

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provide safe water for people in 20 villages. Fifth grade K-8 student Sam Sheckler first learned about Water 1st from another Girl Scout Rachel Anderson who explained that in Ethiopia and many other nations people die because they cannot obtain clean water. Sam was galvanized to action and has twice participated in the Water 1st Carry 5 Walk for Water fund raiser. K-8 2nd grader Arthur Mansavage and his sister Sydney (also in 2nd grade at K-8) similarly were motivated to act by donating their savings to Water 1st. Additionally, Madrona K-8 teacher Jon Hughes is a volunteer for Water 1st. Together, this level of commitment to providing clean water in Africa made Madrona K-8 a perfect candidate for a visit from a book author who inspires children to understand how knowledge and actions can save lives.

Many more Madrona residents are Water 1st volunteers or employees including the authors of this article, Kirk Anderson, Sarah Banks, Malcolm Harker, Julie Wroble, Lisa Thomas, Diane Langstraat, Steve Romein, Marilee Eaves, Ed James and many others. Jon Hughes's account of his Water 1st visit to Ethiopia appeared in the March, 2008 Madrona News. Further, many Madrona businesses including St. Clouds, Hi Spot, Madrona Alehouse, Cupcake Royale, and Juniper are regular supporters of Water 1st, and Madrona's World Travel Center has facilitated Water 1st travel to Ethiopia.

A benefit for Water 1st International will be held on October 22 at 6pm at the Washington State Convention Center; see www.water1st.org for details. Additional details for Park's visit to Madrona K-8 will appear in the October *Madrona News* and in updates on the Madrona website Calendar of Events at www.madrona.us.

Presbyterian Church Shelter... (cont'd from page 1)

daytime programs and assistance for homeless and formerly homeless women and children. Mary's Place is working with Madrona Presbyterian and other churches to help create and operate safe havens across King County for homeless families—focusing on women and children.

The speakers will share facts, answer questions, and welcome community feedback. Community members also can sign up for ongoing information about the project and get involved by donating time, money, or expertise.

Why is the church pursuing this path? Because its members clearly heard the message Reverend Jean Kim has been preaching for years about needs to house the homeless. She explains that "each month approximately 44 percent of homeless adults work, yet they still cannot afford housing." In the United States, on any given night nearly one million individuals are homeless. Almost half of the homeless people in Washington State are families with children, and according to a December, 2010, Washington Department of Education estimate there were 21,000 homeless children in public schools. In Seattle, Mary's Place has seen a 186 percent increase in homelessness since Jan. 1, but there are not enough King County shelters to meet this growing need.

The homeless guests served will arrive at the church at 5:00pm, eat dinner, do homework, and enjoy quiet time and sleep. The following morning, guests will go to school or to Mary's Place for programs that assist the search for transitional or permanent housing. The church will close the shelter during the day, but families will be able to return each night until they find long-term housing.

The shelter's chosen name honors the late Julia Pritt, businesswoman, philanthropist and Madrona Presbyterian Church member, who spent hours in the church kitchen helping prepare gourmet meals for the homeless through the Neighborhood Feeding Program.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer your time, expertise, or services, please contact the Reverend Mark Zimmerly at 206-328-2704 or shelter@madronachurch.org.

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Green Plate Special Donates

By Libby Sinclair, Florence Court

Those who've wondered about the evolving garden at MLK Jr. Way and East Union streets are invited to a special "Open Garden" event on Friday, September 23, from 3:00-7:30pm. The timing coincides with Madrona Market to encourage visits to both the Market and the Green Plate Special (GPS) garden. A co-sponsor on the 23rd is Sustainable Rain who designed and installed a rain garden at the GPS site. Snacks from the garden will be available to visitors on the 23rd who can visit with founders Chef Laura Dewell, and teacher, Libby Sinclair who has been a resident in the greater Madison Valley for 35 years.

The mission of GPS is to engage middle school students in the growing and cooking of fresh, whole foods. In practice, the GPS garden offers many intentional lessons on sustainability. Many raised beds on site were created from cast offs, students built the storage shed, compost bins, and benches from waste wood, and donations of goods such as burlap coffee sacks, hay bales, cardboard and mulch were diverted from landfills.

Harvested garden foods have been prepared and consumed by the students on site this summer, and surplus also has been put to good use. Cortona Cafe's STARTS program (Students Taking Agriculture 'Round The Streets) harvested greens to sell at their Wednesday market. Other bags of produce have gone to local food banks and additional produce will go to the Homeless Cooking Project at Madrona's St. Clouds Restaurant every third Wednesday morning. For additional information, visit greenplatespecial.org.

Genesis House Open House October 9th

Behind the laurel hedge at 34th and Cherry lies one of only two therapeutic communities for substance abuse in the state of Washington. Genesis House, past winner of a Madrona Good Neighbor Award, welcomes you to come, enjoy refreshments, tour the buildings, and learn about the program. Most of the Genesis House Board members live in Madrona and will help host the party. This rare opportunity is offered every other year. See you on Sunday afternoon, October 9, at 4:00pm.

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St. Clouds owners John Platt and Paul Butler are proud to report that August marked 10 years of feeding Seattle's homeless. The project began in August 2001 to support St. Therese church's first hosting of Tent City, but the project has grown. It now serves a monthly meal to 450 people in need at seven shelters.

St. Cloud owners credit this accomplishment to many, including the tireless and joyful help of the many volunteers who bring supplies, cook, commune, deliver food to shelters, and clean up the restaurant. One fine volunteer has spent three grueling hours in the dish pit each month for the past seven years and another organizes all the details of who-gets-what from the bounty prepared. Two other Madrona restaurants (the Hi Spot Café and Naam) provide meals from their kitchens to send along with food prepared by those working at St. Clouds. Ocean Beauty Seafoods donates over 50 pounds of quality seafood each month. Also credited are the Neighborhood Cooking Foundation and donations from individuals and businesses. Financial donations can be made at neighborhoodcooking.org and food donations are welcome at St. Clouds at 9:00am on the third Wednesday of each month. For additional information visit www.stclouds.com or telephone them at (206) 726-1522. To read the Seattle Times article on the Homeless Cooking project, visit seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/foodwine/2015800886_ayce03.html.



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Neighbors

Susan Roberts, an artist and a Madrona resident since 1980, will be hanging her recent oil paintings at Verite Cupcake Royale in Madrona for the month of October. You are all invited to a reception for the artist on Sunday, October 2, 5:00-7:00pm. Wine and refreshments will be served at the reception to showcase Susan's recent drawings and watercolors.

Judging by the evidence, mail carrier Musa Jatta has made many friends on his Madrona rounds. Renee Holt describes him as the friendliest mail carrier she has ever met, and the McTaggart at 31st and Spring have even written to the US Postal Service to say how wonderful he is. These and other friends rallied around Jatta, following a dog attack that led to a fall and a shattered elbow. Although Jatta had been scheduled to visit his former home and family in The Gambia, the accident interfered and his air ticket expired. Mary Galway and other neighbors in Jatta's delivery area raised funds to help, and Renee Holt launched a recent drive through Madrona Moms to raise additional money to replace Musa's air ticket. Those who would like to contribute can contact Holt for details at 325-9801 or renejholt@gmail.com.

Madrona resident Tyler Farrar has long been considered a bicycling phenomenon. On July 4 he proved his abilities at another international level by winning a stage in the Tour de France. This makes Farrar one of only two US riders to win stages at each of the three grand tours: the Tour de France, Giro d'Italia, and Spanish Vuelta. For additional details, see Tom Fucoloro's article on Farrar at www.centraldistrictnews.com/2011/07/05/Madrona-resident-farrar-wins-stage-3-of-tour-de-france.

Madrona stylist Angie Cox was featured in the September 4, 2011 Pacific Northwest Magazine article "Style gets Personal." Cox's website draws more than a million page views per month. According to the article, blogs and websites on style bring a new democracy to fashion and even affect the way the industry operates. For a look at Cox's site see www.youlookfab.com.

Neighborhood Night Out 2011

• 29th between Pike and Union—*Contributed by Lisa Reising*
We had our first Night Out event this year. Around 50 people attended. It was a BBQ with hamburgers and hot dogs provided plus everyone brought a side dish to share (we had everything from homemade wine and beet soup to fortune cookies and brownie cupcakes). There were games for kids and adults. Everyone participated in an egg toss. There was also an obstacle course relay race that included gnome bowling and walking on upside down buckets.

• 36th and Pike—*Contributed by Barbara Parker*
For the third year running, John Gayman and Holly Miller hosted a party that included residents from an ever-widening circle around 36th and Pike. The large group enjoyed grilled food and a bevy of pot luck contributions. Especially popular among the younger set were desserts. Many a child went home with a chocolate-covered face, but all enjoyed this annual chance to connect with neighbors.

• 31st between Pine and Olive—*Contributed by Casey Losh*
We had a fun block party on 31st between Pine and Olive. There were about 20 people there and seven kids playing catch in the street. There was a ton of potluck food including fried chicken, ribs, salads, chips and casseroles.

• 31st between Jefferson and Terrace—*Contributed by Bill Mahoney, Jr.*
Approximately 80 neighbors surrounding 31st and Jefferson gathered for an annual get-together for this neighborhood, highlighted by numerous delicious pot-luck offerings. Neighbors caught up with one another's lives, and many gleeful children ranged up and down the street playing ball and riding bikes. As always, we were visited by firemen from Fire Station 6 (23rd and Yesler) – a favorite of the neighborhood children!

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Early Music in Madrona

It is a rare treat to hear music penned some hundreds of years ago. But that was the opportunity at a summer “Afternoon of Early Music” hosted by Mary and George Kenny. At center stage was Margriet Tindemans, a life-long scholar of medieval music, who entertained with instruments and lyrics that ranged from 13th century to her own fantasia in the style of Georg Philipp Telemann. Early music comes from many languages and traditions; among instruments used is the viola de gamba, described as a cross between a viola and a guitar.

Ms. Tindemans has an engaging style of playing and a winning enthusiasm for describing the history and background of early music. As she explained, much early music was not preserved, and some survived only in snippets or by serendipity. For example, the tune “Foweless in the Frith” exists only because the parchment on which it was written had been used to bind legal documents. The latter were preserved and the former discovered only when the legal documents required rebinding.

In addition to performing worldwide, Ms. Tindemans is the Artistic Director for Seattle’s Medieval Women’s Choir. Current Choir members range in age from 25 to 76, including Madrona residents Mary Kenny, Judy Herrigel, and Joyce Brewster. Peggy Monroe, a Madrona resident for over 35 years, is the percussionist for the choir and well-known nationally in the early music community. The Choir offers periodic public performances, such as a concert at St. James Cathedral planned for December 10, 2011. Learn more about early music or future concerts by logging on to medievalwomenschoir.org.

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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Madrona K-8 News

Madrona K-8 is excited about a new school year starting September 7. The annual back-to-school BBQ on September 1 was a great success. Joining children, parents, faculty, and staff at the BBQ were two community partners:

- The Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority joined Madrona Panther Partners in 2007, volunteering at K-8 and raising money for the children's activities. Last year the group sponsored Delta Academy for girls in grades 6-8 to learn about architecture, and a fun volunteer activity early in the school year is helping kindergarteners navigate the cafeteria lunch line. The group invites the Madrona community to raise funds for Madrona K-8 in the following easy ways:
 - Collect and donate General Mills' "Box Tops for Education"
 - Shop Amazon via www.madronapantherpartners.org
 - Go to eScrip.com to register your 11 digit Safeway Club card number under "Madrona K-8 PTSA." A portion of your Safeway purchases thereafter go to Madrona K-8. If you don't know your Safeway card number, you can find out by calling 877-723-3929, x. 3
- Swedish Medical Center is a new Madrona K-8 partner, providing support for the school nurse and to families and children with information such as "Steps for Staying Well" and how to avoid stress.

Principal Farah Thaxton is excited to welcome new Assistant Principal Dr. Marion Smith, who comes to Madrona from Philadelphia, where he was the founding director of culture at Young Scholars Frederick Douglass Charter School, a K-8 turnaround school.

Madrona K-8 will be continuing many of our academic and enrichment programs this year. Teachers will continue to work in grade-level teams to develop curriculum and plan activities together. We continue to implement the Reader's and Writer's Workshop curriculum from the Columbia University Teachers College and look forward to many writing celebrations this year. In both elementary and middle school, students will have the opportunity to participate in the MESA (Math, Science, and Engineering Achievement) program through the U. of Washington. In an exciting new feature this year, Madrona K-8 will be providing general music in every grade. In addition, students in grades 4-8 will have the opportunity for instrumental music instruction. Madrona also received a grant to participate in the Arts Impact program where teachers in K through 5th grade will be receiving arts training (theater arts, visual arts, and dance) at the Seattle Art Museum and will be provided support in the classroom to infuse art into math and science. We are looking forward to building a strong, integrated arts program in every classroom.

We will continue after-school activities for all students this year. Our goal is that students have a variety of experiences at school. A few programs we are looking to offer are art, drama, physical

fitness, homework club, chess, and of course the now-famous Madrona Drumline. These programs are getting finalized and will kick off during the fall.

Lastly, Madrona continues to go green and compost food scraps. We received a grant to provide healthy snacks of fruits and vegetables to all students this year - every day!

For more information on our school check in with madronapantherpartners.org.

The Valley School

The Valley School launched its 26th year on September 7. Enrollment is at capacity with 110 students, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Director Rob Schultz begins his second year at Valley after an excellent debut in 2010 as he gained insight into the school's culture, principles, and constituents. In turn, he brought his own educational and professional expertise to Valley and initiated the school's association with the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools. Look for exciting new developments at Valley this year under Rob's leadership. Admission tours of Valley begin in November; email info@thevalleyschool.org to inquire.

St. Therese School

Many changes took place at St. Therese School over the summer. New principal Theresa Hagemann assumed leadership in July, bringing years of prior administrative experience and many new ideas. The school library moved into a bright new space, much assisted by librarian Sharon Wilcox from Seattle Central Community who volunteered many hours to sort and shelve books; she was aided by countless others, including St. Therese students eager to get back to school. Starting this year classrooms from 3rd grade up will use Smart Board technology to show work or search the internet. Middle school social studies teacher Jay McMillan demonstrated the device with a Seattle schematic that allows users to compare neighborhood demographics over time.

St. Therese also launched its new preschool and pre-kindergarten in September. Interestingly, preschool teacher Megan Finney was herself a student in St. Therese's very first kindergarten class in 1986.

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It's Back to Work We Go

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

There are plenty of weeds to pull and there's mulch to spread. Join us for as much of a workout as you want in the prettiest setting around as we resume our regular fourth-Saturday work parties this month, focusing on the maintenance that will be our main task for the foreseeable future. The September Work Party is the 24th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Meet at the Spring Street entrance.

Contact Deirdre at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com for email announcements. Contact me at judithstarbuck@msn.com for information or a guided tour through the woods. Check out our website for all the information you'd ever want at www.madronawoods.org.

Madrona Wine Merchants coming to 34th Ave

Madrona Wine Merchants, a specialty wine shop, announces an October opening at 1127 34th Avenue—just south of St. Cloud's and next to the travel agency. The new shop will feature wines with exceptional quality, complexity and distinctive style at a reasonable price. Also on offer will be a monthly wine club as well as many wine tasting events.

Owners Jim Maloney (a 25 year Madrona resident) and Mark Souder are excited to be joining the Madrona business community. Both love the wines they choose and like to share them with others. The owners explain that if it doesn't taste good in their own glasses you won't find it on the shop's shelves. They encourage you to stop by when the store is open. Follow the store's progress at madronawinemerchants.com/blog or get more information from an email to info@MadronaWineMerchants.com

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Cameos & Crowns Now Open

Madrona businesses welcomed Cameos & Crowns on July 8 in its location at 1137 34th Ave. (next door to Guesthouse). Owner Lynette Vertoch reports that she has enjoyed the neighborhood's warm welcome.

Cameos & Crowns specializes in providing luxury home fragrance (candles, diffusers, room sprays) and personal fragrance (soap, lotion, perfume, bath), a large assortment of cards—mostly letterpress—beautiful single-sheet wrapping paper, jewelry, cosmetics, journals, as well as men's shaving products, a some of children's items, and even "Jimmy Chew" or "Chewy Vuitton" for the dog. Cameos & Crowns is the perfect stop to pick up a gift or to treat yourself.

Owner Vertoch was a pioneer in the scented candle industry, founding Illume Candles in 1994. She has now been in the fragrance/gift industry for 20+ years and has chosen shop products carefully, based on years of experience. She'll happily tell you she is surrounded by her friends in her cozy shop. Among some lines included in the shop are Butter London, Tokyo Milk, Voluspa, Aquisse, Antica Farmacista, Mistral, Egg Press, Midori, and many more. Vertoch believes in old-fashioned customer service that includes gift wrapping, shipping, assembling custom gift baskets, and preparing large corporate orders. In fact, during her Los Angeles years Vertoch was an ongoing supplier of custom gift baskets for Tonight Show guests.

Cameos & Crowns is open Tues.-Fri., 11:00am-6:00pm, Sat. 10:00am-6:00pm, Sun. 10:00am-4:00pm. Beginning in late September the store will be open on Mon., 11:00am-6:00pm, through the holiday season.



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Business Shorts

Who Ya Gonna Call?

By John Platt, *St. Clouds Restaurant*

Throng of families, teens, lovers, and a few dogs came out for a perfect summer outdoor movie night at Madrona Playfield on Sunday, August 21. Thanks to Madrona neighbor Kris Easterday (of Easterday Productions--she produces outdoor movies and events all over town), who had the idea and donated all the equipment and her time, and to the Business Owners of Madrona who sponsored and organized the evening. It was picture perfect, with the temperature just right, the movie starting right on time at 8:45pm, popcorn aplenty, and even a wonderful neighbor who circulated marshmallows late in the movie. As befits a classic movie, it prompted the crowd to know exactly when to scream out "Ghostbusters!" Even baby Jack Platt got the idea: as he rode off post-movie, he kept exclaiming, "Ghostbusters!" The movie ended on cue at 10:20pm, and as only happens in this great community, there wasn't a shred of litter. Thanks to all for supporting and enjoying the great evening.

We hope it was the First Annual Madrona Outdoor Movie Night, with years of great movies to come, maybe even a series one day.

Down the Road

Change is visible at the junction of Union and 23rd just outside Madrona. Derryl Durden, managing partner of East Union Investors and executive committee member of the Union Street Business Group credits his group and the city's Grow Seattle Initiative for encouraging mixed use business along Union to create a safe and clean pedestrian-friendly streetscape. Among results are:

- The first Corridor of Peace mural was created at 23rd and Union. The bright mural was painted by 7th and 8th graders at Madrona K-8.
- CEO Gail Thompson has been running Thompson's NEW Point of View restaurant and lounge for just over a year, intending to generate positive neighborhood memories of Thompson's. The Southern Creole cuisine is credited in part to Gail's family roots in Valdosta, Georgia, and North Florida.
- The long-awaited Beehive Bakery + Coffee had a soft opening in what was originally a Jack in the Box and more recently the home of Philly's Cheesesteak. The grand opening is slated for September 25. The bakery offers both sweet and savory treats in sizes to suit any appetite, as well as warm and cold beverages. Owner Jane and baker Rosalind begin baking at 4:30am most days to open at 6:00am on weekdays and 7:00am on weekends. The bakery is kosher certified, bringing customers in from around the city and calls from around the world.

In Memorium

In this country and around the world, people will observe 9/11/2001. We do no less in Madrona, extending our support to family and friends of those lost and injured.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Chris and Flynn, Angie and Bella, Ruth and Tonka



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Land, Street and Sky

Development to Move Forward at 1535 34th

A bright neon sign recently appeared on power poles in the 1400 block of 34th Avenue. On closer inspection, the signs report that property owners applied for permission (#3012607) to assign addresses for seven planned unit lots. A check of the application number at the city's Department of Planning and Development led to Tom Flood's 2008 application to build the units at 1435 34th Avenue.

Readers of *Madrona News* in 2008 may recall that the land-use application (#3007213) was to allow one three-story structure with four live-work units and a second three-story structure with two live-work units and one residential space.

A telephone conversation with Tom Flood confirmed that plans are underway to build according to 2008 plans. Ground breaking could be as early as October, but certainly before winter. As was the case in 2008, a major driver for the project is sustainability. Tom confirms his intention to provide additional building details to *Madrona News* and its readers as plans move to action. Readers who would like to follow the application process can do so at seattle.gov. Click on the Department of Planning and Development and next on Permit and Complaint Status. On the left-hand side of that page, enter one of the project application numbers reported above. This will provide a link to the project and links to additional applications associated with the site, such as demolition of the current commercial building and a curb cut along E. Pike Street.

Street Paving

Early on a Sunday morning in mid-August, city crews assembled equipment and people to lay new asphalt along 34th Avenue. By September the work had come to a halt (temporary or permanent?) at 38th Avenue, short of Epiphany School's newer buildings on Madrona Drive. In addition to improving driveability for bikes, cars, and buses, according to some the new asphalt also has reduced road noise for neighbors who live along 34th.

Poles Replaced

Over 200 poles holding up electrical and other wires have already been replaced or are slated for replacement in Madrona. This is part of a city-wide effort to replace electrical poles that have deteriorated over time.

Airplane News

Summer wind patterns always seem to bring increased airplane noise over Madrona. According to a July 31 *Seattle Times* article titled "Some in Federal Way ticked at noisy neighbor—airport," a sound monitor north of the I-90 bridge in Leschi shows that airplane noise has generally dropped over the past few years. But the Port's Noise Compatibility Study is still underway to discover who is affected by airplane noise and how to reduce it citywide. Learn more about the study at www.airportsites.net/SEA-Part150.

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Madrona Dining & Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

A large group gathered on July 19 at Pritty Boys Family Pizzeria, eager to try this new Madrona restaurant. Owner Darren Pritt poured wine and prepared a dinner that included salads, tastes of specialty items, and a range of pizzas, giving MDSS folks a chance to sample many items in one evening. People seated themselves at tables holding two to eight people, making it easily possible to converse with tablemates. One group invited table members to tell others something about themselves that the others were unlikely to know. This led to some surprising connections, even for those who thought they knew one another well.

On August 18, MDSS gathered for a second year on the patio of the Hi Spot Café, enjoying beautiful weather and excellent BBQ and fixins'. Owner Mike Walker was on hand to make sure everything went according to plan. When asked about his summer, Mike noted that the colder weather earlier in the summer had been very good for Hi Spot business. But like the rest of us, Mike is probably grateful for some sunny summer days.

I have it from a reliable source that some number of Madrona residents participated in Seattle's version of Diner en Blanc on August 20. According to an account of the event in the *Puget Sound Business Journal*, Diner en Blanc started in Paris in the 1990s as a flash mob sort of event that now numbers 10,000 very spontaneous Parisians. True to the original event's roots, Seattle participants knew the time and conditions (white clothing, elegant food, white tablecloths and flowers, etc.) but not the venue. When Lake Union was announced 30 minutes before the planned event, participants arrived en masse to set up and share their dinners under the stars.

Hamid Elnazir, who has been a chef at St. Clouds and works with catering and the Homeless Cooking Project, opened his new restaurant called a la Bonne Franquette, 1421 31st Ave S. on Leschi Ridge (near That's Amore Restaurant). We wish him well. MDSS members will have a chance to visit on Thursday, October 27, but don't wait that long to stop by. The view of sunsets, the Olympics, and city lights will take your breath away.

Look for an email in October for reservations for the a la Bonne Franquette event. If you are not on the MDSS email list, contact audreyseale@comcast.net.

Madrona News Opportunities

Madrona News seeks articles for future issues. Send articles, tips, and ideas to Madronanews@gmail.com or contact editor Barbara Parker at 726-9798, ideas include:

- **Generational stories** about local schools. We would love to feature families whose grandparents/parents/children attended Madrona School, Epiphany, St. Therese, or other schools in the area.
- Calendar news about **upcoming events** in the area, be they celebrations, openings, special events, or special offers. With long notice, these can go into the newsletter's "Madrona Community Calendar." With short notice they go onto www.madrona.us; just go to the website and use the "easy edit" feature within "Calendar of Events."
- Tips about **Madrona residents** (young to old) who have had something special occur in their lives, recognition for some activity, or an achievement of some kind.
- **Occasional features on topics near and dear** to your own heart. Current features look sometimes at holistic health, other times at financial planning, others at real estate decisions, and so on.
- **Advertising revenue** keeps the *Madrona News* publishing and gets it mailed to over 2,400 Madrona homes. We welcome your advertisements.
- **Crime tips or alerts** for avoiding crime or threats.
- **Business news**—openings, special events, closings.
- **Peace Corps volunteer remembrances** celebrating the Corps 50th anniversary this year.
- **Holiday traditions** for Madrona residents, be they from the US or elsewhere.

Madrona News Article Deadlines:

October 5; November 2; December 1; January 4, 2012; February 1; March 1; April 4; May 2; June 6. *Madrona News* does not publish in July and August.

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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** 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, www.nikkifitt.com
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00 PM **Song Writer’s Salon**—A not-so-open mic at Bottlehouse; contact comalrkin@gmail.com for information about performing
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- THURSDAYS** 10:00 AM **All Threads Together**—Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Library, Deanna Killian, 524-1501
11:00 AM **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
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Come support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Avenue www.bottlehousesattle.com
7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker www.kbarker715@comcast.net
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Children’s Story Time**—Madrona Shelterhouse. Karin Richard k_e_richard@yahoo.com or 262-1537
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Madrona Farmer’s Market**—Every Friday through September. Grocery Outlet parking lot
- WEEKENDS** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Sept 17 2:00 – 4:00 PM **Artists’ Reception for Studies: Preparatory Works That Stand Alone-Prographica**—3419 E. Denny Way. For information contact prographicdrawings.com or 322-3851
- Sept 21 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **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
- Sept 23 3:00 – 7:00 PM **Green Plate Special Open Garden**—Union and MLKing Jr Way. Enjoy garden bounty and tour to see progress and the new rain garden installed with help from Sustainable Rain. Greenplatespecial.org.
- Sept 24 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods work parties**—Meet at the toolbox at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary. deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Sept 25 TIME TBA. **Grand Opening of Beehive Bakery + Coffee**. Jane 595-2553
- Oct 1 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **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
- Oct 2 5:00 – 7:00 PM **Reception for Susan Roberts Show at Verite Cupcake Royale, Madrona**—For information visit susanrobertsartist.com
- Oct 4 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelter House. Holly Smith, hol2lye@yahoo.com
- Oct 5 7:30 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S. Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Oct 6 7:00 – 8:30 PM **Madrona Presbyterian Shelter Project Coffee Chat**—Meet to discuss the shelter proposal. Contact Mark Zimmerly at 382-2704 or shelter@madronachurch.org
- Oct 9 4:00 PM **Genesis House Open House**—621 34th Avenue. www.genesishouse.com
- Oct 19 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **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
- Oct 22 6:00 PM **Water 1st International Benefit**—Washington State Convention Center. For more information: info@water1st.com or 297-3024

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