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## Madrona Peaceable Garden

*By Randy Apsel, 38th Ave.*

I hope you like the corner garden improvements at 38th Avenue and E. Columbia Street. My goal there was to bring more peace and solitude to our “Peaceable Kingdom” Madrona neighborhood in the style of a Parisian garden, complete with a Gargoyle fountain, Gargoyle benches, lit pathways, flowers and other plants. I recall as a child walking around Butchart Gardens in Victoria and the night lights made a lasting impression on me. And then I gained more impressions as an adult walking around Paris and seeing all the gorgeous lit fountains, statues, gardens, and Gargoyle figures guarding Notre Dame and other cathedrals. So, the Peaceable Garden here presented an opportunity to share those memories with the neighborhood. The pictures shows the Gargoyle fountain at dusk, with the Peace Pole monument behind and the lit winter flowerbeds and pathways surrounding the center fountain.

People walk by every day and stop to tell me how thrilled they are with the garden, half-jokingly asking if they can wander through the pathways and check out the Peace Pole monument and the fountain. I think this is a great idea and helps give back more to the neighborhood than just the visual aspects. So please feel free to meander along the pathways through the Peaceable Garden either during the day or in the evening when the lights are on. My only requests is that you stay on the pathways, take away what you

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## From the World to Madrona: Felil Abdulkadir

*By Sandra M. Chait, E. Schubert Pl.*

“Go, Seahawks!” That’s what a passerby might hear on E. Cherry on Mondays when Amy’s Merkato closes to the public. Although owner Feli Abdulkadir works seven days a week at his Ethiopian store, on this day he will keep an eye on his TV, for he is a major fan of American football. He loves it, just like he does the American holiday Thanksgiving.



*Feli Abdulkadir*

It is his favorite celebration, especially when *injera*, the sour spongy Ethiopian bread made from *teff*, is served alongside the turkey.

People throughout Washington know Amy’s as the number one maker of *injera* and Feli and his wife Yodit Seyoum take great pride in the quality of their product. Yodit keeps their particular recipe a secret, but whatever it is, customers drive from miles away to purchase her bread. To encourage aware-

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### Council Corner *by Deirdre McCrary, E. Marion*

If that end-of-the-year stock-taking has you wondering what your neighborhood community council has done for you lately, we offer a summary of recent activities:

- \* A refurbished, more comfortable and usable Shelterhouse
- \* Programs to support and enrich education and children at Madrona K-8
- \* Seasonal social events for children and adults
- \* A monthly newsletter mailed to all Madrona residents and friends, and distributed to Madrona businesses and advertisers
- \* Fiscal and administrative management of funds, including the Kraus’ gift
- \* The generation and installation of the artistic and historical brass rings project in Madrona’s business district
- \* Formal recognition of local residents and students for their contributions to Madrona
- \* Developing relationships with other local organizations (Madrona Grace Church, Garfield Community Center, BOOM, Bus2Riders, Committee for Healthy Trees and Safe Sidewalks, Friends of Madrona Woods and Leschi Overlook, Julia’s Place, Central Area District Council, Seattle Police Crime Prevention, Genesis House)

If your item didn’t make the list, join us next year to add your voice. The next meeting is Jan. 7 at 7:15 at the Madrona Shelterhouse.

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## Madrona Community Council Meeting \*Draft Agenda for January 7th

7:15pm at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. All Welcome!!

- Brian Mack, St. Therese for feedback from community on the church
- Update on Safe Sidewalks and SDOT plans (Jennifer)
- Update on status of Metro cuts and discussion/approval of letter to Metro from MCC
- Wreath sales summary
- Discussion on park playground upkeep and use of possible Playfield funds
- Update on Applications to Kraus Fund
- General discussion of upcoming activities (Neighborhood Appreciation Day, Mayfair, etc.)
- Treasurer's report
- Other business

## CREATION Project: Call for Performing Artists

The CD Forum is seeking artists and creative participants for the CREATION Project. This Project is a new works and professional development program created by CD Forum for Black performing artists—especially those in formative stages of their careers—who are based in the Greater Seattle Area. Valerie Curtis-Newton will be curating the show. The deadline is Jan. 3, so contact the office via email at [info@cdforum.org](mailto:info@cdforum.org).

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Artist: Domenic Cretara

## Peaceable Garden... (cont'd from previous page)

bring in, use your cell phone minimally to maintain the overall solitude, and please do not bring your pets because they could disrupt the planting beds.



There are multi-colored flower bulbs planted around the perimeter of the center fountain area and in the raised flowerbeds. So if all goes according to plan, there will be rings of color popping up in the spring. I plan on more plantings than when more variety becomes available in the nurseries, including more flowers, lavender along the pathways (another memory from Provence in Southern France), and low profile ground cover. I inherited the Peace Pole monument from the prior property owner for promoting Peace on Earth, in the Peaceable Kingdom and in the Peaceable Garden in four languages: English, Spanish, Russian and Japanese. My neighbor to the south is Russian, so I pointed the Russian translation in that direction. The original Peace Pole monument was created by Japanese artist Masahisa Goi in 1955 in Japan. It has since spread to 180 countries, so it seems natural and right to have one in the Peaceable Kingdom as well.

I also plan on replacing parts of the sidewalk this winter or spring. The fountain is temporarily drained during Dec-Jan to prevent cracking during extended freezes. Normally, it will be running at least in the evenings with the submerged lights shining on the lower Gargoyles to keep them awake during their watch. Thanks for all your enthusiastic support on the Peaceable Garden and I look forward to seeing you meandering along the pathways.



Fili Abdulkadir... (cont'd from page 1)

ness of energy-saving, Fili has started making *injera* deliveries to other stores so that individual customers don't have to drive all the way to Madrona. Lynnwood, SeaTac, Lake City, and Bellevue customers all benefit from these deliveries. "I feel good about it," Fili says, "I'm doing my bit."

Fili, who hails from Dire Dawa in Eastern Ethiopia, came to the United States with Yodit in 1993. They started their new American life together in Huston, TX, but when he heard that Amy's--already a thriving business in Seattle--was for sale, he bought the store. He and the family, which included daughter Delina, moved here in 2000.

Fili and Yodit arrived in Seattle knowing few people. Although they both spoke fluent English which helped them settle in, many challenges still faced them. "But I was ready for whatever," Fili says. "The most important thing for me was peace and that is what I found here. I fell in love with Seattle, with the mountains, the soft rain, and the pure, fresh air."

Since then, the business has grown. No longer just a store and bakery, it now boasts a restaurant where Fili and Yodit serve traditional Ethiopian dishes every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Their customer base has broadened and they have become known for their excellent customer service. Non-Ethiopians who come into the store seeking spices are often given recipes or instructions on how best to use the spices in Ethiopian dishes.

The husband and wife team work extremely hard. "This is the land of opportunities," Fili says, "and if you follow the rules and work hard, you will surely succeed." A sister and brother-in-law now live in the area as well, and gradually the family puts down roots. "Seattle is home now," Fili says, smiling broadly.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



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# Neighborhood School News & Activities

## Giddens School Donates to Tent City

*By Christy Haven, Director of Admissions*

A Giddens School fourth-grade student came to school one day, recounting his experience of donating blankets to Tent City. He had decided that he wanted to put together a “tent city drive” for Giddens School. A proposal was made to the Assistant Head of School that had a specific plan about how to get the entire school involved in this drive. Students from this child’s class spoke to all of the other classes in the school asking them to donate items such as blankets, clothing, diapers, etc. and explaining the importance of giving back to the community.

The collection process lasted two weeks and students in the fourth- and fifth-grade classes gathered all of donated items in wagons and delivered them to Tent City. The entire process was started and executed from one student’s desire to give back. Below are a few student comments about what the drive meant to them:

- If you put your mind to something, you can do it. If it’s hard, don’t give up.
- It gives me a happy feeling to know that I am giving back to our community.
- I learned that people who are homeless are in need of many things that people that aren’t homeless can get any time.

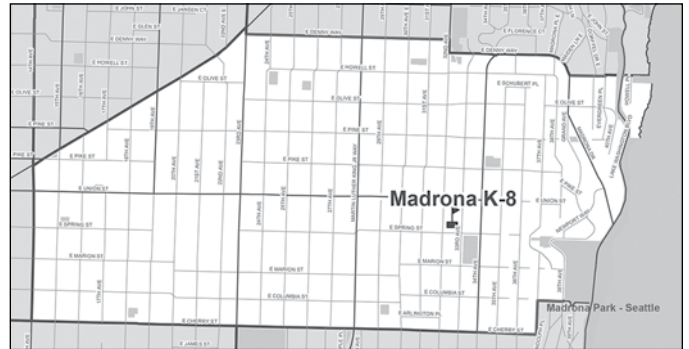
## Madrona K-8

*By Kimberly Larson, PTSA*

Just before midnight on Nov. 20, the Seattle School Board

approved an amendment to the District’s assignment boundary plan, officially expanding Madrona K-8’s boundary.

Now-former School Board member Kay Smith-Blum proposed the amendment to have a portion of Steven’s Elementary assignment boundary go to Madrona K-8 as the original proposed boundary did not provide a large enough enrollment pool for Madrona K-8. Not having a large enough assignment boundary has been a major factor for the school continuing to be under-enrolled and therefore not receiving full funds from the District for basic needs including a fulltime nurse (thankfully the PTSA has raised funds to fill many of these budget gaps, including the nurse’s fulltime status). The expanded boundary is also a win for Stevens Elementary given it is over capacity and recently considered adding portables to the campus. There are more details, including address look up tools at: <http://bit.ly/GrowthBoundaries>.



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School News... (cont'd from previous page)

### School Tours Scheduled for Prospective Families

Are you a Madrona family thinking about kindergarten for your little one(s) next year? Mark your calendars to come to one of these Madrona K-8 School Tours for prospective families and learn more about the school at 9:30am on any of the following dates: Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Feb.27, March 12. Tours take about an hour, and provide a great way to get to know Madrona K-8, see the school, talk with Principal McDaniel, and meet current parents.

### St. Therese Catholic Academy

*By Melissa Tarabochia, Development Director*

St. Therese Catholic Academy will host an Open House on Jan. 26 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Come visit the school to witness how we are igniting the minds, dreams, and faith of our students. All of the classrooms will be open and teachers will be available to answer questions you have about our curriculum, specifically Blended Learning, our Middle School elective program, and other programs and activities at STCA.

We will commemorate National Catholic Schools Week from January 26-31. Grandparents Day, Student Appreciation Day, and Community Day will help us focus on and celebrate all the things that make us a Catholic School. Registration for new students will also start this week. If you are interested in registering your student for the 2014-2015 school year please contact me at 324-0460.

### Neighborhood News and Notes

• Those who had the chance to know Dee Dee Rainbow will doubtless remember her as a vibrant (and very colorful) star on Madrona's horizon: leading the Mayfair parade as long as she was able; the first to say hello; the first to offer a warm and heartfelt hug to friends and strangers alike; the one who always dressed in rainbow colors from the top of her head to her brightly colored shoes (glitter not optional). Sadly Dee Dee passed away in Nov. But in a fitting salute, friends and family invite all to be on hand to celebrate Dee Dee's life on Jan. 4 at 1:00pm at University Unitarian Church. A parade will be involved, please come join in, dress for the occasion (rainbow raiments welcome) and pay tribute to Madrona's own Rainbow Lady.

• MCC's Nov. 2 wine tasting fund raiser was unique for many of the 100 people in attendance who'd lost power earlier in the day when a falling giant of a tree took out power from 35th and Cherry to the Lake.




Fortunately, power was not out at glassbaby studio where the event was held, although Leschi Market (who brought 60 varietals from more than 10 wineries/distributors) had limited power throughout the day. Special thanks go to Leschi Market for overcoming adversity, to glassbaby for giving ten percent of their sales to Madrona K-8, to Kevin O'Doherty of Windermere for supplying glasses and tablecloths, and for Leschi Market, Aegis Living and Chiodo for sponsoring the event and providing food. This great event is planned for the first weekend in Nov. in 2014.

• The Oct. 31 MCC Halloween event was well attended with about 200 children. The entire bounty of baked goods was consumed, and happy children streamed through the streets to gather even more in their Halloween bags from 17 businesses that participated in the scavenger hunt. Neighborhood restaurants were hopping that night. The next special MCC family event is Mayfair, scheduled for May 10.

### Reminder to apply for Kraus Funds

Neighbors are reminded to apply for Kraus Funds before the Feb. 24 deadline. \$20,000 remains from a generous \$50,000 gift Mimi Kraus made to the MCC to benefit Madrona parks and recreation. Application forms and information are on the MCC website at [Madrona.us](http://Madrona.us) Please send completed applications to Bill Mahoney at 425 31st Ave (98122) or to [wmahoney@gmail.com](mailto:wmahoney@gmail.com).

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## Nominate a Special Neighbor

Each spring the Madrona Community Council (MCC) sponsors Neighborhood Appreciation Day. This year nominations are sought by March 1. The awards ceremony will follow on March 22, held in conjunction with similar awards made at Madrona K-8. MCC awards are:

- **The Nora Award:** Named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways large or small, has left a personal mark on the community.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but is much missed.

You are invited to submit the names of one or more nominees, with a few sentences about each describing how the nominee reflects values of the award for which nominated. Email your nomination(s) on or before March 1 to [madronanews@gmail.com](mailto:madronanews@gmail.com).

## Winter Tapestry

*By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.*

Madrona Woods in winter is a study in earth tones and textures gone crazy. Replacing summer's showy flowers and background of green leaves, a few berries and evergreen plants still add a little color in the understory. But many shades of brown and

gray dominate. I always delight at the crinkled and curled big leaf maple leaves collected in every receptive bush and convergence of branches. The bracken ferns that line the trail in Devil's Ditch have turned skeletal and tawny. The fungi on the developing nurse logs along that same trail are bi-color—brown and almost white—and surprisingly solid when you explore them with finger or foot. Exposed trunks and branches of the deciduous shrubs sketch gray patterns at eye level, and the snowberries, which the birds and critters turn to only as a last resort, add pointillist white throughout much of the winter. You'll probably spot lots more brown and kinky examples on your walk through Madrona Woods this month...and looking up is a whole different story.

Our next monthly work party is scheduled for Jan. 25, from 10am -1:00pm. In Nov. we improved the Grand/Spring entrance. This time we'll give the entrance at 38th and Marion some attention. Please bring ideas for postings to make better use of the kiosk. We'll move the remaining gravel from the pile at 38th to the trails. We may do some live staking of red twig dogwood collected from the entrance at Lake Washington Boulevard. If you'd like to learn about live stake propagation, here's an opportunity. Meet at the kiosk at 38th and Marion to get gloves and tools. To sign up ahead, go to [cedar.greencitypartnerships.org](http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org) and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending. You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos on our website: [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). And we have a Facebook page too.

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## Stimson Bullitt Civic Courage Scholarship

The Seattle Public Library Foundation invites high school seniors and undergraduate students who live, work, or attend school in Seattle to participate in the Stimson Bullitt Civic Courage Scholarship Competition. The competition requires an essay about an individual or group of individuals from Washington State who have demonstrated civic courage on an issue of importance to the community at great personal, political, or professional risk. Essays must be submitted online between Jan. 2-Feb. 28 with winners announced in May 2014. Winning essays will be added to the collection in the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Seattle Room at The Seattle Public Library and will be given directly to the participant's school on their behalf. Judges include Madrona resident and author Sherman Alexie, Timothy Egan, Jon Krakauer, and Jonathan Raban.

Research assistance is available from librarians at The Seattle Public Library at all 27 library locations, and in two workshops held at the Central Library on Jan. 25 from 11:00am-1:00pm and Feb. 10 from 6:00-8:00pm.

## Genesis House Plans Move

*By Monica Ramsey, Genesis House*

After over nearly 40 years in the Madrona neighborhood, Genesis House is selling our property. The decision to sell was a hard one to make but after many months of deliberation the Genesis House Board and management team agreed it was the right move for the long term success of our program and for the clients we serve. Our goal with the sale is to continue our mission of supporting chemical dependency treatment to no or low-income individuals and to help families with small children who are affected by addiction.

We have hired Edward Krigsman with Windermere Real Estate to broker the sale. Edward has a long history of working in Madrona and neighboring areas, and a stellar background of working with communities, developers, non-profits, and individuals. Hiring Edward was done with an eye towards building partnerships with buyers that best support our mission and those we hope will best serve the Madrona/Leschi community. We expect that the sale will be finalized in early spring and

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If you wish to hear more about our program and/or our vision for the future please feel free to call me at 860-2622. I would be delighted to answer any questions or hear any concerns you have about our upcoming move and future plans and I will continue to update you on timelines and future plans through the newsletter and at community meetings.

Most importantly, we want to thank all of you who have been our faithful supporters for so many years. Your generosity, concern, and enthusiasm for Genesis House has been a cornerstone of our success and is a testament to the unique character this wonderful neighborhood enjoys.

## Meany Middle School Meetings

Meany Middle School is scheduled to reopen in 2017. The design team is now holding intense design/planning meetings called charettes to solicit input from the broader community on the school's ultimate design. Upcoming workshops listed below all are scheduled for 3:30 including one on educational specifications for Jan. 7; one called an "eco-charette" for Jan. 14; another on design for Jan.28, and a presentation and wrap up on Feb 4. Interested community members are invited to attend at the Meany Middle School site, 301 21st Ave. E.



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## Madrona Dining & Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 38th Ave.

On Dec. 12 MDSS friends held their final get-together of 2013 at the new Dulce's restaurant at 19th and Madison for a three-course dinner. Dulce's previously operated for almost 15 years at the corner of 34th and Pike where owners Julie and Carlos made good friends and happy diners. On the 12th more than 30 Madrona neighbors filled two long tables to renew friendships and make new ones. Before dinner we honored neighbor and retiring Seattle City Council President Richard Conlin and his wife Sue Ann Allen, thanking him for his 16 years of public service and wishing them our neighborhood best for coming adventures.

Next year will include visits to 34th Street restaurants including at Ethan Stowell's Red Cow when it opens—probably in Feb. To join in, please contact me at [audreyseale@comcast.net](mailto:audreyseale@comcast.net). Details and opportunities to RSVP for future events arrive by evites. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a new year...together.

## Update on Trees and Sidewalks

By S. Wayne Duncan, Safer Sidewalks, Mature Trees, 35th Ave.

At the Madrona Community Council meeting on Dec. 3, I provided an update on work with SDOT and the 34th Ave. corridor project, noting several important areas of progress. First, SDOT has selected the Seattle engineering and landscape design firm SvR to lead the process of researching best practices, both nationally and internationally, to find effective, cost efficient, and creative approaches for resolving urban sidewalk/tree problems, such as found in Madrona and throughout Seattle's neighborhoods. Although the \$200,000 contract will focus on the development of a "toolkit" that can be used city-wide, the 34th Ave. corridor in Madrona will be one area of specific focus in the work. Jennifer Wieland, SDOT manager for this project, has established a website for this initiative at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/treesandsidewalks](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treesandsidewalks). As the work gets underway, this will be a helpful site for updates. In addition, both SDOT manager Jennifer Wieland and SvR project

manager Amalia Leighton will be at the Jan. 2013 MCC meeting to answer questions and provide an update on the project.

I also reported that conversations with SDOT and Charter Construction resulted in a positive decision to increase the caliper of two new trees to be planted in front of the new Madrona Refuge building on 34th Ave. Three-inch caliper Pacific Sunset Maples will be planted instead of the more typical 2-2.5 inch caliper trees. This decision was a positive outcome from a joint meeting with the construction team, SDOT staff and Safer Sidewalks, Mature Trees members.

## Respond Now to Proposed Metro Cuts

At its Dec. meeting, the Madrona Community Council decided to join a coalition effort along with Bus2Riders and others to convey a simple message to Metro: **Retaining the existing network of routes is more important than frequency of service during this budget shortfall.** For cuts assigned to the Central Area, First Hill, Capitol Hill, and Queen Anne, the Central Transit Community Coalition goal is to retain the network of routes and if necessary meet the budget through reductions in frequency and time of day. The at-risk routes, including 2, 8, 12, 27, are critical to the functioning of these dense inner city neighborhoods where more and more people are dependent on transit for transportation. Learn more at [www.kingcounty.gov/metro/future](http://www.kingcounty.gov/metro/future); provide feedback at [HaveASay@kingcounty.gov](mailto:HaveASay@kingcounty.gov) or by calling 263 9770; and be sure to send your concerns to the elected county officials and copy [ctccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:ctccoalition@gmail.com). Attend the MCC January 7 meeting to learn more.

Below are some points to consider:

- Cutting routes dismantles the network that is critical to serving the community and unfairly burdens those who have no other choice of transportation.
- Reducing frequency in the short term is a more equitable solution and ensures that transit-dependent riders have at least a choice to take a bus even if the timing is not ideal. When funding is secured, frequency can be reinstated more

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## Metro Cuts... (cont'd from previous page)

easily than trying to resurrect an entire route.

- Efforts to secure Metro funding are critical, but it will take longer than the three-month timeline Metro has to finalize their proposed cuts for King County Council to adopt.

Since Metro may not receive funding in a timely manner, it is important to develop alternative approaches to Metro's proposed dismantling of the network of transit service, which comes on top of other reductions this past year. Metro's proposal hits the entire county so, consistent with Metro's criteria, any solution needs to balance the budget cuts equitably.

## A Bus Supreme

*By Malcolm Harker, 37th Ave.*

I think John Coltrane's *A Love Supreme* was one of the great jazz albums of all time. For the Madronish, when it comes to choosing the greatest bus of all time, the choice is limited: it's either the No. 2 or the No. 3. But it's a critical decision nonetheless.

Previous issues of *Madrona News* have carried shocking news that all Metro bus services are once again threatened with a 17 percent service cut. Would this require our local favorites to be re-numbered as the 1.67 and the 2.52?

All this apparently occurs because the State Legislature won't agree to a special Transport Levy. Funny isn't it – whenever taxes need raising, it's always libraries, education, or buses that are held hostage.

Trolley buses are close to my curmudgeonly heart because of

those retro wires and the excitement of a pole jump putting our lives on hold while the driver gets out to heroically re-rig it. Plus the onboard entertainment is Seattle's best-kept Performance Art secret and worthy of a *Stranger* feature article. My irregular journeys have been enlivened in many ways by events like the following:

- The guys at the back were muttering "it's really smokin' in here, man." We all ignored them until the driver calmly announced that the brakes were on fire and that we should all "abandon bus." Sadly, Leonardo and Kate weren't on board to pledge their undying love before being swept away by the tsunami of bargains at Grocery Outlet.
- A reptile-lover boarded at Madison and 12th holding a giant Monitor Lizard in his arms; he assured us it had been fed and was bus trained. But hey – it was Capital Hill.
- A late-night #3 driver responded to my security concerns by suggesting: "wear deely-boppers, like I do --no one ever threatens someone who looks crazier than they are." Yes, she really was wearing silver sparkle antennae!
- Leaving St Clouds one evening, I heard music outside instead of inside that went DooDahDooDah, DooDahDoo-Dee, A Love Supreme, A Bus Supreme..... This demonstrates that the 15-minute terminus break is a perfect opportunity to pull the tenor sax out from behind the seat and play Coltrane blues under the 34th and Union red light.

On a serious note, since we can't rely on the politicians to save  
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## Bus Supreme... (cont'd from previous page)

these local treasures, we need to be more creative. It seems to me it should be easy to up the ridership stats such as:

- Get on the No. 2 at 34th and Pine, swipe your Orca card (you do have one - don't you?), ride up to the Hi Spot, get off, have your latte, then get back on and swipe again. There were probably only a couple of other passengers, so you've increased ridership by at least 50 percent for less than a cup of coffee.
- Improving the No. 3 stats. is even easier: Have your latte at Cupcake Royale, step outside and ride the bus around the block to 34th and Union. The transfer is good for two hours, so either of these options could make you look like a virtual busload.
- Maybe Bus2Go is the App we need: The driver gets off with the last passenger, gets a Car2Go and goes home; Bus2Go finds the nearest one, you climb in the driver's seat and away you go!!
- Or how about Bus Baristas? Instead of queuing twice, you get your double skinny frappa grappa tapa on board.

There is however a simpler option, requiring almost no effort at all.

There are typically at least six buses per hour leaving 34th and Union, almost all headed for Queen Anne--because that's where the wires go. Seventeen percent of 6=1 so maybe waiting an extra five minutes or so wouldn't throw a fatal wrench in the works of our busy lives? Or would it?

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Team up with United Way of King County and thousands of people across the country on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan. 20 to honor Dr. King's memory and his legacy of compassion. The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve ([www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)), the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.

Choose one of many projects for the perfect way to give back either on your own or with a group of friends, colleagues, or family members. This is a great way to help out in the community and meet like-minded people. Ways to help include:

- Registering as a project leader: Pick any project that fits your group's interests. To volunteer on your own, email Erica Ellis, United Way's online volunteer specialist at [volunteers@uwkc.org](mailto:volunteers@uwkc.org)
- Showing up for an event on the day they are scheduled; no pre-registration required. See what is scheduled at [www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/mlkday](http://www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/mlkday)

Don't have Jan. 20 off? Find a way to volunteer on a day that fits your schedule. For more information, email [volunteers@uwkc.org](mailto:volunteers@uwkc.org) or call 461-3644.

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## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** 1:00pm – 3:00pm **Let's Play Seattle!**—Playgroup for kids under 5. MLK Community Center, [Jennie.burton@gmail.com](mailto:Jennie.burton@gmail.com); [meetup.com/letsplayseattle](http://meetup.com/letsplayseattle)
- MON & THURS** 6:00am – 7:00am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Madison Park Physical Therapy. For details contact Nikki Lundin [www.nikkfitt.com](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- WEDNESDAYS** 1:00pm – 3:00pm **Open/Free New Moms Circle**—at NOOK: Pilates and Movement Studio. Leatha McKenzie on [NookPilates@gmail.com](mailto:NookPilates@gmail.com) or 557-8881  
6:30pm – 7:45pm **Rachel x Two**—Fun/social track workouts for all levels of runners. Garfield High School Track, group runs. [RachelD@RachelxTwo.com](mailto:RachelD@RachelxTwo.com)
- WED & FRI** 8:30am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, [pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com](mailto:pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com)
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, [twallstone@yahoo.com](mailto:twallstone@yahoo.com)  
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](http://www.bottlehouseseattle.com)  
7:30pm **ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am – 8:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [kbarker715@comcast.net](mailto:kbarker715@comcast.net)
- SATURDAYS** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult [www.MadronaWineMerchants.com](http://www.MadronaWineMerchants.com)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

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- Jan 4 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
- Jan 4 1:00pm **Dee Dee Rainbow Memorial and Parade**—University Unitarian Church, dress for the occasion and pay tribute to Madrona's own Rainbow Lady
- Jan 6 9:30am-10:15am **First Mondays with Mary**—Join Madrona K-9 principle Mary McDaniel for an informal conversation regarding the school. <http://madronak8.seattleschools.org>
- Jan 7, 14, 28 3:30pm **Meany Middle School Design Meetings**—Inviting public input, 301 21st Ave. E.
- Jan 7 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Jan 11 10:30am-12:30pm **Fourth Annual Preschool Fair**—Garfield Community Center, sponsored by Central Seattle Parent Resource and GCC. [www.centalseattleparentresource.com](http://www.centalseattleparentresource.com) or email [centralspr@gmail.com](mailto:centralspr@gmail.com)
- Jan 15 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. Contact John Platt, [john@stclouds.com](mailto:john@stclouds.com)
- Jan 21 9:30am **Prospective Parent Visit**—Madrona K-8, 32nd and Union
- Jan 23 6:30pm-8:00pm **EastPac Meeting**—Discuss activities and issues within Seattle's East Pricinct. Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, 1020 E Jefferson Contact Stephanie Tschida ([cheeda11@gmail.com](mailto:cheeda11@gmail.com))
- Jan 25 10:00am-1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the toolbox at Spring and Grand, or contact Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com)
- Jan 25 **Leschi Community Council 2nd Annual Wine Tasting**—Tickets \$30 at Brown Paper tickets; at BluWater Bistro
- Jan. 26 10:00am-12:00pm **St Therese Catholic Academy Open House**—For prospective parents, 900 35th Ave



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