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Jennie Grant: Madrona Neighbor and “The Godmother of Goat Lovers”

By Susan Fondren, Grand Ave.

After moving into their new home on Madrona’s Grand Ave. in 2004, Jennie Grant and her husband Don Kneass discovered that some laurel- and blackberry-covered land behind their house was also part of their property. Jennie’s pioneering spirit began to imagine what they could do with the space. They cleared the land and Jennie convinced Don it would be perfect



Jennie, Spencer, and Don with pugs Feldman and Eddie

for chickens; they would have a steady supply of fresh eggs. Their first batch of fertilized eggs was ordered from eBay and kept in an incubator in the master bathroom. Don’s face lights up as he talks about the amazing experience of watching the eggs hatch. Although they lost some chicks to local rats and ended up with a high

percentage of roosters that had to be re-homed (not allowed in the city limits and of course, not egg-laying), this was the beginning of Jennie’s adventure in urban farming, politics, and local fame as “the woman with the goats”.

Looking up from the corner of Madrona Dr. and Lake Washington Blvd., you would likely never guess that you’re facing a 4,000-square foot backyard urban farm with goats, chickens, vegetable and ornamental gardens, and

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.....Council Corner, *By Deirdre McCrary, E. Marion*

Many anticipated changes to the neighborhood brought out many neighbors to the March MCC meeting. Residents concerned about the effects of SDOT’s re-routing of streets during construction on 23rd Avenue attended to hear an overview from two SDOT city representatives familiar with the plans. The exchange also allowed neighbors to voice their concerns about the process and their suggestions and recommendations for additional ways to mitigate current problems with the movement of cars, buses, bikes, and pedestrians through this vital corridor of the Central District. The Board also heard details about the proposed Bus Rapid Transit along Madison St., estimated to cost \$87 million and raising that old issue of cost versus benefit. Not so controversial were such plans as a partnership between MCC and Seattle Music Partners to help bring musical instruction to Central Area schools, a proposal to use the remaining Kraus bequest to finish the stage and grassy amphitheater originally intended to be part of the 2000 Madrona playground remodel but aborted for lack of funding, and progress as we move toward May and this year’s May 16 Mayfair celebration.

Draft Agenda, Madrona Community Council

March 7, 2015 at the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse, 7:15pm

- 23rd Ave. Update - if any
- Brief neighborhood updates: Mayfair, Parklet
- Park improvements update, approval to use leftover funds
- Budget report
- New business

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a strawberry patch. If you look carefully above the trees and shrubs that buffer the farm, you might get a surprise peak of goats Eloise and Snowflake enjoying their rooftop view of Lake Washington. Thanks to Jennie's commitment to creating the best possible habitat for her animals along with Don's devotion and building skills, the goats and chickens enjoy a two story goat-shed/chicken coop. As she says in her book, *City Goats*, "... the special needs of the urban goat can be compared with the special needs of your average Manhattanite." In other words, every square inch counts. And for the goat shed, that meant building up.

When I interviewed Jennie for this article, she opened our conversation by saying, "My first love was pugs." Jennie, Don, and their son Spencer are Pug rescue advocates. In 1994, they founded the annual Pug Gala that has continued as a successful annual fund-raising event for Seattle Pug Rescue. Over the years, they have fostered and adopted a steady flow of pugs – including a pregnant mother and their most recent precious Feldman who required very special care due to kidney problems (sadly, he passed away last year). Currently, they are the proud and loving guardians of a five-year old black Pug named Edsel (affectionately known as "Eddie"). What began as a one-pug animal family some 15 years ago has now become an urban animal kingdom of two goats, five chickens, a "mouser cat" named Gandolf, and Eddie.

Jennie brought home her first goats – Snowflake and Brownie in 2007. Not long thereafter she was served a notice from the Seattle Department of Planning and Development that stated her goats were not legal in the city and needed to be removed. Jennie was disappointed and motivated to keep her goats. She had a timely concern as well – Snowflake was pregnant. Jennie knew that City Councilman Richard Conlon had an interest in promoting local food issues, and Jennie approached him for help to get a waiver, at least to keep the goats through Snowflake's pregnancy and delivery. She secured an extension and began her efforts to legalize mini-goats in Seattle while educating the community on the safety and benefits of goats as part of the urban landscape and living. In an astoundingly quick five months, through the development of the Goat Justice League and with the support of Councilman Conlon and his

assistant Phyllis Schulman, a Seattle City Code was written to allow dairy goats within city limits. The Goat Justice League still remains active as a dispensary of information and anecdotal stories for the urban farm. Jennie has upheld her promise to teach the novice urban farmer... through her book *City Goats: The Goat Justice League's Guide to Backyard Goat Keeping* (which TIME magazine reviewed naming her "the Godmother of Goat Lovers"), goat-teaching classes at Seattle Tilth, the Goat Justice League website and Facebook page, and tours of her home farm.

Jennie has always considered herself a mom first, but now that son Spencer is 14 and becoming more independent, she is a "working mom." After a fourteen-year hiatus from real estate, Jennie is working as an agent for near-by Windemere Mount Baker. Her love of urban farming cannot help but influence her interest in properties that offer a strong connection to nature and community. She has proved that an urban lifestyle can indeed offer this. According to Jennie, Madrona is fabulous because it is so green. "It has so many trees and beautiful views."

An urban farm generates quite a bit of interest. Some people wonder why someone would want to live in the city and have goats. Jennie wonders who wouldn't want to have goats in their backyard to milk. "What's not fun about that?" she asked. Jennie is surprised that others find it so unusual. She has become a local celebrity and her farm is a must-see when friends and family are visiting. Since meeting Jennie, I have learned: that you can repair a chicken's broken beak with an acrylic nail splint and superglue, how to carry a chicken, how to ward off a bucking goat, and how to make homemade cider. I've watched Spencer hypnotize a chicken, held a 12-hour-old baby goat, and tasted some of the most wonderful fresh goat cheese I've ever eaten. It has been a thrill for me to enjoy all of the new experiences her farm and friendship have offered in the short time I've lived here.

For more information about urban farms or to reach Jennie, visit goatjusticeleague.org or call her at 335-3267. The Goat Justice League's Facebook page offers a lively chronology of the lessons and wonderful stories from this Madrona urban farm. If you contact Jennie, have your boots ready, she just might give you a tour.

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Central Area Neighborhood Greenway Begins

Phase 1 of the Central Area Neighborhood Greenway began in Feb. to install a greenway that will run between E. John S. and S. Jackson St. on residential streets parallel to 23rd Ave., including stretches of 25th Ave., 22nd Ave., and 21st Ave. E. This phase of the project should be completed this spring, enabling Central Area residents of all ages and abilities to enjoy a calmer and safer route to walk and ride bikes. Much of the work to be done involves the repair or upgrade of curb ramps and sidewalks where the neighborhood greenway crosses arterial streets. Crews will work south to north, one intersection at a time.

Other elements of Phase 1 greenway implementation include bicycle pavement markings on the route, stop signs on streets crossing the greenway, and approximately one speed hump per block. Flashing beacons for pedestrians and bicycles will be installed at 25th Ave. E. and Yesler Way and also at 25th Ave. and East Cherry St. An enhanced pedestrian traffic signal will be located at 22nd Ave. and E. Union St. SDOT expects all phases of the Central Area Neighborhood Greenway project to be completed by the end 2015, extending the route from E. Roanoke St. to Rainier Ave. S. on residential streets parallel to 23rd Ave. For additional information, visit www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenwaysworkplan.htm

Work Begins on 23rd Ave.

SDOT representatives attended the March MCC meeting to address resident concerns about the impact of construction that eventually will run along 23rd Ave. from E. Roanoke to Rainier Blvd. S. Phase 1 of the project is likely to have the greatest impact on Central Area travels because it extends from E. John St. to S. Jackson and is expected to last for 20 months, simultaneous with the Greenway project described in the left hand column of this page.

The main impact throughout every phase of the project is that northbound lanes of 23rd Ave. will be closed during construction. Some 25,000 vehicles travel on 23rd on any given day, suggesting that the scope of impact on automobiles and buses will be significant. Phase 1 of the project will begin at S. Jackson, closing northbound lanes on 23rd sequentially and diverting traffic from there onto MLK Jr. Way. So, for example, during Phase 1, northbound traffic on 23rd Ave. will detour onto MLK Jr. Way between S. Jackson and S. Cherry before it can return to 23rd Ave. When work between Cherry and Union begins, traffic similarly will detour to MLK Jr. Way between those streets before returning to 23rd Ave.

In addition to detours such as those described above, SDOT advises neighbors to expect the following during construction:

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- Southbound traffic reduced to one lane
- Transit detours
- Multiple weekend closure of key intersections
- Short-term driveway closures and sidewalk detours
- Typical construction impacts such as noise, dust, vibration and short-term utility interruptions

To learn more about transit detours, consult metro.kingcounty.gov/alerts or call 206-553-3000. SDOT also will staff as 24-hour hotline to respond to construction concerns and questions; call 206-727-8857.

Help for Aging in Place

A new membership program to help elders “stay put” in their own homes will open this May. Wider Horizons: Central Seattle’s *Village for Life* engages those living in Central Seattle by building community and a network of local resources. In addition to a variety of social and educational activities, the Village supports independent living with volunteer- and staff-provided help as well as through referrals to many different kinds of social support services.

Wider Horizons is a one-stop shop that facilitates aging in place. Services range from minor home repair, pet care, computer assistance, and rides (to supermarkets, medical appointments, etc.) to information and referral, personal navigation, and health advocacy. Vetted professionals can provide home care, care management, de-cluttering, and other services.

This Village is part of a national movement of grassroots organizations that began with Boston’s Beacon Hill Village in 2002. Members of villages experience high satisfaction with them. Check out the national website: www.utvnetwork.org to learn more.

The best way to learn about *Wider Horizons* in Central Seattle is to attend a small gathering in the home of a member or other supporter. Three such meetings are planned for April:

- April 7, 6:00-8:00pm in Mt. Baker
- April 11, 2:00-4:00pm on north Capitol Hill
- April 15, 6:00-8:00pm in Montlake

To sign up for one of these gatherings, or for more information as to meeting locations, contact Executive Director, Denise Klein (denise_klein@comcast.net or 650-3586).

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Play Mayfair Madrona Critter Matchup

By Susan Fondren and Jennie Grant

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their critters. The answers are on page 9.



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The Anti-Chinese Riots of 1885

By Junius Rochester, 32nd Ave.

Opposition to Chinese immigrants in the Pacific Northwest became official on Jan. 23, 1864 when the Washington State Legislature imposed a per capita tax of \$24 a year on Chinese residents (later reduced to \$16). The first "incident" of record was an attack on 35 Chinese in the Squak Valley, today's Issaquah. On that day three Chinese were killed and many more injured.

In Sept. 1885, an "anti-Chinese Congress" was held in Seattle. A resolution passed declaring that the Chinese must leave Western Washington by Nov. 15 of the year. At this point local officials became alarmed. On Nov. 3 a mob marched on the Tacoma Chinese quarter and evicted the inhabitants. Similar skirmishes and evictions occurred in other small Pierce County towns, and in King, Kitsap, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.

A counter demonstration was called by pioneer C.H. Hanford in Seattle's Opera House. A Home Guard was organized and Federal troops were placed on alert. Judge Thomas Burke, an early member of the Pioneer Association, spoke against mob action. So did W.H. White, the United States Attorney in Seattle. Territorial Governor Watson Squire issued a proclamation warning lawbreakers to back off. Despite these "official" activities, a so-called Committee of Fifteen advanced on Seattle's Chinese quarter, which was located at Third Ave. and Washington St. Chinese goods were removed by the Committee and skirmishes broke out.

The next morning Chinese residents were encouraged to board the ship *Queen of the Pacific*. Some did; others refused. Shots were fired and confusion reigned. Sheriff John McGraw sent the Home Guard to quarantine the ship.

In subsequent trials no convictions occurred. Most of the agitators, it was said, left town. The U.S. Congress appropriated \$276, 619.15 as full indemnity for losses incurred by Chinese residents, however, the money was paid to the Chinese government, not to the injured parties.

Tax Preparation Help

The Seattle Public Library, United Way of King County and the AARP are collaborating to offer free tax preparation service through mid-April at 15 locations of the Seattle Public Library. Trained volunteers will answer questions and help prepare personal tax returns. The service is not available for business tax returns.

Drop-in assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis; appointments are not required. For more information, particularly about documents you are required to bring to get tax help, consult <http://www.spl.org/audiences/adults/tax-help> or call the Library at 206-386-4636.

Places and times nearest Madrona are:

Central Library through April 18

- Noon - 7 p.m. M-Thursday
- 11:00a,-5:00pm Sat.
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Madrona News History

By Barbara Parker, 37th Ave.

One dark and dreary Jan. last year, Anne Knight and Jerry Arbes (*Madrona News* editor from 1991-2000) delivered five bank boxes of Madrona history to my house. Over time I sorted through the well-marked folders and now am down to less than one full box containing Community Council reports, business listings on 34th Ave. and environs over time, Playfield, Mayfair, Neighbor Appreciation, and other event histories, and reams of *Madrona News* copies. Unlike today when articles and advertising are assembled in electronic format, early days often meant literally pasting up the final copy by painstakingly cutting out and affixing ads and articles into allotted space.

I am happy to report that I've now scanned *Madrona News* issues from 1991-2000, adding them to the ten years of electronic archives I inherited from Kim Herber's editorship (2000 to mid-2011) and those I'd saved from June 2011 to this issue. In addition, I have random issues from 1977 and 1978 as well as a few each from 1997 and 1998. If you have issues in earlier years, I'd love to borrow them so I can add to this archival collection. Contact me at madronanews@gmail.com.

Below is some of what I learned from reading past newsletters:

- Mayfair began in 1976, so we are at 39 years in 2015. Early years included the parade and clowns, but events no longer part of Mayfair include sales of plants, books, and other items, a cake walk, and a tennis tournament. In 1977 Mayfair entertainment was thanks to none other than Al Larkins and his jazz musicians.
- Neighbor Appreciation Day began in 1995 when our special guest was Mayor Norm Rice who also joined us to celebrate the twentieth year of this event in 2015.
- Popular neighborhood events that are not currently sponsored by the Madrona Community Council include bicycle races, holiday arts and crafts fairs, the Madrona Home and Garden Tour, and the Madrona BBQ. Any or all of these activities could be revived by eager volunteers.
- Many topics that appear in *Madrona News* over time are of great interest today as well, including:
 - calls for volunteers to serve on the MCC and help with sponsored events

- gratitude to live and work in this vibrant community
- issues of real estate development and what any given development will mean to the Madrona community
- concerns with public transportation and access in/out of Madrona

Neighborhood News and Notes

Many moves have been completed and many more are anticipated for Madrona's business district and beyond. New on E. Spring St. in Kismet's former location is Rock Paper Scissors; Brianne Ingertila is the owner and one of several stylists practicing there. Hitchcock moved into Roy McMakin's former Domestic Furniture place at 1422 34th.. Hammer and Awl intends to move into the space formerly occupied by Davenport (between Driftwood and Conscious Body Pilates on 34th); and Salua Lingerie moved into Hitchcock's former storefront at 1406 34th Ave. Fetch moved out altogether because the new owners intend to develop the space, and that means Amara also will move. No building permit is listed for the property, so development may not be coming soon. Tiffany, the owner who recently opened 12x7 4 at the corner of 34th and Pike suddenly found herself in the hospital battling acute myeloid leukemia. The shop remains open Weds.-Sun, noon -5:00pm.

The street level space in the Madrona Refuge Bldg. lists a "leased" sign, but the leasing agent has not responded to inquiries about what will go into that space. Neighbors concerned about the size of the three-story live/work spaces on 34th may see additional and similar buildings rise in the lots between those new buildings and Paul Gray's Barber Lounge.

Longevity celebrations are many in Madrona. On March 6 Botlehouse Lounge celebrated its eighth anniversary. Conscious Body Pilates is heading into their eighth year of Madrona business. In Jan. the studio hosted its first community yoga class to raise funds for a local non-profit on MLK Day. Funds were donated to The Why Not Us Foundation. Community classes will be held every third Monday at 6:00pm to raise awareness for a different non-profit each month. St. Clouds Restaurant turns 15 this year.

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To Madrona's west there are apparent plans for a second recreational pot store at 24th and Union. All of these activities give the MCC plenty to consider at their monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Join us on Apr. 7 at 7:15 to be part of the conversation.

Julia's Place operates a shelter for homeless families at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. Parent organization Mary's Place reports that in 2014 Julia's Place served 28 families that included 56 adults and 68 children. With over 7500 bed nights, Julia's Place is truly a place of community, safety, and joy.

The beginning of the calendar year seemed a great time to thank the many people whose volunteer work brings you *Madrona News* for 10 months of the year. But we didn't get these thanks into the first three issues of 2015 because there was so much more timely news to report. But however late we are in our thanks, we sincerely thank the Madrona Community Council who sponsor and underwrite the newsletter. Susan Steele's design work makes it a very readable newsletter; Judith Starbuck designs fantastic ads and special features; Casey Losh solicits and manages advertising that also keeps the newsletter solvent; advertisers help us stay afloat; and Tom Nicolli delivers copies of the newsletters to local organizations. Thanks to all. And of course we could not function without the many who contribute the news, features, and articles that readers enjoy each month. For suggestions about newsletter content you'd like to see in coming months, please contact madronanews@gmail.com or call 726-9798. We are looking for a design editor to take over for Susan Steele. The work tends to be concentrated in the second week of each month, comprising 10-15 hours.

Madrona Film Making

Madrona film-makers Rosalie Miller and Stefan Hajek are part of a multi-person team powering *PERSONHOOD* (working title), a feature-length documentary film that intends to bring under-represented stories to the screen. Director Jo Ardinger began researching the personhood movement after the highly publicized 2011 personhood amendment fight in Mississippi. The media frenzy surrounding the amendment battle focused

primarily on its overt attempt at banning abortion. But the deeper Jo dug, the more convinced she became that her team needed to make a film that brought to light the untold consequences of these policies on women --the stories that don't have anything to do with abortion and that don't make the national news. Via interviews conducted in states across the country, the film tells the stories of women who have been subjected to bedside interrogations and arrests for "suspicious" miscarriages, forced c-sections, and detention without legal representation. By spotlighting these underreported stories, the film asks the fundamental question: Is it possible for a woman to be an equal member of society if the child in her womb is a separate legal person? The film-makers' goal is to raise awareness so audiences can take a step back from the divisive abortion debate and consider the grayer areas that are not yet a part of our national conversation. With personhood amendments being introduced at the federal level in states across the country (even in Washington), their mission is to ignite constructive debate and action around one of the most overlooked human rights issues in 21st century America.

The film itself has garnered several awards to date including Official Selection in the Big Sky Documentary Shop International Pitch Session 2014; Official Selection in the American Documentary Film Festival Pitch Session 2015; and a Women in Film Seattle Professional Grant 2015. To learn more about the film, visit www.personhoodmovie.com. The film is sponsored by Women Make Movies. The film-makers are able to accept tax-deductible donations to complete the film; for more information on that or to learn more, contact info@personhoodmovie.com.

Spectrum Dance Theater

Spectrum Dance Theater's artistic director Donald Byrd has had a very busy year as choreographer for the 5th Avenue presentation of *Carousel* and Seattle Opera's *Semele*. Spectrum Dance Theater members performed in both plays, drawing critical and popular praise for Byrd and his colleagues. Based in the dance studio at Madrona Park, Spectrum Dance Theater (SDT) was founded in 1982 to bring dance of the highest merit to a diverse audience composed of people from different social,

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cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Their principal objective is to make the art form of dance accessible through contemporary dance performances and high-quality training in a variety of dance styles.

In April Byrd's visionary choreography and direction will bring new life into the classic *Carmina Burana* in a world premiere of this fully-staged work. The piece re-imagines Carl Orff's popular scenic cantata as a journey from doubt and disillusionment to a restoration of faith in the essential goodness of man. It features Dean Williamson--one of the country's leading opera conductors--the Spectrum Dance Theater Company, and the operatic prowess of Cyndia Sieden and Jose Rubio. Performances run from April 23-25 at 8:00pm and at 2:00pm on April 26 at the Moore Theatre. For additional information, consult spectrumdance.org.

Neighborhood School News and Activities

Madrona K-8 School

Madrona PreK-8 will host its Second Annual Silent Auction during Mayfair on Sat. May 16. We've already procured many fabulous prizes including a Wine Tasting Evening at Madrona Wine Merchants, a weekend cabin getaway on Lake Wenatchee along with tickets and gift cards to many area restaurants and attractions. We are raising funds to create an even more robust music and art program for our K-8 students. Hope to see you there.

April Fund-RAZOR at Rock Paper Scissors and Paul Gray's Barber Lounge. Visit Rock Paper Scissors or Paul Gray's Barber Lounge from April 1-30 and mention "Madrona PreK-8" and a donation will be made to the Madrona PTSA.

In January Seattle Teacher Residency Mentor Rachelle Moore's first graders hosted special guest US Senator Patty Murray who visited their classroom and read *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*. The Senator later addressed a group of grown-ups to discuss a decidedly less fun topic: education in our state and nation. In her role as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Sen. Murray has been vocal about the need to rewrite the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as No Child Left Behind.

Teacher Rachelle Moore was invited to speak with Sen. Murray. Both spoke about the need to expand opportunities for every student - starting with fixing No Child Left Behind. Because of NCLB, Sen. Murray said, the parents of students at Madrona and every other school in Seattle received letters saying that their schools are failing. But failure is a relative term because No Child Left Behind set impossibly high standards without offering the resources for schools to meet them. Those schools with more resources have a better chance of meeting those standards, perpetuating existing inequities across the system. As Rachelle pointed out, the tests that measure those results don't measure intangibles, such as the individual challenges and adversities that each child faces.

The daily fresh fruit/vegetable snack program has been met with great success from Madrona K-8 teachers and staff. All of our K-8 students enjoy a healthy snack every afternoon, and teachers are noticing improved behavior and concentration. But, it takes a lot of work to prepare nearly 1,500 servings of produce each week. If you have an hour or two to spare each Monday morning, please join us in the Madrona K-8 Teachers Lounge at 9:30 - bring a cutting board, knife, and vegetable peeler.

St. Therese Catholic Academy

STCA's kindergarten teacher Mary Brannan orchestrated a fun activity that benefitted her lucky 13 students and spread the love throughout Madrona for the Valentine's Day season. Doubtless you've seen the students' creations of large hearts

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER

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Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
with Epiphany Choir and Choristers
Thursday, April 2 • 7:30-9 pm, Church

Good Friday Holy Eucharist
with Epiphany Choir
Friday, April 3 • 7:30-8:30 pm, Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Friday, April 3 • after the 7:30 pm service, Chapel

The Great Vigil of Easter
with Epiphany Choir
Saturday, April 4 • 8-10 pm, Church

Easter Festival Eucharist
with Epiphany Choir and Brass Ensemble
Sunday, April 5 • 9:30 am & 11:30 am, Church

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

displayed in Madrona storefronts on 34th Ave. and beyond. Painstakingly prepared by the kindergarteners and distributed to Madrona organizations, these displayed hearts spread the love. This is a multi-year tradition for Mrs. Brannan's kindergarteners and provides a nice follow-up to the 8th graders who deliver plants to STCA's residential neighbors and businesses to show our gratitude to them for them as part of Catholic Schools' Week.

If you're a parent of a child preparing to enter kindergarten or middle school next year, chances are good you have been weighing your options. Between your assigned public school, "choice" public schools and a variety of private school options, the decision can feel overwhelming. The best way to determine whether a school is right for your individual child is to visit and experience the school's unique environment and programming.

St. Therese Catholic Academy, in the heart of Madrona, offers a unique educational experience. Their Blended Learning model allows students to utilize computers to work at their own individualized level and pace and provides teachers with instant access to data to refine and enhance their daily instruction to meet each child's individual needs. This approach also creates ample opportunities for parents to be involved with and informed about their child's achievement and progress throughout the school year. The school also offers small class sizes and a warm, community-oriented environment.

Some people fear that a quality private school experience for

their child may be out of reach financially. Tuition at St. Therese for the 2015-16 school year is under \$8,000 per student (even lower if the student is part of the St. Therese parish) with over \$200,000 in tuition assistance awarded annually, making it one of the most affordable private school options in Seattle.

The school has two information sessions scheduled for spring: **Preschool/Pre-K and Kindergarten Preview Night** will be held from 6-7:30pm on Thursday, April 16th and **Middle School Preview Night** (for students entering grades 6-8 in the fall) will be held on Thursday, April 23rd from 6-7:30pm. STCA is located at 900 35th Avenue.

If those dates do not work for you, or if your child will be entering grades 1-5 this fall, you are welcome to make a personal visit appointment at <http://www.stthereseatl.com/schedule-a-visit/>.



Sally Goldmark Branch Library is sponsoring Lego Mania on Sunday afternoons April 22 from 2:00-4:00pm. Children ages five and older are welcome to attend at 1134 33rd Ave.

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Community Councils in Action

The Madrona newsletter's focus is primarily on Madrona-based activities and events sponsored by the Madrona Community Council. But we also try to stay in touch with representatives of community councils adjacent to Madrona, and we receive emails that alert us to city activities emanating from the Mayor's office, the Department of Neighborhoods, SDOT, Metro, and others.

In recent months the Leschi Community Council has continued in their efforts to protect the No. 27 bus route, and the good news is that Metro will fully reinstate that route in June. The LCC also organizes frequent work parties to protect the Leschi Natural Area and to clean up the many public stairways located throughout Leschi. Recently, two LCC board members applied for funding from the Neighborhood Park/Street Funds. John Barber submitted an application for a sign to identify the King St. street-end shoreline park. Diane Snell submitted an application to install the "Living Wall" on the Lake Dell retaining wall.

The Madison Park Community Council has applied for funding for a community design process that could yield an updated design for the Lake Washington Blvd./ E. Harrison St. / 37th Ave. E. intersection to include a pedestrian-friendly five blocks to the west along E. Harrison St. The proposal was provided to both the Madrona and the Madison Valley Community Councils.

For their part, the Madison Valley Community Council is collaborating with many—including Madison Park resident Reg Newbeck—to highlight Metro alternatives for the proposed BRT along Madison Ave., follow activities in the Madison Valley, and correct challenges Madison Park residents face. Keep up with their activities at madisonvalley.org.

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- 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
- TUES & THURS** 9:45am – 10:45am **Work out with us!**—Madrona Playfield, Garfield Track and other neighborhood locations. Contact Rachel@UnstillLife.com
- WEDNESDAYS** 6:30pm – 7:45pm **Rachel x Two**—Fun/social track workouts for all levels of runners. Garfield High School Track, group runs. RachelD@RachexTwo.com
- WED & FRI** 8:30am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, 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
- 7:15pm **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
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm **Chess Club**—For girls and boys ages 7 to 15 to learn chess or tune up their game. MLK Community Center, 3201 E Republican St. Call 257-5572 to register or drop in.
- SATURDAYS** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult www.MadronaWineMerchants.com
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Apr 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
- Apr 6 9:30am–10:15am **First Mondays with Mary**—Join Madrona K-8 principal Mary McDaniel for an informal conversation regarding the school. <http://madronak8.seattleschools.org>
- Apr 7 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone is welcome to share updates on neighborhood activities and issues. Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Contact Holly Smith, ho2lye@yahoo.com
- Apr 7 **Dine Out Madrona**
- Apr 8 7:00pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30TH Ave. S. Diane Snell for more information Jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Apr 11 2:00pm–5:00pm **Madrona Art Walk**—See art work displayed and listen to live music at a variety of Madrona businesses. Contact BOOM Madrona: madronabusineses@gmail.com
- Apr 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. neighborhoodcooking@gmail.com
- Apr 23 6:30pm–8:00pm **EastPac Meeting**—Discuss activities and issues within Seattle's East Precinct. Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, 1020 E Jefferson. Contact Stephanie Tschida cheeda11@gmail.com
- Apr 25 10:00am–1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at 38th and Marion, or contact Peter Mason petermason065@gmail.com



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