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From the World to Madrona: Luel Mengistu

By Sandra M. Chait, E. Schubert Pl

“They’re like family,” Luel Mengistu says of the people who regularly drop by his Madrona Market store on E. Union and 33rd Ave. Some pick up milk in the mornings and wine at night, others stop by to use the ATM or to buy ice-cream cones for their children. Luel personally makes the specialty sandwiches his customers take to the office for lunch, while his wife, Selam, prepares the fresh salads displayed alongside samosas and empanadas in the glass case next to the counter. As with family, Luel knows about his customers’ jobs, their birthdays, and their children, and if the regulars miss even a day at the store, he asks after



Luel Mengistu

their health when he next sees them. Luel himself hasn’t missed a day at work in almost seven years, except for a short trip to Ethiopia in 2010 to visit to an ill parent. Usually, he’s on duty at Madrona Market 365 days a year, from seven in the morning to midnight, come rain or shine, or even snow. Many Americans these days have lost faith in the hard work ethic of the American dream, but not Luel, who became a US citizen in late 2005. He feels that he has been given a unique opportunity to achieve success. “In America, you can be whatever you want to be,” he insists, “providing you work hard.”

The family runs the store as a team. Even Luel’s eight year-old daughter Mahlet takes her turn at the register after school and pays out of her own earnings for

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Council Corner

In addition to regular business and plan reviews for the Oct. 31 Halloween party, the Nov. 3 MCC Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, and MCC wreath sales, the October Madrona Community Council meeting was a forum for two neighborhood groups to discuss differing perspectives. Representatives from Safer Sidewalks, Mature Trees presented an overview of a draft plan which they hope will replace the Seattle Department of Transportation plan (now underway) to remove 29 trees and repair buckled sidewalks along 34th Ave. and Union. This group would like to stop any additional tree removal until an alternative plan emerges that preserves mature trees and makes sidewalks safe.

The group is soliciting neighbor input; the draft plan can be reviewed on the MCC website: www.madrona.us. The Council also heard from a group of neighbors in the 900 block of 34th Ave. where three trees were slated for removal on Oct. 6. Homeowners in this group have been waiting as long as 17 years for requested sidewalk repairs. They resent not having been involved in the Safer Sidewalks group’s planning efforts despite requests for involvement at the onset. This group of neighbors expressed their wish that SDOT proceed with funded repairs for the 900 block of 34th Ave. before presenting a comprehensive plan for the remaining trees and sidewalks.

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Meet MCC Board Member Nikki Lundin

Nikki Lundin first became involved with the Madrona Community Council several years ago when then-member Paige Smith recruited Nikki to organize volunteers for Mayfair. Nikki has continued in that role for the last four years, and expresses surprise that each year’s Mayfair rolls around so quickly.



Nikki Lundin

She believes Mayfair is a favorite Madrona event because it generates excitement and encourages so many to be part of the Madrona community where fun and families and children are all having a good time. Nikki’s first involvement with MCC may have been Mayfair, but she subsequently began to attend meetings and became an MCC Board member. In her role as Board member she continues to work with Mayfair, and has helped out with the Wine Tasting Fund Raisers, the MCC Halloween parties, and other MCC activities. Nikki thinks that being part of the MCC helps neighbors get ahead of the curve and be proactive about

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proposed or possible changes in the neighborhood as well as meet their neighbors rather than just get to know them via technological means. The events in which she participates and meetings she attends have helped Nikki meet Madrona neighborhood friends.

Nikki also has made many new friends through her growing involvement with fitness initiatives. She explains that after the birth of daughter Bode seven years ago, she felt the need for more exercise and organized a group of moms who ran with their babies in strollers. She found that not only was the running fun, but that being with the group also brought her closer to the Madrona community. Although she'd previously worked in advertising and marketing, Nikki gradually realized she wanted to make a career change. Thereafter she enrolled in a Seattle Central Community College program to study the personal training profession. She felt that a classroom setting was what she needed to learn about anatomy and physiology and about working in the personal training profession. Further, she had many questions about training that she felt could only be answered by a teacher with experience and by working with other people face-to-face. After finishing the program, Nikki founded her personal training business NIKKFITT (NikkFitt.com) and now works with individuals whose fitness interests vary to include learning how to run faster in races, wanting to be healthier, and even enjoying time to work out with others. An example of the latter is the Boot Camp that meets at early morning hours four days a week with Nikki and her co-trainer Alix Day—indoors in the winter and outdoors at Madrona Beach in the warmer months. On any given day, the Boot Camp brings together 6-12 people who exercise together, have become friends, and look forward to welcoming new participants. Announcements about Madrona activities are a part of each session.

Nikki is originally from Colorado. She moved to Seattle 12 years ago with her husband Hans because as he was finishing graduate school he was also creating a new business with a Seattle-based colleague. Given the opportunity to further grow the company, the Lundin's prepared for the move. Nikki laughingly admits that although she'd heard about Seattle, she knew little about the city except what she'd seen on the Seattle edition of MTV's *Real World*. So she consulted a map, and began to learn all she could about the *real* Seattle. In subsequent years the family has learned a great deal

more about Seattle in that up-close-and-personal style that Nikki enjoys, settled nicely into their Madrona home, and expanded their circle of friends in Madrona and beyond.

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Creating a forum for resolving issues among neighbors and between citizens and their local government, along with planning and executing activities to promote community involvement, is the principal function of your neighborhood community council. We invite all Madrona residents to join the discussions and help with the plans each first Tuesday of the month at the Shelterhouse at 7:15pm. MCC Board elections will take place at the Nov. meeting.

Madrona Community Council Meeting *Draft Agenda for November 6th

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

- » Halloween and wine events recap
- » Wreath sales update and wreath pick-up plans
- » 34th Ave. corridor—discuss streetscape next steps
- » MCC officer elections

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anything she purchases. Luel wants Mahlet to respect money and not take American life for granted, so he teaches her about business. "Liabilities take money from you," he explains so she will understand, "and assets put money in your pocket." In a few years, his second child, two year-old Aron, will receive the same lesson, just as Luel learned from his parents back in Ethiopia where they owned a private school and a transportation company.

Like all of us who immigrated to the US at one time or another, Luel carried stereotype notions of the country when he first left Ethiopia in 1994. He expected money to grow on the proverbial trees in America. "Yes, it was a very different world," he agrees, "but life is a learning process and I enjoy the challenge. It makes you strong." Adapting to America's much faster pace of life, too, has been difficult, and he claims he has no time to read. But then, most of us do not work 12-hour plus days.

Luel, who especially likes the diversity of Madrona and the opportunity to interact with different cultures, watches with interest as the neighborhood demographics change. Since he bought the store in 2005, he says, more people are trying to move back into the city to avoid skyrocketing gas prices. "Madrone is the perfect place. Everything's here and there's easy access to downtown." He plugs the neighborhood just like the enthusiastic member of the Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) he is, and invites readers to check his website to learn more about the store at madroneamarket.com.



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Toys for Tots

By Barbara Bannon, Edward Jones Investments,
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Happy Holidays to our Madrona neighbors. I want to say "thank you" to all neighbors near and far who over the past eight years have donated to the US Marine Corp Toys For Tots program through our office. We hope this year will be our best to date.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 with a pilot project that the Marine Corps adopted and expanded into a nationwide campaign. Here in Madrona we participate by inviting neighbors to help needy children in the area by bringing new, unwrapped toys to our office at 3304 E. Spring St. from now through Dec. 14.

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Genesis House Update

By Monica Ramsey, Executive Director

I am excited to introduce myself to Madrona neighbors in my role as the new Executive Director of Genesis House, a long-term drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility on the corner of 34th and Cherry.

Genesis House (GH) is one of only a handful of long-term rehabilitation centers in Washington state that offers clients the opportunity to live and work in a safe, healing, and therapeutic community. Our clients join us for 9-12 months during which time each has the chance to receive personal chemical dependency counseling, group therapy, and work training via our two high-end automotive and marine detail shops located on the East side.

Another remarkable aspect of GH is our dedication to family. Half of our population are parents and children who live with us. GH has a fully staffed, therapeutic child-care program that works with both parent and child to help the family both face and heal addiction. Our program fosters positive parenting practices, and the entire community embraces our families and helps create a clean and sober environment where each child feels safe and cared for.

According to a recent survey, more than two-thirds of American families have been touched by alcohol or drug addictions. We know that many of our friends and neighbors care deeply about this epidemic problem and understand that recovery is difficult but possible. Our focus on families is based on the knowledge that the best recovery program spans generations.

This fall we are excited about some big changes ahead. Our towering hedges will be significantly trimmed to permit better sidewalk access and admit much-needed light. Landscaping will also be improved with tree trimming, plantings, and general beautification. We also will initiate major renovations to our buildings, both inside and out.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have; you can reach me at 328 -0881 or mramsey@genesishouse.com.

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Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, E. Union

October's event for Madrona Dining and Sipping Society was held at Luc's where Chef Thierry Rautureau (the Chef in the Hat, Master Chef, KUOW chef, etc.) planned a special three-course meal for about two dozen of us. The restaurant is named after Chef's father Luc of whom there was a painting on the wall; we felt like he was part of our group. It was a wonderful time especially as we toasted the eight-day engagement of neighbors Lyschka and David. Andrea said it was our best dinner EVER and that wasn't the wine talking. During the evening MDSS member emeritus (since he moved from Madrona to Horizon House) Henry Kuharic shared a French travel book with Chef Thierry.

Next up in early December is a new twist on holiday lights when MDSS will visit the Chihuly Museum and Garden at Seattle Center. This museum is beautiful, but thrilling when lit at night. It will become your new favorite holiday lights spot. We will get a special group rate for the Museum. Afterward we can grab a bite at Chihuly's Collections Cafe. But other options include new restaurants in the Armory food court, nearby restaurants, even a stroll around the fountain. Details for this event will arrive via the MDSS email list. If you are not currently on our list, please join us by contacting me at audreyseale@comcast.net. We always have a great time and it's a real gift getting to know neighbors over dinner.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

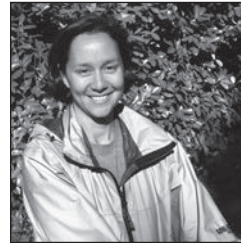
Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



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New Traditions - The Madrona Holiday Wreath Sale

By Kevin O'Doherty, Wellington Ave.



This season, Madrona Community Council is teaming up with Growing Washington—a consortium of local farmers who practice sustainable and organic growing—to produce and sell hand-crafted holiday wreaths. The stunning wreaths are created from organically grown, hand-harvested crops and wild foliage collected from the North Cascade foothills. The Douglas fir base is accented with materials that vary in color, texture, and fragrance such as pine cones, variegated holly, pussy willow, red dogwood, yellow cedar, blue cypress, Oregon grape, and juniper with berries. The 22-inch door size wreaths are \$30; all proceeds support MCC activities throughout the year including the Halloween party, Mayfair, and this newsletter.

These wreaths will look and smell incredible at your home. And they will thrill anyone on your gift list, be it out-of-town family and friends or holiday party hosts. You can set yourself apart this year with a gift wreath, and keep the bottle of wine for yourself.

Examples of the wreaths are currently on display throughout the Madrona business district. Wreaths are available to you on a pre-order basis only while quantities left in November. Your wreaths can be ordered online from Brown Paper Tickets (event 284068) at: madronaholidayfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com/. Brown Paper Tickets also donates a portion of their profits to charitable organizations.

Your wreaths can be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10:00am-5:00pm at the Amara Parenting parking lot on the corner of 34th Ave. and Union. Make an outing of it and visit neighborhood shops and restaurants in Madrona during the Make Merry in Madrona events that BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) will sponsor on Dec. 1.

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Help Fill Madrona Woods with Holiday Firs

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.

Friends of Madrona Woods will be selling living holiday trees this December to raise funds for long-term maintenance but also to plant more trees as part of ongoing restoration. We'll be offering grand firs in five gallon pots for \$30 and in seven gallon pots for \$45, and this includes delivery Dec. 1 or later. Trees can be decorated and displayed indoors or out, though keeping them indoors for more than two weeks is not recommended. But care instructions will be provided with each tree.

Sample trees will be on display at the MCC Halloween party and other neighborhood events. To order and arrange for delivery, contact Peter Mason at 388-6490 or peterma5@msn.com. After the holidays you can either plant the tree you've purchased at home or donate it for planting in Madrona Woods. You can plant it with us or we'll plant it for you.

Nov. 3 is the citywide Green Seattle Day, and we hope you'll join volunteers from around the area from 10:00am- 2:00pm to continue planting and mulching in the south section of Madrona Woods. There should be a great spirit there. Regular work parties will continue on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00am-1:00pm throughout the winter with the next work party date set for Nov. 24. The winter emphasis will be on planting and mulching.

You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos on our website: www.madronawoods.org.

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From Neighbors in the 900 Block of 34th Ave.

By Dave Baylon, Jim Brown, Winky McCoy, Helen Payton, Jim Richardson, Rick and Carrie Stanfield, 34th Ave.

In the first two weeks of October, the trees on the 900 block of 34th (east side) attracted increased attention from both the City and the Madrona community. Because the trees made the sidewalk impassible to wheelchairs and disabled citizens, six trees in this block were removed in 2011 to ensure that the City was in compliance with ADA ordinances.

The central issue then (and for other trees on 34th now) is that these red maples (also known as swamp maples) were planted in the early 1970s without regard for the long-term stress they would put on sidewalks, streets, and adjacent properties. If you walk the sidewalks, the consequences of this poorly informed decision from the last century are quite apparent. The sidewalks were very uneven and in some places buckled more than a foot due to the large root balls. Within the next 15 years the tree trunks also are expected to encroach on and block existing walkways. By the time the trees reach maturity at 70-80 years, their trunks and root balls will be nearly double their current size. The net result is an ongoing maintenance hassle for the City and continued irritation and safety concerns for the neighborhood.

The city via SDOT has proposed the removal of the last three trees in the 900 block of 34th Ave. (on the east side of the street). During the week of Oct. 6 SDOT made a temporary fix by pruning some of the roots of the three trees and replacing the old broken concrete sidewalk with asphalt. Even by the most optimistic assessment this fix will last only two years. The neighbors in the 900 block of 34th are united in their desire to have the three trees removed and the sidewalk replaced with a walkway that is permanent. We believe that trees can be placed in "curb bulbs" at the end of the block as was done at 34th and E. Spring. This will provide a basis for a long-term solution to the ever-deteriorating sidewalks of our neighborhood.

SDOT's 34th Avenue East Corridor Work—Sustaining a Walkable, Green Neighborhood Corridor

Seattle Department of Transportation

Over the weekend of Oct. 6-7, SDOT's Urban Forestry and Street Maintenance divisions continued work to improve walkability along the 900 block of 34th Avenue E., trying to balance walkability and retaining as many trees as possible given the corridor's tight space constraints. To determine the most appropriate course of action for moving forward, SDOT removed the sidewalk panels to expose tree roots, did some root planing and pruning so that a level asphalt pathway could be installed, and addressed the heaved sidewalk condition that made it challeng-

ing to walk along this block. For now, SDOT has left the three remaining street trees in place while the Department assesses options for moving forward. The SDOT team will stay engaged with the Madrona community as the Department develops options for this block segment in addition to undertaking a more comprehensive look at the area. All points of view will be considered in this review and SDOT will develop a communications plan to determine how best to engage with the community at large. For more information on future corridor improvements, you may contact Liz Ellis at 233-2768 or liz.ellis@seattle.gov.

Safer Sidewalks, Mature Trees: An Update from the SSMT Group

by Aly Frei, Howell St.

Along the 34th Ave. corridor (and in many places elsewhere in the city) tree roots have caused sidewalks to heave, creating unfriendly conditions for pedestrians. In areas where heaving is significant, space is limited, and superficial roots are large, existing trees have been removed in the process of replacing the sidewalk. This occurred in 2011 when SDOT removed six trees on the east side of the 900 block of 34th Ave. Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has said there is insufficient space in the parking strip along 34th Ave. to replant new trees. While all agree that accessible, safe sidewalks are a must, there is concern for the loss of the mature tree canopy along the neighborhood arterial and the impact tree removal will have on businesses, environment, aesthetics, and quality of life. SDOT has identified as many as 29 additional problem trees under its purview between Cherry and Pike, so this issue is not just about trees already removed or about the three trees that remain on the east side of the 900 block of 34th Ave.

A Madrona community group, *Safer Sidewalks, Mature Trees*, (SSMT), formed to think comprehensively about our arterial, and explore innovative strategies for improved walkability that also preserves mature, existing street trees. SSMT would like to avoid piecemeal repairs that will eventually make a significant impact in terms of tree loss. While some have argued that the issue is one of safety versus trees, SSMT believes there are strategies that are both safe and pro-tree.

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On Sept. 28, SDOT announced plans to begin work finishing the 900 block of 34th Ave East. Madrona residents on both sides of the tree-preservation issue weighed in, and SDOT altered their original course, deciding to make temporary sidewalk repairs and retain the existing trees to buy time for exploring other options.

On Oct. 2 SSMT presented a 24-page report draft to SDOT, the Madrona Community Council, and the broader community. The report offers corridor assessment data, an independent arborist report, and alternative options for sidewalk repair. The report is available at: <http://madronaseattle.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/safer-sidewalks-mature-trees-madrona-demonstration-project-draft-plan-9-26-12.pdf>; it also can be found on the MCC website at www.madrona.us. Community comment and feedback is welcome; please send feedback on the report to MadronaTreesSidewalks@gmail.com.

On Oct. 11 members of SSMT met with SDOT Director Peter Hahn, Street Maintenance, Urban Forestry and other city representatives to discuss ways to proceed with a corridor plan involving broader community input. That effort continues. SSMT is seeking additional members and is open to anyone who wishes to roll up their sleeves in support of a corridor that is walkable, beautiful, and tree-lined. Professionals in landscape architecture, urban planning, land use, forestry, etc. are especially welcome. Please contact us at MadronaTreesSidewalks@gmail.com to express your interest or to sign up for SSMT meeting notices.

Neighborhood News and Notes

Conrow Porcelain Studio is undergoing some changes in the near term. Ginny Conrow's annual holiday show (with fabric artist Kate Beck and jeweler Susan M. Goodwin) will be held early this year from Nov. 16-18. Thereafter Ginny will be making pots in Yelapa, a small Mexican village which is accessible only by boat. Ginny has been visiting Yelapa for about 20 years, but this year she wanted to spend Dec. to March there simply making pots without the buzz of cars and computers. In addition to pot-making, Ginny plans to invite village children as well as adults to try their own hands with the clay. There is a potter on a nearby island who has a wood kiln to fire the pots; additionally Ginny will have with her a small, portable gas kiln that she built for the trip. Potter Lance Roberts will work out of Conrow's 34th Ave. studio in her absence. He expects to be open on December Saturdays through the Christmas holiday.


By Oct. 5 glassbaby had donated over \$1,000,000 to charity based on sales of the glassbaby product. All donations go to charities that focus on health, healing, and quality of life for all. Starting in 1998, glassbaby moved to its Madrona studio in 2007 where glassybaby artists can produce 500 glassbabys each day of a seven-day week.

The School of Spectrum Dance Theater welcomes new faculty members Victoria Pulkkinen and Joel Meyers. Pulkkinen, who has more than 20 years of experience in dance education at the Pacific Northwest Ballet as Curriculum Supervisor, brings her expertise to hone Spectrum's Ballet Program as the Head of the Ballet Division. Meyers, a former member of Spectrum's Company returns to Spectrum as Coordinator of the Academy Program,


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Water 1st will hold its 8th annual fund raiser on Nov. 3, 6:00pm at Fremont Studios in Seattle. As the result of the organization's work to date, 680 communities and 77,000 people around the world have joyfully inaugurated new water systems - projects that became possible via joint efforts with Water 1st.

On Nov. 7 Madrona Wine Merchants welcomes a new art installation by Suzanne Brooker titled *Arc of Heaven: Oil Paintings of the Sky*. The show runs through December, so stop by to visit the store and enjoy this new show.

At their Nov. 7 meeting, Leschi Community Council will host Dr. Susan Platt, art historian and art critic, who will present a selection of highlights of the SAM exhibition *Elles* from the

Pompidou Center in Paris. The talk will showcase well-known artists Frida Kahlo and Dora Maar, and then turn to outstanding women artists on display elsewhere in Seattle. The meeting begins at 7:00pm and is held at the Central Area Senior Center 500 30th Ave. S. (one block south of Jackson at King)


The MLK FAME Community Center invites people to attend its 2012 Reunion of Nations and States to enjoy fellowship, meals, dancing, games, and other fun. The event will occur at the MLK FAME CC at 3201 E. Republican from 1:00-4:00pm on Nov. 10.

Business Owners of Madrona (BOOM) announce plans for a special day of events to be held at stores on and near 34th Ave on Dec. 1. Events coincide with pickups at the Amara Parenting parking lot for those who purchased holiday wreaths from the Madrona Community Council.

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Sunny skies and cool temperatures greeted Madrona K-8 PTSA's first Jog-A-Thon fundraising event on Oct. 11. Around 260 students participated, running laps around the school and playground to raise money for after-school activities, academic tutoring and support, and community-building events. Prior to the event, students took pledges from family, friends and neighbors. Great fun was had by all!

Madrona K-8's PTSA participated in this year's MCC Halloween event on Oct. 31--greeting scavenger hunt participants in front of the school, providing refreshments, and providing a small prize to those who completed the hunt.

On Nov. 7, the PTSA will hold its second general meeting of the school year featuring the annual "harvest feast" with dinner hosted by the Seattle alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. The evening will include a visit from Seattle City Council Member Tim Burgess who will speak about the Seattle Family and Education levy funds recently awarded to the school. Parents also can avail themselves of health guidance on nutrition and diabetes presented by Swedish Hospital, and hear tips for getting the most from parent-teacher conferences.

To stay up to date on all happenings at Madrona K-8, check out madronapantherpartners.org.

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** Tom Bennett and the Rolling Blackouts—Playing every Monday at St. Clouds. www.tombennettmusic.com
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm Song Writer's Salon—A not-so open mic at Bottlehouse; contact comalrkin@gmail.com for information about performing
- WED & FRI** 8:40am – 9:00am Meditation—Guided silent meditation led by Peter 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
 7:30pm AA/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 www.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
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm Donate Used Goods—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org

- Nov 2 9:30am – 10:15am “Fridays with Farah”—Coffee chat with Farah Thaxton, Principal at Madrona K-8. For information, call 252-3100
- Nov 3 9:00am – 3:00pm Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area—Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648
- Nov 3 6:30pm – 9:30pm MCC Wine Tasting at glassybaby studios—Tickets available at madronawinetasting2012.brownpapertickets.com/
- Nov 6 7:15pm Madrona Community Council Meeting—Elections for officer positions. Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, ho2bye@yahoo.com
- Nov 7 3:30pm – 4pm BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting—Bottlehouse 1416 34th Ave. Officers meet from 2:45-3:30 with an open forum from 3:30-4:00. Contact Soni Dave-Schock at madronabusinesses@gmail.com
- Nov 7 5:00pm – 10:00pm Dinner with Friends at St. Clouds—A percentage of the evening's proceeds will go to support the hands-on restoration and sustainability education of Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. For more information: www.cedarriver.org. For reservations: 726.1522
- Nov 7 7:00pm Leschi Community Council Meeting—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. 9th. Featured speaker is art historian and critic Dr. Susan Platt with highlights from SAM's Elles exhibit. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- Nov 21 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
- Nov 24 10:00am – 1:00pm Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party—Meet at the toolbox at Spring and Grand, or contact Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Nov 25 Happy Thanksgiving!

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