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From the World to Madrona, featuring Swiss-American Liliane Flacco of 36th Avenue

By Sandra Chait, E. Schubert Place

Madrona residents who hail from other continents enrich the neighborhood with their accents and experiences, and they bring cultural capital and economic growth to the area. Who are these refugees, immigrants, and now perhaps US citizens of Madrona? And what are their views of those early days when they were still newcomers to American ways? This is the first in a planned series to explore the immigrant experience and answer some of these questions.



Liliane Flacco

Liliane Flacco spent her childhood in the small German-speaking town of Riken, Switzerland, never imagining she would one day live in the US. But romance has a way of changing one's life direction. This occurred for Liliane when she met her future husband Michael Flacco on a Greek tour boat from Peraeus to Crete. Their stars obviously aligned, for she spoke no English and he but a smidgen of German from a year as a US exchange student in Austria. After a number of visits to Michael in Connecticut, Liliane married him in 1977, enrolling soon after in English as a Second Language classes at a community college in Hartford. She says that at that time most of her fellow students were Cambodian refugees who also struggled to become proficient in English.

With little English and no Swiss community support group, Liliane remembers an overriding feeling of being alone and lonely. She missed the friendships and easy conversations from growing up in a town of 350 people where everyone knew her. Despite hospital volunteering and work at a greenhouse, she found it hard to fit in.

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Council Corner

The City Moves with Feet on the Ground and Buses on the Street

The February Madrona Community Council meeting linked Madrona neighbors with Seattle Department of Transportation and King County Metro. The two issues these government agencies addressed boosted meeting attendance to over 60--the little Shelterhouse was filled with attendees.

Four Metro transportation planners attended to record comments and provide information on bus routes 2, 3, and 27. The majority of those present described inconveniences that would result from proposed changes to the No.

2 route. These included: lengthened times of bus rides from Madison and having to transfer; increased difficulties for disabled and older people; and timing uncertainties. Some questioned why a long-established and much-used urban route is to be cut. Metro officials explained that their charge in the Transportation Management Plan is to reduce the congestion on Third Avenue that currently occurs because of bus use and the number of buses that turn left off Third onto Spring St. In addition, the ride free zone soon will disappear, causing slowed traffic due to fare collection on all buses. Jerry Arbes

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Meet Deirdre McCrary, MCC Secretary

Deirdre McCrary's first interactions with the Madrona Community Council were to attend meetings when topics interested her. In the process she says she met interesting neighbors she would not have ordinarily met. Then in about 2008 the MCC needed a secretary and Deirdre stepped forward, intent to do the job the best way she could by formalizing minutes of each meeting. She enjoys the task and finds it continually offers a good way to get to know neighbors in a different way.



Deirdre McCrary
MCC Secretary

Deirdre also is a long-time volunteer for Madrona Woods projects, an interest *(continued on page 3)*

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offered a well-received proposal to reduce congestion by moving specific bus stops, installing transit-priority signals and transit-only lanes, and constructing an island bus stop on Spring St. Those interested in the issue can comment to Metro by emailing ashley.deforest@kingcounty.gov and can take the survey on the King County Metro website. Email Bus2Riders@gmail.com to sign up for notices. See note below on Metro update.

SDOT solicited comments about the completed first phase of sidewalk replacement and tree removal along 34th Ave. and accepted suggestions and opinions about timing of the project's second phase. Those voting on the timing slightly favored waiting for the committee headed by Sarah Westneat to find funding and devise a neighborhood-driven plan to address problems created by tree roots and broken sidewalks, rather than proceeding with the second phase of replacement this year as had been planned. You can comment on this topic by emailing David.Allen@Seattle.Gov or sarahwestneat@comcast.net.

Madrona Community Council Meeting *Draft Agenda

- For March 6, 7:15pm at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse
- » Events: Neighborhood Appreciation Day and Mayfair
 - » Streetscape/tree committee: update on grant activities, recap of SDOT at Feb meeting, next steps
 - » Revenues and costs for *Madrona News*
 - » Finance update
 - » MCC response to e-mail voting
 - » Recruiting

*Please be aware that draft agendas can and do change.

Metro Update

A Feb. 17 email from King County Metro Transit states "Metro has decided to postpone the route 2, 4 and 27 proposals. Issues were raised of coverage and traffic congestion on Madison Street, and more information about the unique travel needs of those that live and work in the area is needed. For now, we are not proposing to change existing routing of this set of routes." Updated proposals are expected in mid-March.

IN MEMORIAM

After close to two decades of dedicated service to Amara, Hasan Sala passed away from heart disease. He was discovered in the early hours of November 23, 2011 at the Amara parking lot. Efforts to revive him were futile. Hasan will be remembered as a hard-working, loyal and modest man with a big and generous heart for the community. Hasan supported Amara's mission in any way he could. His passing is mourned by all of us who knew him.

John Morse, Executive Director, Amara

Liliane Flacco... (cont'd from page 1)

She bicycled everywhere while others drove cars, and she found that US people retired to bed early while she was accustomed to later evenings.

After moving to Seattle in 1978 for Michael's medical fellowship, Liliane enrolled in another community college, this time studying English with numerous Saudis. The city held surprises for her. For instance, she was shocked the first time she saw destitute people living on the streets. She had never before seen real poverty because, back in Riken, neighbors—even children—would help neighbors in times of need. And in Seattle she met Africans, Chinese, and Jews for the first time who opened her worldview to diversity.

Madrona, with its easily walkable central business district and its friendly neighbors, appealed to Liliane. It had a small town feel and she felt fortunate to be able to bring up her two sons Nicholas and Alexander in the neighborhood. But the educational process in Seattle included mind-boggling educational costs and school emphasis on popularity and sports. This was in sharp contrast to Riken, where school cliques did not exist, children were very independent, and young boys often gathered in local cafes after school for lively political debates.

Liliane exposed her boys to both lifestyles, making sure they attended German school on Saturdays and spent time in Switzerland while living primarily in the US. Today, Liliane says, her older son is more European, while the younger one loves only Seattle. For her part, she has integrated both cultures and now feels at home in either.

Nominate a Special Neighbor

Each spring the Madrona Community Council (MCC) sponsors Neighborhood Appreciation Day awards which are presented in conjunction with awards made by Madrona K-8 School on the same day. This annual tradition is a wonderful partnership with our neighborhood school and is a celebration of all the people that make the Madrona neighborhood the great community that it is.

This year's award ceremony will be March 24 at Madrona K-8 School Library. The four awards categories are below. You are invited to submit one or more nominees, with a paragraph or two about each and how she or he reflects values of the award for which nominated. Email your nomination(s) on or before March 5 to madronanews@gmail.com for review and selection by MCC members.

- *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.

Deirdre McCrary... (cont'd from page 1)

she first cultivated as an Epiphany teacher whose curriculum included forest ecology and restoration. In the cycle of each year students would identify what was in the Woods, then decide what kind of plant was appropriate to order and place in Woods terrain before removing invasives. In the process Deirdre's students learned how to restore the healthier landscape that existed before the invasive plants.

When Deirdre retired from 35 years of teaching (including stints with community colleges through elementary schools), she agreed to join the Madrona Woods board, which at that time was ramping up activities to daylight the stream. That meant raising funds, laboring, and organizing others to get the job done; ongoing work includes planning and organizing work parties, reporting accomplishments to the GreenSeattle Partnership, and frequent assaults on invasive plants.

Deirdre moved from Montlake to Madrona some 23 years ago because she found the neighborhood to be quiet and friendly. She enjoys neighborhood activities, expressing a desire she shares with other MCC members to see Council diversity reflective of the neighborhood. She says she doesn't know how to make it happen, but it may happen the way it happened for Deirdre: attend MCC meetings of interest to meet neighbors you would not ordinarily meet and contribute to resolving issues we share.



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The eagerly anticipated Second Annual Downtown Volunteer Fair will be held on March 4 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The driving vision for the Fair is opportunities for individuals to donate time and talent in an environment where financial resources are severely strained. Representatives of over 35 charities and agencies that serve poor, homeless, sick, hungry, and lonely people will be available to meet one-on-one with potential volunteers in an effort to match individual time and talent with human needs.

In addition to the volunteer match, there will be special sessions on advocacy for those who are interested in exploring the use of political action to promote social justice. The Fair is supported by Virginia Mason Medical Center and cosponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Downtown Seattle Association, and the Pike Place Market Foundation. This event is free and open to everyone. It will be held at Christ Our Hope Catholic Church located at 1902 2nd Ave. (2nd and Stewart inside the Josephinum building). The Church is easily accessible by public transportation and is also wheelchair accessible. For information and updates, please visit www.annualdowntownvolunteerfair.org or contact Fran Abbott, Fair coordinator, at 452-1734.

Summer Specialty Camps in Madrona

Garfield Community Center will offer the following summer camps in Madrona this year. All but Madrona Woods camps are held at the Madrona Shelterhouse.

- *Circus Camp* for ages 8-12 (#84498)
Aug. 20-23, 10:00am 12:00pm—\$95
- *Creative Movement Camp* for ages 4-6 (#84499)
June 25, 9:30 11:30am—\$85
- *GreenStage/Madrona Youth Theatre Camp* for ages 8-15 (#84501), Aug. 6-10, 9:00am-3:00pm,
Aug.11, 9:30-11:30 am—\$255
- *Madrona Woods Jr. Nature Explorers Camp* for ages 6-7 (#84503), July 9-11, 9:30am-12:30pm—\$85
- *Madrona Woods Nature Explorers Camp* for ages 8-9 (#84504), July 9-11, 1:00-4:00pm—\$85
- *Spanish Summer Camp for Preschoolers* ages 3-6 (#84506)
Aug. 13-17, 10:00am-1:00pm—\$145
- *Tween Camp* for ages 8-12 (#84508)
July 23-25, 10:30am 2:30pm—\$55
- *Yoga Camp* for ages 7-12 (#84509)
July 16-19, 10:30am 1:00pm—\$85
- *Summer Green Teen Camp* for ages 12-16,
July 16-20, 9:00am 3:00pm—free

Madrona K-8 School

Madrona K-8's garden will soon get a face-lift with new raised beds and other enhancements, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's. The garden brings learning alive for students, helping them learn about science and witness what happens to the compost they generate from food waste. A grant last year enabled the school to divert food waste from the garbage and into recycling, which protects the environment, provides a great learning opportunity, and gives students school leadership opportunities in this important work. Work parties will be organized for the garden this spring. If you're interested, keep an eye on the Friends and Family of Madrona K-8 Facebook page.


And if fresh, delicious things are on your mind, dine out for Madrona K-8 on April 10, a Tuesday. Last year the PTSA packed area restaurants and boosted business on this otherwise slow day of the week. This partnership between the Madrona K-8 PTSA and Business Owners of Madrona is a warm school and community event celebrating the students at our neighborhood school. It supports arts programming, like drumming, theatre, yoga, and robotics, during and after school, and it supports environmental programming similar to that presented at IslandWood Learning Center. All are encouraged to dine out.

These and other fantastic activities take place frequently at Madrona K-8. If you are considering a neighborhood school for your child or are just curious about the momentum and optimism currently in the school, attend the last school tour for this year on March 7 from 9:45 to 10:30am. The tour starts at the school library, where Principal Thaxton will provide an overview and answer questions. Parents with currently enrolled Madrona K-8 students will also be on hand to share their experiences and explain why the school has been a good choice for their families.


Neighborhood News & Notes

- *Madrona News* seeks a volunteer to manage the monthly calendar. The job takes 2-3 hours per month and includes preparing the calendar for the print edition as well as updating the website calendar on a weekly basis. Current calendar editor Nikki Bains is willing to share her templates and knowledge with a new volunteer. For additional information or to volunteer, contact madronanews@gmail.com.
- Northwest Woodworkers Gallery will host The Clay Edge from March 20-April 22, a juried exhibition of ceramic works that includes Madrona artists Lin Holley and Ginny Conrow. The gallery is located at 2111 First Avenue. Telephone 625-0542 or visit www.nwfinewoodworking.com for details.
- The design for Alleycat Acre's newest urban farm/ community garden at 720 Martin Luther King Jr Way between E. Cherry and E. Columbia Streets is complete and the first work party is

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set for March 10 at 10:00am. Join us to transform the land, the more the merrier. Alleycat Acres is an urban farming collective that aims to reconnect people with food by creating community-run farms on under utilized urban spaces. At this local site, there will be educational and demonstration gardens, a greenhouse, bees, chickens, and space for community gatherings.

If you have questions about the farm or suggestions of things you'd like to see there, send a note to mlk@alleycatacres.com. Bring your work gloves!

- Green Plate Special's 2012 programming has begun with indoor projects and cooking at Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church. On March 3 founders and other volunteers will gather at the 2725 E. Union lot from 10:00am-5:00pm for spring cleaning to tidy the lot, mulch, amend soil, compost, harvest end of season food, and plant peas. Volunteers also will hang the alley entrance gate and create or rebuild beds. Look for GPS snacks and beverages (including great coffee). If you can volunteer, GPS needs one-gallon milk or water jugs and burlap coffee bags; if you have them bring work gloves, small garden tools, or weed whackers.

- More than 700,000 Washington state people currently are unpaid caregivers for a family member or friend. If this is your situation, a resource to support you is the *King County Caregiver Support Network*, nine agencies that provide free consultations, advice, and coaching for caregivers. You can join this network via a visit to www.kccaregiver.org/maintain their own well-being or contact Janet Ceballos at Aging and Disability Services at 733-9925 or janet.ceballos@seattle.gov.

- Jennifer Bacon's run for the King Conservation District Board was denied because two open seats require either a land owner or farm operator: Bacon is neither.



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Lee Rhodes is the founder of glassbaby and she is the winner of the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award sponsored by *Entrepreneur Magazine*.



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Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

Our most recent get together was the FareStart Celebrity Chef evening on Feb. 9. We had the private dining room so it was easy to chat with neighbors, always a big plus to enjoying the delicious menu. We also cheered as three new graduates of this award-winning James Beard culinary training program received their diplomas and sets of chef's knives.

Next up is a unique treat with a Madrona neighborhood connection. 36th Avenue has been home to Rachael Coyle who will be opening a Breton crepes restaurant in the Eastlake neighborhood shortly. Chef Rachael has invited MDSS to her parents' home on March 11 from 5:00-7:00pm to sample her crepes and enjoy a casual at-home evening in the neighborhood. Crepes will be made to order in the \$6 - \$8 range. You will be able order as many crepes as you wish and then settle accounts at the end. Please bring cash and checks. Guests also will enjoy a glass of hard cider with compliments of Rachael's parents. Join the MDSS list via an email to audreyseale@comcast.net.

For your calendar:

- On April 10 Dine Out for Madrona K-8
- On April 11 we will sample food at the new Restaurant Bea.
- May 17 is opening night for Trimpin's show *Gurs Zyklus* which premiered at the end of his artistic residency at Stanford last spring. Extraordinary in every way. We will grab a quick bite to eat before the show and I will reserve a block of tickets for us to attend opening night.

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 722 18th Ave., 98122
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 Thurs: 11:00am-3:00pm; English, Vietnamese, Mandarin
 Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm on 3/10 and 4/14

United Way
www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/ongoing-campaigns/free-tax-services/

El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S. 98144
 Tues: 5:00-9:00pm; English, Arabic, Spanish
 Thurs: 5:00-9:00pm
 Sat: 10:00am-2:00pm English, Spanish, Chinese
 Also open Weds: 5:00-9:00pm, Jan. 10 to Feb. 24
Yesler Community Center, 917 E. Yesler Way 98122
 Thurs: 5:00-9:00pm
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Jefferson Community Center, 3801 Beacon Ave. S. 98108; 684-7481

Thu: 10:00am-3:00pm

Columbia Library, 4721 Rainier Ave. S. 98118; 386-1908

Wed: 11:00am-3:00pm

Sat: 11:00am-3:00pm

Get Financially Fit

The Seattle-King County Asset Building Collaborative and its local partners are hosting Financial Fitness Day on March 31 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Rainier Valley Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S. This one-day event provides workshops, one-on-one counseling, and other financial services, including financial planning and investment advice, credit reports, credit and debt counseling, free tax preparation, document shredding, legal assistance on bankruptcy and consumer rights, and advice on microenterprise development. For additional information about sponsors or which documents to bring, visit www.skcab.org/fitness_fair.

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Mayfair Seeks Block Party Sponsors

By Stacey Kryman, 33rd Avenue

The Madrona Community Council (MCC) is partnering with Business Owners of Madrona this year to expand Madrona Mayfair into an all-day, all-ages event called the Madrona Mayfair Block Party. There will be the traditional Mayfair fun in the morning, followed by live music, food and drink, and retail specials among participating 34th Ave. businesses from 12:00 to 6:00pm.



Sponsorship packages are available for local organizations interested in reaching the nearly 500 Central District families who attend the annual Madrona Mayfair neighborhood tradition. The \$500 sponsorship package includes:

- Exclusive signage during the sponsored event.
- Organizational logo on the event t-shirt, banner, and event poster.
- Organizational mention in the *Madrona News* and the Central District News blog postings, and multiple mentions on Madrona Moms and on all other publicity materials leading up to the event.

Sponsors will also be able to set up a table in the tennis court to display organizational materials, hang a banner from the tennis court fence, and distribute materials (provided by the sponsor) to Mayfair participants. We just ask that sponsors avoid generating excessive trash during the event.

Here are some of the exclusive Sponsorship Opportunities, priced at \$500 each:

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- Bouncy House - Sponsor Mayfair's bounciest event and receive exclusive signage on the Bouncy House. This sponsorship funds Bouncy House costs and helps cover additional insurance the MCC must purchase to host this event.
- Face Painting - Sponsor the cutest faces in town. This sponsorship has been sold to Harvard Avenue Preschool.
- Pony Rides - Sponsor the longest line at Mayfair! This sponsorship covers the pony rentals and hay. The Pony Sponsor receives exclusive signage on the fence around the ponies and access to a long line of patient parents and their not-so-patient kids!. This sponsorship has been sold to Ewing & Clark.
- Parade - Begin Madrona's Mayfair celebration with exclusive signage on the parade banner. This sponsorship package allows all parade participants to decorate their trikes, bikes, scooters, and strollers with balloons, streamers, and noise makers and covers all city permitting to close 34th Ave.
- The Reptile Man and Mayfair Clown - Sponsor Mayfair's wackiest clown and scariest reptiles. This sponsorship covers the costs to provide a Mayfair clown and The Reptile Man as they perform 30-minute shows near the Shelterhouse. The sponsor receives exclusive signage during the shows and can distribute materials to all participants.

While these sponsorships offset some of Mayfair's expenses, the need is high for neighborhood support in the form of cash and volunteer work. Visit www.madrona.us to make your donation via PayPal. To volunteer for Mayfair please contact me at staceykryman@gmail.com or Nikki Lundin at nikki.lundin@comcast.net.

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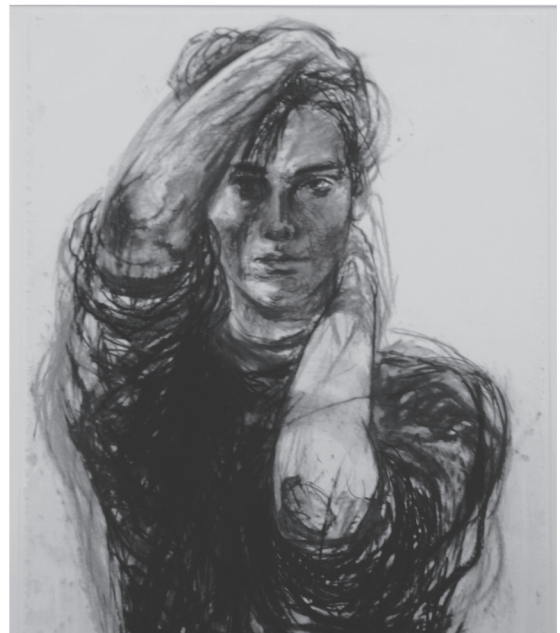
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Pike Station Begins

by Tom Flood, 34th Avenue

February construction at 34th Ave. and E. Pike marked the start of a new mixed-use development project called Pike Station. Six of the three-story, 1,500-square-foot-units will have ground-floor retail space with 13-foot ceilings; four units will have roll-up doors accessing the interior courtyard. Parking for each of the seven units will be provided on site.



Visual of 34th Avenue

Sustainable design and integrated sculpture are driving forces behind the Pike Station project. Each element and project system is seen from a sculptural point of view. For example, a downspout is a synthesis of hydraulics, gravity, and design, and external vertical surfaces are seen as seasonal palettes.

Additional highlights include:

The 15,000 gallons of on-site-harvested rainwater will require very little city water for each unit; on site grey water treatment will provide supply for each low-flow toilet's flushing needs; the on site Atlas cedar tree will be milled for roof-top decking and trim work; private rooftop gardens for each unit will accommodate soil depth and capacity for food production; passive heating and cooling includes integrated on-demand hot water system and some radiant-heat flooring; maximum day-lighting reduces lighting needs; exceeds LEED Platinum checklist (3+ Living Building Petals); natural and sustainable materials throughout include custom design and artisan metalwork.

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Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 12.



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A Centennial and a Name Change at Madrona Presbyterian Church

By Sara Levant, 37th Ave.

March 25 will be a special day—in fact, a doubly special day—at Madrona Presbyterian Church. A celebratory service will be held to mark the one-hundredth anniversary of the church building as well as a name change. The church will now be Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church.

The addition of “Grace” to the church name honors the Central Area African-American congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, whose building was sold by the Seattle Presbytery in 1953. The Presbytery suggested that members of the existing membership move to Madrona Presbyterian Church, with its then all-white congregation.

The blending of the two groups was sometimes rocky, but the congregation endured. Three members of the Grace Church congregation still attend Madrona Presbyterian; one of them, Madrona resident Daisy Dawson, a student in 1953, recalls, “I was the only black Presbyterian at the UW.”

The hundred-year-old Madrona building, having had its own share of problems, also endures, and now—thanks to the energy of its present membership—it has begun providing shelter for homeless families in the church basement. Meanwhile, on March 25 the community is invited to share in the Centennial Celebration with a special brunch following the regular 11:00am service, as well as a concert featuring the church choir and Patrinell Wright’s Total Experience Gospel Choir at 6:30pm. The church is located at 832 32nd Ave. at the corner of Marion St. and 32nd.

Keeping Madrona Safe: What You Can Do

By Marie Doyle, 37th Ave., & Rachel Katzenellenbogen, 32nd Ave.

Recent criminal activity has meant increased use of Block Watch email lists, more information posted on listservs like “Madrona Moms,” and face-to-face information sharing. But in addition, the police need to be contacted more frequently, so they can log crimes and suspected criminal activity.

What to do:

1. If you see a crime take place, or are the victim of a crime, call 911 to report it. Right away. **Just do it.**
2. If you *suspect* criminal activity or see something that doesn’t “seem right,” email our Community Police Team (CPT) as much information as you can, and they will try to document the activity. A pattern of behaviors, pieced together from citizen reports, helps police build a profile and identify people-of-interest.

Police say that if you are undecided about whether to call 911 or email them, you should go ahead and call 911. For example, if you find your car has been broken into overnight, call 911 and, when prompted, say that it’s not an emergency but that you are reporting a crime. The operator will ask you a few questions, and you will be called later to provide information for a case report.

Important Contacts are:

- East Precinct Community Policing Team: CPT Officer Gerald House (George, or G, sector) 684-4374 or gerald.house@seattle.gov.
- East Precinct general number: 684-4370.
- East Precinct Non-Emergency number: 625-5011 (report nuisance activity or non-emergency crimes).
- Seattle Police Department website: www.seattle.gov/police/precincts.

Carjacking in Madrona

By Casey Losh, 31st Avenue

Shortly before 7:00pm on Jan. 24, a Madrona resident driving east at 34th Ave. and Cherry St. was bumped by the car behind her. She stopped to check for damage, but was approached by two men, one on each side of her vehicle. The one on the driver’s side

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tapped her window with a gun, ordering her to put her belongings on the passenger seat and get out of the car. She complied after first hiding her diamond ring in chewing gum that she stuck in her hair.

The driver walked away unharmed, but flagged down another driver on 34th who called police. The latter recovered the car not far away because it was equipped with a proximity key that the driver had taken with her when she walked away from the car. Thus, the car stalled soon after the original driver got out of range. Police are checking for prints and reviewing nearby traffic cameras to gather further information.

A little over a week later, at 8:00am on Feb. 2, neighbors observed several police SUVs blocking the same Cherry and 34th location, where they were handcuffing a man. Police were unable to share information on either event, but confirmed that the carjacking is an active investigation.

If someone hits your car, call 911 and stay on the line until you know you are safe.

Be A Good Neighbor, Please

By Kathleen Learned, 37th Ave.

Do you recall in the old days how miserable it was to step in dog poop on your parking strip? Then came the civilized law requiring leashes and plastic bags. Now most of us can walk to our cars without tiptoeing fearfully through the parking strip. Unfortunately there seem to be some people who just don't care about their neighbors. In the last three months I, or visitors to my house, have stepped in an offending pile multiple times, and I have had to clean up others that we thankfully saw first. Just this morning there was yet another pile in the path to my car. Clearly someone in Madrona lets their dog out rather than taking it for a walk. I have never seen the dog and so am helpless to contact the owner (or the authorities). If you are the offender, please leash and walk your dog as the law requires. If you have seen one or more dogs running loose in the area would you please see if you can locate its home? I live on 37 Ave., but the dog(s) could be from many blocks away. Help! It is so disgusting to have to deal with another's laziness and unlawful lack of neighborliness. Dog scofflaws be gone!

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Anatomy of a Work Party

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Most Madrona residents have not yet enjoyed a work party in Madrona Woods. Here's a sketch of what goes into making a work party happen and what to expect when you join in the fun.

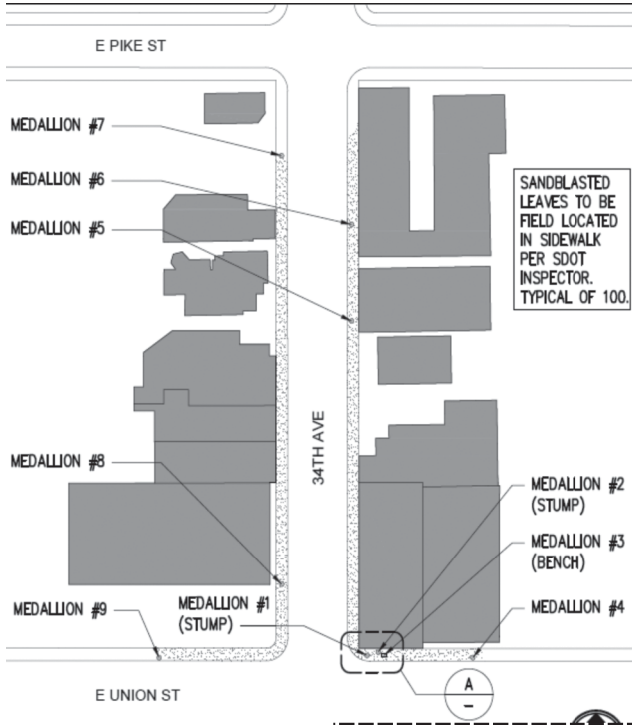
When you arrive at the toolbox near the Spring Street entrance at 10:00am on the fourth Saturday of the month, you'll find clean gloves (washed by elves?) and tools appropriate for the day's work laid out. Some of these have been taken out of that toolbox, and others have been brought from other toolboxes or people's homes. Deirdre McCrary and Peter Mason have recently been responsible for gathering everything as well as for selecting and setting up work sites. The latter usually involves building platforms out of scavenged branches on which to stack removed invasives, which otherwise might root if placed on the earth. It is current Parks Department policy to mulch what is removed on site.

Sometimes there will be hot coffee for participants, especially if an outside group will be adding its muscle. It has to be brought that morning from Starbucks. There may also be hand-baked goodies brought by Deirdre or our other refreshments provider, Tom Kushner. If mulching is involved in the day's projects, Deirdre or Peter will have arranged with the Parks Department to deliver wood chip mulch at a designated spot and will have lined up lots of buckets and wheelbarrows.

Most often this winter and spring the work sites will be in the southeast corner of the Woods, the last area slated for restoration. Likely tasks will include pulling out ivy and small holly and laurel trees by the roots, digging up larger holly and laurel and entrenched blackberry plants, and mulching with cardboard (collected ahead of time from a cooperative BMW dealer) and wood chips. There will likely be some planting in February and March. At our last work party we removed and piled invasives on platforms under lovely old cedars and were delighted to uncover a few native survivors like Oregon grape, salal, and sword ferns. We talked and laughed and used muscles we knew would complain the next day, though virtuous pain is somehow easier to take than other kinds. Less vigorous tasks are always available. The scenery and the company really can't be beat.

When you'd like to find out about our next work party, go to website www.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org and click on "Cedar." Enter "Green Seattle Partnership" and select "Madrone Park." You can sign up on the website. You can also sign up on paper when you show up to get your gloves and tools. Check our website for work parties, as well as other information, at www.madronawoods.org. I'm available to give tours or answer questions most any time; contact me at judithstarbuck@msn.com.

**Mutt Match-up Answers: Barry and Merlin,
Martino and Bailey, Leona and Miles**



Madrona Rings Project Walking Map

Madrona was a neighborhood that won a CleanScapes 2010 Neighborhood Waste Reduction contest. The project embedded nine 14-inch diameter bronze rings in the sidewalk along 34th Avenue between Union and Pike. The bronze rings resemble the concentric circles of a mature Madrona tree, signifying the strength, diversity, and longevity of the Madrona neighborhood. Each commemorates an historic Madrona business and/or event with a stylized photograph and a few words. The project also includes a bench and concrete “tree stumps” for a public seating area at 34th and Union.

Electric Trolley



1 *Fare from the city through the woods to sandy Madrona Beach via Union St. was 5¢.*

Electric trolleys replaced horse-drawn streetcars in 1889, and the Madrona line was among the first to convert. Investors looking to sell property along the lake built pavilions, bandstands, and refreshment kiosks to entertain those who ventured out from downtown. Some folks spent a few hours swimming while others brought tents or enjoyed a relaxing summer in simple cabins on Lake Washington.

Randell Family Homestead



2 *In 1895, the original street names were changed to the current numbered avenues.*

English-born George and Emma Randell built their home on a hill on what would become Carroll St. in 1890. Dr. Randell visited patients between Lake Washington and downtown Seattle via horse-drawn carriage. The family barn on Clarence St. became the first Madrona School and the Randell children, George, Frank, Ralph, and Laura, were among its first students. Over the years, the Randells sold their property piecemeal and these lots, known as Randell Additions, form the core of present day Madrona.

Madrona Tree



3 *Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean – Ryunosuke Satoro.*

With its peeling reddish bark and tendency for precarious leaning, the Pacific Madrone (*arbutus menziesii*) is a distinctive creature. In the 1850s, the western hills along Lake Washington were heavily wooded but contained relatively few madrona trees. The old growth timber was quickly logged to build a small but growing community. Mill owner John E. Ayer dubbed the area Madrona and the strength and resilience of this wily tree, with its deeply anchored tap root, have proven an apt metaphor for the community.

Le Cirque/ Black Arts West



4 *Live, innovative productions with local actors, neighbors & notables from 1952-80.*

The old Win Garage was reborn in the 1950s when thespian Gene Keene cast it as Le Cirque Playhouse, an innovative theatre-in-the-round and the first local stage with an integrated cast. Le Cirque entertained its audiences with comedies, some featuring known Hollywood names. In the more serious 1970s, Black Arts/West co-founder Doug Barnett offered local African American actors the opportunity to perform edgier fare.

Hi-Spot Cafe



5 Reviving the joy of fresh pastry & friendship kindled at Steiner’s Bohemian Bakery.

Eating together builds community, and Pat Barry knew that when she opened their Hi Spot bakery and café. The cozy restaurant built its reputation on home-style breakfasts, including crusty scones and monster cinnamon rolls. The comforting sweets and coffee motif was a throwback to the 1940s and ’50s when Margaret Steiner’s Bohemian Bakery filled the Madrona business district with the scent of sweet, baked kolaches.

Carolyn Downs Medical Center



6 Family medical clinic opened by local activist and Black Panthers to care for all.

Race and civil rights weighed heavily on Madrona in the 1960s. Idealists of all colors fought for equality by whatever means they deemed necessary. Medical care for women and children was one goal of the Seattle Black Panther Party, and so they opened a community clinic in 1968. When one of the center’s founders died of cancer herself at age 25, the clinic was renamed in her honor. In 1988 the clinic merged with the Country Doctor Community Clinic and continues to bring quality medical care to central Seattle.

Service Station



7 Stucco garage owned and run by Madrona and Leschi families as Texaco, Gulf, and Payless.

Along with the Signal station across the street, the stucco garage at 34th and Pike kept Madrona drivers on the road for decades. Gas was pumped by an attendant at the drive-through up front, while car repairs were handled in the back building. It sold its last gas in 1965, and for the next 20 years Rudy and Margorie DeVaul ran it as Madrona Auto, a body and fender shop where car advice and neighborhood news were always ready for sharing.

Corner Grocery



8 Filled local pantries as the Red and White, Scotts’ Madrona Grocery, and Madrona IGA.

The bustling corner of 34th and Union has always been the neighborhood shopping hub. Over the years, the size and vitality of the Madrona business district has ebbed and flowed with the fortunes of the neighborhood. The original ornate corner grocery that went up in 1906 was replaced with a “modern” low-rise store and blacktop parking lot in 1955. Matthew Randish, a second-generation grocer, ran it as an Independent Grocers Alliance store through the turbulent 1960s and ’70s. Increased competition from larger and newer stores on the edges of the neighborhood closed the market in 1980 when it was sold to Group Health Cooperative.

Peaceable Kingdom



9 Our community: pigs, panthers, sheep and wolves, all living together as one.

The theme was biblical (Isaiah 11:6-9) and the interpretation a modern allegory when a local sculptor captured Madrona’s turbulent history in the faces of a pig (the police), a panther (the Black Panthers), a wolf (aggressive street youth), and a sheep (neighborhood elderly). Forged as one in aluminum and installed in front of the neighborhood library, the piece has become a symbol for Madrona and was the inspiration for its nickname: The Peaceable Kingdom.

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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

See the Madrona website at www.madrona.us.

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** Tom Bennett and The Rolling Blackouts—Every Monday at St. Clouds. www.tombennettmusic.com
- MON & THURS** 5:50am – 6:50am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, www.nikkfitt.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
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Bible Study**—Epiphany Christie House Library, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573. www.epiphanyseattle.org
6:00pm – 7:00pm **Spiritual Reading and Prayer**—Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Avenue. www.madronachurch.org
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am **All Threads Together**—Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Library, Deanna Killian, 524-1501
11:00am **Family Story Time**—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. www.bigbluetruck.org

- March 3 10:00am-5:00pm **Green Plate Special Work Party**—2725 E. Union. www.greenplatespecial.org
- March 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. Tools, gloves and lunch provided. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood, 323-2296 or Diane Morris, 322-7648.
- March 6 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, ho2bye@yahoo.com
- March 7 1:00-2:00pm **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—Amara meeting room. Contact Soni Dave-Schock madronabusineses@gmail.com
- March 7 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. Diane Snell jdsnell1@comcast.net
- March 10 10:00am-5:00pm **Alleycat Acres Work Party**—720 Martin Luther King Jr Way. Contact mlk@alleycatacres.com
- March 20 2:00-4:00pm **Reception for new Prographica Exhibit: Landscape Part II: Urban and Rural**—3419 E Denny Way
- March 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. John Platt, john@stclouds.com
- March 24 10:00am-1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods work party**—Meet at the toolbox at Spring & Grand, Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com
- March 25 **Centennial Celebration and Name Change to Madrona Grace Presbyterian Church**—Brunch after 11:00am service and 6:30pm concert; 832 32nd Ave.




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If you bought a home last year the points you paid to get a lower interest rate are tax-deductible for that year.

Points on refinancing

The points you pay to get a lower interest rate on a home purchase loan are tax-deductible for that year. If you've refinanced before, and you have points from the previous refinance that haven't yet been deducted, you may take a full deduction on the remaining points for the earlier loan.

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State and local property taxes are deductible in the year they are paid.

Repairs to rental property

The costs of repairs to rental properties are fully deductible in the year in which they are incurred. Examples, include fixing leaks, patching plaster and replacing broken windows.

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