

M a d r o n a N E W S

www.madrona.us

January 2009
Issue No. 210

There's No Business Like Snow-Business!

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Your opinion of the week or so that 34th Avenue was an icy mess of deep ruts and crispy freezer-burned snow depends a lot on what you needed to do during those days. If you had to get to work or the airport, it was a terrific challenge. If you didn't need to go anywhere, it was a golden opportunity to sleep in, cocoon with the kid who were off from school, and bake Christmas cookies. If you operate a business in Madrona, the snow was a mixed blessing on some of the busiest shopping days of the year. For most retail shops, having a neighborhood filled with holiday shoppers who couldn't leave was great!



34th Avenue at Pike looking south on the afternoon of December 21

With the streets impassible and city buses immobile, people had to do their last minute Christmas shopping close to home. For many restaurants that depend on entertaining holiday revelers from beyond Madrona, the difficult driving conditions could not have come at a worse time.

"We managed to be open for our clients, which was important to us. I picked up my employees in my old 4 x 4," said Carlos Kainz, owner of Dulces Latin Bistro. "December is usually the best month of the year for us but not this year because many special holiday parties were cancelled." A great turnout and warm reception for Dulces special Inauguration Day dinner made up a bit for the cold December.

Down the block a décor on 34th, things were much better for Suzanne Sheppard and Teresa Carlson. "We had a wonderful season. Even before the snow, many people who don't normally shop here came in to support us as a small business. It was very touching and special," said Suzanne. Precocious Toys also weathered the

(continued on page 2)

Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

This year marks the 15th Annual Seattle Celebration of Neighbors. It is a day that the City designates "to celebrate the goodness in those around us and to reach out and strengthen our bonds to each other."

Neighbor Appreciation Day is a grassroots celebration. People and organizations throughout Seattle organize block parties, open houses, award ceremonies, potluck dinners, and work parties to recognize and encourage caring neighbors. Madrona needs an organizer for our recognition

event this year. The job generally involves working with Madrona K-8 School to pick the day, coordinating the event, and inviting the honorees.

The City asks Seattle students every year to send drawings of what they think it meant to be good neighbors. Some ideas from previous years show neighbors sharing meals, helping with childcare, exchanging plants, or talking over the fence. The artwork has also depicted neighbors working

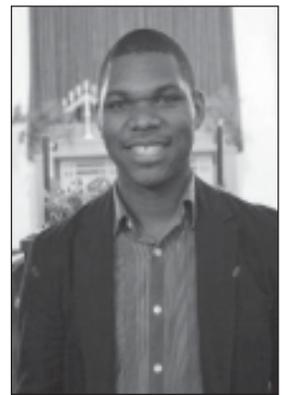
(continued on page 2)

Liberation Ministries Celebrates MLK and Welcomes Madrona

By Pastor Darrell & the Liberation Family

Greetings Neighbors and Friends,

My name is Pastor Darrell Goodwin, and I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to visit a young and vibrant congregation in Madrona. Liberation Ministries is



multi-cultural church with a charismatic worship experience. I was honored to serve as the host for the annual Martin Luther King Junior Day celebration—the first we have shared with the other churches in Madrona. Many thanks to our Madrona MLK Mass Choir, the MLK Dance Troupe featuring Northwest Tap Connection under the direction of Melba Ayco, and the Color Lines Dance Ensemble under the direction of Danny Long.

Liberation Ministries was established as a church that would be radically inclusive;

(continued on page 2)

In this Issue

- 3 Time to Appreciate a Neighbor
- 4 Land Use Updates
- 5 Buddhist Center Moves to CD
- 6 Input Need on Parking Resolutions
- 7 Juniper Cats Spread Love
- 8 Women's History Reenacted
- 9 Madrona Community Calendar

Liberation Ministries... (cont'd from page 1)

flowing from these principles: "We are free to be intentionally radically inclusive, welcoming all persons. Every person in the world is important to God. We are members of one body in Christ and none of us is an outsider. We belong to the same human family, and Jesus is the one who unites us" and "We are free to live in the truth that we are fearfully and wonderfully" made. Each person has been created in God's image—no matter the sex, gender, skin color, affectional orientation, physical or mental ability, or culture. These principles shape our worship experience and the community we are building.

We have been blessed to establish a beautiful friendship with the Epiphany Parish and have our weekly worship services in their sanctuary every Friday at 7:00pm and Sunday at 1:30pm. It was through this sacred covenant that our ministry moved to Madrona. Over the past two years we have established a non-traditional recovery group, a men's group, women's group, a gospel choir, assisted with the community service group at Madrona Presbyterian, and hosted various outreach initiatives. We invite you to participate in these opportunities as well as those that are emerging such as our newest ministry, *Lifeline*, which will focus on joining the fight to end HIV/AIDS in our local and global community.

More information on this exciting and *radically inclusive* worship experience can be found at www.liberationministries.net. If you are interested in becoming a part of Liberation experience, join us as we seek to build a community founded on a passionate and radical inclusion! Please pass the exciting information along!

Looking forward to worshipping with you in Freedom,



Thank you Madrona for Spending
Your Snow Days Here!

Winter Sale!

50% Off Holiday decorations

40% Off Abyss and Nandina bath towels,
cocktail napkins, and matches

30% Off pillows, 25% Off pairs of lamps

20% Off everything else

We're making room for new inventory!!

1421 34TH AVENUE
Tel: 219-1500
teresa1@decor34.com

Snow Business... (cont'd from page 1)

storm. "We managed to stay open thanks to the irreplaceable Melissa Talevich who lives in Madrona, tire chains on our VW Beetle, and our determined, teenage employees who came by bus, on foot, or with the help of their parents," reported owner Gavin Coulter. "We missed some of our usual customers but plenty of Madrona-area residents visited our shop for the first time." Nicola Hewitt said that things were busy at glassybaby as lots of moms with 'snow yearning' children, and several mirthful teachers on snow days ventured by. "We survived and thrived...candles are apparently a good antidote to the snow." Never mind her perilous commute in all the way from Tacoma!

When newspaper reporters are stuck at home on 35th Avenue, they tend to write about what's going on around them. *Seattle PI* reporter Joel Connelly gave Mayor Nickels at dose of reality about the state of the city's sandy—not salty—streets. *Seattle Times* reporter Danny Westneat introduced the city to Luel and Selam Mengistu of the Madrona Market, who worked with little sleep to keep their store stocked and open, despite their rugged commute from Renton. "We thank the neighborhood so much for supporting our store and showing such patience," said Luel. "People came in from all over the city to say HI and meet us and it made us so happy that we could help our community." Snow bound Madronaites blew though record amounts of milk, bread mix, breakfast cereal, and canned soup.

Office-based businesses took advantage of technology to keep up with clients. "I just plugged in my laptop, checked my voicemail often, and worked from home," said Edward Jones Investment Advisor Barbara Banon. "Unfortunately, Toys for Tots couldn't get through to pick up the three big barrels of toys we collected! The neighborhood was more generous than ever so we'll store everything until next December."

Cross your mittened fingers that December 2009 goes more smoothly than Christmas week 2008. In the meantime, remember to support your local downtown Madrona small business owners.

MCC President.. (cont'd from page 1)

together on a community project, such as building a new playground, painting a mural, or beautifying school or park grounds.

Whether or not you have a child who participates in that contest, the question is part of the event itself. What does it mean to be good neighbors? Are there people you might nominate? Contact me at cynistr@gmail.com if you have questions or nominations.

The next Madrona Community Council meeting is February 3 at 7:15 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Hope to see you there!



Jon Hughes,
BROKER

Madrona:
work. live. play.

Peter Greeley
Martha Belmont
Cindy Boone
Sarah Corboy

206.325.CITY
Seattle@GoCityLife.com
Madrona office: 34th & Pike

Get the 2009 Events Ball Rolling!

By Paige Smith, MLK Avenue

Come have fun and get involved in Madrona! We are looking for volunteers to help with our neighborhood events. We need everything from someone to help lead/coordinate the events, to volunteers that can help with a specific piece of an event. It takes us all to make these a success, so let me know if you are interested in helping in any way! May Fair is just around the corner...I would love to help get that one rolling!

This Events Tables runs every month in the *Madrona News* so everyone can see the upcoming activities and opportunities for involvement.

2009 Madrona Neighborhood Events

It's a clean slate of activities for the upcoming year! Thanks to everyone who took the lead on an event in 2008, and also to those who baked cookies, blew up balloons, put in a pair of work gloves, sent in a cash donation, painted a face, or showed up at a meeting. It takes lots of energy and ideas to make it all happen. Now is the time to ask yourself:

HOW WILL I BE INVOLVED IN MADRONA IN 2009???

Jan	Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration —Jan 18 Epiphany Church
Feb/Mar	Neighbor Appreciation Day
April	Community Garage Sale
May	Neighborhood Cleanup Mayfair Parade & Carnival Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
July/Aug	Madrona BBQ Festival
Sept	MCC Officer Election
Oct	Kids' Halloween Party
Nov	Winter Greens & Holiday Lights
Dec	Christmas Ships, Bon Fire & Carols at Madrona Beach

**Seeking
Event
Leaders!**

To get involved, contact these event coordinators or Madrona Community Council VP of Events Paige Smith at 225-5821 or paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com.

Madrona Computer & Network Support

Computer & Network troubleshooting
DSL / Cable / Wireless / VOIP / VPN solutions
Security - Hardware - Software
Virus & malware removal

Chris Kamila 860.7450
chris@madronacomputer.com



Nominate and Thank a Special Neighbor

At the January Madrona Community Council meeting, we discussed the plans for our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Day event which will be in February or March. Neighborhood Appreciation Day is your chance to honor your most special Madrona neighbors and tell everyone in the neighborhood about the good things they do. Simply write a couple of paragraphs about your deserving nominee for any of the four awards and email them to paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com.

- **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 both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Previous winners include Bob Bass, Mary Holm, Dorothy Grant, Dee Dee Rainbow, Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, Suzanne Sheppard, Walter Bodel, Bill Hanson, and Sarah Westneat.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity. Previous winners included Sayre Coombs, Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, Ann Lennartz, Anthony Matlock, Junius Rochester, Floyd Goffney, Judith Starbuck, and Laura Yurdin.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. Jon Hughes, the Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, Wayne Melonson, Julia Berry, Martha Ortiz-Williams, Kim Herber, Fred Strom, and Mau McKenzie are previous winners.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed. This award was presented for the first time in 2006 to Jon Hughes, who was then living in New Mexico but has since moved back to Madrona. Shelley Huestis was honored in 2007 and Henry Kuharic last year.

Who do you want to honor this year?

Lori K. Rath, Attorney/Mediator

- ◆ Estate Planning and Probate
- ◆ Separation/Divorce Mediation
- ◆ Relationship Agreements

Rath LAW & MEDIATION PLLC

lori@RathLawMediation.com | RathLawMediation.com
206.382.2573



WHICH COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Barbara W Banon
Financial Advisor
3304 East Spring St
Seattle, WA 98122
206-323-0440

www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

33rd Ave Rezone (DPD #3008274) Approved!

By Tom Flood and 33rd Avenue neighbors.

On December 15, 2008 The Seattle City Council voted unanimously to approve the rezone of the six parcels along the east side of 33rd Ave between the Bowling Green Development at E Marion and The Madrona Sally Goldmark Library on E Union to NC1 -30 zone. It has been a long haul!

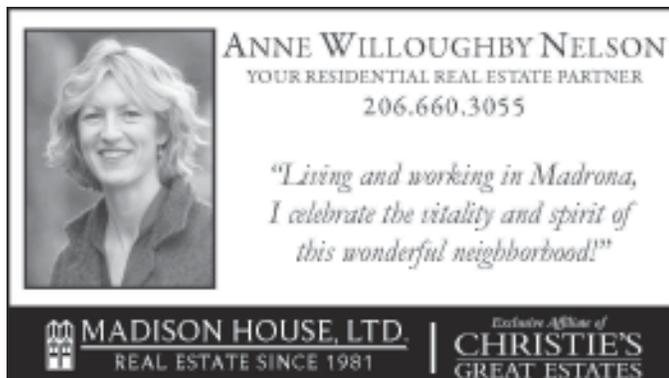
In the spring and fall of 2006, the home owners across the street from Madrona K-8 approached the Madrona Community Council (MCC) with a proposal to rezone our six properties from the multifamily L-2 zoning to mixed use NC1 -30. Conflicting articles in the *Madrona News*, coffee shop rumors, and bloggers' opinions circulated, but in the end, the MCC chose not to take a position.

We initially presented our petition to the city as an amendment to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. The petition was denied—but not on merit. That denial forced a clarification of the code to define the square footage requirements for any proposed plan change. In the end, our petition was deemed too small to be considered a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

In early 2007, we submitted our rezone proposal to the Department of Planning and Development (DPD). In February 2008, the big white land-use sign went up in front of my family's house and the public was invited to comment. The DPD agreed with the tenets of our proposal and recommended the rezone to the City Council, who would ultimately make the decision. The public was again invited to comment on the DPD recommendation.

Before DPD's recommendation reached the City Council, our petition went before the city's Hearing Examiner for internal review and another round of public comment. The Hearing Examiner agreed with DPD's recommendation and next the rezone went to the Council Central Staff. They formalized the petition for a review by the Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Committee (PLUNC) headed by Sally Clark, and requested more public comment. The PLUNC recommended the rezone with conditions and on December 15 it went before the full City Council. The vote was unanimously to approve the rezone. There were no appeals.

As was stated numerous times, the rezone will have very little impact on the neighborhood. None of the property owners wishes to sell and there is no conspiracy underwritten by a large developer to combine all six of the parcels and build out a big complex. The rezone process was initiated by my wife and me to explore our options for expanding our home. We want to include an art studio to replace the one at 34th Ave and E. Pike that will be lost when our Pike Station project begins. For details on that project DPD 3007213, see www.diluvianllc.com.



ANNE WILLOUGHBY NELSON
YOUR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE PARTNER
206.660.3055

*"Living and working in Madrona,
I celebrate the vitality and spirit of
this wonderful neighborhood!"*

MADISON HOUSE, LTD.
REAL ESTATE SINCE 1981

Exclusive Affiliate of
CHRISTIE'S
GREAT ESTATES

Madrona News Finds New Ad Manager

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

Right now you are reading a publication that almost didn't happen. A couple months ago, I put out the call for someone to volunteer to help gather and organize the advertisements that pay for this newsletter each month. The Madrona Community Council covers the publishing and mailing costs of the newsletter, but as the editor it's important to me that the newsletter pays as much of its own way as possible. We do that by running ads from local businesses at very reasonable rates! In fact, the ads that inform people about the goods and services available right in their own backyard are part of how the *Madrona News* builds community.

The good news is that neighbor John Schuitemaker has agreed to take on this hidden but vital task and so the newsletter will continue to publish! John lives on East Terrace Street—right at the border with Leschi. He works as a watch repair specialist at Ben Bridge Jewelers in Northgate Mall and is an avid fly fisherman. Welcome John, and thank you!

The bad news is that our long standing *Madrona News* distribution helper Jim Schultz is heading off into the retirement sunset. He and his wife have sold their home on 35th Avenue and are moving downtown into a beautiful condo. Jim's work on the newsletter is unsung but important. Each month he picks up 50 extra copies of the newsletter from the printer and distributes them to neighborhood businesses and schools where they can be picked up by anyone who wants one. He also posts the very public copy in the window at the Madrona Laundry. Good bye Jim, and thank you!

So again I'm turning to the community for support. If you enjoy spreading news around Madrona and have a spare hour or so each month to do distribution duty, I'd love to hear from you at kdh5027@aol.com.

Other Madrona DPD Projects

Email comments on these projects to PRC@Seattle.gov.

3009220: New Antennas at Grocery Outlet. Application to allow a new minor communication utility (Verizon Wireless) consisting of nine panel antennas located within a new 65 ft. flagpole/ monopole (replacing existing pole). Existing equipment cabinet to remain. Comments due by January 21.

3003452: Mixed-Use Structure at 1120 34th Avenue. Application to allow a three-story structure with 6,300 sq. ft. of office space above 1,500 sq. ft. of retail space at ground level. Surface parking for three vehicles to be provided. Existing single family residence to be demolished. Comments period closed.

3005396: Mixed-Use Structure at 1126 34th Avenue. Application to allow a three-story, mixed use building with 8,527 sq. ft. of office, 2,847 sq. ft. of retail at ground level and one 2,433 sq. ft. artist studio/dwelling on the third floor. Replace existing parking lot. Environmental review completed and project conditioned as applicable. Conditions have been placed on this project. Appeals period closed.

Tibetan Buddhist Group Relocates to the CD

The Dharma Friendship Foundation (DFF), a Tibetan Buddhist organization, is relocate to Seattle's Central District at 2420 E. Union, from Magnolia. Our mission is:

- To provide a mutually supportive spiritual community for Buddhist practitioners.
- To offer the public a variety of Buddhist educational programs ranging from lectures and class series to intensive retreats.
- To foster the spirit of peace, nonviolence, and compassion in our world, following the inspiring example of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The DFF was founded in Seattle in 1985 under the guidance of Alan Wallace to make it possible for Gen Lamrimpa to come and teach in the USA for an extended period of time. Born in Tibet in 1934, Gen Lamrimpa became a refugee in India after the 1959 abortive uprising against Communist Chinese rule in Tibet. Gen Lamrimpa was known as an accomplished meditator and a true yogi, although, like all genuine masters, he remained humble and unostentatious. For many years he meditated in a stone and mud hut and in 2004 "Gen la" passed away in meditation.

The DFF was extremely fortunate to have had Venerable Thubten Chodron as its resident teacher and spiritual advisor for many years. In 2002, Ven. Chodron left Seattle to begin Sravasti Abbey, an abbey for nuns, monks, and laypeople. She continued to function as the Spiritual Adviser of DFF until September, 2005, when with her blessing and encouragement, the Board of DFF formally requested Yangsi Rinpoche to be their new spiritual adviser.

Yangsi Rinpoche trained in the Tibetan monastic tradition for over twenty-five years and graduated with the highest degree of Geshe Lharampa from Sera Je Monastery in South India. Rinpoche teaches in English, and is admired wherever he travels for his unique presentation of the Dharma, his interest in and enthusiasm for Western culture, and his evident embodiment of the wisdom and compassion of the Buddhist path. Rinpoche teaches monthly on the weekends at DFF. Monastics from Sravasti Abbey under the spiritual direction of Venerable Thubten Chodron also visit DFF monthly to give teachings and facilitate study. Senior students facilitate the beginning classes and practices during the weekdays. We also host special visitors, such as Geshe Sopa, who was at the center in January. Geshe Sopa is one of the last surviving Tibetan teachers originally educated in Tibet prior to 1959 and one of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's debate examiners.

For more information about our monthly program and special visitors, visit www.dharmafriendship.org.

Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By Shelly Haverkamp, 30th Avenue

Sometimes it seems like everyone in Madrona has a dog. All of these dogs live in our neighborhood. To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 6.

What was the worst thing about the snow?



Bella

Woof [translation: I agree].



Blake

It melted



Winnie & Tuck

Arf. Bark [translation: We love snow!]



Steve

We weren't here!



Milo

Ow-ow-ooo [translation: I love snow!]



Jim

Fear of sliding

Thank you for all your support
this Holiday Season.
Happy New Years

Come check out our
new products for 2009!

Organic Cotton
Apparel for both
Women and Children,
Accessories,
Wooden and Soft Toys

TwoOwls

Open in Madrona across from the park!
New Hours
Tue through Sat
10am - 6pm

3308 East Spring St. Seattle WA 98122 206.424.2182
www.shoptwoowls.com

Jennifer Sargent L.Ac.
Acupuncture, Herbs, Aromatherapy
Private Yoga instruction

Licensed Acupuncturist, Yoga Instructor

(206) 295-7186 **Madrona**

Residential Parking Study Options

By Helen Payton, 34th Avenue

Although a parking study conducted by the city shows that the streets around the Madrona business district qualify to become a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ), not everyone is in favor of that idea. The study found that in the five contiguous blocks surveyed, at least 75 percent of the on-street parking spaces were full during the day. Adopting an RPZ involves residents purchasing permits for their cars and displaying them in their vehicles. The city posts parking time limits or prohibitions for any car without a sticker. To establish an RPZ, a qualifying neighborhood must send a letter of request signed by 25 residents of the affected area to the Residential Parking Zone Program. Commercial areas are not included in a RPZ.

When this topic was discussed at a recent Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting, a group of neighbors agreed to meet with a representative from the city to explore other methods for controlling parking. The meeting with Julie Erickson from Seattle Department of Transportation was scheduled and five people came to discuss parking ideas with her.

Julie was very well-informed regarding City parking policy and expertly responded to all question posed to her. The City will cooperate with us if we let them know what we want BUT we need more concerned neighbors to voice their opinions. Julie advised securing the involvement of merchants and personnel from the two schools in the neighborhood in any conversations. Julie informed us that it is ILLEGAL to park within FIVE FEET of a driveway. If you want to, you can paint your driveway area to reflect this ordinance. If your driveway is blocked, you should call the police to have the vehicle ticketed and/or towed.

The big question that I have about pursuing any kind of neighborhood parking decisions is - Does anyone really care? The establishment of an RPZ takes the involvement of more than a few interested residents! If the people of Madrona do care, I would request this interest be identified by attendance at the next MCC meeting on February 3. No one has more "free" time than anyone else. In the scheme of life, this is truly a minute problem but one that can be resolved through various means to satisfy residents. But, you have to get involved. Can we count on those affected to attend the February MCC meeting or not? We'll see.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Jim & Milo, Steve & Bella, Blake & Winnie, Tuck

Ben Chotzen Paste Up

Valley School Kids Collect Coats

By Gail Mensher, The Valley School

Valley School families and staff often help others in the community in ways that are tangible and meaningful for the students. This holiday season we targeted two organizations that help support needy children and families. In light of current economic events, it seemed toys were far less important than necessities to make it through the cold, rainy Puget Sound winters. New Futures in King County works with educational programs and support systems for specific needs of low income families. This year we helped them with a coat drive.

Fourth grade students plastered the campus with signs stating "100 Coats for 100 Hangers," to encourage Valley families to donate gently used or new coats in all sizes. Each week we counted the coats hanging in batches of ten from the Meeting Room ceiling beams, and soon surpassed our goal. This allowed us to donate the extra coats to another group, Clothes for Kids, which operates a store in Lynnwood where low-income parents can shop free of charge for their children. Valley School families responded with totes full of clothing and shoes that quickly piled up beneath the rows of coats.

Food drives and fund-raisers to aid orangutans in Borneo are currently on the Valley School list for possible community projects in 2009.

Looking even further into the future...Tours of the school for adults will continue through the first week of March, with visits for student applicants on February 28 and March 7. Please email lynn@thevalleyschool.org to make an appointment to join a tour. Our annual open house is February 5 at 7:00pm and is a great way to hear directly from teachers observed on the tour. All adults are welcome!

What matters to you?



We can help you bring it all together.

Call us today to get started.
206.722.1540

www.prestigecustombuilders.com

**PRESTIGE
CUSTOM
BUILDERS**

CUSTOM HOMES + REMODELS
HOME SERVICES

FREESTCB11474

Happy New Year from the Juniper Cats

By Lisa Clinton, Juniper

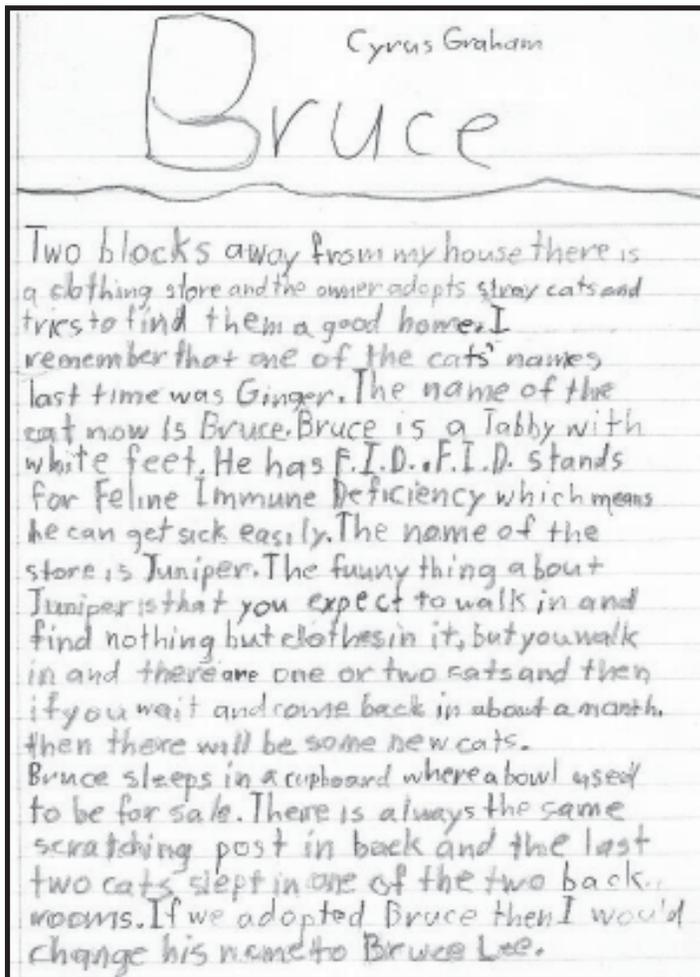
A clothing store with a cat for adoption is a bit of an unusual mix but, thanks to the residents of Madrona, this mix has been quite successful! I am thrilled with the warm reception the cats (and my shop and I!) have gotten from the neighborhood. Since Juniper opened in March of 2007, we have helped nine cats from the Seattle Animal Shelter be adopted.

The cat we have right now has already been adopted but will stay in the shop a couple more weeks until her new family is ready to take her home.

A lot of my Madrona friends who come by specifically to look in on the cats are youngsters. One Madrona boy was so inspired by them that he even wrote a report at school. Cyrus Graham is a 5th generation Seattleite who lives in Madrona and attends TOPS elementary school. He is 8 years old and hopes his family will adopt a cat some day. Until then, he enjoys our cats, especially a grey tabby named Bruce. Bruce, who now lives in Leschi with his new family, is FIV positive, as are many of our foster cats. FIV is a virus that attacks a cat's immune system, much like HIV attacks the immune system of human beings. FIV poses no threat to humans and FIV positive cats can live just fine for many years.



Juniper is located at 3314 E Spring St., across from the Madrona Playfield. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:00am to 6:00pm and Sundays from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Visit us online at www.juniperinmadrona.com/



VÉRITÉ COFFEE & CUPCAKE ROYALE



★
VÉRITÉ
★
COFFEE

Truly fine coffee.
No shortcuts.

Delicious espresso crafted by damn fine baristas.

Featuring Stumptown Coffee beans
Fair Trade ★ Direct Trade ★ Organic



Vérité Coffee & Cupcake Royale
1101 34th Avenue
206.709.4497
www.cupcakeroyle.com • www.veritecofee.com



Women's History Comes Alive in Leschi

By Diane Snell, Leschi News

The Leschi Community Council is presenting two interesting programs in the next few weeks. We hope that some of our Madrona neighbors can join us for these events at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S at 7:30PM.

On January 29, Neghin Almassi, the cultural competence manager at Senior Services, will give a slide show about Iran. Neghin will take us on a visit to modern day Tehran, a mile-high modern city of 14 million people, and to the beautiful, ancient city of Esfahan that is filled with the blue tiled domes we commonly associate with Persia.

On February 4, Constance Denson-Hamilton and Zeldall Foxall will portray six African American women of history. From the flamboyant character of entertainer Josephine Baker to the shy, but determined voting rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, the two actresses bring them to life. Experience how these women overcame poverty, racism and ignorance to climb to the top of their fields. Although these important African American women tend to be ignored in history, they are given their due in this inspiring and fun performance as they tell their own stories.

Dining & Sipping Society Branches Out

As New Year's resolutions go, you can't beat the fun of having a night out with the neighbors. The Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS) plans monthly dinners at local restaurants and welcomes all in the neighborhood to join. We try for special menus at great prices & the friendships are the best. This year the dinners will begin in February. We will be trying different nights to accommodate those with conflicting obligations and different restaurants to keep it interesting & delicious. We have enjoyed the 34th Street restaurants in past years. In 2009, watch for opportunities to explore the great classic restaurants of greater Seattle with the MD&SS. To learn of upcoming dates & places, email audreyseale@qwest.net to get on the MDSS email list today.



"Be the change that you want to see in the world."
-Mahatma Gandhi

As a third generation Seattle native, I honor Gandhi's words by donating a percentage of my real estate commission to a 501 (c)3 non-profit. Let's work together to create local change.

DEBRA THOMPSON HARVEY
206.250.7709
www.debrathompsonharvey.com

Windemere
Madison Park



Let us complete you

kismet
madrona's aveda salon and spa
salonkismet.com 206.860.0323

Happy Trails in Madrona Woods

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

The December snow and cold delayed bridge construction over Madrona Park Creek at the Spring Street entrance, but as I write this, the concrete pour for the footers is scheduled for January 14. Soon you'll be able to use the bridge to access the main trail there. And the trail entering the Woods at Newport and Spring, which we call Jack's Trail, continued its upgrade when Jacobo Jimenez from the Parks Department returned January 10 to construct a "turnpike" over a wet gully with help from Zeta Psi fraternity guys.

There are thousands of native shrubs and ground covers to be planted along the banks of the stream and ponds over the next couple of months, and we'll need lots of help getting them into the ground while it's still soggy from rain. Let Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com know if you'd like to be notified by email of our work parties. January's work party was replaced by the trail restoration on the 10th and a Martin Luther King Day work party on the 19th, but in February we'll return to our regular third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet at the toolbox at the Spring Street entrance (Spring & Grand).

Many thanks to John Lahti, who has become our new Friends of Madrona Woods treasurer. He'll take the books out of Joan Scott's able hands when all 2008 accounts are settled. For a while longer you can continue to send donations, which we still need for cash match for our Department of Neighborhoods grant, to Joan Scott, 3700 East Marion St., 98122, or pick up an envelope from the sign at the construction site. Make the check out to Friends of Madrona Woods.

For more information about activities in the Woods and natural area and ways you can get involved, contact me, judithstarbuck@msn.com or 322-2640 or visit our website at www.madronawoods.org.



CONSCIOUS BODY
PILATES
PILATES • YOGA • PERSONAL TRAINING

STRENGTH FOR LIFE

www.709CORE.com
(206)709-CORE(2673)
34th Ave. & E. Union St.

MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAYS** 5:45 PM **Weight Watchers Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, 500 30th Ave S. Scott Linford 206.726.4929.
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study** – Epiphany Christie House Library www.epiphanyseattle.org
- THURSDAYS** 7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Epiphany Great Hall. www.epiphanyseattle.org
- THURSDAYS** 9:00 AM **Valley School Tours for Prospective Families**—Tours begin November 6 and run through February. Reservations required. The Valley School, 310 30th Avenue East, 206.328.4475.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker kbarker715@comcast.net.
- WEEKDAYS.** **Valley School Tours** for the parents of prospective students—309 31st Avenue East. Email lynn@thevalleyschool.org to make an appointment. Tours available through the first week in March.

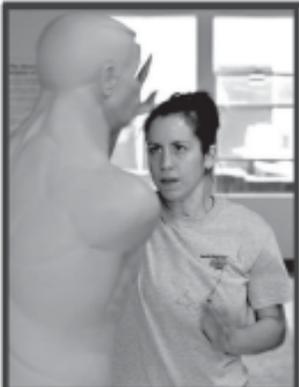
- Jan 21** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients! St. Cloud's Restaurant, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Jan 26** 6:30 PM **MCC Central Area Stewardship Land Use Subcommittee Meeting**, Madrona Playfield Shelter House.
- Jan 28** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Times**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, 1134 33rd Ave, 206.684.4705.
- Jan 29** 7:30 PM **Slide Show and Lecture about Iran**—Presented by Neghin Almassi. Leschi Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S. 206.726.4929.
- Feb 1** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Feb 1** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless Serving** —Seattle's Outdoor Meal Site, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Feb 3** 7:15 PM **MCC Madrona Community Council Meeting**, Madrona Playfield Shelter House, MCC President Cynthia Stross 206.860.7640.
- Feb 4** 7:30 PM **African American Women's History**— Actresses Constance Denson-Hamilton and Zeldall Foxall portray six African American women of history. Leschi Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S. 206.726.4929.
- Feb 5** 5:00 PM **Family Game Night**—Bring the whole family for games, snacks, prizes, and fun. Precocious Toys, 34th & Union, 206.322.9396.
- Feb 5** 7:00 PM **Open House at Valley School**— See the facility and hear from the teachers. All adults are welcome. 309 31st Avenue East. 206.328.4475.
- Feb 7** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Feb 14** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Feb 14** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless Serving** —Seattle's Outdoor Meal Site, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Feb 21** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods work parties** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day work party. Meet at the toolbox at the Spring Street entrance (Spring & Grand), Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com.

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



YOUR SAFETY
is too important
to leave to luck.

Visit www.StrategicLiving.org for the complete self-defense class schedule or call Joanne Factor at 206.920.8882

Self-Defense: The Art of Resilience



DESIGNED TO SELL!

Maximize your home's resale potential with Decor on 34th Staging & Design Services

Styles from Contemporary to Cozy!
Furnishings & Accessories

Complimentary Pre-sale Consultation 206 219 1500
annel@decor34.com teresa1@decor34.com

Newsletter of the Madrona Community Council

Published monthly except for July and August, with a circulation of 2450, reaching homes & neighbors throughout Madrona & Central Seattle.

Feb 6, 2009 Next MADRONA NEWS DEADLINE

Article Submission: Contact editor Kim Herber at 325-9923, 1522 35th Ave. or send material to kdh5027@aol.com and to production editor Christine Bender at christineb@conversation.com.

Time Sensitive Material - Please Deliver Promptly

Advertising: Contact John Schuitemaker at 910-1111 or jschuite@comcast.com. Rates are on-line at www.madrona.us.

Mailing List Additions: Contact Kim Herber (see above).

Madrona Community Council Officers

President	Cynthia Stross	860-7640	cynistr@gmail.com
VP Events	Paige Smith	225-5821	paige_eg_smith@hotmail.com
VP	Mr. Holly Smith	285-9166	ho2lye@yahoo.com
VP	Rick Kolpa	949-5681	RickK@rjhco.com
Secretary	Max Liebowitz	930-2862	maxliebowitz@gmail.com
Treasurer	Steve Orser	423-1412	steveorser@yahoo.com

Send tax-deductible donations to: 833 33rd Avenue, 98122

Printed by Overnight Printing — 621-9412

Permit Holder: Seattle Community Council Federation

2511 W Montlake Pl E Seattle, WA 98112

Love Your Skin!

Éminence Organics

Experience Organic Skincare
- Handmade Products -

Available at Seattle Art of Wellness in Madrona
Visit us for a free skin consultations

Ask About Our Seasonal & Valentine's Specials!

1125 34th Ave, Suite A
www.SeaWellness.com

206.324.3552

2008 american spa PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE AWARDS

Free Samples

Gift Cards Online