

Building Community and Bringing Peace to Madrona



Lately many of us on the Madrona Community Council have been asked, **"What can I do to make my neighborhood a more peaceful place?"** And the answer always comes back to: **"Building community."**

Community connects us and gives us ways to work together, learn about each other, and most importantly, understand each other.

Read further to learn about some of the ways YOU can help build community in Madrona.



How to Build Community

- Turn Off Your TV - Leave Your House - Know Your Neighbors - Greet People - Look Up When You're Walking - Sit On Your Stoop - Plant Flowers
 - Use Your Library - Play Together - Buy From Local Merchants - Share What You Have - Help a Lost Dog - Take Children to the Park - Honor Elders
 - Support Neighborhood Schools - Fix It Even If You Didn't Break It - Have Pot Lucks - Garden Together - Pick Up Litter - Read Stories Aloud
 - Dance in the Street - Talk to the Mail Carrier
 - Listen to the Birds - Put Up a Swing - Help Carry Something Heavy - Barter for Your Goods - Start a Tradition - Ask a Question - Hire Young People for Odd Jobs - Organize a Block Party - Bake Extra and Share - Ask for Help When You Need It
 - Open Your Shades - Sing Together - Share Your Skills - Take Back the Night - Turn Up the Music
 - Turn Down the Music - Listen Before You React to Anger - Mediate a Conflict - Seek to Understand
 - Learn from New and Uncomfortable Angles - Know that No One is Silent Though Many are Not Heard
- Work to Change This



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Kids are more successful when they know that adults care about them.

Volunteer at your local school.

Madrona K-8 has many weekly or one-time volunteer opportunities with elementary or middle school students such as: reading tutors, library help, classroom assistants, after-school activities, recess games and lunch buddies. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Karin Richard kerichard@seattleschools.org for more information and scheduling.

Madrona K8 Work Party, August 4, 2012. Help paint, fix and get the school ready for the new school year. Contact Karin at kerichard@seattleschools.org.

Garfield High School welcomes volunteers in the classrooms, on the PTSA, and in the office. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Martha Layzer mmlayzer@seattleschools.org for details.

Garfield Community Center has many volunteer opportunities for teen, family, and child programs including: before/after school childcare for K-5 kids; computer lab, which offers lab time & software/social media classes; and special events, including seasonal parties and a holiday toy drive. Contact Mazvita Maraire, Center Coordinator mazvita.maraire@seattle.gov.

East Cherry YWCA was one of the first interracial YWCA branches in the country. The Y opens doors to opportunity and self-sufficiency for women and families facing poverty, violence and discrimination. Call [206-658-7845](tel:206-658-7845) to learn more about helping with events and programs.

Rotary Boys & Girls Club needs volunteer coaches for a range of youth sports, as well as adults who can teach, encourage, and model good sportsmanship and teamwork to youth. Contact Grant gdoublas@positiveplace.org for volunteer opportunities.

We're safer together when we get to know each other. Help build stronger ties in your community.

Madrona Community Council leads our community, puts on events, and looks out for neighborhood concerns. Contact president Holly Smith ho2lye@yahoo.com or Madrona Newsletter editor Barbara Parker madronanews@gmail.com to learn about ways you can get involved.

Start a Block Watch. It's simple: neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime, and Block Watches have been effective crime deterrents at the neighborhood level. To learn more about starting a Block Watch with your neighbors, contact Fran Tello francisco.tello@seattle.gov.

Host a neighborhood "Night Out" on your block. August 7, 2012 is a national Crime Prevention event designed to heighten crime-prevention awareness, boost neighborhood support for anti-crime efforts, and unite our communities. Email nightout@seattle.gov to register your block.

St Cloud's Homeless Cooking Project feeds 450 people a month, guided by their motto: "Providing an hour of dignity and good food to people who find too little of both in their lives." Join neighbors and staff on the third Wednesday of each month, 9am-1pm. Contact John Platt john@stclouds.com.

Julia's Place A Cooperative Interfaith Overnight Shelter for Homeless Families at Madrona Presbyterian needs groups of volunteers to staff the shelter and coordinate food for residents a week at a time. Contact Megan Handley shelter@madronachurch.org or Alison Kogut Cummings kogutski@yahoo.com to be part of the Madrona Mom quarterly staffing.

Parent Trust's helps Washington families and children. They need help with administrative tasks for parent education and family support programs, fundraisers, and more. Contact Russell Wycoff rwycoff@parenttrust.org to volunteer.

A well-cared-for neighborhood inspires pride of place. Help create beauty every neighbor can enjoy.

Join the **Madrona Blossoms** team, which brings the flower baskets that adorn the central business core each year. We need fundraising and communications help. Contact Marie Doyle doylemf@comcast.net.

Green Plate Special offers many wonderful opportunities to help strengthen Seattle's local farm-to-table movement and empower youth in the garden and kitchen. If you're interested in getting involved contact volunteer@greenplatespecial.org.

Alleycat Acres is an urban farming collective that works to reconnect people with food by creating community-run farms on under-utilized urban spaces. Bring the whole family to join the work parties (and share in the harvest) every Monday night from 6-8pm at the newest garden (east side of MLK, just north of Cherry St.) Contact Sean volunteer@alleycatacres.com for more information on volunteering.

Friends of Madrona Woods is dedicated to restoring the Woods to a healthy, natural state and making the Woods safe and accessible with an environmentally friendly trail system. The Friends host work parties on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm. To volunteer, contact Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com.

Friends of Frink Park and **Upper Leschi Park** needs people who want to work on their own or in small groups on their own schedules. Contact Darcy Darcy@Artcycled.com or dhowe@Artcycled.com.

Madrona Dining & Sipping Society builds stronger bonds among neighbors who share a meal at local restaurants. And that's beautiful. Contact Audrey Seale audreyseale@gmail.com to join in the monthly dinners. All are welcome.