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Report on Madrona Business District Parking Study

By Marty Liebowitz, 39th Avenue

At the October Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting, Julie Erickson from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) reported the findings of a parking study they conducted earlier this year. The study reviewed the parking impacts on residential streets adjacent to the commercial district on 34th Avenue between Marion and Pine streets.

Their basic finding was that there is indeed a negative impact on those residential streets, and that 75% of parking spaces the five-block area surveyed were full during business hours. This finding means that Madrona qualifies for a Residential Parking Zone (RPZ), if requested by the neighborhood and the people who reside on those streets. The RPZ requires residents within the parking zone purchase \$35 permits that allow them to park longer than the hourly limit posted for the area. These permits run on a two-year cycle with each house allowed a maximum of three car-specific permits, plus one for guests. Whether to go forward with the RPZ will be the main topic for the November MCC meeting.



Area included in the SDOT Madrona Parking Study.

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MCC President's Corner

The October Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting was all about parking, Parking, PARKING.

First, Microsoft and the Seattle Department of Transportation sent representatives to present the plans for the Microsoft Shuttle, which has already begun service through Madrona to the Microsoft campus in Redmond. We applaud the effort to promote fewer vehicles on the road, and the new designated shuttle loading zones on E Union were negotiated with local businesses and located so as to

minimize the parking impact. Microsoft has requested that Madrona riders walk to the designated stop rather than driving a short distance and parking on the adjacent streets and the MCC heartily agrees! Both Microsoft and the City have asked that we let them know if there are any problems in this regard so do contact me if you encounter issues with "commuter parking" so we can try to work it out.

Next, the Madrona neighborhood needs to consider whether or not to implement a
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King Creole Louisiana Brings Gumbo to Madrona

By Laralyn Barhydt, Cherry Street

Early this fall Kinzie Faulk opened the doors to his King Creole Louisiana Gumbo restaurant on at 2908 E Cherry. Although this is his first restaurant, Kinzie is not new to feeding people in and around Madrona as he has been catering gumbo in the neighborhood for several years. He has turned this once cold, empty old space into an attractive and welcoming neighborhood spot, now bustling with customers. Kinzie and the King Creole staff are incredibly friendly but the best thing about the place is the food—it's delicious!



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Another Wonderful Year at Decor on 34th!

These are definitely “interesting” times and your home becomes even more important as a place to regroup, enjoy friends, and plan for next steps - or just “be”! These are also times when spending comes under more scrutiny as we face fast-paced change as well as opportunities ahead. For the first time, Decor on 34th will maintain a “Back Room” of lovely items at discounted prices so you will always be able to afford the special gift, or touch for your home, when retail therapy calls! Smart choices are all around, whether new inventory or value priced items, and we are right here in the neighborhood so you can walk on over. We can gift-wrap many of our items (packaging is such an important part of the presentation!). Yet, we are also environmentally sensitive and have incorporated many “green products” into our store - like Bamboo towels! We also have some fun shopping bags that roll up and fit in your pocket or purse so you won’t get to the store without them.

These are just a few of the ways that we want to do our part to help all of us in Madrona to enjoy our lives. We are so proud to have just completed our 5th year in business - and our first complete year at our larger location at 1421 34th Avenue in Madrona Plaza. As always, we are grateful to each of you who have beautified your lifestyle and homes by shopping in our store. We have also continued to build our Home Staging services and have “staged” many homes in Madrona as well as Mercer Island, Queen Anne and Hunts Point. We feel fortunate that we have been able to tap into styles and products that have fit into your quality of life.

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Parking .. (cont'd from page 1)

The next step in the process is for the MCC to form a Parking Committee to review the data, and make recommendations to the community and to SDOT. If this committee decides that several blocks should be considered for a RPZ, then the people living on those blocks will be polled. For a block to become an RPZ, 60% of the residents must agree to accept the designation.

The RPZ process is totally resident driven. Members of the Madrona neighborhood can stop it at any phase if the Parking Committee decides to end the request for any reason.

The MCC is therefore seeking residents willing to be on this neighborhood committee to review the matter and consult with SDOT. MCC President Cynthia Stross requested that the committee involve a mixture of residents, business owners, and representatives from the schools. We'll discuss this whole matter at the November 4 MCC meeting, and seek out committee members between now and then. If you'd like to serve on this neighborhood Parking Committee, call me at 999-2189, or MCC President Cynthia Stross at 860-7640. The MCC meeting begins at 7:15 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse.

King Creole... (cont'd from page 1)

The menu includes barbequed brisket, ribs, sandwiches and three kinds of gumbo with all the sides. In the coming months, Kinzie plans to expand his menu to cover most if not all of the Southern favorites, including po'boy sandwiches. Although he has been in the Seattle area for almost six years, Kinzie spent many years working in some of New Orleans' finest restaurants, including Brennan's. With that background, there is no doubt that the Madrona community is in for a treat as he continues to expand the King Creole menu.

The restaurant has a few places to sit down and eat, and is set up mainly for take out and catering. They hope to add a few more seats inside, as well as outdoor seating during the warmer months. You can phone in your order—420-5584—for pick up and the yellow loading zone just outside the front door makes pick up quick and easy. I definitely recommend the whole crab and shrimp gumbo; it is our family favorite. During the winter months there's nothing like a big bowl of gumbo to keep the whole family warm and going strong. King Creole Louisiana Gumbo restaurant hours are Monday through Thursday 11:00am to 8:00pm, Friday 11:00am to 9:00pm, and Saturday 12:00pm to 9:00pm

You can find an online menu at: www.centraldistrictnews.com/media/2008/9/22/kingCreoleMenu.pdf

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

new "residential zone parking" area on 33rd, 34th, and 35th avenues between E. Marion Street and E. Pine Street. There are many issues—pro and con—to consider. For example, the restricted zone area would impact the employees at Madrona School and St. Therese and other local businesses. While it would free up some parking within the zone, it would make other streets, including 34th Avenue from the Madrona Playfield through the commercial district, more crowded. Non-residential streets can not be included in the zone-parking permit program.

So as a community we need to decide if this is something we want. The parking study was conducted after some residents complained because they are often unable to find parking near their homes. However, the City will only implement the program if the majority of residents in the zone want it, and participate in the process. If this is something you care about, for or against, plan to attend the next MCC meeting Tuesday November 4 to discuss it. The meeting begins at 7:15 in the shelterhouse at the Madrona Playfield. Everyone is welcome and we will discuss how to proceed. You can also email me your opinions at cynistr@earthlink.net if you can't make the meeting. I hope to see you there!

CORRECTIONS

Profuse apologies to the Madrona Community Council (MCC) for erroneously reporting that VP Rick Kolpa had left the MCC. Rick continues to serve and the MCC is very glad to have him for at least another year. Also, there was a typo on the email address for John Van Atta, the new *Madrona News* ad manager. His correct email is: john.vanatta@axa-advisors.com.

Call for Halloween Party Volunteers

By Marina Parascenzo-Brush & Chris Brush

Greetings, all—we are searching for a few volunteers to help with this year's Halloween party, which will be at the shelterhouse in the Madrona Playfield from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on October 31. If anyone would like to help decorate and set up before the party we'd love to hear from you. We would also welcome any bakers who can whip up and donate some (healthy-ish?) treats.

Volunteers can call us at 325-3628 or email brushmap@comcast.net.

If you would like your trick-or-treat experience to mean more than candy, consider introducing your child to **Trick or Treat for UNICEF**, the United Nations Children's Fund. The tradition began in 1950 when Philadelphia school children first went door-to-door at Halloween with decorated milk cartons collecting money to help the world's children. They raised a grand total of \$17 that year, kicking off a campaign that has since brought in more than \$188 million to provide medicine, better nutrition, clean water, education, emergency relief and other support to children in more than 160 countries.

To participate, all you need is an official Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF box and a big heart. You probably already have the heart so to get a box, contact Madrona neighbor Audrey Seale at audreyseale@qwest.net or 329-8775. Once you've counted the money you collect, you send it to UNICEF online, by phone, by mail or at a Coinstar Center. So why not have all the fun of trick-or-treating and do real good for kids around the world? Get the details at www.unicefusa.org/ Make Halloween count!

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Great News for the *Madrona News*

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

I hope everyone in Madrona will join me in thanking the two members of the Madrona community who answered the call to help keep the *Madrona News* going. Everyone associated with this newsletter does so for free and all the hours spent putting this monthly publication together are volunteer. That's why I'm so pleased to announce that the *Madrona News* has added two great new members to our small volunteer "staff".

New Advertising Manager John Van Atta took over this summer when our previous ad manager moved to Arizona. The *Madrona News* is not a money-making venture but I do try to make it pay for itself with ads purchased by local businesses to promote their services. John is a native of Montana and moved to Madrona from the Bay Area last spring. He works as a Financial Advisor for AXA Advisors in Bellevue, and lives on 30th Avenue with his girl friend Katie Crossman, a middle school teacher. John loves to spend as much time as possible outside and also enjoys traveling, reading, and getting to know more of his great new Madrona neighbors.

Andrew Kreis, Madrona resident and owner of the Seattle Art of Wellness Organic Day Spa on 34th Avenue, offered to take over the Community Bulletin Board/Calendar page. It takes a lot of time to gather and organize the information required to create this one page and it is a huge help to me to have Andrew pull it together. Andrew is also from Montana and has lived in Madrona on 36th Avenue with his partner Chris Kollas since 2000. Andrew works full time in the high tech industry and his organic day spa offers client-centered massage, body and facial treatments.

And although she is not NEW to the *Madrona News*, I have to give a big shout out to Production Editor Christine Bender for her continued support of the newsletter. She doesn't live in Madrona but she works here as the office manager for the Madrona Plaza building on 34th Avenue. She has been building the layout for the newsletter every month after work for almost 10 years and is a PageMaker Master.

You guys are great!

Madrona Real Estate Recent Home Sales

Compiled by Jon Hughes, City Life Real Estate

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1405 33rd Ave.	2	1.5		399,000
1511 32nd Ave	4	2	1850	615,000
3608 E. Denny	3	1.5	1610	627,000
1612 31st Ave	4	2.75	2550	699,950
121 31st Ave.	4	2.5	3120	769,000
1137 36th Ave.	4	2	2580	775,000
1602 36th Ave.	4	2.5	4070	915,000
3511 E Schubert	4	1.5	3400	1,050,000
3863 E. Olive	3	2.75	2733	1,136,500
1128 37th Ave	2	2.5	2820	1,225,000
1611 32nd Ave	5	3.5	4033	1,295,000

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Wilridge Winery Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Paul Beveridge, Grand Avenue



October is a busy month at Wilridge Winery, located in downtown Madrona behind the large wooden wine cask. On October 7 and 8, the winery was open to the public for its annual

Vintage Release Party—our 20th! The reds and the whites flowed freely and the whole Beveridge clan was on hand to showcase the entire Wilridge line. For the first time we offered a Mystery Wine Grab Bag for \$14—every bottle was a great deal.

To celebrate our 20th Anniversary, on October 23 at 7:00pm we are having a special five-course winemaker's dinner at Dulces Latin Bistro to mark the milestone. All Madrona neighbors and friends are invited. The dinner will feature specifically selected Wilridge vintage wines from the past twenty years including a sample of the extremely rare original 1988 Wilridge Cabernet Sauvignon. Dulces Chef Julia will Guerrero will prepare an amazing menu to accompany the selected wines:



Tartine de Poissen
Sémillon, 2003, Artz Vineyard, Red Mountain

Ragout de Lapin
Nebbiolo di Klipsun, 2003, Red Mountain

Roti d'Agneau
Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002, Lodmell Vineyards

Tournedos de Boeuf avec Demiglace de Raisin
Merlot, 2002, Lodmell Vineyards

Toasted Almond Crostata
Syrah, 2001, Elephant Mountain Vineyard

All of the wines have been carefully stored in the Wilridge wine library here in Madrona. The cost for this extraordinary evening is only \$75 per person, tax and tip excluded. The event is limited to 40 persons so call Dulces at 322-5453 soon for reservations.

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diluvian Land Use Projects Update

by Tom Flood, 33rd Avenue

In 2007, my wife Diane and I formed diluvian llc as an extension of my art business floodstudio inc. Currently, diluvian has two projects in the works in Madrona, and here is an update on both of them.

Pike Street Station. The highly sustainable seven town-home project at 34th Avenue and E. Pike St, the old Madrona Auto site, has received the master use permit. We are currently working on the construction drawing set to be submitted to Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD) by the first of November. Ideally, construction will begin early in the spring of next year. Obviously the financial markets may adjust our timeline. Implementation of our proposed "green systems" has proven to be a challenge balancing policies and practice within the various city entities. Our joint venture partner on this project is Shilshole Development, the architect is atelierjones llc, structural is Peter Opsahl Engineering, and civil is LPD Enterprises. We are seeking a progressive and creative mechanical engineer to work with us on this mixed use development.

33rd Avenue Rezone. After over two years, hundreds of hours, thousands of dollars, and acres of paperwork, the rezone of six parcels on 33rd Avenue between Bowling Green and the MGM Library that we are working on with our neighbors continues to advance through the city process. The director of DPD has recommended that the rezone from L-2 to NC1-30 be conditionally granted and the city's hearing examiner has agreed with that recommendation. The proposal now moves to committee and will be put to the full City Council for a vote, we hope, before the end of the year.

More details on these projects and other diluvian llc activities will be featured on our web site; www.diluvianllc.com set to be released by November 1.

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The People's Wall Restored

It was quite a group that gathered on October 4to celebrate the restoration of The People's Wall on the corner of 20th & Spruce. They honored not only of the restoration of the mural but also the legacy of the Black Panther Party (BPP) Community Center that was the center of the community in the 1970s.



The People's Wall was designed and painted by Dion Henderson in 1970. It reflected the feeling and movement of the times and surrounded the Black Panther Party Community Center for 10 years. The east portion of the Wall has been restored by local artist Eddie Ray Walker and embodies our extraordinary history.

The first Community Medical Clinic, Food Bank program and legal aid clinic, as well as many other programs and services for the community, were established at this location, creating a legacy that will last for ages. This mural serves as a reminder of the tireless work of the members of the BPP.

Special appreciation goes to the Seattle People's Fund, and the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture Affairs who all were a significant part of the organization for the restoration of The People's Wall.

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A Stream in Madrona Park – Another Promise

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

Want to develop patience and flexibility? Join Friends of Madrona Woods. If you read my article last month, I'd expect you to be asking, "Where is that creek she promised?" We really thought it would be done by now, but getting a crucial permit took a month longer than anticipated.

I'm almost afraid to make another prediction, but as of this writing, Pacific Earth Works (PEW) is expected to fire up their equipment on October 20 to put in the culvert under 38th Street. Then they can take the stream in the ravine above 38th Street out of the storm drain and connect it to the stream already daylighted in the Madrona Woods ravine below. This more than triples the amount of water and completes the connection of the creek from its headwater to the new cove at Lake Washington.

We're grateful for the help we got in September from enthusiastic groups from Washington Mutual on the citywide Day of Caring, from North Face, and from Seattle Pacific University as part of City Quest. Volunteers conducted our first annual survey of native and invasive plant life in 15 plots established by Seattle Urban Nature.

There will soon be lots of stream enhancement and planting to do. Let Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com know if you'd like to be notified by email of our work parties. Typically they're the third Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 1:00pm. We meet at the toolbox at the Spring Street entrance.

We want to repeat our thanks to the people and organizations that helped make the daylighting project possible. These include: City of Seattle: Aquatic Habitat Matching Fund, Department of Neighborhoods, and Seattle Public Utilities Climate Action Program; King County: Grant Exchange (WaterWorks) and Department of Natural Resources and Parks (Water and Land Resources Division); King Conservation District; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; FishAmerica Foundation; Seattle Parks and Recreation; Madrona Community Council; Starflower Foundation; Gaynor, Inc.; Beveridge Law; Pacific Earth Works; Kleinfelder Geotech Engineers; Pace Engineering Services Company; Joseph McKinstry Construction Company; and many wonderful residents of the Madrona community.

We still need a cash match of almost \$30,000 for our Department of Neighborhoods grant. If you can help, send a much-appreciated check to Joan Scott, 3700 East Marion St., 98122, or pick up an envelope from the sign at the natural area. Make the check out to Friends of Madrona Woods. For more information about activities in the Woods visit our website at www.madronawoods.org.

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By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue



Created by Grace Schlitt-Lenz

It's time to say "Thank you, everyone"—Madrona neighbors and businesses—for your generous support of the Madrona Blossoms hanging flower baskets. Your donations brought the beautiful blooms to our neighborhood this spring and summer, and smiles to many faces.

And it's also time to ask for your renewed support in keeping our neighborhood in bloom nearly year-round with hanging flower baskets in spring and summer from May through October, and "Wintergreens" from November to February. If you enjoy this neighborhood decoration and color, it's time once again to pledge your support! Fill out the envelope in this newsletter today, or if the envelope is missing, call me at 323-6128 for more information. One basket—plus holidays decorations from November to February—costs \$275 annually to plant and maintain. So, consider supporting a basket or two as a family, with your friends, or even with a group of neighbors. Thank you for your support!

Another way to contribute in a fun way to your community is to help put up the festive Wintergreens. To lend a hand, join us **November 15** at 9:00am. We need eight teams of two volunteers—two people per ladder—to install holiday lights and evergreen swags along the length of the 34th Avenue commercial corridor from Spring St. to Pike St. We'll gather on Saturday morning on 34th Avenue outside the Madrona Plaza building opposite the Hi-Spot. Please bring a pair of heavy-duty gardening gloves and good cheer. Coffee & treats will be provided. These festive greens give our community a warm glow through the dark fall and winter months—November to February so please volunteer today! To sign up, email me at doylemf@comcast.net or call 323-6128.

Do You Love to Match Mutts?

One of the most popular columns in the *Madrona News* is the monthly Mutt Match-up—a silly feature that invites readers to match pictures of dog owners with their canine counterparts. Helen Payton of 34th Avenue has served as Mistress of the Mutt Match-up for a couple of years and has decided to move on to other adventures. Which means the *Madrona News* is looking for some lucky dog-lover to take her place!

All you have to do is approach three local dog owners—and there are plenty of them out there—and introduce yourself and your mission. If they accept your offer to be featured in the *Madrona News*, you snap digital photos of them and their pooches, and gather a bit of basic info—name, time in Madrona, favorite treats, etc—about (wo)man and beast. Then you email the photos and personal tidbit to the *Madrona News* editor and voila!

It's as easy as picking up poop with a bag. Interested? Contact Kim Herber at 325-9923 or kdh5027@aol.com.

Dining & Sipping in Belltown

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

A small but select crowd of Madrona Dining & Sipping Society regulars enjoyed an October evening out at the Two Bells Tavern, in terribly hip Belltown, owned by Madrona resident Jeff Lee. We had a great time, lots of stories and catching up, and we left feeling so much more fashionable!

Next month on November 13 we will venture out again. We had a to go to That's Amore in Leschi. I'm off to make those arrangements; regulars should watch for the confirming email. If you've not been out with us yet, email me at audreyseale@qwest.net to RSVP if you want to go to this dinner. Everyone in Madrona is invited to be part of the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society—the more the merrier!

YMCA Fall Membership Deal

Come join us at the Meredith Matthews YMCA at 23rd Avenue and E. Olive Street for our annual Fall Family Festival on October 24 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. There will be free food, plenty of games, activities, face painting, pumpkin painting, swimming, bouncy house, raffle, prizes, and much more. Free to the community! All are welcome.

During the month of October the YMCA of Greater Seattle is waving the joining fee for all new members—making October the perfect time for some healthy fun. 30 days of classes, programs and a supportive community - all for about the price of a dinner and a movie. Considering the current economic conditions, need to get more for their money. We offer a variety of programs and exercise classes for people of all ages. Come see us about a membership.

Law for All:

What Should You Do—Legally—When Someone Dies?

By Lori Rath, Estate Planning & Probate Attorney

My law office often receives inquiries from people wondering what to do next – from a legal perspective – after a loved one dies. The answer depends on many factors, but here are a few general guidelines:

The deceased person's property should be safeguarded and not be removed or distributed unless doing so is necessary to protect the property. If the person who died had a Will and you are in possession of it, Washington law requires that you file the Will with the appropriate court or give it to the named Personal Representative within a certain time period after the death. See RCW 11.20.010. The decedent's Personal Representative or Successor Trustee (or, if the decedent had no Will or Trust, the decedent's spouse or a close friend or relative) should contact an estate attorney. The attorney will give advice about next steps, and determine whether a probate (a court-supervised process of overseeing the administration of an estate, such as paying debts and selling property) is required. It is usually a good idea to meet with an attorney before contacting creditors or paying the decedent's bills.

If you need assistance in locating an estate attorney, ask for a personal recommendation from family or friends, or contact the local bar association. If you have any questions about what to do after a close family member or friend passes away, or about estate planning and administration in general, contact me at Rath Law and Mediation, 382-2573 or lori@rathlawmediation.com.

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Dulces Owners Expand to Seward Park

Julie Guerrero and Carlos Kainz, the husband and wife team behind Madrona's long-running Dulces Latin Bistro, have a new iron on the fire. It's called Saffron, and it's a 40-seat café in Seward Park near PCC in the former site of Susan's 5100 Bistro. They opened their second restaurant two months ago and since then Julie has been doing double duty in both the Saffron and Dulces kitchen.

Carlos calls Saffron "a scaled down version of Dulces." It has a little outdoor patio and is open for breakfast and lunch daily, and for dinner Tuesdays through Saturdays. As you might expect with Julie cooking and Carlos out front, the menu is influenced by Spain, France and Mexico, and Saffron offers a fine selection of beer and wine.

The weekday lunch menu includes chiles rellenos, chilaquiles and croque monsieur for under \$10. For dinner, there's bouillabaisse, chiles rellenos, or rigatoni with chicken for under \$20. Weekend breakfast offers huevos rancheros, corned beef hash, and pueblo pancakes. To see the full menu and serving hours, visit www.saffronrest.com.

Since the Saffron is still young, Carlos and Julie continue to make improvements to both its menu and decor. Stop in, give it a try, and tell them what you think!

In other Madrona restaurant news..... According to an August *Seattle Times* story by restaurant critic Nancy Leson, Coupage, which closed abruptly in August leaving no forwarding address, is now on the market.

2008 Madrona Neighborhood Events

If you like to bake Halloween treats, want to help spook up the shelterhouse, or can hang swags from a ladder, contact the Halloween Party or Wintergreen coordinators below.

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| Jan | Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration—Jan 20
Mount Baker Presbyterian |
| Feb/
Mar | Neighbor Appreciation Day—March 8
Jon Hughes |
| May | Community Garage Sale—May 3
Kim Herber
Neighborhood Cleanup—May 10
Tema Neshoff
Mayfair Parade & Carnival—May 17
Paige Smith
Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
Marie Doyle |
| July/
Aug | Madrona BBQ Festival
CANCELLED |
| Sept | MCC Officer Election—September 2
MCC Officers |
| Oct | Kids' Halloween Party —October 31
Marina Parascenzo-Brush 325-3628 |
| Nov | Winter Greens & Holiday Lights —November 15
Marie Doyle 323-6128 |
| Dec | Christmas Ships at Madrona
Seeking Coordinator |

NEW!

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

Another Madrona listing by Kim Thomas

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Madrona's Eloise Evans of 33rd Avenue (standing next to Sarah Palin cutout) hangs out with the Roy family, formerly of 35th Avenue and newly relocated to Georgetown, and their cardboard neighbors during a recent visit to Washington, DC.

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Earthlings Andrew Kreis and Chris Kollas of 36th Avenue take registering new voters to an intergalactic level.



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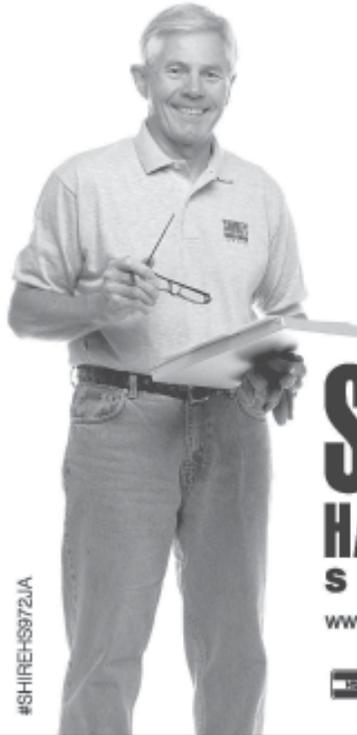
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If you moved within King County but didn't update your registration to your new address, you can go back to your old polling place to vote. If you moved into King County from a different county in Washington and did not reregister, you may need to vote provisionally. Inquire at the polls or call King County Elections at (206) 296-VOTE (8683) ahead of time to find out for sure. If you have never voted in Washington and didn't register before October 20, you are out of luck for this election.

Absentee ballots should arrive in mailboxes between October 16 and 18. If yours did arrive and you are registered to receive one, call King County Elections at (206) 296-VOTE (8683) immediately. If you vote absentee, your signature is your identification. Be sure to follow the instructions for signing the envelope very carefully.

The Madrona poll is at Madrona K-8 School at 33rd and E. Union. You can vote from 7:00am to 8:00pm on November 4. Valid identification is required to vote at the polls so bring either a photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document that shows your address. If you go to the polls without identification, you will need to vote with a provisional ballot.

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Epiphany School Expansion Status Update

Prepared by Loring McAllaster, for Neighbors of Epiphany School

Much has happened since our last report. Progress on developing a working relationship between Epiphany School and its Neighbors (Neighbors of Epiphany School) has been steady and consistent.

This is demonstrated in a statement of Mutual Understanding now published on the School's website www.epiphanyschool.org. This document includes aspects of the School's strategic plan relative to the surrounding Neighborhood. It provides for a means for an on-going "working together" relationship with the neighborhood, as well as some commitments pertaining to the School's expressed desire to "be good neighbors and to co-exist harmoniously with the surrounding neighborhood, now and in the future."

Architectural Integrity Committee. The School, its architects Miller-Hull, and the Neighbors have met a number of times. Neighbors' concerns and suggestions were addressed early in the design process. The work of this committee is essentially done.

Parking and Construction Committee. Neighbors' issues and concerns were heard and addressed in a series of meetings culminating in an Epiphany memo dated June 27th, 2008. To better address specific issues, the following four working groups (sub-committees) were formed.

1. **Public Benefit.** The School's application for vacation of the 'L' shaped alley between E Howell St. and 36th Ave. E requires that the School provide "public benefit" to compensate for "loss" of the alley. The committee sought proposals from several artists to design an artistic and aesthetically pleasing park-like setback adjacent to the sidewalk at the bus stop on E Denny Way at 36th Ave E. The committee selected a proposal by a local artist, Juan Alonso. The School – with support of the Neighbors – is currently seeking city approval for a public benefit plan.
2. **Traffic Calming.** This committee will work with city officials to address concerns regarding safety on adjoining streets
3. **Parking:** School-generated parking on adjoining streets will be addressed by this committee, which met for the first time on October 7.
4. **Construction Mitigation:** This committee will work with the contractor, Sellen Construction, to address pedestrian and vehicle safety and traffic interruption concerns during construction, scheduled for June 2009 through August 2010.

Thanks to all the neighbors and school staff who helped put this status together for the *Madrona News*. If anyone in the neighborhood has questions, contact me at 329-1244.

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Epiphany Parish Hosts Speaker Forums

By Shannon Polson, 29th Avenue

Epiphany Parish in Madrona would like to invite all our Madrona neighbors to worship with us on any Sunday at our 8:00am and 10:30am services. Additionally, Epiphany Parish invites you to listen and participate in our weekly adult forums, held between services from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Great Hall. Coffee and light snacks are served.

The forum topics for the rest of the year are:

- **October 12, 19, 26:** The Multiple Ancestors of the Christian Faith
Prof. Dr. Eugene Webb, Professor Emeritus, UW Jackson School of International Studies
- **November 2:** Epiphany School Plans
Headmaster Matt Neely and architects
- **November 9:** The Election 2008
Prof. Dr. David Domke, UW Dept Communications
- **November 16:** Guatemala Outreach Ministry
Agros International Amigos Report on January Trip
- **November 23:** Advent, Season of Waiting
Margaret McGee, author of Sacred Attention: A Spiritual Practice for Finding God in the Moment
- **December 7, 14:** Advent, Season of Waiting
Margaret McGee, author of Sacred Attention: A Spiritual Practice for Finding God in the Moment

Epiphany is also very excited to announce the impending arrival of our new rector! After a three year search, Father Doyt Conn will join us at the end of November. Father Conn is currently serving at All Saints Episcopal in Los Angeles.

Epiphany Parish was founded in 1907 and is one of Seattle's most established congregations. Our mission is: To manifest God's presence in our lives, to renew our unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ, to celebrate and glorify God in our diversity, and to proclaim the Christian message of faith, hope and love. Epiphany also invites you to join a weekly Bible Study in the newly furnished Christie House Library Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Learn more at www.epiphanyseattle.org.

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Panthers Back to School at Madrona

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

Students and their families came to the annual Madrona K-8 Welcome Back BBQ the week before Labor Day. As usual, the event was well attended and the families had the chance to catch up and plan for a great school year.

While the first Panther Partners PTSA meeting brought news of PTSA budget issues, many of the parents have rallied and brainstormed different ideas to raise money to continue the after-school programs. Many fun events for the school year are planned, from academic-based programs to community building events like Movie Night, Bingo Night, and a Talent Show. Annual contributions to the school have dropped off the last couple of years and a major goal of the PTSA this year is making up for those lost funds so all the kids at Madrona can benefit. Our modest budget of \$15,000 would bring an array of programs (dance, arts, karate, science camp, etc.) for the kids. If you'd like to do something to help support the wonderful students at Madrona K-8, contact PTSA President Christina Williams at williamsjayne@cablespeed.com.

Madrona K-8 is proud to sport a girl's soccer team for the first time ever! Many of the girls are new to soccer and are having a great time being student athletes and showing their school spirit. Running onto the field at Memorial Stadium for the first time was an amazing experience for them.

The Ultimate Frisbee team hopes to return to its glory days of being city champs once again! They're on their way with a victory in their last outing.

Amazing enough, basketball season is around the corner and our girls and boys teams are both looking forward to making their school proud.

Congratulations to the Madrona K-8 8th graders who showed how the Writer's Workshop implemented throughout the school has made this school a place where writers can thrive!! The current 8th graders scored 85.4 on the writing portion of the WASL last year - the highest for 7th graders in the entire school district. Way to go!

The 5th graders are preparing for their week at the IslandWood outdoor learning center on Bainbridge Island. They'll participate in experiential and project-based fieldwork integrating scientific inquiry, technology and the arts. Go Panthers!



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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US:
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10 Great Reasons to Pick St. T for Kindergarten

By Sandy Gunder

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7. Rich language and phonetic-based reading program with a high success rate; hands-on math and science programs
6. Experienced teacher with 23 years of teaching experience
5. Extra-curricular programs including art, computer instruction, physical education, music
4. Library with an incredible collection of books and information
3. Involved parent community
2. On-site before- and after-school program, as well as pick-up arrangements with other local programs

1. Located in Madrona on 35th Avenue!

Come join us November 6 at 6:30-8pm for **Kindergarten Information Night** and learn more about St. Therese. The school is located at 900 35th Avenue and RSVP to me at 324-0460, x.117 or sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org.

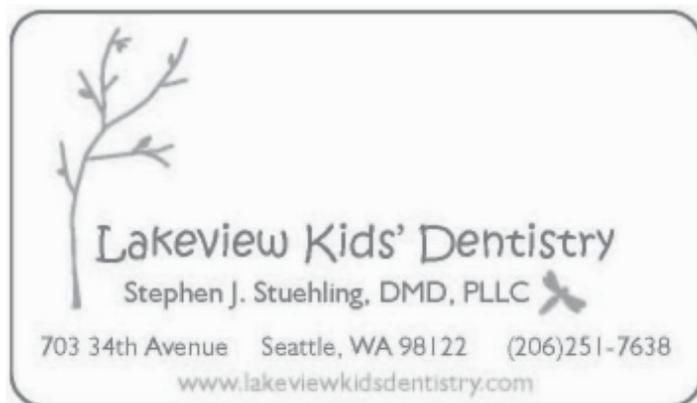
Visit the Nearby Valley School

By Gail Mensher, Admissions Director

November 6 marks the first day of tours at The Valley School for next year's admissions. Interested parents and other adults are invited to email the office manager at lynn@thevalleyschool.org to sign up for this two-hour introduction to the school's pre-kindergarten through fifth grade programs.

The admissions director, school founder, and school director will each talk about Valley's principles and curricular focus at various grade levels. Most importantly, visitors will walk through all the classrooms to observe the teachers and children in action.

Tours will continue through the end of February on Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am. The Valley School is hidden away on a bucolic campus near Madrona and serves 100 children. Our address is 310 30th Avenue East, and our office number is 328-4475. Come visit!



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October 2008 MCC Meeting Minutes

By Max Liebowitz

Even though the second presidential debate was happening at the same time, more than thirteen people showed to the October Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting. At 7:15, MCC President Cynthia Stross announced the agenda and the meeting began.

Microsoft Shuttle Bus. Spokeswomen Lynn Frosch explained that the new shuttle service is happening because so many employees live in Madrona. The bus leaves from 33rd Avenue and Union for Redmond at 6:40, 7:30, and 8:25am, and returns at 5:25, 6:20, and 7:15pm. Boards will be up during the load/unload times to reserve these spaces but there will be no permanent parking regulation changes. There is speculation that people would drive and not walk to the bus, adding to our parking problem in the commercial area. Lynn assured us that this has been a very positive program in other neighborhoods and that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) can revoke Microsoft's privileges if problems become apparent.

SDOT Traffic Study. Seattle DOT parking specialist Julie Erickson reported that Madrona does qualify for the Residential Parking Zone (RPZ). Whether to go forward with it will be the main topic for the November MCC meeting.

Proposition 2, the New Parks Levy. Neighbor Beth Purcell explained that this levy is an extension of the 2000 levy. The \$81 million proposal is endorsed by City Council members Richard Conlin, Tim Burgess, and Tom Rasmussen, and the Seattle *Post Intelligencer*. This money would go to areas that need more "breathing room" and for "more strategic" parks including 66 new acres of park land. The MCC voted unanimously to endorse Prop 2.

MCC Finances. Although the MCC can always use more money to support neighborhood events, donations and *Madrona News* increasing newsletter advertising revenue has brought the MCC back into the black. Real estate agents working in Madrona are invited to donate a portion of their local-sales commission to the MCC, as other agents have in the past.

Madrona Playfield Sandbox. The sand has been slowly emptying into the woodchips again. Parents are reminded to encourage their kids to keep the sand where it belongs and the Parks Department asks that Madrona form a group to clean the sand from the woodchips. Parks may restock the sandbox with sand after the work party. If you are interested in spearheading this work party, contact Cynthia Stross at 860-7640.

This ended the meeting.

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24th & Spring P-Patch Gains Ground

By Rachel Rubinstein

Work on the Spring Street community garden at 24th Avenue and Spring is well under way! We held a very successful work party in August involving over sixty neighbors as well as two pygmy goats. We spent the day cutting down blackberry bushes, clearing the site of debris, and working on a mosaic project. We ended the day with a potluck dinner and all in all, it was a great success.

Our upcoming projects include installing a water meter and removing large quantities of dirt so that we can begin grading the site. We hope to have another work party this fall—stay tuned for the date. We are also looking for several much-needed materials and services. Here is our Wish List and any information about how we can obtain these things would be much appreciated. If you have any leads, contact Erika at erikaharris@gmail.com.

For clearing and grading this fall and winter, we wish for:

- Back hoe use/rental & operator
- Dump truck use/rental & operator
- Place to take dirt

For constructing retaining walls this fall and winter, we wish for:

- Wall material (broken concrete, stone, etc.)
- Cement, gravel and plywood
- Truck/equipment & operator to move heavy materials
- Pipe for rolling heavy materials
- Storage space for construction materials and tools

For constructing a water system this fall and winter, we wish for:

- Drip irrigation system
- Pipe, hose bibs, and other hardware
- Plumber for work party oversight

In 2009, we continue to work the garden and wish for:

- Compost and green cones or compost system
- Tools and tool shed
- Hoses
- Art
- Plants for entrances, arbors, shared herb bed, garden perimeter, and parking strips
- Flagstones for main path
- Soil Amendments

If you would like more information about the Spring Street Community P-Patch, email Christina at annachristina02@gmail.com. Thanks again!



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- WEDNESDAYS** 5:45 PM **Weight Watchers Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, 500 30th Ave S. Scott Linford 726 49263.
- 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, 328-4475.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker kbarker715@comcast.net.
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- Oct 20-21** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Expressive Acrylic Painting Class**– Ronald Methodist Church, 17839 Aurora Ave, Shoreline, WA 98133, Jacqui Beck www.jacquibeck.com
- Oct 23** 7:00 PM **Which Way Seattle? Series: Black Elected Officials** – Pigott Auditorium Seattle University, 900 Broadway. Which Way Seattle? is an ongoing series of civic dialogues about local and political affairs that directly impact Seattle’s African-American community. \$7 General/\$5 Students & Seniors (www.brownpapertickets.com 1-800-838-3006) The Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas www.cdforum.org
- Oct 23** 6:30 PM **Dulces Latin Bistro Welcomes Wilridge Winery ~ Happy 20th Anniversary** – Dulces Latin Bistro, 1430 34th Ave. 6:30 Gathering at the Winery & 7:00 sit down dinner at Dulces.
- Oct 24** 5:00 - 7:00PM **YMCA Fall Family Festival**—Featuring free food, games, activities, face painting, pumpkin painting, swimming, bouncy house, raffle, prizes, and much more. Meredith Matthews YMCA, 1700 23rd Avenue, 322-6969.
- Oct 25** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Church Rummage Sale** –Held indoors in case of rain. Will also be selling hot dogs. Madrona Presbyterian Church, 832 32nd Ave
- Oct 26** 9:15 AM **Adult Forum: The Multiple Ancestors of the Christian Faith, Prof. Dr. Eugene Webb, U. Washington** — Epiphany Great Hall. Dr. Webb will discuss the images and themes from several ancient religious traditions and influenced the thinking of Jesus and his early followers. www.epiphanyseattle.org
- Oct 31** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Madrona Kids Halloween Party** – Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse - Volunteers wanted contact Marina Parascenzo-Brush or Chris Brush at 325-3628 or brushmap@comcast.net.
- Nov 1** 1:00-5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless** —Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 1** 6:00 PM **Artists’ Reception for Crossroads, a Show of Contemporary Works by Four Women Artists**—Featuring Lisa Lamoreaux, Janet Fagan Smith, Lisa Snow Lady, and Madrona artist Jacqui Beck. Show continues through December 31. Lakewood Gallery, Tacoma www.lakewoodgallery.com.
- Nov 2** 9:15 AM **Adult Forum: Epiphany School Plans, Headmaster Matt Neely & architects** - Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org
- Nov 4** 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM **2008 Presidential Election**—Don’t forget to vote! The Madrona poll is at Madrona K-8 School, 33rd and E. Union.
- Nov 4** 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, MCC President Cynthia Stross 860-7640.
- Nov 6** 5:00 PM **Family Game Night**—Bring the whole family for games, snacks, prizes, and fun. Precocious Toys, 34th & Union, 322-9396.
- Nov 6** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Kindergarten Information Night** St. Therese School 900 35th Ave to RSVP contact Sandy Gunder at 324-04.60 or sandyg@saintthereseparish.org
- Nov 8** 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.
- Nov 8** 2:00 PM **Artists’ Reception for Invitational Winter Group Exhibition**—Featuring Madrona artist Jacqui Beck. Show continues through December 31. Baas Art Gallery 2703 E. Madison www.Baasartgallery.com
- Nov 9** 9:15 AM **Adult Forum: The Election 2008, Prof. Dr. David Domke, UW Dept Communications** - Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org
- Nov 15** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods work parties** — Stream enhancement and planting. Meet at the Spring Street entrance. Deirdre McCrary deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com
- Nov 15** 9:00 AM **Help Hang Madrona Wintergreens** – Meet at Madrona Plaza (opposite the Hi Spot) and bring gardening gloves and good cheer. Coffee & treats will be provided. Contact Marie Doyle at doylemf@comcast.net or 323-6128 to volunteer today!
- Nov 15** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **IGNITE! Pratt Fine Arts Center Open House**—Join Pratt for a free evening of artist demonstrations, studio tours and a chance to meet staff, instructors, and local artists! Watch artists pour bronze, blow glass, pull prints, paint, carve stone, fabricate jewelry and forge hot steel. Pratt Fine Arts Center, 1902 S. Main Street. 328.2200, www.pratt.org
- Nov 13** 6:30 PM **Madrona Dining & Sipping Society Dinner**—At That’s Amore in Leschi – RSVP to Audrey Seale at audreyseale@qwest.net. Everyone in Madrona is welcome!
- Nov 16** 9:15 AM **Adult Forum: Guatemala Outreach Ministry, Agros Amigos Report on January Trip** - Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org
- Nov 19** 9:00 AM—1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Nov 23** 9:15 AM **Adult Forum: Advent, Season of Waiting, Margaret McGee** - Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org

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