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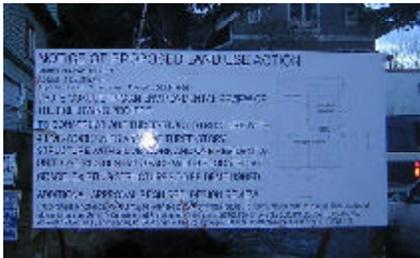
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Land Use and Construction: Read the Signs & Be Part of the Process

They're popping up around Madrona like mushrooms in the spring—projects signs posted by the Department of Planning and Development (DPD). Be they big and white or small and yellow, they are harbingers of things to come. The City uses them as outreach to inform the public of building, construction, and site development projects in their neighborhoods, during the project review stage before the City issues a building permit. These signs hold important information about planned new construction and changes to existing land uses. If you know how to read the signs, you can stay on top of planned changes and influence the future of Madrona.

Large white signs are posted when a project is large enough to require a review of potential environmental impacts. Smaller yellow signs are posted to alert neighbors about other kinds of land use proposals including early design reviews and variances. Neighbors near the project will also be contacted by mail. The purpose of these notifications is to solicit comments—pro and con—about the proposed project during a specific



time period. Neighbors have two key opportunities to express their opinions—through written comments and views expressed in person during Design Review meetings.

Written Comments: The DPD will not accept an application for a use that is clearly not permitted. There are specific issues that DPD is required to take into account when making decisions and others that cannot be considered. To be effective, your comments should focus on those concerns that the DPD must consider.

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Madrona Community Council Minutes

By Cynthia Stross, MCC Secretary, 35th Avenue

Laura Yurdin, former Madrona Community Council (MCC) president, kicked off the January 8, 2008 meeting with an invitation for a new volunteer to take over her position. She has moved to Mt. Baker and we will miss her leadership.

Madrona Events: In December, the Christmas Ship Bonfire at the Beach drew big crowds, despite the rain. Families and friends brought out their big umbrellas and drank hot chocolate, courtesy of the Garfield Community Center. In February and March, we look forward to Neighborhood Appreciation Day to

recognize people in our community who have made a special contribution. Nominations are being accepted by MCC VP Paige Smith at paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com. Paige thanks Jon Hughes for stepping up to lead this event and is looking for other volunteers to help him, as well as lead other upcoming coming events. Look for the monthly list of volunteer opportunities in the *Madrona News*.

Development: Tom Flood of 33rd Avenue and his architectural team updated the

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Madrona Foodie Imports Goodies

By David Baron, 37th Avenue

Madrona food lovers searching for authentic European pastries will find it easier to indulge this winter. My company, Dolce Europa Fine Foods, Inc., a specialty food importer and distributor, has opened a new warehouse store in Georgetown.



Everyone is welcome to come down and browse our selection of dozens of convenient delicacies, from freezer-to-oven hors d'oeuvres to thaw-and-serve French imported petits fours, all perfect for serving at parties. We have dozens of whole cakes, imported organic jams, honeys and confections, as well as non-sweet offerings such as Sicilian Coffee, Italian pasta, and San Benedetto mineral

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community on the development of the Madrona Auto property at 34th and Pike. They propose six live/work townhouses and one residential townhouse. They plan to include a biodiesel pump, a roof garden with sufficient soil to support vegetables, and water recycling mechanisms to capture grey water and rainwater. The current plan includes one parking spot for the residential townhouse while other residents would use street parking, or opt to use the community interior courtyard for parking.

Several people voiced concern about the parking situation and how the addition of the cars of these new residents and visitors to the businesses might affect 34th Avenue and adjacent streets. Tom acknowledged the possibility but noted that the building code of the City of Seattle does not require parking be provided for live/work townhouses smaller than 1500 square feet. Madrona has already requested that the City of Seattle do a parking study of that section of the neighborhood. Marty Liebowitz of 39th Avenue is the new liaison with the City on this project, taking over for Laura Yurdin. He will ensure the study moves forward and brief the City on several pending neighborhood development projects.

Newsletter: Kim Herber went over the plan for this month's *Madrona News*. She also mentioned receiving a very nice note from Madrona neighbor and *Madrona News* fan Frederick Magee of 34th Avenue.

Historical Madrona: Jon McCloud of 36th Avenue proposed including a plaque or historical photos at the remodeled Madrona library in recognition of the history of the library as a former firehouse. The MCC encouraged Jon to explore the possibility and voted to provide some financial support for the commemorative project.

Next Meeting: The next MCC meeting will be February 5—the first Tuesday—at 7:15 in the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Everyone is welcome.

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water and soft drinks, all at discounted prices!

As a Madrona resident since 1983, I have a special Valentine's Day offer for my Madrona neighbors. Until the end of February, Madrona residents will receive an additional 5% discount on all products in the store. To get this special price, just show your drivers license with your Madrona address!

Dolce Europa's retail store is located at 503 South Michigan St. on the corner of 5th Avenue South. Besides being a great place for time-crunched restaurateurs and caterers to find 'cash and carry' delicacies, our new retail outlet is where local Italophiles can find a complete line of cakes, tarts, cookies, gelato, and other frozen desserts. Our many East Coast Italian specialties include cannoli (those fried little tube pastries filled with ricotta) and sfogliatelle (a favorite on the Sopranos!), as well as food gifts shipped directly from Italy.

To see a complete catalog of our products visit www.dolceeuropa.com. Winter hours at our Georgetown warehouse are Tuesdays through Fridays, 10:00am to 5:00pm, or by appointment. For information or directions, call 329-4444.

Land Use Signs... (cont'd from page 1)

State Environmental Policy Act. These policies relate to potential impacts on earth, such as erosion; water or air pollution; plants and animals, traffic congestion, and degradation of designated public scenic routes and viewpoints.

Shoreline. Shorelines around major water bodies require additional scrutiny to protect water quality, habitat, water-dependent-uses, and public views.

Variations. These requests seek permission to allow the size or location of a development proposal to depart from the standard code.

Administrative Conditional Uses. These allow certain types of use in specific zones, and usually deal with the physical or functional impacts of noise, odors, litter, lighting, parking or traffic.

All comments must be submitted in writing or via email within the time period noted on the land use sign. To help neighbors make effective comments, the DPD offers many suggestions.

- Include the project, project address and your mailing address with your comment.
- Briefly explain who you are and why you are interested in the project.
- State your concerns clearly and succinctly using objective language.
- Ask questions and propose alternative solutions to particular issues.
- Keep focused on your objective. You want DPD to hear your concerns and be compelled enough to investigate further.
- Identify project features that you like and think should not be changed.
- Provide any comments about the project's compliance with the Land Use Code.
- Ask to be added to the project mailing list.

Design Review. The City of Seattle's Design Review (DR) Program provides a forum for citizens, developers and the City to review and guide the design of commercial and multifamily development projects. During DR process, developers show a minimum of three design solutions for a particular site. At the DR meeting, the Design Review Board reviews the options, solicits comments from those in attendance, and issues a prioritized list of comments. These comments reflect items the Board feels the developer should integrate in the final project drawings and a follow-up meeting is held with the developer to review the results. The DPD conducts DR by using guidelines that cover the physical appearance of the building and the site, and how it relates to its surroundings, including its size and shape, landscaping and materials. Environmental concerns, such as traffic and parking impacts, are not addressed by design review.

The material from this story was gleaned from the city of Seattle website. For more information on how to read Land Use signs, visit www.seattle.gov/dpd/Notices/Land_Use_Signs_Notices/default.asp. For details about the Design Review process, read www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Design_Review_Program/Overview/default.asp. Send written comments about specific projects to: DPD, ATTN: Public Resource Center or Assigned Planner, 700 Fifth Ave, Ste 2000, P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019.

Nominate a Special Neighbor

By Paige Smith, Martin Luther King Way

At the January Madrona Community Council meeting, we discussed the plans for our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Day event. Jon Hughes is leading the charge for this celebration of the people who make Madrona School and our entire neighborhood great. The event will be on March 8 in the Madrona School library. Let me know if you would like to help with the planning or on the day of the event.

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. There are four different awards categories— The Nora, Local Hero, Unsung Hero, and Madrona Resident for Life. Simply write a couple of paragraphs about your deserving nominee and email them to me at paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com. Nominations are due by March 3 so they can be reviewed by the Madrona Community Council on March 4. If you don't do email, call me at 329-3368 and we'll work something out!

- **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 and Bill Hanson.
- **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 and Judith Starbuck.
- **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 and Fred Strom 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. Who knows – maybe receiving this award encouraged his return? Shelley Huestis was honored last year. Is there someone you'd like to see back in Madrona?

Who do you want to honor this year?

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MD&SS Hits the Hi-Spot

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

Thursday January 10, the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MD&SS) kicked off the new year with an extraordinary dinner that lasted three hours and set a record with 40 neighbors attending and challenging our motto: "There's always room at the table for more neighbors".



Beveridges all around! Thom Ditty (front) and Nan and Jim Schultz (rear) enjoy a MD&SS dinner with five members of the Beveridge family: Berta, Bob, Paul, Mack and Liam.

We filled the Hi-Spot Cafe and in tables of six, enjoyed great conversation, made connections, and discovered what incredibly talented and generous neighbors we all have.

It was a true neighborhood event—from the location to the delicious food, wine, and dessert. Hi-Spot owner Mike Walker provided the space and the terrific service staff. Guest chef Lysle Wilhelmi, chef at the long gone but not forgotten Madrona Bistro, reprised some of her favorite recipes. She assembled a delightfully varied appetizer platter of spinach frittata, sautéed sliced eggplant, and goat cheese. She followed that up with a crisp wild greens salad and either crab cakes or coq au vin—a difficult choice for many of us! Sammie Sue Parrott of the Hi-Spot baked a light and lovely pear tart that was paired with caramel gelato provided by neighbor David Baron of Dolce Europa. Our glasses were never empty whether diners chose imported mineral water also from Dolce Europa or the viognier and merlot that Wilridge Winery's Paul Beveridge poured during dinner. As an added treat, Wilridge also offered us all a chance to purchase more wine at very advantageous neighbor prices!

Amid all the fun and fellowship, we still found time to award the first ever ribboned Madrona Emeritus medallion to MD&SS regular Henry Kuharic of 35th Avenue. Henry has lived in Madrona for over 40 years and is moving to Horizon House.



Henry Kuharic

A great time was contributed to by all! Do you wish you could have been there too? You can! The MD&SS is open to one and all and the more the merrier.

Our February dinner will NOT BE on the second Thursday because that is Valentine's Day. An alternate date and the location are still TBD but everyone on our email list will get an invitation and an opportunity to make a reservation. To get on the list, drop me a note at audreyseale@qwest.net. Looking ahead, you can pencil in March 13 for the following dinner. Great meals, great fun with the neighbors. Shouldn't you join us? Email or call me at 329-8775.

Toys for Tots: Thanks, Madrona!

Barbara Banon of Edward Jones Investment, on E. Spring St. wants to extend a very big **"THANK YOU"** to everyone in the community that brought in toys for this year's U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve Toys for Tots drive. Barbara's office in the Bowling Green building was the official Toys for Tots drop off location for Madrona.

"For four years now, the residents of Madrona have helped us collect toys and this year was our most successful" Barbara said. "We collected over 75 toys in December of 2007, and our goal for next year is to collect over 100!"

Barbara would like to give Special Thanks to Mona Anastas and Travis Colburn, owners of *Two Owls Children's Boutique* on E. Spring St, for the many great toys they donated to the drive.

To find out more about the annual Toys for Tots program, visit www.toysfortots.org/

Welcome Babies!

Congrats to Edie and Brian Hall of 38th Avenue who welcomed daughter **Nolia May Hall** on October 16, 2007. Noli was 7 lbs., 9oz; and 22 inches long. She is the little sister of Barty Hall.

Did you start the New Year off with a little bundle of joy? To announce the arrival of your child in the *Madrona News*, send all the facts and figures to kdh5027@aol.com.

2007 Madrona Neighborhood Events

It's a New Year! What can YOU contribute to Madrona??? We need someone to organize events throughout the year....Could that someone be YOU?

Jan Ecumenical Martin Luther King Celebration—*Jan 20*
Mount Baker Presbyterian

Feb/ Neighbor Appreciation Day—March 8
Mar **Jon Hughes** 325-2489

April Community Garage Sale
Kim Herber 325-9923

May Mayfair Parade & Carnival—May 17
Paige Smith 329-3368

Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
Marie Doyle 323-6128

July/ Madrona BBQ Festival ***Seeking Coordinator***
Aug

Sept Neighborhood Cleanup ***Seeking Coordinator***

Oct Kids' Halloween Party ***Seeking Coordinator***

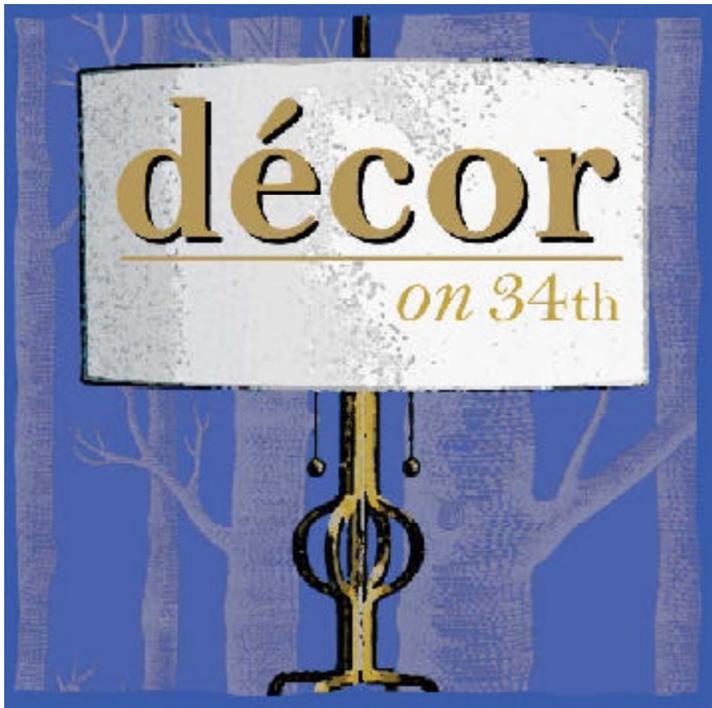
Nov Madrona Community Council Officer Election
MCC Officers

Winter Greens & Holiday Lights
Marie Doyle 323-6128

Dec Christmas Ships at Madrona **Seeking Coordinator*

To get involved, contact these event coordinators or Madrona Community Council VP of Events Paige Smith at 329-3368 or paigeinmadrona@hotmail.com

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Neighborhood Firefighter Remembers the Madrona Fire House

By Jon MacLeod, 36th Avenue

Jack Dunn is an Irishman straight from central casting. Twinkling blues eyes, white beard, watch cap. Rain or shine, Jack takes laps around Madrona carrying a walking stick carved from a gnarled rose from his garden, “Not nearly as old as me,” says Jack, “but old enough for a strong stick.” He misses Opal, a white Bassett hound who ambled along with him for ten years until she died last February. “The most famous Madrona dog ever,” Jack claims.

Jack’s daily circuit often takes him by the Sally Goldmark Library. To him it’s not just a library, but also the Engine Company 12 fire station, where he worked for 22 years until the station was closed in 1972. The arch over the bricked-in fire apparatus door is still visible, but Jack frets that this last trace of the fire station may disappear during the current library renovation.

1921 is the year on the cornerstone, but there was a fire station on the site as far back as 1904, the days of horse-drawn fire trucks. “Until the sidewalk on Union was repaved a few years ago,” Jack recalls, “you could still see the wheel track where the horses got a downhill start from 33rd to 34th.”

Born into a Kelso logging family in 1923, Jack joined the Navy in 1941 as a machinist mate, maintaining seaplanes on New Caledonia in the South Pacific and later at Sand Point. In 1944, he married Bette Lou Neuss, who grew up at 28th and Union. After the war they stayed with Bette’s family while building a home of their own at 34th and Pine, where they raised three children and still live today.

In 1948, Jack passed the firefighter exam and was assigned to the tiny 3-man Madrona fire house, with one chain-driven 1918 American la France pumper truck on its last legs. For Jack it was “nice to be so close to home,” but he and his mates worked all over central Seattle. They helped fight the spectacular Todd Shipyard fire in 1964, and a four-building arson fire just south of 14th and Union. They spent their quieter days doing hydrant inspections and playing ping pong in the fire house with kids from Madrona School, where Bette was the principal’s secretary.

“Madrona had everything back then,” says Jack. “I could walk out the back door of the fire house, stop by the pharmacy on the southwest corner of 34th and Union, pick up groceries on the northwest corner, and gas up the car on 34th and Pike. You didn’t have to leave the neighborhood if you didn’t want to.”

“Things really got exciting in the late 60’s, when the Black Panthers came along,” says Jack. “I suppose there are rotten apples in every barrel, but the Panthers I knew, like the three Dixon boys, Aaron, Elmer and Michael, who grew up in Madrona, did a lot of good with their free breakfast program for poor kids and free medical clinic.”

“In those days,” recalls Jack, “the Seattle Police Department, like the Fire Department, was pretty much all-white, and some cops were just out to get the Panthers. They commandeered the phone booth in our fire house to do surveillance on the Panthers, and one night, someone who didn’t like the cops using us for cover, fired a couple of bullets in our direction—you can still see the spots above the apparatus door where we patched the holes. I didn’t like it either, and said so, which made me politically incorrect for a while in the fire house.”

Jack retired in 1973, shortly after the Madrona fire house closed, but didn’t sit on his hands. A skilled photographer, he spent six years taking photos at rodeos all over the Northwest. Jack was an avid skier and biker, and enjoyed playing tennis on the Madrona courts. His courtmates included long time Madrona residents Walter and Carla Chotzen, whose sons Loren and Ben are now real estate brokers with the Landmark Group at 31st and Madison, and Martin Kraus, whose wife Mimi, now 98, still lives at 36th and Spring. “Martin was a really good player,” Jack says with a laugh. “He could beat me every day of the week and twice on Sunday.”

Engine Company 12 is long gone, but it is a vital part of Madrona’s rich history. Walking past the Goldmark Library, take a minute to imagine Jack Dunn at the old station house drying hoses on a quiet sunny morning. Listen for the excitement of a fire alarm and the red pumper truck racing out onto Union. But don’t stand too close or in your reverie you might be trampled by a couple of charging horses.

The Madrona Community Council is working with the King County Library to preserve the history of the Madrona Fire Station by incorporating a commemorative plaque into the library remodel. If you have other information or photographs of the old fire house, contact me at jwm@jwmaclodlaw.com.

Do you have Madrona history to share? Submit your story to the Madrona News at kdh5027@aol.com.



Wearing his black helmet, rookie Madrona fireman Jack Dunn (left) and the boys from station 12 show off their American la France pumper truck to young Barbara Dunn circa 1950.

My Mutts & Me: Goodbye to Jah and Kodi

By Helen Payton, 34th Avenue, Madrona Mutt Matcher

Most people who have pets know that their pets' lives are defined largely by their species. While humans have managed to figure out how to live longer and longer, it is not so for our beloved companions, whose life expectancies remain relatively short.

My dogs, my faithful companions, "my boys," exceeded their longevity expectations by years. They were both "throw-away" dogs, the kind people give away without a thought. Jah, the Husky, came to me very unexpectedly after a two-year lapse in dog ownership. I lived in Ohio when a co-worker asked me to 'consider' taking in a 5-month old pup whose owners couldn't keep him. I imagined a ball of fluff, stumbling over itself, ready to be carried and cuddled but reality proved to be somewhat different. The "fluff" that appeared was a 55-pound, long-legged adolescent who wanted to run, knock me over with excitement, and eat my dining room table. But I had agreed to care for him and there was no turning back. I weathered Jah digging out of the yard, getting "skunked" many times, and dragging me through the snow with my cross country skis when I foolishly tried to make him be my one-dog "team".

Next year came my lovey boy, Kodiak, aka Kodi, who was but a year old. After he was kept in a crate for a year and taunted by kids at the playground, his friendly Lab behavior had given way to a nervous wreck of a dog. But something in his loving eyes made me believe that he was worth my time and energy. Kodi slowly forgave the "kids" and never left my side except to chase sticks, drag sticks, or swim after sticks.

Kodi and Jah both lived with me in Seattle for nine years and had many adventures in and around Madrona. They really appreciated a trip to the ocean or lake shore where formerly live things begged to be eaten or rolled around on. If we happened to be away from home, it was good for them but bad for me when the smell in our shared tent or camper made it seem like I had joined in their fun. They were my pals.

Last spring, on March 22, I said "goodbye" to Jah-Boy. He was 15 years and 4 months. After he was gone our walks became a tribute to him and a way for Kodi to deal with his increasing arthritis. He seemed to miss Jah, acting "down" and less lively. But this summer Kodi perked up and we took a few more swims in Lake Washington. As fall approached he seemed quieter but always eager for dinner time. Finally, on November 11, a sad Sunday, Kodi had an episode of Bloat that quickly proved fatal. I couldn't believe it—my Lab, the guy that thought he was an 80-pound lap dog, was gone. He was fourteen years and 4 months. Later, I would find out that Bloat—a condition that causes a dog's stomach to drastically distend and even twist—is



Jah and Kodi with Helen

the second most common cause of death for dogs.

Alone, sadness overwhelmed me. Even though I understood that both dogs received excellent care and love, and had lived beyond expectations, I missed them. Instead of a concert of loving barks and yips, now my only welcome home is from the alarm that screams as I open the front door. As 2008 begins, my heart is recovering from last year's loss but I have decided not to take on another dog—for now. Instead I'll offer my services to friends to pet sit or to train dogs, and get to know more people and dogs in Madrona as coordinator for the "Mutt Match-Up" column in the *Madrona News*. That feels right for now but in my heart I know I have another dog waiting for me, somewhere in the future.

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St Therese Parish Center Expansion

By Carla Orlando, St Therese Parish Parishioner

At one time, the St Therese Parish Center on 34th and Marion was home to a Madrona family. Today, it is home to many. Along with housing the offices of ministers and administrators of St Therese, the Parish Center is the welcome and gathering place for many celebrations, classes, retreats, meetings, and special events. More and more, the Parish Center is becoming a home for our children. On the north side of the building, a leaking garage once served as a multi-use space. Five years ago, this space was dedicated and converted into an "Atrium", a children's place of prayer. Today, the Atrium, which serves over 70 parish children, still leaks.

St Therese has patched the garage roof multiple times, re-roofed, and even covered it with a tent and tarp to prevent it from leaking. To create the Atrium, parents provided countless hours to repair and paint the walls, installed carpet and linoleum, and put up shelves. Our efforts have paid off: the new space has become a beloved place for many. Still, it retains the original flaw: a leaking roof.

Plans to renovate the St Therese garage (DPD project 3008168) will fix the leaking and make new, dry space for its children, the largest growing group at St Therese parish. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to religious education and popular among parish families. Many parents have been trained in this method and help to teach and administrate the program at St Therese. In the past five years, the program has grown from 24 preschoolers (Level 1) to after-school sessions for 70 children, ranging from age 3 and 9 (Level 2). The Atrium at St Therese expects to grow further. Currently, sessions for both levels of children run simultaneously. For a second classroom space, the Catechesis utilizes the Parish Center living room. The expansion will provide for more and more of the current and projected needs for space at the Parish Center.

60 years ago, Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew scripture scholar and theologian, had no plans to observe the religious life of children. But since that time, she has inspired a catechetical movement that spans the globe. In the Atrium, children choose from different "works", hand-crafted materials like puzzle maps of the Land of Israel and figurines of the disciples and parable characters. In the Atrium, the mystery of God meets the mystery of the child. At home, at Mass, and now in the Parish Center Atrium at St Therese, children are exploring their individual and precious relationships with God.

City Life Real Estate
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Epiphany Expansion Plan Update!

By Loring McAllaster, E. Denny Way

Epiphany School continues to move forward with its expansion plans. When completed in Fall of 2010, the School will serve some 210 students, up from the original enrollment of about 110 and the current enrollment of 196. The expansion calls for new classroom buildings and an underground parking garage for all faculty and staff who currently park on adjacent neighborhood streets. Some time ago, the neighbors who live around the school formed a group called the Neighbors of Epiphany School (NOES) that meets regularly with the school to discuss neighborhood concerns.

The School and its architects and traffic consultant have met with the Neighbors several times since last spring. These meetings keep the neighbors updated on developments regarding the expansion and allow the neighbors to provide input to the process. These meetings have spawned two smaller working committees, Architectural Design and Transportation.

Architectural Design Committee. Neighbors' concerns have been reviewed and addressed. The next meeting of the Neighbors/Epiphany School Architectural Committee is January 29 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in the current status of the Epiphany School Expansion Campus Master Plan are encouraged to attend. Due to limited space, those planning to attend are asked to contact me at 329-1244, or George Edwards, Head of School at 323-9011 for details and meeting location.

Following are highlights reflecting current Architectural Design Committee status:

- Building setbacks increased to 20 feet from E. Denny Way, contingent on alley vacation.
- Building faces and rooflines are "modulated" to avoid a large, unbroken appearance. Landscaping will further help to integrate the new buildings into the campus and neighborhood.
- No source of significant noise is envisioned and the School will strive to exceed standards (minimize noise.)

The formal process whereby the School applies to the Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD) for a Master Use Permit so that construction may proceed has not yet been initiated. The January 29 meeting offers an early opportunity for everyone in the Madrona/Epiphany Community to see what is being planned. Construction is estimated to last for about 15 months. While the City allows construction to occur Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 7:00pm, the Neighbors have asked the School to minimize construction times to reduce noise in the morning and evening.

Transportation Committee. Formation of a Transportation Committee to address traffic, safety, congestion, and parking concerns generated or affected by the Epiphany School expansion is a key goal. Anyone who is interested in serving on this very important committee should contact me at 329-1244 or loringmca@msn.com.

As a side note, George Edwards, Head of School at Epiphany, has announced his retirement effective the end of this school year. While always a staunch advocate for the School, he has always related to the NOES with respect, and an open ear to our concerns. He has always remained true to his avowed intention "to be a good neighbor." Thanks, George.

Coupage Is Here to Stay

The restaurant space at 1404 34th Avenue has been a revolving door of failed concepts in past years – most recently the short-lived Drey's, and before that a turn as Sapphire. So when Chef Tom Hurley opened the Korean-French Coupage there looking to create a complimentary restaurant concept to his acclaimed Portland classical French-fared Hurley's, the community didn't hold its breath waiting for anything exceptional. Now, with a first outstanding year of business under his belt and an enviable collection of critical praise, Hurley is looking to make a lasting impression on those who matter most to him – his neighbors.

When Hurley first began his search in Seattle for the perfect spot to create his latest vision, he surprised some by steering clear of the rather predictable Downtown and Belltown environs in favor of some of the destination neighborhoods. The reason behind this had nothing to do with access and everything to do with association. "When it comes to my restaurants, I don't want to see them in just any neighborhood, I want to build them in a community," said Hurley of his choice for the location of Coupage. "It's not as much of a challenge to open in a tourist area or the hotel district as it is in an area where the residents who drive by everyday on the way home are the people who determine your success or failure." Instantly charmed by the people and sensibility of Madrona, Hurley set out to implement his concept in a manner that both drew from and complimented the Madrona community.

Hurley recently shifted the operating structure of Coupage by taking on the role of executive chef. "My favorite part of this industry is being creative in the kitchen," Hurley explained. "I didn't want to lose touch with why I got into this business"

A menu redesigned with a personal Hurley touch consists of starters like Mache Salad with Roasted Oregon maitake mushrooms or the Pumpkin Custard Crab Cakes with a pumpkin seed vinaigrette. Entrée offerings include Cote de Boeuf of top sirloin with a smoked pork belly or the Chilean Sea Bass with Asian lentils and local chanterelles. Already a legend in Seattle, the Coupage Burger, made of house ground short rib with foie gras and red onion kimchi, is served with truffle perfumed potato crisps and is easily a meal for two.

Hurley's latest venture is his recent acquisition of the classic Triangle Lounge in Fremont, where he's adeptly adding his signature flair to another community favorite.

Coupage is open for dinner daily beginning at 5:00, and the bar is open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The restaurant serves brunch on Sundays between 10:00am and 2:00pm. For reservations, call 322-1974



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Leschi School Seeks Read-Aloud Volunteers

Residents of south Madrona may be interested to know that the Leschi Elementary School library is looking for adults to come to the school and read to students. Every Wednesday, between noon and 1:00, three classes go to the library for 20 minutes so children can choose books that volunteers will read out loud to small groups. The program is geared to encourage kindergarteners to get excited about books and the children love it! The Read-Aloud project is most successful when the groups consist of two or three children so more volunteers are needed. If you'd like to help, contact Leschi Elementary School librarian Denise DeGabriele at 252-2994 or ddgabriele@seattleschools.org.

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Epiphany Poets Shine

By Bethany Furubayashi, Epiphany School

On December 18, the curtain rose on Epiphany School's annual Poetry Pageant, featuring Kindergarten and First Grade student performers led by Musical Director Joseph Sesorko. Taking the stage, these young performers sang their hearts out in front of a packed house of family members, friends, and faculty gathered to enjoy this year's production, *'Tis the Season*.

Now in its 50th year, Epiphany School can lay claim to many long-standing traditions such as the Poetry Pageant, which debuted in 1981. The Pageant was the brainchild of Susan Fuchs, School Librarian from 1980-1998, who was inspired by her own love of the theatre and the idea that "poetry provides small scripts for a large number of children." Susan's mission was for every child to confidently take the stage, with the freedom to be "goofy" and "creative."

Confident, goofy, and creative they most certainly were! Add to that list courageous, exhilarated, and proud of what they had accomplished. It's why after 27 years, the Poetry Pageant remains an Epiphany School tradition, timeless in its appeal and beloved by all.



Epiphany School First Graders Abigail Potts, Lucy Berliant, and Callista Wessells light up the room at the School's Poetry Pageant.

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Look East for Health:

Fighting STRESS with Chinese Medicine

By Haydn Engelke MSA Lac, MLK & Union

Stress—we've all got it and it needs no introduction as you are unfortunately all too familiar with how stress affects your everyday life. What you may not know is how much acupuncture and Chinese medicine can help you become healthier and stress free.

Believe it or not, stress is helpful—up to a point. Stress causes our bodies to produce adrenaline, and increases our heart rate and sensitivity to our surroundings. This helps us respond rapidly to unexpected situations. For example, when there is a danger, such as a fire or burglar, our adrenaline level rises to pump more blood in our body so we can fight or run. Another stress hormone called cortisol increases the level of our blood sugar to provide more energy for the quick reaction.

In Chinese medicine, chronic stress causes blockages of the energy flow (Qi) at various points in our bodies. When the energy is not moving freely, painful sensations occur in places where the energy is congested. This blockage can eventually become deeper and create heat in the form of inflammation. Chronic stress can be a major contributing factor in many disorders including:

- anxiety
- depression
- insomnia
- vertigo/dizziness
- muscle pain
- chronic fatigue
- irritable bowel syndrome
- hypertension
- digestive disorders,
- PMS, menopausal symptoms and infertility,
- headaches and migraines,

In fact, any kind of pain without cause is more than likely due to stress-related energy blockage and acupuncture is one of the most effective treatments for stress. Acupuncture does not simply calm the mind and relax the muscles temporarily but brings lasting relief by clearing Qi blockages and balance the energy in various systems in the body.

If you have questions about these or other traditional Chinese treatments, contact me at Eastern Elements Acupuncture and Massage, 229-5084 or www.Eastern-Elements.com

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New Classes at the MMEM YMCA

Was your New Year's Resolution to lose a few pounds? Workout more often? Get fit? Learn to swim? If you set yourself an exercise-related goal for 2008, look no farther than your neighborhood Meredith Matthews-East Madison (MMEM) YMCA on 23rd Avenue to help you make your fitness resolutions come true! Through the end of January, the YMCA of Greater Seattle is offering a 50% discount on membership joining fees. Joining the YMCA of Greater Seattle is a great deal because you receive membership privileges at 11 YMCAs for no additional cost. So, whether you're at work, at home, or somewhere in between, you'll find a Y nearby. The MMEM has some new classes such as Group Cycling for the new year, and continues to hold lots of old favorites.

Group cycling classes on 12 new Greg LeMond indoor training bikes are now offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 6:15am to 7:00am, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15pm to 7:00pm. If you love to bike—but hate being out in the winter weather—come on in and join us for a warm and cozy group ride.

Personal training is a great way to supplement your workouts and continue your progress towards total health. Our Personal Training program is designed to keep you on track toward your goals, help you train for an event, or get you back to working out after a break and too many holiday goodies. Personal Training is also an excellent way for those beginning a new exercise regime to get started on the right track with instruction, motivation, and support.

Kids' University Tutoring offers a quiet area with a variety of safe, stimulating, and fun activities to keep kids busy while their parents workout. Kids and also bring their homework and get help from MMEM tutors while Dad takes a swim or Mom pumps some iron. For YMCA Family members, there is no extra charge for Kids' University Tutoring.

For more information about programs at the MMEM, call the front desk at 322-6969 or drop into the facility at 1700 23rd Avenue. To learn about all the YMCA of Greater Seattle has to offer, visit www.seattleyymca.org/page.cfm.

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Spectrum Academy Program Creates Artists

By Anne Derieux, Spectrum Dance Theater

Established 25 years ago at the Madrona Dance Studio on the shore of Lake Washington, Spectrum Dance Theater is flourishing and pursuing its commitment to offer more opportunities for students interested in dance. In September 2006, Spectrum launched the Academy Program to respond to a need for more intensive training opportunities. After just one year, Spectrum is all the more committed to fully developing this program and making it an integral part of what Spectrum provides to the community.

The Academy Program is for dedicated students, ages 14 to 21 years who are interested in training for possible careers in dance or for high achievement. In too many instances, we have noticed students being turned away by established ballet schools because of physical and/or technical abilities not matching their specific criteria.

The Academy Program creates a new pathway for students serious in dance by offering a diverse curriculum of ballet, modern,



Photo by Gabriel Bienczycki.

lyrical jazz, tap, African dance, and Brazilian dance, in a positive and nurturing environment. The design of this intensive training program is to develop well-rounded dancers, providing them with the highest level of training and a rich artistic experience. In 2008, we will intensify performance opportunities for the students, in particular through community engagements such as Holiday Parades, neighborhood fairs, and special events. They will also be showcased at their own *Academy Studio Series* at the Madrona Dance Studio on February 16 and 17 in the 100-seat black box theater at the Madrona Dance Studio. They will be performing new choreography by faculty members as well as Artistic Director Donald Byrd. Tickets are on sale now and information is available at 325 4161. Come see the next generation of dancers, home grown and ready to take on the world!

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New Year Refrain: Plant and Raise Money

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

It's time to move across Lake Washington Boulevard to put in lots of native plants along the new Madrona Creek in Madrona Woods. Though we think our little stream is adorable, the two-thirds of the flow that will be added by connecting the upper ravine will make it much more attractive to young fish. So this winter we'll also be working on getting the money to bring the contractors back in June of 2008.

Fortunately January brings us welcome help from several groups that will assist with clearing and planting. But there will still be plenty to do in February. If you'd like to join the fun, check the kiosks, the lakefront sign or our website for work party dates and times, or contact Deirdre McCrary at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com to be notified by e-mail.

We have almost \$100,000 in hand from the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple Grant program, Aquatic Habitat Matching Grant program and Climate Action Grant program. With these and a grant for plants from the Seattle Garden Club we still need about \$200,000 to finish the daylighting. We're working on several proposals and on the lookout for additional potential grant opportunities.

We're looking forward to taking down the construction fence at the end of February. We hope people will enjoy the new natural area and will want to help us protect the new plants, fragile banks, and ponds. The trail will be well-marked, with the railing being completed over the next few months, and we encourage walkers to keep themselves, children, and dogs on the trail. If you must go off trail, please watch carefully where you put your feet. A tender, young salmonberry or fern may thank you.

Community financial donations continue to be essential for extras like the bridges and trails and to show neighborhood support to those giving us matching grants. Send your donation for the Madrona Woods Daylighting project to Joan Scott, 3700 East Marion St., 98122.

For more information about activities in the Woods and Park, contact me at judithstarbuck@msn.com or 322-2640, or visit www.madronawoods.org.

Paint in the New Year

Madrona artist Jacqui Beck is offering one acrylic painting workshop a month during January, February, and March. The workshops will be at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center, 3515 S Alaska Street, from 10:00 to 4:00 on three Fridays. Tuition is \$75 per class and you can sign up for one, two or all three. Each workshop will have a special focus and will allow time for students to work on individual projects.

- January 25: Underpainting and negative-shape painting: Enhance your acrylic paintings;
- February 29: Making changes to a painting: It's never too late;
- March 29: What shall I paint? Finding meaning and creativity in your painting process.

Email Jacqui at jacqui@jacquibeck.com for a registration form. Call her at 325-7267 or visit www.jacquibeck.com for details.

Jacqui will also be giving demonstrations and a workshop of her painting techniques at Daniel Smith Art stores in Seattle and Bellevue. See www.danielsmith.com for details and call the store to register.

Demo: Layering & Edges: Bring more zing to your acrylic painting—free!

- February 2, 11:00 am & 1:45 pm, Seattle store 223-9599
- February 10, 12:00 noon & 2:00 pm, Bellevue Store: 425-643-1781

Workshop: Layering & Edges: Bring more zing to your acrylic painting—\$75 fee

- March 2, 11:00 to 4:30, Seattle Store 223-9599

This workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to learn how to use layering techniques over smooth, textured, and collaged surfaces to enhance and bring more zing to your acrylic paintings. Discover how to use layers, a variety of edges, and complimentary colors to bring more life to your paintings and more enjoyment to your painting process. This workshop is open to participants with any level of experience.

Questions? Call Jacqui!

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Law for All: Plan For Your Estate in 2008

By Lori Rath, Estate Planning & Probate Attorney

Happy New Year! January is a time when many of us deliberately pause to take stock of our lives and make plans for things we'd like to accomplish in the coming year. Is it time for you to establish or update your estate plan? The following questions may help you decide.

Do you have:

- Young children for whom you should designate a guardian and a financial manager (trustee) in the event of your death?
- A disabled family member to whom you should consider leaving assets in a "Special Needs Trust"?

Have you recently:

- Experienced a significant life change, such as marriage, the birth of a child, separation, divorce, or a serious illness?
- Had a close family member or anyone named in your existing estate plan die, become seriously ill, or go through any other major life change?
- Experienced a significant increase or decrease in your net worth?

Would you like to:

- Leave instructions for your family about how to make health care and financial decisions for you if you become terminally ill or incapacitated?
- Designate a caretaker for your pet(s) and arrange for the transfer of funds to help with the costs of their care, in the event of your death?

A "yes" answer to any of these questions may indicate that you should establish or update your estate plan. If you have questions about estate planning, contact me at 219-1402 or lori@rathlawmediation.com.

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Tax Time Tip:

Are You Eligible for a Tax Credit?

By Christie Drakeley

My name is Christie Drakeley and I recently relocated my business to an office in Madrona Plaza on 34th Avenue. As an accountant, the months of January, February, and March are all about getting ready for the Big Day—April 15. I suspect that many of you are thinking about your taxes too, so for the next three months I'll share some tips with you that I hope will make the inevitable a little less painful. I'll start this column with a few words about tax credits. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of taxes owed. There are several and recognizing those you are eligible to claim is a great way to bring down your tax bill.

Earned Income Tax Credit: a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families.

Child and Dependent Care Credit: a credit for expenses paid for the care of children under age 13, or a disabled spouse or dependent that enables the taxpayer to work or look for work.

Adoption Credit: up to \$11,390 for expenses paid to adopt an eligible child.

Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled: available to U.S. citizens or residents who are either age 65 or older, or are under age 65 and retired on total disability.

Child Tax Credit: a maximum credit of \$1,000 for each qualifying child under age 17. This credit can be claimed in addition to the credit for child and dependent care expenses, although the amount you can claim is tied to your filing status and income. If your Child Tax Credit is greater than the tax you owe, you may be able to claim some or all of the difference as an "additional" Child Tax Credit, which may entitle you to a refund! A qualifying child is someone who meets the following criteria:

- Must be your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild or eligible foster child, sibling, or stepsibling or a descendant of any of these individuals.
- Is a U.S. citizen or resident alien.
- Did not provide over half of his/her own support, and lived with you for more than half of 2007.

If you have questions about tax credits or other tax-related issues, feel free to contact me at 219-1450 or drakeley@affinity-tax.com

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Sign up Now for Central Seattle Little League

Boys and girls—grab your gloves and get ready for the upcoming season of Seattle Central Little League (SCLL) baseball! Sign up is starting NOW and all applications MUST be received by February 29. Get your registration packets by either:

1. Downloading one from www.eteamz.com/SeattleLL
2. Calling 706-2648 to have one mailed to you.
3. Picking up a copy at your local community center or school.

If you are a 5 to 7 year old, you can play T-ball; 7 to 8 year olds can sign up for coach pitch; 9 to 10 year olds play in the Minors; 11 to 12 in the Majors; 13 and 14 year olds play in the Juniors, and 15-16 year olds as Seniors. We also have Girls Softball for those aged 8-12.

Opening Day is April 5 with all games being played on Saturdays at the Garfield Community Center fields. The SCLL boundaries are I-90 north to the Ship Canal and from downtown to Lake Washington so tell all your friends who live in that area to get registered and come out to play!

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Pediatric Dentist Opening Soon

Everyone in Madrona has likely noticed the wonderful renovation of the Lakeview building that has taken place at 34th and Cherry. Precocious Toys has already moved into one side of the building and brightened up the dreary corner considerably. Now Dr. Stephen Stuehling, D.M.D, has announced his intention to open a pediatric dental practice, Lakeview Kids Dentistry, in the other storefront this summer.

Dr. Stuehling has lived in the northwest for the past 12 years and in Madrona for the last 5. He completed his dental and pediatric dental specialty training at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland. Over the past 8 years he has helped improve the oral health of underprivileged children by providing dentistry at community dental clinics throughout Snohomish County and in Tacoma. Dr. Stuehling is very excited about moving his practice to Madrona and having the opportunity to serve the children and families in his own neighborhood.

Until Lakeview Kids Dentistry opens, Dr. Stuehling will be seeing pediatric patients in Madrona one day a week in the office of Dr. Loren Tarr, DDS. Dr. Tarr's office is in the Bowling Green building at 34th and E. Spring and beginning March 14, Dr. Stuehling will working from there every Friday. Additional information regarding Dr. Stuehling and Lakeview Kids Dentistry can be obtained by calling 251-7638.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAYS** 10:30-11:00am **Preschool Story Times**—Presented by Seattle Public Library at Amara Parenting & Adoption Services, 3300 E. Union
- WEDNESDAYS** 8:00pm **Adult Pick-up Basketball**—\$3 donation supports Madrona M-9 PTSA, Madrona K-8 gym, Allen Cheadle
- THURSDAYS** 7:30pm **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Epiphany Great Hall.
- THURSDAYS** 6:30-7:30pm **Singing in the Rain Family Choir**—Epiphany Great Hall, Sari Breznau 262-9712.
- THURSDAYS** mornings by appointment **Tours of The Valley School**—Prospective parents should call the school at 328-4475 to sign up and to chat with Admissions Director Gail Mensher.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Again the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Baker *kbarker715@comcast.net*

- Jan 20** 2:00pm **Ecumenical Martin Luther King Jr. Service**—Featuring Madrona Presbyterian’s minister Kelle Brown, live music, and readings of Dr. King’s works. Mount Baker Park Presbyterian Church, 3201 Hunter Blvd. South, 722-5884.
- Jan 25** 10:00am to 4:00pm **Acrylic Painting Workshop**— Learn about underpainting and negative-shape painting. Rainier Valley Cultural Center, 3515 S Alaska Street, Jacqui Beck 325-7267 or *jacqui@jacquibeck.com* for details.
- Jan 26** 10:00am-2:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**— We’ll be working with volunteers from Wells Fargo. Meet at the construction site entrance on Lake Washington Bl, Deirdre McCrary *deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com* or www.madronawoods.org.
- Jan 29** 7:00pm **Neighbors/Epiphany School Architectural Committee**—Project update meeting. contact Loring McAllister 329-1244, or George Edwards 323-9011, for location.
- Feb 2** 9:00am-1:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**— Meet at the construction site entrance on Lake Washington Bl, Deirdre McCrary *deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com* or www.madronawoods.org.
- Feb 2** 11:00am to 1:45pm **FREE Acrylic Painting Demonstration**— Learn about layering and edges with Madrona artist Jacqui Beck. Seattle Daniel Smith Art store, www.danielsmith.com or 223-9599.
- Feb 2** 1:00-5:00pm **Homeless Cooking**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt *darren@neighborhoodcooking.org*.
- Feb 5** 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Laura Yurdin 320-8693 or *LYurdin@PointB.com*.
- Feb 7** 7:00pm **Family Game Night**—Bring the whole family for games, snacks, prizes, and fun. Precocious Toys, 34th & Union, 322-9396.
- Feb 9** 9:00am-1:00pm **Homeless Cooking**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt *darren@neighborhoodcooking.org*.
- Feb 10** Noon to 2:00pm **FREE Acrylic Painting Demonstration**— Learn about layering and edges with Madrona artist Jacqui Beck. Bellevue Daniel Smith Art store, www.danielsmith.com or (425) 643-1781.
- Feb 16** 9:00am-1:00pm **Madrona Woods Work Party**— Meet at the construction site entrance on Lake Washington Bl, Deirdre McCrary *deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com* or www.madronawoods.org.
- Feb 16** 7:00pm **Spectrum Academy Studio Dance Series**— With new choreography by faculty members as well as Artistic Director Donald Byrd. Madrona Dance Studio Black Box Theater, 325-4161
- Feb 17** 5:00pm **Spectrum Academy Studio Dance Series**— With new choreography by faculty members as well as Artistic Director Donald Byrd. Madrona Dance Studio Black Box Theater, 325-4161.
- Feb ??** 6:30pm **MD&SS Dinner at the Hi-Spot**—Location and date are TBD. Contact Audrey Seale, *audreyseale@qwest.net* or 329-8775 for details and reservations.
- Feb 20** 9:00am-1:00pm **Homeless Cooking**—Bring a cutting board and fresh ingredients. St. Clouds Restaurant, Darren Pritt *darren@neighborhoodcooking.org*.
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