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Madrona Library: New Hours and New Faces This Month

Users and staff at the Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library are settling in to a number of changes that began at the branch in early February. As a result of city-wide budget cuts for 2010, Madrona is one of fourteen Seattle Public Library branches with reduced hours. Several nearby branches, including Capitol Hill and Douglass-Truth actually have more open hours than in 2009. Another thing that our neighborhood branch lost and nearby branches gained is some key Madrona staff members.



Jennifer Spears & Lynn Lorenz photo by Audrey Seale

Departing librarians, Jennifer Spears and Lynn Lorenz have been at the Madrona library for nine years, and eight years, respectively. In that time, they have made a lot of friends here in the neighborhood and it's hard to see them go. February 2 was their last day in Madrona. Jennifer is now at the Beacon Hill branch, and Lynn, our Children's Librarian, has moved to Douglass-Truth. That branch now has two children's librarians while the

Madrona branch has none. Also moving on is branch manager Valerie Garrett-Turner, who is now splitting her time between the Douglass-Truth and Montlake branches.

Both Jennifer and Lynn have been here since before the 2007-2008 building closure and remodel and have come to feel a real part of the neighborhood. They love to see how much the local

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Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

Spring is in the air and neighbors are out walking, playing in the parks, strolling in the Madrona Woods and our other quiet spaces in Madrona. If you are out in the neighborhood and have an idea for an improvement in our parks or recreational places, now is the time to raise your idea to the Madrona Community Council (MCC). As I mentioned last month, long-time Madrona resident Marianne Krause passed away last year and gave the MCC a \$50,000 gift to be used for the neighborhood parks and recreation. Her generosity opens some wonderful opportunities for us and we

thank Ms. Krause for inviting us to imagine some improvements.

At the February MCC meeting, we heard some excellent ideas. These included installation of art in the Madrona Park, improvement of the stage area there, restoring and improving the Madrona Beach area, and support of the incredible Madrona Woods project. Do you have another idea? Would you like to champion an idea to make the project happen? The MCC invites you to

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Local Girls Reach Out

Madrona neighbor Ann Muno wondered: "How do you get girls who have lived their entire lives in Madrona understand the challenges young women face in developing countries?" She also asked herself: "How do you get girls who have come to Madrona from developing countries support the friends and classmates they left behind?" Ann, who lives on 30th Avenue, envisioned a study group of girls sharing and connecting with each other. To see if anyone else shared her vision, she emailed 20 friends and neighbors with daughters ages eight through 13. Would anyone be interested? Everyone was!



photo by Katrina Davis
Betelhem & Nora

For six weeks, 20 local girls learned about challenges girls face in countries around the

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world. Through research assignments, art projects, guest speakers, and videos, they discovered inequities in access to water, education and health care. The girls were surprised to learn what a privilege education is in many countries, and the sacrifices parents make to send their children to school. They were shocked to learn that in Ethiopia, orphanages are so full that children "age out" at around 12 years old. If there are no relatives to take them in, these children are completely on their own. Moved by the thought of girls their age with no family or home, the Madrona girls resolved to help.

Through a family friend, they met an Ethiopian woman named Truework who had taken in five girls ages 11 to 14 who had aged out of an orphanage. She wanted to find a way for the girls to support themselves and she had an idea. Truework explained that 96% of Ethiopians who use the internet do so at internet cafes. Her idea was to open an internet cafe and use the profits to support her girls and perhaps others when they get too old to stay at the orphanage. All she needed were some modest start-up funds.

The Madrona girls saw their chance to make a huge difference in the lives of girls just like themselves. They decided to help Truework raise the money for the internet café by hosting a pancake breakfast they dubbed "Hungry for Hope." The date was set for February 6 at Madrona Presbyterian Church.

Stretching their comfort levels, the girls asked friends, family and local merchants to donate breakfast supplies and raffle items. In return they were humbled by many, many positive responses. Posters around Madrona and generous donated raffle prizes spurred brisk ticket sales. With donated coffee, pancake mix and juice, the girls served a crowd that kept Madrona Presbyterian's fellowship hall packed all morning.

When all was said and done and the last sticky table wiped down the girls were stunned to learn that their efforts raised more than \$6,000! That was more than enough to get the internet cafe up and running and provide their new Ethiopian friends continued education to run their new business. One of the Madrona girls will travel to Ethiopia in March to deliver the funds to Truework and meet the girls. She will also bring photos and a video from the study group and pancake breakfast to share with them.

The Madrona girls are back to school and their other regular activities now. But the seeds of activism have been planted and will no doubt continue to grow. As one participant said, "I never thought that I could change anyone's life - I mean, I'm just a kid. I think I did, though, and I like it. It's really good!"



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Neighbor Appreciation Day Nominations

Neighborhood Appreciation Day is just around the corner on March 20 at the Madrona K-8 library. Jon Hughes is organizing the event for the Madrona Community Council (MCC) and accepting nominations for the four neighborhood awards. It just takes a few minutes to nominate someone you feel is a special neighbor and/or uniquely contributes to our community. Send your nomination—a few sentences describing your nominee—to Jon at hugheslaw@gmail.com

Award categories are:

- **The Nora Award:** 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, Jim Diers, Suzanne Sheppard, John Platt & Paul Butler, Walter Bodel, Bill Hanson, Sarah Westneat, and Carla Caldwell.
- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity. Previous winners include Sayre Coombs, Tom Flood, Jocelyn Owens, Ann Lennartz, Anthony Matlock, Junius Rochester, Floyd Goffney, Judith Starbuck, Laura Yuridin, and Emma Kearney.
- **The Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. Previous winners include Jon Hughes, the Friends of Madrona Playfield, Francois Kissel, Wayne Melonson, Julia Berry, Martha Ortiz-Williams, Kim Herber, Fred Strom, Cecil "Mac" McKenzie and Tyone Love.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed. Previous winners include Jon Hughes (who has since moved back to Madrona!), Shelley Huestis, and Dr. Henry Kuharic.

If you've never attended a Neighborhood Appreciation Day event, or don't know the peopple who have been honored in years past, check out the Neighborhood Appreciation Day page of the Madrona wiki website at www.madrona.us.

Community Activism Plugs Potholes

By Michael Flacco, 36th Avenue

As residents of our neighborhood already know, many of our streets are in deplorable condition. I tried counting the potholes just on 36th Avenue but stopped when I got to 100! Disgusted, I contacted Ted Divina, our city Neighborhood District Coordinator, for help. Mr. Divina was very responsive. He asked me to send photos. Then he contacted the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and asked them to evaluate the street and get in touch with us.

As I told him: SDOT never did contact us, but one day a crew showed up and filled in some of the more gaping potholes! Our street is still in very poor condition and there are many potholes remaining unfilled. Riding a bike on our street is still akin to negotiating an obstacle course, but it is a definite improvement. It would be nice to think that further repairs are to come, but clearly we would not have had any improvement without Ted Divina's help.

Ted seems genuinely interested in helping us. He told me that if more people contact him with their concerns, he has more leverage with SDOT. An entire neighborhood has much more impact than one complaining resident. His email address is ted.divina@seattle.gov.

2 If we want better streets, the next step is up to us!

President's corner... (cont'd from page 1)

contribute your thoughts at the meeting on March 2. We will begin to consider all requests for funding at the April meeting.

In other news, we offer our congratulations to two of our Madrona business owners, Amy Bush of Jaywalk and Lee Rhodes at glassybaby. Amy Bush, founder of BOOM, is responsible for procuring City grants to produce the new Madrona Business District map. In addition to getting the neighborhood "on the map", and running Jaywalk, Amy also welcomed a son in December.

Glassybaby had their "Seconds Sale" in February. If you happened through downtown that day, you likely saw an unusual number of people. In four hours, glassybaby sold 4,000 (yes, thousand) of their beautiful hand-blown candle holder "seconds". Congratulations!

We hope you can join us at the next MCC meeting, Tuesday, March 2 at 7:15 in the shelterhouse at Madrona Park. If you have an agenda item, email me at cynistr@gmail.com.

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Celebrate Black History Month

People in Parks: Black Heroes & Heroines

You know their last names—Pratt, Larkins, Ware—they are the people Seattle has honored by naming public parks after them. But what else do you know about those important local African Americans? Who were doctors? Who were educators? Who were musicians?

To celebrate Black History Month, the Seattle Parks department brings these historical figures alive and shares their stories. This month, noted Seattle actors Umeme, Josie Howell, and others will give several short performances highlighting the lives of the men and women whose names now grace Seattle parks. The performances are February 13 and 27. Each event will be staged in the name-sake park and last approximately 30 minutes. The events are free and everyone is invited.

February 13 Performance

2:00pm Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park, 2100 S Jackson St. Dr. Lavizzo was the first African-American woman pediatrician in the state. She was the founding medical director of the Central Area's Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, whose motto is "Quality Care with Dignity."

4:00pm Edwin T. Pratt Park, 1800 S Main St. Edwin Pratt was a civil rights leader and Seattle Urban League Executive Director who played a pivotal role in the 1960s civil rights movement. He advocated for services to people of color and low-income people, and worked for the elimination of segregation in Seattle's public schools. He was killed by a shotgun blast at his Shoreline home in 1969. The crime has never been solved.

2:00pm William Grose Park, 1814 30th Ave. Grose was a pioneer who arrived in Seattle in 1860 after serving in the U.S. Navy. By 1880's he was Seattle's wealthiest Black resident.

4:00pm Alvin Larkins Park, corner of E Pike St. and 34th Ave. E. Larkins was stationed at Sand Point Naval Air Station in 1943 when he became a member of the Navy's Jive Bombers band. He spent the rest of his career as a renowned music teacher, youth activist, and member of the Rainy City Jazz Band.

February 27 Performance

2:00pm Powell Barnett Park, 352 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Barnett was a talented musician, baseball player, and community leader who came to Seattle in 1906. He was the first president of the Leschi Improvement Council. A man of great energy, Barnett believed in improving race relations and building civic unity.

4:00pm Flo Ware Park, corner of S Jackson St. and 28th Ave. S. Florasina Ware was a brilliant education activist and supporter of Head Start and Meals on Wheels. She anchored the King County Economic Opportunity Board in 1960s and raised 20 foster children.

2:00pm Homer Harris Park, 2401 E Howell St. Dr. Harris was a University of Iowa football captain and graduate who wanted to play professional football, but in the 1930s black players were banned from the National Football League. He went on to become Seattle's "go-to" dermatologist and treated generations of Seattle teens.

4:00pm Prentis I. Frazier Park, 401 24th Ave. E. Frazier was a former enslaved African American who came to Seattle in 1916. In the 1920s he started and published a newspaper for the black community, the *Seattle Enterprise*, which later became the *Northwest Enterprise*. He is remembered as a true philanthropist and astute business entrepreneur.

For more information see www.seattle.gov/parks.

Arts Aloft Opens For Fun in Madrona

Arts Aloft is an art studio for kids located at the corner of 33rd Avenue and Spring Street. There is a variety of classes for children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years old where they learn about watercolor and acrylic painting, collage, plaster, ceramics, and a variety of other media. The winter session has been devoted to studying art from different cultures on an Around the World in 80 Days art trip! Students made a blimp out of plaster for their mode of transportation and have been studying the art of Asia, Europe, South America, and more.



Classes are taught by Betsy Erving, an accomplished watercolorist who has shown her work in Seattle and who now paints children's illustrations on commission. Before having children of her own, Betsy was an investment banker and foreign exchange trader. Then she decided her real calling was the world of art. She taught in an after-school art program in Palo Alto, CA, and privately in her home. Betsy opened Arts Aloft in Mount Baker in 2006 after searching for art lessons for her daughter. There were few options, and those she found seemed rigid and lacked room for a child to develop her creative skills. Betsy wants the art experience to be a non-threatening, fun experience. She does not care how things look but is more concerned with the process and with having the child connect to his work in a personal way. Her favorite student quote is from a five-year-old: "No one can ever tell you that you are doing something wrong in art!"

Arts Aloft also hosts birthday parties. The "Guest of Honor" chooses the craft her guests will make and these creations become take-home party favors. All the birthday parents need to do is bring the cake and the drinks. Betsy does the rest and the mess stays at the studio! She also makes Birthday Party Boxes that can be filled with supplies to make/paint a craft at home if the birthday child would rather celebrate with his friends there.

Class schedules and summer camp information are posted at www.artsaloftforkids.com.

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Older homes in Madrona bring with them many surprises for their current owners—from stories of ghosts to remnants of owners' personal histories. If your home includes a backyard cottage, listen up! Whether you built it yourself or inherited it when you purchased your house, the laws that govern these structures are changing and you may need to take action.

Backyard cottages have been illegal for years, but nevertheless they exist here and there in Madrona. However, effective December 4, 2009, city ordinances now allow backyard structures and cottages, aka "detached accessory dwelling units" (DADUs) to be built legally anywhere in the city, including Madrona. The new law also includes a grace period that gives owners of existing, unauthorized DADUs the opportunity to legalize their unit without penalty. That means if you have a habitable dwelling structure in your yard—such as a cottage or mother-in-law unit—you have until June 30 to apply for a building permit for that structure, and until December 31 to obtain final inspection of the unit.

Permit fees vary, and it often takes several weeks to obtain one, so you need to plan accordingly. Owners who comply with these deadlines to legalize their DADUs and receive a permit will not be subject to penalties. Those who do not comply may be subject to a \$5000 fine plus additional per-day charges. For information on permit requirements, see Client Assistance Memo 116b "Establishing a Backyard Cottage," available at [www.seattle.gov/dpd/publications/client_assistance_memos_\(CAMs\)/](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/publications/client_assistance_memos_(CAMs)/). Additional information can be found at www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/BackyardCottages/Overview/default.asp, or by calling the City's Applicant Service Center at 684-8850.

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CleanScapes, your local garbage, recycling, and compost service provider, is sponsoring a \$50,000 neighborhood challenge to reduce waste. You don't have to sign up, you don't have to apply. The only thing you have to do to win is to help your neighborhood create less garbage! You will be surprised by the difference small changes make over time.

Waste Reduction Tip! Make an inventory of the single-use, throw-away, or even recyclable items you toss out and use something reusable, durable or washable instead.

The best way to discover where you can reduce waste is to actually sort through your trash and recycling. It sounds a little gross at first, but you'll find it is very informative! Lay out a tarp, put on some gloves, and sort through your trash to identify what each family member throws away that could be recycled, or replaced by something reusable. Could you...

1. Cut down on recycled plastic water bottles by getting everyone their own reusable water bottles.
2. Reduce waste weight from paper towels by using kitchen towels and cloth napkins.
3. Leave the clipping on your yard or compost and mulching your yard debris.
4. Divert food waste from the garbage by home composting with a worm bin.
5. Reduce product packaging by buying in bulk, using cloth shopping bags, and not bringing your produce home in plastic bags.
6. Signing up at www.dmchoice.org, www.catalogchoice.org and www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org to be removed from junk mail, catalog, and phone book mailings.

To find out more about the competition visit www.cleanscapes.com. The community councils representing the winning area will choose a community improvement project. Submit your ideas for Madrona to MCC President Cynthia Stross at cynistr@gmail.com.

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2010 Madrona Neighborhood Events

It's a clean slate. How will you be involved in Madrona next year?

- Jan 17** Martin Luther King Celebration, Mt Baker Presbyterian
- Mar 20 Neighbor Appreciation Day**
 Jon Hughes, hugheslaw@gmail.com
- April** TBD—Neighborhood Cleanup
- May** TBD—Mayfair Parade & Carnival
 Community Garage Sale
 Madrona Blossoms Flower Baskets
- Sept** TBD—Dining & Sipping Family BBQ
- Oct** TBD—MCC Officer Elections
 Kids' Halloween Party
- Nov** TBD—Winter Greens & Holiday Lights
- Dec** TBD—Christmas Ships, Bon Fire & Carols at Madrona Beach

**Seeking Event
 Coordinators**

To get involved, contact Madrona Community Council VP of Events Paige Smith at 225-5821 or paige.eg.smith@gmail.com

Become a Guide at the Japanese Garden

Throughout 2010, the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Japanese Garden in the Washington Park Arboretum. The well known three-and-a-half acre garden was created by world-renowned Japanese garden designer Juki Iida as a traditional 16th and 17th century stroll-style garden. Iida personally selected more than 500 boulders, ranging in weight from 1,000 pounds to 11 tons, from the Cascade Mountains for placement in the park. Today the garden is a verdant, peaceful oasis of artfully placed trees, shrubs, flowers, moss, stones, lanterns, streams, ponds, paths, and bridges that create a harmonious balance of Northwest and Japanese plants within a traditional Japanese garden design.

The garden opened its 2010 season on February 14 with a Shinto/Buddhist Opening Blessing and is now open from Tuesdays through Sundays. Every year, thousands of people visit the garden, many as members of organized tours. You can be a part of this unique institution in its Golden Anniversary season by becoming a volunteer tour guide. Japanese Garden guides lead visiting tour groups and participate in Garden Festivals from February through closing day in November. Guides host groups of seniors, children, garden clubs, tourists, and other visitors. They explain the significance of the design of the Garden and of its special features.

The first step to becoming a tour guide is to attend a series of four training sessions which the Japanese Garden will be offering on Tuesdays, beginning on March 9. The classes will take place from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Tateuchi Meeting Room in the entry courtyard to the Garden. After completion of training, all volunteers will receive a tour schedule, enabling them to select dates and times which best fit their schedules. The fee for this required training is \$30, which includes a detailed manual. No experience in horticulture or Japanese culture is necessary. Contact gardensignup@gmail.com to register or request more information.

Remember When...

Building a House, Making a Home and Raising a Family on Madrona Drive

By Harry Glickman, Madrona Drive

It was 1940. Jen and I had been married for less than a year and had agreed with a realtor to buy a lot on 34th Avenue just south of Union Street. The location was far from ideal but the price of \$500 fit our budget. A \$4,500 FHA mortgage at 3% was available once we owned a lot. We were ready to build our dream house when the realtor told us to hold on—for an extra \$50 we could have a lot with a lake view and be just a hundred yards from the beach at Madrona Park. The lot was part of the Dempsey estate that was being divided into five properties. Each had 60-foot lake frontage and a price of \$1,500, well out of our range. But the realtor had a problem. He had a buyer ready to pay up to \$1,000 for a partial lot; if we would buy the rest he could consummate two sales. We were elated and agreed at once!

We cruised the new neighborhoods in Magnolia and Laurelhurst looking for good designs. With a rough plan on paper we were ready to go. We signed a construction contract for \$4,600 with builder Stan Farr and got an FHA loan. Next we asked Walter Hoke, a carpenter friend, to look at the plans. Walter pointed out that because of the span of the living room floor, the joists should be closer together, 12 inches rather than 16 inches on center. Stan Farr said, “No problem, it will cost you \$12.” He also recommended we widen the living room from 12 feet to 14 feet. Stan Farr said, “No problem, it will cost an extra \$50 and make the whole house wider.” A total of \$62, even in 1941, did not seem like a lot to increase the size of the house by 10 percent.

The first step in the construction of a house is to dig the foundation. Jose Razole, an immigrant from Italy, had a contract for collecting and disposing of Seattle garbage. Because of his need for dirt to cover the garbage in the fill that is now a University of Washington parking lot, Jose also dug basements, and ours was one. He and his new wife were looking for a site for a nice rambler and while excavating for our house, he saw the lot next door from his steam shovel. He wasted no time; he purchased the parcel and his house was under construction within a month. Instead of the lake view our living room would now look directly into the Roman brick wall of the Razole fortress.

Our dream house at 1422 Madrona Drive was completed on December 6, 1941, and two major events took place the next day. First, we moved into this most extraordinary of houses that indeed ended up with views of lake and mountains, albeit not from the living room. (Many years later we saw the explosion of Mt. St. Helens from an upstairs window.) The house was more than we had ever hoped for, with fireplace, solid oak floors, and a bay window that allowed us to put a dining table in the living room. There was an unfinished basement for a future recreation room and a second floor where later, with Walter Hoke, we finished a second bathroom and a couple of bedrooms for the children that would be



along to complete the picture. Second was the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. We were sure that the next target would be the Bremerton Navy Yard across Puget Sound, so the first curtains in our new house were black paper, in compliance with the blackout instructions issued by Civil Defense.

The Razores turned out to be excellent neighbors. Together with them and the Mussers, who built on the view side of our plot, we planted the balance of the estate with potatoes. Our “victory garden” was a patriotic effort, but we never did harvest those spuds. In fact we couldn’t even find them because of the weeds. Joe Razole had bought a bowling alley as an extra investment and was too busy to do much weeding. Bill Musser, a policeman, didn’t have a knack for gardening, and I had become very busy with Yale Pickle, my business. At the end of the first year the population on the Dempsey estate increased by a third as we and the Razores both brought boys into our households.

By 1945 the population of this little community was completely changed, except for us. The Mussers sold to a Dr. and Mrs. Stusser, and the Razores had built a mansion in Seward Park and sold their rambler to the Capelotos. Adjoining us to the north Dr. Frolick, from Switzerland, had built what we called the Hansel and Gretel house. He practiced alternative medicine way before it was fashionable. He and his wife planted an organic vegetable garden and landscaped the property with boulders, trees, flowering bushes, and hundreds of bulbs, creating a beautiful setting that endures to this day.

By 1955 we were again engulfed by new neighbors. Dr. Stusser had died of a stroke and the Freuhoffs moved in. Dr. Frolick retired and sold the Swiss chalet to a Mr. Jones. The Capelotos moved to California and sold to the Silvermans, who operated a “gallery” downtown on First Avenue. We later learned that the gallery was actually a peep show arcade! We were all sorry when Pete Silverman left to spend a year as a “farm hand” in with federal penitentiary on McNeil Island.

By 1965 Pete Silverman was back and his year on the “farm” had done wonders. All muscle, he looked like an athlete just out of training camp. Pete soon switched from selling porn to selling kippered salmon. He kept us well supplied with the bony tips, which Jen liked best.

By 1985 our son Larry owned and was living in our old homestead. Daughter Arlene had purchased the story-book Razole house, which she had admired from her childhood bedroom. Mrs. Freuhoff was widowed and moved into a retirement home. Larry talked us into buying her place, the house built on the view half of our original lot.

In 2010, 70 years have passed; it looks like we Glickmans will be synonymous with 1422 Madrona Drive far into the future. Larry, who has never lived in another permanent residence, is content with the old homestead. Jen is gone and I live in the exotic chalet and expect to be here until I expire. Arlene plans for the days when her boys are grown and she can watch the sail boats on Lake Washington. Younger daughter Debby and husband Ron are here too raising their kids and keeping me company. The old Dempsey estate is now referred to by our friends and relations as the Glickman Kibbutz.

To read more tales of the Glickman family of Madrona, visit www.gcl.net/family/scrapbook/HarryGlickman/index.htm

Valley Holds a Help-a-Thon for Haiti

With singing, walking, reading and dancing, the students and staff of The Valley School worked to raise money for those in need in Haiti. With great enthusiasm, the school joined together on February 4, participating in all four events, including an all-school walk to the Madrona Playground. Families and friends pledged per activity. The contributions will be donated to Mercy Corps.



Madrona K-8 Happenings

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

The Student Council's coat drive was an overwhelming success. Thanks to all who contributed. The next middle school sponsored event is a multi-cultural school dance and shoe drive to benefit Haiti. The theme for the dance is "I AM" which will highlight all the cultures that make up the Madrona K-8 community. Students are studying authors who share their culture and creating boards that will be displayed at the dance. Our own local DJ, Mr. Hobbs, will be spinning tunes from around the world.

The Madrona boys and girls basketball teams both made the playoffs this season! It was a great season that included more players than ever on the varsity and junior varsity teams. Special thanks to coaches Justin Hendrickson, Jon Hughes, Dejon Hush, and Thatcher Wood. Volleyball, boys' soccer, and track and field are all on the horizon. March also means the beginning of baseball and girls softball as many of our students participate in Seattle Central Little League. While Madrona teams often experience success as athletics, their academics come first. Teachers provide weekly progress reports to the coaches. Some kids have enjoyed the progress reports so much they've asked teachers to continue them when their sport season is over!

Our PTSA is hosting training to become licensed Foster Care Parents. Licensed homes within the school community can provide care in the event that a student needs foster care placement. Being able to remain in their school community during placement increases a child's feelings of safety and stability. Inspiration for this effort came from Principal Andrews and Counselor Harden who were previously licensed to help in the event of a school family emergency. Thank you for your inspiration!

Spring is upon us! We'll be working in the Learning Garden the first Sunday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm starting March 7. We have tools and everyone is welcome.

And last but NOT least, a BIG congratulations to Middle School teacher Letta Steward Baker who was recently awarded the Philip P. Swain Excellence in Teaching Award. Way to go, Letta!

Students Rally to Support Principal Andrews

By Madrona K-8 PTSA

In January, Dr. Goodloe-Johnson announced that she is reassigning Madrona K-8 Principal Kaaren Andrews and considered making the change before the end of the school year. In response, Madrona K-8 students rallied to keep their principal with a protest on January 15th, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



In the following weeks, students in all grades contributed with marches, petitions, and letters to Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson. Five student council members testified at the School Board meeting about the personal relationship Ms. Andrews has with each Madrona K-8 student, and how that relationship helps students grow personally and academically.

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson then met with the Madrona K-8 student council to discuss the transition. She asked them to identify key school programs and the characteristics that are most important to them in their new principal. She also assured them that Principal Andrews could remain at Madrona K-8 to the end of the year.

Advocating for their own education and being heard by Dr. Goodloe-Johnson was very empowering for our children. The families at Madrona K-8 are proud of our student activists.



Giddens School PASTE UP

Solar In Seattle, Anyone?

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

I am investigating the possibility of adding solar power to my home (yes here in the Northwest!). You may not know it, but with an annual percentage of possible sunshine of 47 percent, Seattle outshines many midwestern cities. And it is way ahead of Quillayute's national—worst 33 percent. Both Washingtons offer incentives to us to install home solar power generation systems. The State will pay homeowners 15 cents/kilowatt hour generated, provided they install equipment manufactured in the state. Federal tax credits and other incentives are also available. For more information, see the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency at www.dsireusa.org/.

I would like to see Madrona become a landmark neighborhood in advancing solar power. I checked with local solar power systems installer Rain City Solar, based in Shoreline and Arlington, and they would be happy to come out and talk to anyone who is interested. If several of us decided to take the plunge into solar power together, we could reap great cost savings.

If you are interested in looking into this, get in touch with me at audreyseale@qwest.net and I'll set up a meeting.

Welcome Babies!

Maisy Josephine Strote was born to proud parents Wilson & Jared Strote of 37th Avenue on November 17, 2009. The family sends a giant thank-you to everyone who left gifts on their doorstep!

Gus Thomas Hayes finally arrived—2 weeks late—on December 15, 2009. His thrilled and exhausted parents are Robert Hayes and Amy Bush, owner of Jaywalk.

To share your good news, send the particulars to Kim at kdh5027@aol.com.

Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Melissa Baerwald, 30th Avenue

Who says people always look like their pets??? To play Mutt Matchup, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 9.

What's your idea of a perfect Valentine's Day?



Jack Timmons,
33rd Avenue

When my wife walks the dogs



Jack

Tummy rubs and a block of cheese



Brendan McGill,
30th Avenue

I'm going to Portland with my wife and dog & staying in a dog friendly hotel



Zach

When the meat truck crashes



Natasha & Rhys Nesbitt,
33rd Avenue

Dinner, a movie and 12 hours of uninterrupted sleep



Bella

Dehydrated lamb lung treats

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Madrona News Production Editor

By Kim Herber, 35th Avenue

In these days of blogs and wikis and Twitter, isn't it nice to sometimes sit down with an actual physical newspaper and hold and read the PAPER? I believe it is, despite the high tech world that surrounds us.

If you also enjoy the look and feel of the printed page, I'm here to ask for your help. The *Madrona News* needs a new volunteer Production Editor to lay out and design our monthly newsletter. It's fun and a great way to get to know your neighborhood!

The current Production Editor, Christine Bender, has been working on the newsletter longer than I have been the editor of the *Madrona News*—going on ten years! Every month she donates a few hours of her time to gather up and organize an assortment of stories and ads, and then turn those 40-some individual files into an interesting and clean electronic whole. Christine uses an old but comfy version of PageMaker to work her magic but we want to transition to InDesign. The *Madrona News* recently started working with Girlie Press, a local print shop owned by Madrona businesswoman Risa Blythe. Risa has been helping us improve the print quality of the newsletter and InDesign will make things even better!

Madrona News Production Editor is one of those volunteer opportunities that you can really make your own. You will have free rein to redesign the personality of the newsletter, or keep the look and feel the *Madrona News* has used for years. You must meet our monthly deadline, always Monday through Wednesday, usually the second week of the month. Currently Christine and I create the layout together in a couple of two-hour sessions after work. But how you manage your time is up to you!

Christine has agreed not to leave us in the lurch and so is soldiering on until the new Production Editor steps up. I'm hoping someone who calls Madrona home will come forward quickly. Is it your turn to help? Email me at kdh5027@aol.com for more details.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Jack & Zach, Natasha, Rhys & Jack, Brendan & Bella



Librarians... (cont'd from page 1)

community values reading, and how big a role the library plays in the lives of the people who live here. They will miss the families, kids, and child care providers who use the library every day, and wish they could personally say good by to every one!

Jennifer, a Librarian associate 2, always presented a smiling helpful face at the check out desk. She made it easy for us to get used to the revised services in the updated branch, and taught more than one technologically-challenged Madrona reader how to use the scanner to check out their own books.

"I want to say **Thank You**," said Jennifer. "Thank you for all the great memories I will take with me. It has been a pleasure to have gotten to meet and know the majority of library patrons throughout the years and I must say I feel truly blessed. You have all touched my heart in a special way, I will miss you all dearly."

"I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the Madrona neighborhood and to get to know so many children, parents, teachers and caregivers," said Lynn. "I have received many heartfelt thank-yous since people learned I was leaving, but I am the one who should be thanking all of you. My life has been so enriched by this experience. After every story time and school visit, I felt so nourished and renewed from my interaction with the children of this neighborhood. Thank you—and keep singing, dancing, and reading!" Beginning March 11, Children's Story Time will be presented weekly on Thursdays at 10:30am by guest Children's Librarian, Zane Goldmanis.

New staff is already in place at the library, joining Madrona library veterans Kat Ritzinger and Nasra Mohammed. Jared Mills, who has been at Madrona for the past year, is now assigned here permanently. He has a background in Teen, Adult and Children's Services, and has been working closely with the community to offer library volunteer opportunities for teens, informational assistance, reading suggestions, and programs for adults and teens. Jared will continue to lead our intergenerational Book Group the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. On March 2, the group tackles Melba Pattillo Beals' *Warriors Don't Cry*, a memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High.

The new Branch Manager is Dave Valencia, who also manages the Capitol Hill branch. Jon Takemoto is now at Madrona full time and he brings years of experience at neighborhood libraries, most recently at the Fremont Branch. He is an expert at helping library users and answering questions. Tiffany Gorrebeeck and Keren McClain have joined the circulation team and are the people Madrona neighbors will see most often behind the check-out desk. Drop in and introduce yourselves and welcome these newcomers to Madrona!

In 2010, The Seattle Public Library is embarking on a strategic planning process to plan for future services. Over the next several months, Seattle residents will have several opportunities to make their voices heard through open houses, patron surveys, focus groups, public forums, and a review of the final draft plan scheduled for September. For more information, visit strategicplan@spl.org or contact the project lead Eve Sternberg at 386-1119.

That's Why They Call it Work: Nutty Excuses From Slacker Co-Workers

By Holly Smith, 31st Ave

Ok, so most of us have worked with someone who, for whatever reason, seems to have an unending number of excuses for having to miss work. Not long ago, I happened to work with just such a person and her excuses were unbelievable in both number and originality. We worked for a local developer and my shirking co-worker, Betsy, (not her real name) was a development assistant. Over time Betsy had to leave early for a variety of reasons, (tummy aches, car trouble, getting evicted—the usual stuff) and miss days of work for a bunch more reasons. Despite her time away, she managed to keep up with most of her assignments by staying late, often sending out emails in the wee hours of the morning.

After countless missed work days and endless excuses, Betsy finally outdid herself by emailing a show-stopper of an excuse to our boss "Richard". Richard couldn't believe it and asked me to review it. The gist of the tale was that Betsy's mother was moving to Arizona in a week and so Betsy needed to take all the following week off to prepare. She had to have the time because she didn't know when she would be able to see her Mom again. She threw us a bone by saying that, if we really needed her, she could probably come in for an hour or so a couple of times during the week. On top of all her other excuses, this one was just too much for me to ignore. I knew Richard felt the same way and so after I left him rereading Betsy's message in amazement, I went back to my office and sent him my own request for time off.

To: Richard
From: Holly
Subject: Holly



As you may be aware, my neighbor, Phil Jorgensons' pet squirrel Pistachio broke a tooth last week on a decoy nut put out by one of the neighborhood kids. The fake walnut was actually made out of titanium! Crazy brats! Anyway, to make a long story short, I am assisting Phillip in a 24/7 monitoring and feeding plan for the injured Pistachio. We have to grind a special puree of organically grown, free-range, nuts and berries and then administer it to the poor dear with a small syringe. It is quite an arduous and time-consuming task because, as you may know, squirrels eat once every half hour. We have a TV set up so Pistachio can watch squirrel action videos when he is not eating. This diversion helps him cope with the trauma he is experiencing because his situation makes it impossible for him to enjoy his usual pass times of finding and burying nuts for future consumption.



I am writing you with a simple and reasonable request. I need to take the next five weeks off so I can be on-call until Pistachio's tooth has completely healed. I have spread my work load over the rest of the team, but by their comments I fear that you may have to take on the majority of my assignments. Right now I'm in the midst of processing several building permits. The contractors are quite eager to have them completed, however I wouldn't rush because the cops never monitor any construction sites anyway so they can really start building any time. If you have a problem with me being gone the next 45 working days, please let me know and I will do my best to try to come in for a few minutes each day while Pistachio is napping.

Thanking you in advance for your approval, Holly

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RECURRING EVENTS:

- WEDNESDAYS** 5:45 PM **Weight Watchers Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center in Leschi, 500 30th Ave S., 726-4929.
- WEDNESDAYS** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Bible Study** – Epiphany Christie House Library www.epiphanyseattle.org.
- THURSDAYS** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **The Valley School Admission Tours** – Running through February. Interested parents should email lynn@thevalleyschool.org or gail@thevalleyschool.org.
- THURSDAYS** 7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Epiphany Great Hall www.epiphanyseattle.org.
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, letter-writing and coffee afterwards at Touga on 18th. Kathy Barker kbarker715@gmail.com.

- Feb 20** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Working on the trails with parks trail expert Jacobo Jimenez, meet at north trail across from 915 – 38th. Deidre McCrary deidre_jaymccrary@msn.com.
- Feb 20** 6:00 PM **Gospel Concert & Buy Local Reception**—Celebrate the release of the 19th edition of the African American Business Directory with a performance by Crystal Aikin followed by dinner, vendors, and guest speaker City Councilmember Bruce Harrell. New Hope Baptist Church, tickets for both events \$35, Lottie Cross lcross2781@aol.com or 324-3114.
- Feb 21** 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Mankind Past**—Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1805 38th Ave, 324-2573.
- Feb 23** 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Free Open House & Wine Tasting**—Dulces introduces “Detour Wines” showcasing delicious Argentinean wines new to the Seattle market. Dulces Latin Bistro, 143014304th Ave.
- Feb 27** All Day **Leila Steinberg Hip-Hop Conference 2010** — Hip-Hop, Tupac, and The 21ST Century. Seattle Vocational Institute Free and open to the public. Dr. Eddie Moore Jr., Eddie.moorejr@bush.edu
- Feb 27** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **FREE Blood Pressure Check** — Paul Gray’s Barber Lounge, 1123 34th Avenue
- Feb 27** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Working on the trails with Jacobo, meet at north trail across from 915 – 38th. Deidre McCrary deidre_jaymccrary@msn.com.
- Feb 27** 2:00 - 6:00 PM **Meet the Artist: Elizabeth Morris**—Local African American artist and designer displays her work during the month of February. Artadina’s Thriftique, 1123 34th Avenue. Artranetta Gray 325-5399.
- Feb 27** 2:00 & 4:00 PM **People in Parks 2010: Black Heroes and Heroines**— 2:00: Powell Barnett Park, 352 MLK, Jr. Way and Homer Harris Park, 2401 E Howell St. 4:00: Flo Ware Park, 28th Ave & S Jackson St. and Prentis I. Frazier Park, 401 24th Ave. E. www.seattle.gov/parks.
- Feb 27** 6:30 PM **East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition meeting**—A neighborhood forum with community members and police. Seattle Vocational Institute 2120 S. Jackson St., www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/east/prevention.htm.
- Feb 28** **DUE! Seattle Central Little League Application Deadline!**—Sign up on-line at www.seattlelittleleague.org, or call 706-2648 for a registration form.
- Feb 28** 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Mankind Present**—Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1805 38th Ave, 324-2573.
- Mar 2** 7:00 PM **Intergenerational Book Group**—This month’s selection: Melba Pattillo Beals’ *Warriors Don’t Cry*, a memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock’s Central High. Madrona K-8 Library.
- Mar 2** 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting** – Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Cynthia Stross cynistr@gmail.com.
- Mar 3** 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Featuring Dr. Susan N. Platt discussing the artists whose work grace the Douglass-Truth Library: Eddie Walker, Vivian Linder and Marita Dingus. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S., Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net.
- Mar 4** TBD **Madrona Dining & Sipping Society**—Dinner at FareStart with Crush Chef Jason Wilson (waiting list available) audreyseale@qwest.net
- Mar 4** 6:00 PM **Tango Night!**—Sweat and smolder to the sounds of live Latin music. Reservations recommended for the special \$30.00 three-course Argentinean dinner. Dulces Latin Bistro 322-5453.
- Mar 5** 9:00 AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—All Madrona business owners are welcome; membership applications available from Barbara Banon (Edward Jones, 3304 E Spring St) or from Nikola@earthsystems.com. Amara Office, 34th & Union.
- Mar 6** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Mar 7** 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Mankind Future**—Epiphany Church, 1805 38th Ave, 324-2573.
- Mar 7** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Madrona K-8 Learning Garden Work Party**—We have tools and everyone is welcome. Madrona K-8, Rita Sheckler Rita@5500rpm.com.
- Mar 7** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Mar 9** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM **Japanese Garden Tour Guide Training**—First of three-session class. \$30 fee covers training and manual. No experience in horticulture or Japanese culture is necessary. Contact gardensignup@gmail.com to register.
- Mar 11** 11:30 AM **Children’s Story Time**—With guest Children’s Librarian Zane, Madrona Library
- Mar 11** 6:00 PM **Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting**— Douglas Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way. Madrona Contacts: Max Liebowitz maxliebowitz@gmail.com.
- Mar 13** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Mar 17** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. St. Clouds Restaurant, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.
- Mar 18** 11:30 AM **Children’s Story Time**—With guest Children’s Librarian Zane, Madrona Library, 33rd & Union.
- Mar 20** 10:00 AM **Neighbor Appreciation Day**—Be part of this neighborhood celebration to recognize the people who make our neighborhood and our school so special. Send nominations to Jon Hughes, hugheslaw@gmail.com. Madrona K-8 Library.

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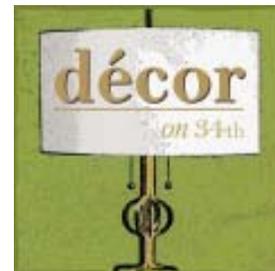


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