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Neighbors Helping Neighbors at Christmas: Thank You Madrona for Reaching Out

2009 was a tough year for a lot of folks, and just as tough for the agencies that support and assist people in need. All over Madrona, neighbors reached out help others and share the holiday spirit. A few examples...



This Santa drives a hatchback

Madrona and Leschi families organized a toy drive for the Yesler Community Center. Together with friends, families, co-workers, a couple of special Secret Santas, and Monica Coulter and the staff at Precocious Toys, they collected, sorted, tallied, and delivered 375 new books, games, crafts, and stuffed animals just in time for the holiday party!

The clients of Genesis House, a live-in drug and alcohol treatment center in Madrona, and their children were treated to decorations and gifts thanks to members of the Madrona business community.



Much happiness at Genesis House



Barbara & a full Toys for Tots collection box

The Toys for Tots collection box at Barbara Banon's Madrona office was never empty, a blessing as over all donations to Toys for Tots were down this year while the need was up.

Neighbor Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir rocked the house at a fundraiser for Madrona Presbyterian church. The event brought in \$5,000 toward the \$100,000 the congregation needs to raise for a new furnace.



Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir

Photos by Dean Forbes photography

Madrona Community Council President's Corner

By Cynthia Stross, 35th Avenue

Neighborhood Appreciation Day is just around the corner in early March. 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.

- **The Local Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness, or generosity.
- **The Unsung Hero Award:** Given to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community.
- **The Madrona Resident for Life Award:** Bestowed upon a long-time resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed.

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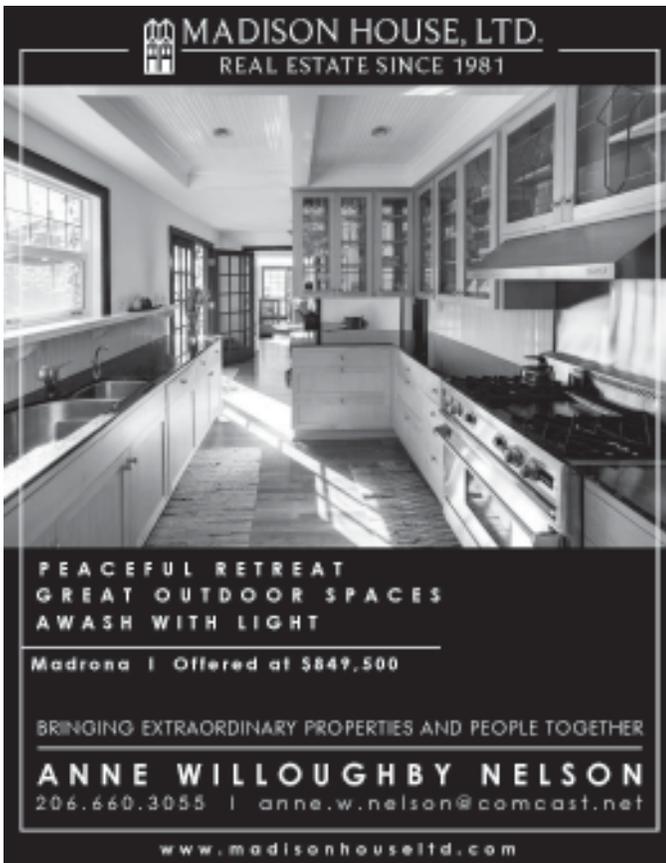
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Speaking of people who make a difference in our neighborhood... Last year, long-time Madrona resident Marianne Krause passed away. In her will, Mrs. Krause gave \$50,000 to the MCC! She directed that the gift be used for the improvement of parks and recreational facilities in the neighborhood. We are pleased to be part of creating a community legacy with Mrs. Krause's gift. It seems appropriate to start our 2010 with a thank-you note. We offer our thanks to Mrs. Krause for her generous and unexpected gift to Madrona!

There are certainly wonderful existing organizations and on-going projects that can use the money. Before decisions are made, we invite everyone to share their ideas for parks and recreation projects. Is there an improvement you would like to see in Madrona? Are there public spaces that could benefit from your project ideas? If you have suggestions or want to participate in the discussion, come to our upcoming MCC meetings. The next one is February 2 at 7:15 pm in the shelterhouse at Madrona Playfield. I am also happy to correspond via email.



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Update on Displaced Leschi Family

By Diane Snell, Leschi News

I wanted to update the community and the best course is to hear directly from the family. Here is an update from from Michael Shantz:

First of all, on behalf of my entire family, I would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who has come forward with generous gifts, kind thoughts and expressions of love and support to aid us in this time of great distress. These are not mere words, but a genuine reflection of how moved and touched we are by the display of positive feelings coming from friends and strangers alike. Thanks to all.

Eight family members were at the house on the night of November 29. As the events unfolded, we all fled with only the

clothes we were wearing and a few hastily snatched up personal possessions and went to a small house on Beacon Hill. During this difficult time we have been concerned mostly with minimizing the disruption to the lives of the younger children who know Leschi as home. We moved back to a larger rental house in Leschi on January 15.

It will be a long time before we resolve all of the issues with our own home. All of our possessions are considered a 100% loss. The house has been completely emptied and every single item inventoried and warehoused in Kent. Every window was broken and all are now boarded up.

We are not sure that we will ever be able to occupy that space again as over 70 canisters of tear gas were fired into the house. The central issue for us is the implication of toxic contamination due to exposure to tear gas residue. I have been trying to enlist the help of a toxicologist but have been unable to find anyone so far. If any one can advise us on this, we would greatly appreciate that assistance.

Regarding your many generous offers of furniture, household items, clothing, kitchenware and so on, we will have a much better idea of what we truly need after we settle into the rental house in Leschi. Neighbor Diane Snell at 726-0923 has offered to coordinate donations so please contact her on our behalf. The entire family sends thanks and appreciation to all who have offered help. In particular, Juno, age 7, is happy to report that used Barbie dolls have been flowing in at such a high rate that she has more than enough to share with anyone in the community that might need to expand their own collection!

CoRRRECTIONS

The address for the Clemmons Family Fund was incorrect in the December *Madrona News*. Donations can still be sent to: Leschi Community Council, P.O. Box 22391, Seattle, WA 98122.



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Sworn in by Mom



The Seattle City Council hasn't had a president serve consecutive terms since 1977. When neighbor Richard Conlin was sworn in for his second term, he invited his mother, Frances Whitney, to administer his ceremonial oath.

Viva Madrona!

Just another day in the neighborhood (get it!?) Spotted walking on 36th Ave on New Year's Day was 27 year-old miniature pony Viva, out for the day, gathering pats & carrots anywhere she could! A Madrona resident for nearly three decades, Viva is owned by Joe McDonald on 32nd Ave and known to many as the sweetest pony around!



Tango Night at Dulces—Ole!

It was loud and hot and pulsing with excitement for Tango Night at Dulces. Every other Thursday evening dancers—professional and delightfully local—sweat and smolder to the Latin sounds of Ludmilla and Ben on piano and bandoleon. Reservation are recommended for the special \$30.00 three-course Argentinean dinner. The next big night is February 4.

How Did *The Facts* Get to Madrona?

By Inkless Pen

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The new headquarters for your community newspaper, *THE FACTS*

The Facts newspaper has moved out of their Landmark headquarters after 50 years at the corner of Martin Luther King and Cherry. *The FACTS* NEWSPAPER has been at 2765 E. CHERRY since 1971 but was located prior across the street on 28th Avenue.

The Facts newspaper was established September 7, 1961 by Fitzgerald Redd Beaver, and was the first Black-oriented newspaper in the Pacific Northwest. *The Facts* appeared as a sixteen page metro-sized chronicle of Black heritage, reporting on the success and transition within Black community. *The Facts* was distinguished by its personal character, pink pages and remarkable longevity. Mr. Beaver was a teacher as well as an inspirational and motivational leader for other publications in the Pacific Northwest. He provided encouragement and a beginning for several publishers, including Mr. Christopher Bennett of the *Seattle Medium* Newspaper, Mrs. Virginia Taylor of the *Northwest Dispatch* and Mr. Benard Foster of the Portland and Seattle *Skanner* newspapers.

The passing of Mr. Beaver January 1, 1992 left *The Facts* in the capable leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Beaver, his prized student. *The Facts* is published weekly, a Seattle and Tacoma edition and there are over 100,000 readers.

One of the Publishers Dennis Beaver stated, "The newspaper is moving in order to accommodate the over head of the publication. We LOVED being on the corner. I grew up on that corner. The building at 2765 E. Cherry was more than just an office or landmark. That was HOME FOR ME! IT'S A LITTLE SAD.....BUT 2009 MARKED A YEAR OF CHANGE. CHANGE WILL BE GOOD, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO FALL OFF, TO FALL UP...A GROUP OF FACTS READERS SHARED WITH ME THAT, GOD IS ALWAYS WILLING TO START OVER- A NEW BEGINNING." We chose a location to obtain a smaller efficient space. The paper has been very un-steady financially like many independent business.

The Facts has been the VOICE of the African American community for over 45 years. We have to change in order to stay true to the mission statement. Change is and always has been involved in the mission of the AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

Dennis Beaver stated, "The Beaver family is propelling this "Voice of the Black Community" into a new era. We are all aware of the great responsibility and tradition we have undertaken to provide the community with the voice and understanding to take *The Facts* newspapers into the 21st century."

We would like to say THANK YOU to Elizabeth Beaver the Co-Founder of *THE FACTS*. She has been holding onto this vehicle, THE VOICE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, after her husband died. The Beaver family is pushing forward publishing and printing every week. They pride themselves on their motto, "THE TRUTH IS GREAT, THE FACTS IS REALITY."

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Madrona to Blossom, Once Again

By Marie Doyle, 37th Avenue

It's decided: The Madrona flower baskets will once again adorn our streets next May through October. We have enough in our account to pay for the baskets for one more year (and we will take it as it comes for 2011). In the meantime, we are truly grateful for your response to our October article. We received many votes of support and compliments. Business owners have told us that their patrons return to Madrona especially to photograph the flower baskets—and to shop and dine again! And neighbors tell us they bring their out-of-town visitors to our business district to show them our wonderful flowers. What we've heard from you is that these baskets are both good for business—they attract visitors to our community—and they inspire many of you with neighborly pride. Finally, and probably the best comments, are from people who told us simply that the flowers bring you a bit of joy, which goes a long way in these times.



Created by Grace Schlitt-Lenz

A donation envelope for the Madrona Blossoms was included in the December *Madrona News* and checks payable to the Madrona Community Council can also be sent to me at Marie Doyle, 1121 37th Ave., 98122. We hope that you can make a donation again, to keep our flower basket program going. Every gift, no matter the size, is valued and valuable. Thank you for helping us to bring beauty to our Madrona.

If you want to learn more about the Madrona Blossoms project, contact me at doylemf@comcast.net. Thank you!

Meet the New Mutt Matcher & Play

By Melissa Baerwald, 30th Avenue

Hi Madrona! My name is Melissa and I am the new Madrona Mutt Matcher! I've enjoyed my first assignment, meeting new people and their canine companions in the neighborhood! Congrats to both Kim and Shannon & Peter on their new babes!

My husband and I live on 30th Avenue. We are both from the area and met in Seattle before moving to Paris followed by nine years in San Francisco. We moved back "home" two years ago and fell in love with Madrona. I work at Adobe Systems in Fremont, managing the international versions of our video software applications. I can often be seen walking our rather rambunctious 2-year old yellow lab, Otis Red aka "The Potato". When not working or walking Otis, I can usually be spotted on my bike, on the slopes, or swimming in the lake. If you want to be featured in the mutt match up just look for the yellow lab with a red collar and flag us down!

To play Mutt Match-up, match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 6.

What's your New Years resolution?



Shannon, Peter & Sam Polson, 29th Avenue
Get a full night's sleep!



Mattie
Stop sleeping on the bed.



Kim Domo, 35th Avenue
Do more dog walks.



Dixie
Not be spastic or jealous of the new human baby.



Caleb Hannan & Ashlie Hinman, 30th Avenue
Meet new people. We just moved to Madrona from Nashville.



Teton
Partner with the new baby for more treats.

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New Year's Generosity

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

January seems to be the month of many helping hands in Madrona Woods. High school students from several schools continued work along the sidewalk between Lake Washington Boulevard and Spring Street. A group of about 30 from Zeta Psi added one more to the fraternity's several-year annual visits January 9 to help clear along The Stairway to Heaven. A Khmer student group from the UW signed up to work in the Woods for the Martin Luther King Day observance January 18. And we'll resume our regular work parties January 23, now the fourth Saturday of the month instead of the third. Meet at the Spring Street entrance at 10:00 to get instructions, gloves, and tools.

If you aren't already on our email list for notification of work parties and want to be on it, email Deirdre at deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com. Or watch the kiosks or check the website for announcements. For more information about involvement in the Woods and natural area, contact me at judithstarbuck@msn.com or 322-2640, or visit www.madronawoods.org.

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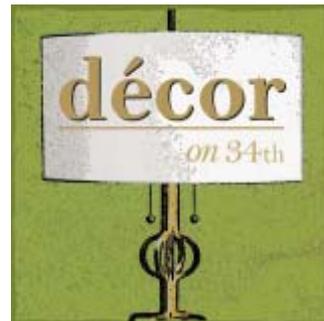
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Madrona Library Reduces Hours

In September, in response to a projected \$72 million shortfall in the city's 2009 - 2010 biennial budget, the Seattle Public Library (SPL) was asked to identify approximately 5 percent in cuts. The result was a reduction in library funding of about \$2.6 million. In November, the City Council returned \$860,000 to the 2010 SPL budget to restore some branch hours. The additional money means the SPL can provide 60 hours, seven-day-a-week service at the Central Library and 11 branches in 2010. The Douglass-Truth branch at 23rd and Yesler is on the 60-hour list; the Madrona Sally Goldmark branch is not.

Beginning February 3, 15 libraries, including the Madrona branch, will operate five days a week for 35 hours. There will be no Wednesday Pre-School Story Times in February as the branch not open until 11:00 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition, the entire SPL system will be closed for one week—from August 30 through September 5—in 2010. Libraries remain closed on September 6 for Labor Day and reopen September 7.

Even with the reductions, the staff at the Madrona library will continue to service the people of Madrona to the best of their abilities. To learn more about service changes or to email your comments and concern to the City Librarian, the Communications Director and the Board of Trustees visit www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=about_history.



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Neighborhood School News

CD Little League Sign Up Time

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1. Downloading one at www.seattlelittleleague.org,
2. Calling 706-2648 or e-mailing seattlelittleleague@yahoo.com to have one sent to you,
3. Picking up a copy at local community centers or your neighborhood school.

Seattle Central Little League boundaries are from I-90 north to the Ship Canal, and from downtown to Lake Washington. If you live in that area, send in your registration and come out to play!

Attention Business Owners! Team sponsorships for local businesses are also available. Contact Michael Kern at mkernbiz@yahoo.com.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Kim and Dixie, Caleb & Ashlie and Mattie, Shannon, Peter & Sam and Teton



Aiden & Ian Lee and friend at SCLL Opening Day 2009

Madrona K-8 Ushers in 2010

From Madrona PTSA

Happy New Year from Madrona K-8. We finished up 2009 with a spectacular Winter Celebration that included performances from all our classes. Songs, dances and poems – it was a fun night for all our families! Thank you to Ms. Baker and Ms. Rutledge for all their hard work.



Now that Winter Break is over, we're back at it. Big learning and exciting classes are happening at all grades. We're into a new series of extended day programs and the kids are loving it. A big thanks to Principal Andrews for bringing this excellent opportunity.

L to R, Kellan, Robbie, Rafferty, Arthur & Jaiden at the Madrona K-8 Winter Program

Middle School basketball is in full swing and we're playing hard. We're so lucky to have such committed coaches and supporters. We're making every minute count on the court! Our game schedule can be found on our new and improved PTSA website at www.madronapantherpartners.org. Thank you to Tom Niccoli for overseeing the new design and for keeping us all informed. Well done!

Our PTSA has been busy putting together group training for Foster Care Licensing to take place at Madrona K-8. This has been a dream of staff and families for some time and we're thrilled that it's going to happen this year. We're also setting dates for Family Movie Night and Bingo. We'll be inviting next year's perspective families to join us at Bingo this spring, so keep your eyes open for the date.

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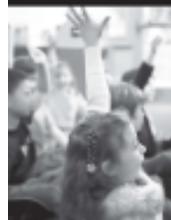
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MADRONA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS:

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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 34th. Kathy Barker kbarker715@gmail.com.

Now – Feb 28 Seattle Central Little League Applications Due!—Boys and girls can sign up on-line at www.seattlelittleleague.org, call 706-2648 for a registration form.

Jan 23 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **glassybaby Biannual Seconds Sale**—They're not perfect but they're still awesome! 406 E Union, 568-7368.

Jan 23 10:00 AM **Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the Spring Street entrance to get instructions, gloves, and tools. Deidre McCary jaymccray@msn.com.

Jan 23 11:00 AM- 1:00PM-**Giddens School Open House**—Meet the staff and tour the school. www.giddensschool.org.

Jan 23 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.

Jan 24 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Music**, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1805 38th Ave, 324-2573.

Jan 27 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time** – Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33 Ave, 684-4705.

Feb 2 7:15 PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting** – Madrona Playfield shelterhouse, Cynthia Stross cynistr@gmail.com.

Feb 3 **New Operating Hours**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library. Visit www.spl.org and click on Feb 3 New Hours for details.

Feb 3 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Leschi Community Council**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th South, Diane Snell, jdsnell1@comcast.net.

Feb 4 **The Valley School Open House**—Email Lynn Addison at lynn@thevalleyschool.org.

Feb 4 6:30 PM **Tango Night at Dulce's**— Reservations recommended 322-5453

Feb 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.

Feb 6 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. Madrona Presbyterian, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.

Feb 7 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: The Holy Spirit**, Epiphany Church, 324-2573.

Feb 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.

Feb 11 6:00 PM **Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting**— Douglas Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

Feb 13 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Bring fresh ingredients, if you can. Madrona Presbyterian, Darren Pritt darren@neighborhoodcooking.org.

Feb 14 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Epiphany Forum: Conversations with Rector**, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1805 38th Ave, 324-2573.

Feb 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.

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