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## Madrona's Mary Kudla

Although Mary Kudla calls Madrona her home, her job with Oxfam GB has kept her in the air and on the road for much of the last nine years, working as a project manager or program coordinator following natural and conflict-generated disasters and/or displacements around the world. The story of how Mary came to disaster response and international humanitarian work illustrates that life has ways of taking its own twists and turns.



Mary Kudla

Mary first settled in Seattle some 20 years ago; she was drawn here from Wisconsin because the Pacific Northwest satisfies her passion for mountaineering and because she landed a job that made use of her master's degree in special education. As superintendent of Rainier School

in Enumclaw, Mary found it possible to pursue her career and her climbing avocation. But her partner's untimely death led Mary to reexamine her life and work. This process led her first to the Algeria/Tunisia border with the Peace Corps. Here she provided teacher training for special education teachers that yielded two programs: home visits to help parents learn to work with sons and daughters with disabilities, and a private school for special-needs youth. After a short break, Mary returned to international humanitarian work with the International Rescue Committee, where, on assignment in Guinea, she served displaced persons from Sierra Leone and Liberia.

A job with Oxfam GB followed, chosen because this particular arm of the 20-member Oxfam confederation has over 70 years of experience in emergency response. The organization is able to deliver services quickly after a disaster occurs, and staff work 10-12 hour days in the first 30-60 days following a disaster to set up infrastructure. But as Mary points out, emergency funding is short-lived, whereas problems that surround emergencies drag on for years and even decades. In addition to responding to emergencies, Oxfam also builds in funds to support long-term programs on issues like gender equality and land rights. In the advocacy role, Oxfam works collaboratively with local staff and organizations to pursue solutions to both short- and long-term challenges.

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## Council Corner

Ideas about improving the safety and success of the Cherry Street corridor and tangible steps being undertaken to do so were the principal topics of the Madrona Community Council's first meeting of the 2012-13 year. Initial discussion was led by former Madrona resident/MCC Vice President Paige Smith and architect Kiki Gram who are members of a coalition of concerned neighbors and business

owners. The coalition has enlisted support from several City Council members and City departments to decrease crime along the critical boundary line of three neighborhoods (Madrona, Central District, Leschi) by focusing on environmental design. Professional analysts have examined and will continue to examine all aspects of the area's physical layout and implement changes in such factors

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## Meet MCC Board Member Barney Mansavage

In a recent interview, Barney Mansavage jokingly noted that his career as an architect unfolded wherever his physician wife's training led, saying "The short story of my life is following her around." So

after the two Illinois natives met in their first year at Harvard College, they then moved to Baltimore for the four years of Rachel Katzenellenbogen's medical school (and Barney's architect training) and then to Seattle for her residency at Children's Hospital and Barney's practice in architecture. But together they made the decision to stay in Seattle where Rachel is a pediatrician specializing in adolescent



Barney Mansavage

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medicine and conducting cancer research. Barney is a partner at SRG Partnership, where he designs education projects for community colleges and high schools among other public and civic places.

Both Barney and Rachel are very involved with Madrona K-8 School for a variety of good reasons. One is that almost ten years ago the couple moved into a house directly across the street from the school, giving them frequent opportunities to observe daily activities. Additionally, Barney's career in education design helped him see that Madrona K-8 is in excellent physical condition—something that regrettably cannot be said about far too many Seattle public schools. Finally, when they enrolled daughter Sydney and son Arthur at Madrona K-8, the couple had even more reason to become involved with the school. This September the twins entered third grade.

Barney's trajectory of school involvement began first as a parent and led to involvement in the PTSA outreach committee two years ago when he and then-new Madrona K-8 principal Farah Thaxton attended their first Madrona Community Council meeting together to increase the school's neighborhood network. As Barney describes it, attendance at his first MCC meeting took place when the MCC was at low ebb in a search for new leadership. Although Barney felt he could not take on an officer role, he leapt at the chance to become a board member because he felt he could easily fulfill a board member's commitment to attend meetings and provide input and help when possible. And he has been attending ever since, playing a critical liaison role between Madrona K-8 and the MCC. In fact, Barney notes that a driving force for him on the MCC is to "link the school with the community." But Barney is a good example of a person who joins in on one-time projects too such as setting up and breaking down kiosks for Mayfair and painting during August's joint MCC/Madrona K-8 painting party at Madrona K-8. The point is, MCC board members—and for that matter members of the entire community—can contribute to MCC projects on a one-time basis or to ongoing projects throughout the year.

This year Barney took on a new role as co-president of the Madrona K-8 PTSA which provides support services consistent with many parent/teacher organizations such as raising funds

for school activities, developing new programs, and sustaining existing ones. As co-president he would like further to increase the community's awareness of the school. Barney notes, "personally I love the school and feel it is a hidden gem that not enough people know about." His pride in the school is matched—maybe even doubled—by son Arthur who never passes up an opportunity to promote Madrona K-8.

In his spare time, Barney enjoys coaching little league baseball for Seattle Central Little League during warmer months and family ski opportunities during colder months. Barney also indicates he enjoys cooking, but when he isn't cooking his family are regulars at the Madrona Ale House. The accompanying picture should help you pick out Barney there or elsewhere, but wherever you find him he will be more than happy to tell you about how being an MCC board member fulfills his commitment to link the community and Madrona K-8 school.

*Save the date!*  
**Wine tasting benefit**  
**November 3, 7:00pm**  
Madrona Community Council will sponsor its  
annual fundraising event at **glassybaby**  
Tickets available at *Brownpapertickets.com*;  
search for MCC Wine Event  
Wine tasting organized by Leschi Market

## Bring out the Costumes for October 31!

The Madrona Community Council, BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) and Madrona K-8 are organizing many Halloween activities between 4:30-7:30pm on Oct. 31. All young ghosts and goblins are invited to join in.

Meet at the Madrona Shelterhouse at 4:30pm for tasty treats, then visit businesses to collect treats and take part in a special scavenger hunt. Participating merchants will be included on the scavenger hunt list available at the Shelterhouse. This year, each business will hold a letter that when put together spells a secret word. Kids can collect the letters, solve the word puzzle, and enjoy prizes! End the evening at the Madrona K-8 main entrance on 33rd Ave. for more treats and festivities.

Volunteers to distribute treats are needed for the Shelterhouse kick off. Please email [staceykryman@gmail.com](mailto:staceykryman@gmail.com) if you can participate. Plan on preparing two-three dozen of your favorite treat. (Please avoid cooking anything with nuts).

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## Council Corner... (cont'd from page 1)

as lighting, graffiti, dense shrubbery, placement of trash cans and whatever else invites or conceals criminal activity. This approach has proven successful in such nearby locations as 23rd and Union, around Jackson St., and along 12th Avenue. Catfish Corner owner Ed West and Madrona resident Ron Huddleston additionally offered ideas and approaches to curbing youth violence and retaining and building a stronger Black middle class in our community. Garfield Community Center continues to hold community dialogues on these issues, and all are welcome to bring ideas and concerns to Madrona Council meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. MCC meetings also provide opportunities to learn more about upcoming events or volunteer to help with planned activities. Among the latter are the Oct. 31 Halloween party, the Nov. 3 wine tasting, and the wreath/live holiday tree sale set for November.

## Madrona Community Council Meeting \*Draft Agenda for October 2nd

7:15pm at Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. All Welcome!!

- » Halloween event planning
- » Wreath sale
- » Street tree group update
- » Wine event
- » Report from CANDC meeting – Susan

\*Please be aware that draft agendas can and do change.

## Neighborhood News and Notes

Chef Michael King from St. Clouds ([stclouds.com](http://stclouds.com)) will present a cooking demonstration on Sept. 28 at the Madrona Farmers Market. This closes out the 2012 season for the Seattle Farmers Market Association's presence in Madrona. Many thanks to everyone who made the Madrona Market a big success including Market Master Judy Kirkhuff, Organizer Jon Hegeman, Zachary Lyons, and all other helpful SFMA staff. And of course thanks go to the many vendors who turned out each week.

Madrona artist Jacqui Beck won an honorable mention in the First Annual Acrylic Artist Competition in *Artist's Magazine*,

Sept. 2012, for her painting "Farmyard Collective." Jacqui welcomes everyone to her Nov. workshop titled "Igniting Creativity;" examples of Jacqui's work and details on this and other workshops can be found at [www.jacquibeck.com](http://www.jacquibeck.com)

Sari Breznau's fall Singin' in the Rain session begins Sept. 27 with a special finish planned for the Dec. 13 concert which will not only entertain but also double as Sari's master's in choral conducting degree recital. As in past years, Sari invites participants of all ages to sign up for weekly rehearsals from Sept. 27 onward to learn music that this year ranges from Mozart to the Muppets. For additional information about practice times, music, or costs contact Sari at [saribreznau@gmail.com](mailto:saribreznau@gmail.com).

All bus riders will be subject to at least one change on Sept. 29 when Metro switches to a pay-on-entry system. This change is intended to speed up boarding times, but in the short term it will probably cause slowdowns as riders adjust. An accompanying change is that most riders will exit at the back. Another important change is elimination of the downtown free ride area. Finally, many bus routes are changing, although no changes are planned for No. 2 and 3 buses to/from Madrona. For route change and online trip planners visit [metro.kingcountygov/up/scvchange.html](http://metro.kingcountygov/up/scvchange.html)

Wilridge Winery announces a grape stomping opportunity for those willing to purple their feet. The exact dates of the crush depend on Mother Nature, but harvest is expected to begin in early Oct. and continue into Nov. Wilridge expects a bumper crop of grapes. If you are willing to participate, contact [info@wilridgewinery.com](mailto:info@wilridgewinery.com), and you will be contacted when it is time to jump feet first into the grape tank. Madrona residents and their friends are welcome.

Conscious Body Pilates celebrated its 5-year anniversary this month with a small gathering at the Hi Spot Cafe of staff, clients, friends and neighbors. Owner Heather Scarse opened the private gym at the corner 34th and E. Union in Feb. 2008. About her time here, Heather said "Since moving to Madrona, I've found both an ideal location and a supportive community of neighbors. Madrona is a great neighborhood and our space is peaceful and yet right in the center of a busy corner. To me, our quiet place on a busy central corner is a lot like the centering that Pilates can bring to a busy, active life."



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## Mary Kudla... (cont'd from page 1)

An example of the combined emergency response/advocacy approach followed the 2011 floods in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In addition to providing flood assistance immediately, Oxfam staff asked community members to identify projects requiring longer-term investments. Respondents to the question replied: bridges and roads. Then, knowing that road- and bridge-building jobs would go to men, the Oxfam staff replied, "Great, what will the women do?" No answer was forthcoming until the women were asked, and their reply was that they could knit shawls, jackets, socks, mittens, and hats for children in orphanages. Acting on that information, Oxfam organizations provided yarn skeins and needles, and then paid the women for their labor. Mary said she was humbled to hear from one woman that the money earned from her labor was the first cash she had ever held in her hand throughout her life. Later, after the initial knitting project had ended, the men began to ask: 'When are you going to bring more yarn and needles? My wife could work some more and I would like her to work because it was important to our family.'

In between emergencies and disasters, Oxfam might send Mary to places where there is ongoing conflict to help people find ways to make progress even in the face of discord or violence. She and others work with communities in crisis, helping to stabilize those areas via peace-building and livelihood programs that have the potential to yield longer-term harmony. But it is a slow process and one that can only be achieved when those involved in conflict also are involved in solutions.

In the relatively few weeks that Mary spends in Madrona, she enjoys the mountains and climbs as frequently as possible. But she notes that having climbed bigger peaks like Denali and Rainier some years ago, she no longer seeks to "bag a peak or summit" but just to enjoy the outdoors. And she does not get far away from work that helps others; when in Seattle she is a volunteer for Northwest Harvest, the American Red Cross, and the North Cascades National Park near Marblemount. She notes that being involved with one's own community is also rewarding work.

## Trees for Neighborhoods

The Trees for Neighborhoods program helps Seattle residents plant trees around their homes. Participants in the program receive:

- Free trees of up to four per household
- Watering bags
- Training on proper tree planting and care
- A coupon for free GroCo compost
- Ongoing care reminders and workshop opportunities

The deadline to apply for free yard trees is Oct. 21. Plant care workshops and tree pick up occur Oct. 27 or Nov. 10. Trees can be planted anywhere in residential yards, but must be planted at the address on the application. Permits are required if planting street trees. Receiving a permit is not guaranteed. No permit is required for yard trees. Tree supply is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis, so apply early. Please read through the website information before applying for trees at [seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm](http://seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm).

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## Leschi Book Sale's Big Success

*By Diane Snell, E.Alder St.*

Leschi Community Council's Sept. 8 book sale took place on one of those glorious days of Seattle's almost unprecedented streak of unremitting sunshine. We had a stellar crew of volunteers who quickly erected canopies and tables and set out books. But the customers arrived early and started selecting before we could even set up the cashier's table. The total take for the day was \$807.50, but some of the bigger books are still on eBay so that number will increase if they are sold. Funds raised will help support the Seattle Music Partnership that provides after-school instrumental music tutoring in local schools including Madrona K-8, Leschi, Bailey-Gatzert and Thurgood Marshall.

During the week the Seattle Public libraries were closed, the People's Library was open outside the Douglass-Truth branch. Many thanks to them for donating the books that remained and also thanks to B. J. Kirkpatrick who donated the books of her late husband Kenneth's estate to the sale as well. UW's Suzallo library representative will be looking at the unsold history, biography, and cold war Kirkpatrick collection for possible additions to their reference materials. The Northwest Center truck that spends weekends in the Grocery Outlet parking lot took the leftover mass paperbacks and non-historical hardbound books.

The same magnificent crew who'd set up disassembled the "bookstore" and the parking lot was clear of books and cardboard boxes in less than an hour. Thanks to all who made this sale a success; it was truly a community effort!

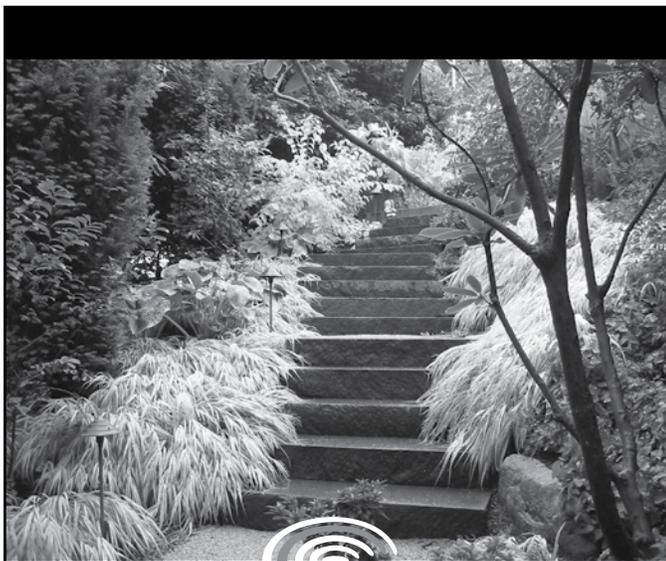
## Green Plate Special Update

Middle-school students who've worked in the GPS garden at Union and MLK Jr. Blvd have been harvesting and selling excess produce in front of the garden on Friday's during early hours of the Madrona Farmer's Market. Stop by on your way to or from the farmer's stalls. Meet our youth intern(s) and have a taste of Green Plate Special's harvest. Proceeds go to continued garden planting and fall programming needs.

The Green Plate Special/ Lark Restaurant backyard BBQ fundraiser event was lovely and very tasty. Lark raised more than \$2,900 for GPS.

Green Plate Special will soon have a covered gathering space on the lot. Starting in mid-October, Sawhorse Revolution will draw on funds provided by a City of Seattle Youth Arts grant and the Loyal Bigelow and Jedediah Dewey Foundation to build a gathering space. As is true for other GPS activities, Sawhorse Revolution will be working with and teaching a group of students to design and build the garden's structure. We expect to enjoy this great covered gathering space by the time the colder months of 2012 arrive.

Green Plate Special will start fall programming in October by working again with Madrona K-8's middle school youth. The YMCA and last year's seventh grade class at Madrona K-8 loved the program. Friends of the Children will support costs for a small series of workshops and Shabazz Delta Academy's after-school program for middle school girls will participate in a nine part GPS series starting in Feb. 2013.



  
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## Should You Prepare for a Fiscal Cliff?

By Barbara Bannon, Edward Jones Investment, E. Spring St.

As an investor, you can sometimes feel at the mercy of forces beyond your control. This may be especially true today, when the Federal Reserve has warned of an approaching "fiscal cliff." What can you do in the face of such a dire prediction?

First of all, you need to understand what led to the Fed's remarks. Here's the story: Some \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts are scheduled to begin in 2013, while, simultaneously, Bush-era tax cuts (including reductions in capital gains and dividend taxes) are set to expire. Combined spending cuts and higher taxes could take some \$600 billion out of the economy, leading to a possible recession and possibly something much worse in the eyes of Fed officials.

Still, there's no need for panic. Despite political infighting, Congress is likely to reduce the cliff to a smaller bump, though it probably won't act until after the election. But as an investor, you may need to be prepared for two significant events: market volatility, at least in the short term, and higher taxes, probably for the foreseeable future.

To combat market volatility, you need a broadly diversified portfolio that can handle bumps, cliffs and other rugged investment terrain. This means a mix of stocks, bonds and other securities that are suitable for your needs. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of market volatility, it cannot guarantee profits or protect against losses.) You may also need to rebalance your portfolio to ensure that it's still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and investment time frame, in light of the impact of volatility.

If taxes on income, capital gains and dividends do rise, they will still, in all likelihood, be much lower than they've been at various points in the past. But you may want to consider the following:

- Take advantage of tax-deferred vehicles.
- Consider converting your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.
- Consider municipal bonds.

Before taking action, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors. But knowing these options may be helpful in keeping your financial goals from going over a cliff.

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Many of us learned to call 911 only in an emergency, but computerization and improvements in electronic information conveyance invite us now to call 911 whenever we see suspicious or worrisome activities. Calls received at 911 can be recorded and tracked according to the number received on any given activity, and digital dispatch allows for more and better police responses.

When you call 911, you can report what you observed immediately to the person who answers. However, if you feel that what you want to report is not an emergency you can ask to speak to a non-emergency or secondary operator. In either case, the person you speak with will ask for your name, location, and contact information. You are not obliged to provide that information, but doing so makes it possible for police officers to contact you later for additional information. If you do not want a police officer to come to your house, you can request contact via telephone only. Alternatively, a caller who identifies him or herself can request no contact from the police.

Some who have called 911 in the past have been asked so many questions that callers sometimes feel it is they who are under suspicion. But the reason for these questions is to gather as much information as possible to record and pass along to police officers. Every call goes onto the radio dispatch, and officers in the field want as much information as possible and as quickly as possible. If you feel the 911 operator was rude or questioned you inappropriately, you can report your concerns by calling back on the non-emergency number 625-5011. For additional tips on making 911 calls, consult [www.seattle.gov/police/contact/911.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/police/contact/911.htm)



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## Play Madrona Mutt Matchup

By Andrea Matus-Magee, Randolph Place

Who says people always look like their pets??? Match the people to their dogs. The answers are on page 10.



Kirsten - 37th Avenue



Pepper



Ryan - 37th Avenue



Zoe & Zeke



Sue - 37th Avenue



Oslo

## Ice Cream Means Summer Never Has to End

By Sophie Melin, 37th Ave.

Before heading off for her first year at university, Sophie Melin filed the following report on Madrona ice cream options.

### Madrona Market

The soft serve ice cream at this location is really tasty, but it is served only in vanilla. It's yummy especially if you just want a small ice cream on a hot day.

### Molly Moon's Ice Cream

The salted caramel ice cream is creamy, smooth and delicious atop the freshly made waffle cone. In addition to salted caramel there are five other flavors; they also make sundaes and shakes and they serve kid-sized scoops. The store expects to stay open throughout the year.

### Pritty Boy's Family Pizzeria

I ordered both the salted caramel and strawberry Full Tilt ice cream. Both were great, but according to wait staff at Pritty Boy's they expect to replace Full Tilt offerings with authentic-tasting gelato in the near future.

### Verite

I visited Verite when the ice cream stand was not out so I purchased a pre-packaged hazelnut ice cream sandwich from the freezer. There was also the option to buy ice cream in pint sizes for take-out; and there were multiple flavors.



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## Is This the Right Time to Sell Your Home?

By Lisa Sears, 38th Ave.

The current real estate buzz in Seattle is optimistic for sellers, with many factors trending up over last year. As a longtime Madrona resident, I know that our neighborhood offers a combination of factors that are hard to beat when looking for a home—fantastic location, great community, the best neighbors, and excellent properties. Right now there are relatively few homes on the market, but with more buyers taking advantage of historically low interest rates, the market for homeowners has improved. In fact, we are seeing multiple offers once again on Madrona houses, resulting in good deals for both buyer and seller.

Current real estate indicators from the Northwest Multiple Listing Service demonstrate several market trends. Compared to the same quarter last year, sales were up 10 percent even though there were 17 percent fewer homes on the market. There is also a meaningful increase in average sale prices, which are up 6.3 percent over the same period last year. The average time-on-market is still a little more than three months, but more buyers are competing for this limited inventory; this is resulting in a higher sales price, compared to a list price of more than 3 percent over last year at this time. (Data Courtesy NWMLS/Trendgraphix.)

Overall, the combination of high demand, low inventory, record-low interest rates, and the incomparable location of Madrona gives good reason for optimism and merits serious consideration when deciding whether or not to sell your home now.

Contact your local realtor for a competitive market analysis. I am a realtor for Coldwell Banker Bain and can be reached at [lisasears@cbbain.com](mailto:lisasears@cbbain.com).

## It's Planting Time in Madrona Woods

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.

Most of you probably have never paid much attention to the southern part of Madrona Woods because until recently it's been an overgrown, muddy, uninviting place. But that's changed with this year's surge of attention there. We've reported on work parties and visiting groups whose work has gone a long way to clear the most accessible parts of this area which is mostly a combination of cedar-shaded and open swampy areas. And now city crews under the direction of the Green Seattle Partnership have made great strides in clearing the steeper slopes and most heavily invaded areas. They've prepared the way for lots of planting over the next several months so the winter rains will water the plants in naturally. Big plant orders are on the way, and if you enjoy planting, come to one of the upcoming work parties or arrange with one of us to do some planting on your own.

Our next work party will be on Oct. 27, and then on Nov. 3 you can join a group of Green Seattle Day volunteers. Regular work parties will continue on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 1:00pm throughout the winter, with an emphasis on planting and mulching. To sign up or to find out about future work parties, go to [cedar.greencitypartnerships.org](http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org) and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending. Or sign in when you show up to get your gloves and tools at the entrance at Spring St. and Grand Ave.

And you can always contribute money if contributing labor isn't your thing. It's easy to make a tax-deductible contribution online at the Seattle Parks Foundation website: click the Donate button and choose Madrona Woods from the "Donation Designation" dropdown box. You can also send a check made out to Friends of Madrona Woods to our treasurer, John Lahti, at 1715 33rd, Seattle, WA, 98122-3329.

You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos at our website at [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org). I'm available to give tours or answer questions most any time; contact me at [judithstarbuck@msn.com](mailto:judithstarbuck@msn.com).

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## Epiphany School

We are ready for the Epiphany School Fall Carnival on Sept. 28, 3:00-6:00pm. This annual fun-filled event for the neighborhood and beyond features games, a dunk tank, a bouncy house, face painters, a raffle, and more. Perhaps you've seen posters decorated by our students around town? The more, the merrier so come join us. For the sweetest confections west of the Mississippi, be sure to sample the goods at the bake sale. And don't miss the Used Book and Toy Sale for all-age books, sports equipment, board games, and stuffed animals; proceeds from this sale will benefit the Emergency Feeding Program that serves people throughout King County. At Carnival, you'll smile big just like Phoebe Feltz '17.



*Phoebe Feltz*

What do you remember about the first day of school? The smell of fresh crayons, the smile of your teacher, or making new friends? At Epiphany it's all of the above...plus the annual ice cream social. The entire school community celebrates the first day on Commons and anticipates all the good stuff to follow throughout the year with ice cream. Members of the Epiphany Parents Council (and even a few

alumni) help scoop ice cream, and students quickly dig in. And that starts the school year on a sweet note.

## Madrona K-8 School

We've had a busy couple of weeks to start the new school year at Madrona K-8, starting with a lively Back-to-School Barbeque where the community gathered to meet, greet, and share summer stories. Many of our great partners were there, including Odessa Brown Children's Clinic which provided students with free bicycle helmets. The PTSA also hosted a Welcome Coffee for parents and teachers on the first day of school; Verite merits special thanks for providing beverages and pastries. The PTSA also held its first general meeting of the year by introducing the board and sharing the planned community calendar for the year. Our next big event is Curriculum Night on Oct. 11 where families can learn more about their children's classrooms and other great things happening at the school. Learn more at <http://madronapantherpartners.org>.

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## Red Wine With Fish? Sacré bleu!

By Mark Stephen Souder, 34th Ave.,  
Madrona Wine Merchants

Love red wine, and want to drink it with seafood? No problem. There are many lighter-bodied red wines perfectly suited for the fish course. This is especially true when grilling seafood because a light smokiness is a great companion to red wine. And as we head into autumn, there is still time for outdoor cooking.

Especially in the Pacific Northwest, with its seafood culture and many pinots, people who enjoy red wine with fish often migrate towards pinot noir. Evesham Wood's pinot from Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon, shines with bright cherry fruit. Or wander abroad with Michel Sarrazin et Fils Maranges Burgundy, which shows brassy notes of cinnamon and clove mixed with notes of licorice. Stick with lighter, classic, Burgundian-style pinots, as many Californian and other warm-clime pinots that are more lush and forward overpower many fish dishes.

The Italians produce some lovely, light-but-complex red wines. Wines like Vietti's Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne, with its soft tannins and finish of red cherries, are a good match for seafood. The Nada Giuseppe Casot Barbaresco, a single vineyard nebbiolo with classic elegance and notes of forest floor, focused spices, and whiffs of roses, tobacco, and rosemary is another example of how lighter body doesn't mean lack of complexity. Or try a light-bodied, classic-style Sangiovese such as the Felsina Chianti Classico, with its notes of flowers, wild berries and mineral tones with smooth tannins. And there are some less common but wonderful

Italian wines. Try the Erste & Neue Edel Vernatsch. It is fruity with light acidity and is a great match for lighter dishes, or the Cá Montebello Custió, a Barbera/Bonardo blend with floral and spicy notes and a little black cherry and plum.

The main thing to remember is not to overpower your seafood. Avoid the big heavy reds such as cabernet, zinfandel and syrah. Now go out there, grill some seafood, and enjoy it with a red wine.

## Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, E. Union St.

The Madrona Dining and Sipping Society is on summer vacation until October. But MDSS is an equal opportunity dining club, meaning I'd love suggestions from you on where you'd like us to dine. I'd even love it if you wanted to arrange dinner one month and show us some creativity. I don't want it to be same/same for each outing, and you can help it be new and exciting with your ideas.

Let's plan on our next outing for Oct. 10 which is 10.11.12. Who can resist a date like that? Watch for an email about details and then RSVP. If you aren't on the MDSS email list, send your contact information to me at [audreyseale@comcast.net](mailto:audreyseale@comcast.net).



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## The Silver Tsunami for Washington State

The number of senior Washington residents is growing, giving rise to questions about the state's readiness to meet needs of its aging citizens. On Oct. 1 from 11:00am-1:30pm local and state advocates for seniors invite you to attend a candidates' forum focused on aging policy issues titled "The Silver Tsunami: A Candidates' Forum on Washington's Aging Readiness." One of six state legislative candidates' forums scheduled around the state, the event provides an opportunity for local aging network, caregiver, and policy experts to present issues and ask questions. Time also will be provided for audience questions and answers. There is no charge but because lunch is provided, registration at [www.agingkingcounty.org/silvertsunami](http://www.agingkingcounty.org/silvertsunami) is required. This event will occur at the Mercer Island Community Center, 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island. Co-sponsors include AARP, Bellevue Network on Aging, City of Seattle, Eastside Human Services Forum, ElderCare Alliance, King County, Kirkland Senior Council, United Way, Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby. The event is coordinated by the Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services. Contact Douglas Ricker at 684-0292 or [doug.ricker@seattle.gov](mailto:doug.ricker@seattle.gov) for additional information.

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## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS:

- MONDAYS** Tom Bennett and the Rolling Blackouts—Playing every Monday at St. Clouds. [www.tombennettmusic.com](http://www.tombennettmusic.com)
- MON & THURS** 6:00am – 6:45am **Bootcamp Class**—Get up early and get fit! Meet at Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, [www.nikkfitt.com](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- TUESDAYS** 6:30am – 7:15am **Bootcamp Class**—Get fit! Meet at Epiphany Parish Great Hall. Nikki Lundin, [www.nikkfitt.com](http://www.nikkfitt.com)
- 1st & 3rd TUES** 8:00pm **Song Writer’s Salon**—A not-so open mic at Bottlehouse; contact [comalrkin@gmail.com](mailto:comalrkin@gmail.com) for information about performing
- WED & FRI** 8:40am – 9:00am **Meditation**—Guided silent meditation led by Peter Drummond. Epiphany Chapel, [pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com](mailto:pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com)
- THURSDAYS** 10:00am – 12:00pm **All Threads Together**—Conversation, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint. Epiphany Library, Trish Stone, [twallistone@yahoo.com](mailto:twallistone@yahoo.com)  
 11:00am **Family Story Time**—Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs. Madrona Library, 684-4705  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm **Wine Maker Reception & Free Tasting**—Support our local winemakers at Bottlehouse, 1416 34th Ave [www.bottlehouseseattle.com](http://www.bottlehouseseattle.com)  
 7:30pm **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Great Hall, Epiphany Episcopal, 1805 38th Avenue, 324-2573
- FRIDAYS** 7:30am – 8:30am **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [www.kbarker715@comcast.net](http://www.kbarker715@comcast.net)  
 3:00pm – 7:00pm **Farmer’s Market**—Grocery Outlet parking lot. Ends September 28th. [madronafarmersmarket.wordpress.com](http://madronafarmersmarket.wordpress.com)
- SATURDAYS** 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants**—1127 34th Avenue. For more information consult [www.MadronaWineMerchants.com](http://www.MadronaWineMerchants.com)
- WEEKENDS** 9:00am – 5:00pm **Donate Used Goods**—Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

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- Oct 1 11:00am – 1:30pm **“The Silver Tsunami: A Candidates’ Forum on Washington Aging Readiness”**—For details see the article in this issue or contact Douglas Ricker, 684-0292; [doug.ricker@seattle.gov](mailto:doug.ricker@seattle.gov)
- Oct 2 7:15pm **Madrona Community Council Meeting**—Everyone welcome! Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse. Holly Smith, [ho2lye@yahoo.com](mailto:ho2lye@yahoo.com)
- Oct 3 3:30pm – 4pm **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**—Bottlehouse 1416 34th Ave. Officers meet from 2:45-3:30 with an open forum from 3:30-4:00. Contact Soni Dave-Schock at [madronabusineses@gmail.com](mailto:madronabusineses@gmail.com)
- Oct 3 7:30pm **Leschi Community Council Meeting**—Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th S. 9th. Diane Snell [jdsnell1@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell1@comcast.net)
- Oct 4 5:00pm – 9:00pm **Wilridge Winery Fall Release Party**—Experience one of our truly local wines with Paul Beveridge—winemaker at Wilridge Winery at 1416 34th Ave. Contact [paul@wilridgewinery.com](mailto:paul@wilridgewinery.com)
- Oct 6 9:00am – 3:00pm **Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area**—Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648.
- Oct 17 9:00am – 1:00pm **Homeless Cooking Wednesday**—Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. Contact John Platt, [john@stclouds.com](mailto:john@stclouds.com)
- Oct 18 7:00pm **PROGRAPHICA, A Talk by Susie Kozawa and Alan Lau “In the American Grain”**—3419 East Denny Way. [prographicadrawings.com](http://prographicadrawings.com); 206-322-3851.
- Oct 27 10:00am – 1:00pm **Friends of Madrona Woods Work Party**—Meet at the toolbox at Spring and Grand, or contact Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccray@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com)



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