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## Homeless Protesters Camp at Conlin's Madrona Home

To draw attention to the city of Seattle's denial of \$50,000 for bus vouchers, member of the homeless advocacy group SHARE—Seattle Housing and Resource Effort—made it personal.



Earlier this month a group of protesters spent several nights camped in front of the homes of Mayor Greg Nickels and council members, including City Council president and Madrona resident Richard Conlin.

On October 2, 3 and 4, Conlin's 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue house looked out on a mini-Tent City. A group of more than 40 homeless people and advocates rolled their sleeping bags out in the parking strip and along the sidewalk in front of Conlin's home. Earlier in the week, the group had camped on the parking strip by Mayor Greg Nickels' house for one night and in front of City Councilman Tim Burgess' house for three nights.

The camp set-up at Conlin's on Friday night was quiet and went without incident. The group organized and handed out gear at the nearby

Madrona Playground before marching in a mostly orderly fashion down 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. "Stay on the sidewalk," an organizer yelled. The campers laid out their gear in a line stretching from the corner of Cherry and 34<sup>th</sup> Ave and down or three blocks past the councilmember's home. In front, an 'Elect Richard Conlin' sign was joined by sleeping bags and large sheets of plastic to keep the rain away. The infamous portable toilet on the back of the group's pick-up was parked on the street in front. Conlin's house remained dark and it appeared that nobody was home.

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## Madrona Community Council President's Corner

*By Cynthia Stross, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

The main topic of the October Madrona Community Council (MCC) meeting was traffic in the neighborhood, and how to slow it down! The City has a program we could participate in, and potentially obtain radar signs, traffic humps, or any variety of traffic controls. I have received some complaints in the last year, and I am willing to work through the MCC to address traffic concerns if there is a community-driven effort. See the related story on page 3.

Regardless of whether anything comes of that proposal, slowing down is part of being attentive to your community. If you are looking for a way to be kind to the neighborhood, slow down, and take a moment to see the autumn in Madrona, and your wonderful neighborhood and neighbors.

In other news, we have a slate of nominees for the MCC officers that we will vote on at the November meeting.

- **Secretary:** Deirdre McCrary
- **Treasurer:** Steve Orser
- **Vice President (3 positions):** Holly Smith, Paige Smith, Jeremy Hudgeons
- **President:** Cynthia Stross

Since there are no contested races, the election should be short and sweet, although you are still welcome to nominate from the floor and shake things up! Thanks to Deirdre and Jeremy for offering to bring new blood into the MCC.

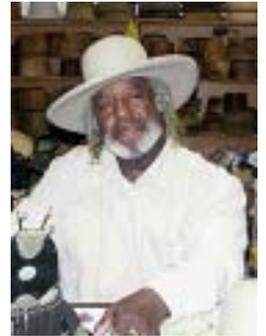
This month the MCC and the entire Madrona community wish Alex Conley well  
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## Gone with a Tip of his Hat

*By Alex Conley, 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

Conley Hats has, after 23 years, left Madrona.

We have truly enjoyed our shop on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We have experienced the many wonders of Madrona. We have seen many children born and grown up in this area. We have seen them blossom into mighty warriors for mankind.



I'm the owner of Conley Hats and I came to this area as an actor at the old Black Arts West Theater at 34<sup>th</sup> and Union (now glassybaby). Back then, Seattle had a summer program which employed kids at the theater and I helped many Madrona kids get summer jobs. It was such a breathtaking program for actors like me. The kids often could not remember our real names but they could always remember the name of the last character they saw us portray in a play. The kids worked around the theater in the daytime and would often come watch us rehearse at night. We did

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lots of shows that involved the audience. The shows were usually on Friday and Saturday nights. Kids would come to the shows, look up at the entrance desk and ask, "Mister, how much for kids?" We would tell them "50 cents" and they would run away and soon return with .50 cents. They were so cute. Some of those kids grew up to become doctors, lawyers, professional dancers, actors, and wonderful mothers and fathers. I've seen some of them around the neighborhood with their own children. What a marvelous feeling to see them and to think back to the days when they were small kids around the theater.

Upon coming to this area as an actor, at the Old Gene Keene Theater (which was the first theater at the Black Arts West Theater / glassybaby location) I never dreamed that I would settle down here as a hatter for the next almost 25 years. This area is absolutely magic. Some of the most fabulous people in the world are in Madrona. For me, this has truly been a love relation.

I was one of the original Chattanooga shoeshine boys of 1945—Glen Miller wrote a song about us, shining shoes. We loved our hats and shoes. We often wore coveralls, but our hats and shoes had to be totally pristine. I was a shoeshine boy in a parlor that also contained a hatter and a cleaner. A gentleman could come to this parlor and pick up his hat, get his shoes shined, and sit in the backroom and sip an effervescent drink while waiting for his pants to be pressed. That hatter taught me to be a hatter mostly because he used me to carry notes to the ladies on the street out front. Soon I became indispensable and so he taught me the trade well in order to keep me there. And therefore a hatter was born. I imagine that old hatter could not in a million years figure that his love for the ladies could never, ever, touch a community 3,000 miles away called Madrona.

I will never forget Madrona. I have moved my shop to my house, only seven blocks away. I am still in business so please come see me. My home is at 913 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Spring and Marion streets, and my phone is the same, 322-1868. "God Bless Madrona."

Farewell from Your Friend, Alexander Conley, "Masterhatter"

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

as he moves his customer hat shop from the store front on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to his home; the classical music will be missed. We can't wait to learn the outcome of the Battle of the Pans between Campagne chef (and Madrona resident) Daisley Gordon. They competed in the cooking contest on the Food Network Show "Iron Chef America." Thanks to neighbor Danny Westneat for speaking for many of us in his October 7 Seattle Times column as he wondered at the courage and determination of Phu Phung of Ruby Cleaners. Phu's husband and business partner Tom Thong was killed in August and she is doing her best to keep her business, and her life, on track. Congratulations to winemaker Paul Beveridge and Lysle Wilhelmi of Wilridge Winery on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue on another delicious vintage release party, and to Suzanne Sheppard and Teresa Carlson of decor on 34<sup>th</sup> on that shop's sixth anniversary.

The next MCC meeting will be Tuesday, November 3 in the shelterhouse at Madrona Playfield at 7:15pm. If you would like to be added to an email distribution to remind you of MCC meetings and agendas, send me an email to [cynistr@gmail.com](mailto:cynistr@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## Campers... (cont'd from page 1)

SHARE says the \$50,000 is vital to provide transportation for people to ride the bus between its 15 shelters and three tent cities to services downtown. The city is giving the group \$310,000 to operate the shelters and has offered a \$50,000 advance for the bus vouchers. However, the advance was contingent on the group guaranteeing to keep its shelters open for the rest of the year. Facing a deficit, SHARE says it can't guarantee that. At the same time, it has run out of money for vouchers partially because of Metro's recent fare increases.

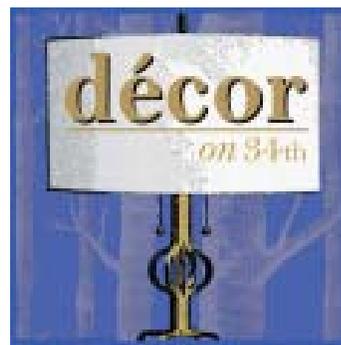
As the group settled down for the night on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, two police cruisers stopped by to check in. The officers stayed in their vehicles and talked to a few of the group's members. After a few minutes, they pulled away. Whether these home-stay protests to draw attention to the situation will change the city's decision to withhold the funds remains to be seen.

Thanks to Scott at [www.centradistrictnews.com/](http://www.centradistrictnews.com/) for letting the Madrona News reuse much of their information for this story.



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## New Traffic Committee Needs YOU

By Cynthia Stross, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

You may have noticed that the City of Seattle recently installed a speed hump, signs and a traffic island on Martin Luther King at Powell Barnett Park. I was at Powell Barnett during the opening ceremony and had the chance to talk to the people who brought those changes about. The Seattle Department of Transportation worked with Leschi community members to design mutually acceptable traffic calming measures for MLK. The City of Seattle runs a formal "traffic calming program" in which any group of residents can apply to participate.

Over the past year, the Community Council has received repeated comments and complaints about speeding cars in Madrona, on 34th Avenue and on East Cherry Street as well as various other intersections in Madrona. If residents in Madrona are motivated to participate in the City process, we can try to bring traffic calming measures to Madrona.

Of course, to get such changes made requires active community participation in the program. The program requires signatures of support from a majority of neighbors, so neighbors would be canvassing, and measuring speeds. Ultimately, if successful, Madrona might get radar speed signs, traffic humps, or any of a variety of speed calming devices.

There will be three meetings in advance of any decision to move forward. The first meeting will assess the community response, and explain the City process as far as we understand it. One object of such a meeting would be to select a volunteer to attend a community meeting put on by the City to educate neighbors about the program. If there is sufficient interest, the second meeting will focus on the selection of particular intersection or streets of interest. The third meeting would organize the application process for the selected area.

The first meeting date is not yet set. Please email me at [cynistr@gmail.com](mailto:cynistr@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in the email distribution about the meetings and the ongoing progress.

### October Late Night Happy Hour at St Clouds!

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## Halloween Day & Night in Madrona

October 31 in Madrona is shaping up to be a little goblin's dream! Whether your little one wants to party in the day before nap time or would rather wait until dark, Madrona has you covered!

First, the ghoulish days begins with a special Little Ones' Halloween Carnival at St. Therese School at 900 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 10am to Noon. Following a long-established tradition, the Middle School students host a Halloween carnival for the Elementary students. This year the school is opening this special event to the neighborhood and inviting preschoolers from Madrona and beyond to come to St Therese for a not-so-scary Halloween event. There will be preschool appropriate games such as bouncy houses, fish pond, popcorn, Halloween crafts, pee wee hoop shoots and much more. Each game costs only \$1 and everyone gets a prize!

The annual Halloween carnival is one of the Middle School's favorite events; the older kids love putting on a good time for the younger ones. It also raises valuable funds for scholarships and programs. About 65% of the students at St. Therese receive scholarships, and since the school is not for profit, fundraising is essential. Each year the school provides \$110,000-120,000 to students who could not otherwise afford a private school education. So start Halloween Day off on the right bony foot and bring your little boys and ghouls to the St Therese School carnival! Wear your costume, prepare to have fun, win prizes, and celebrate Halloween! And YES, it is perfectly okay to bring your older siblings along! Does anyone ever REALLY outgrow the fish pond?

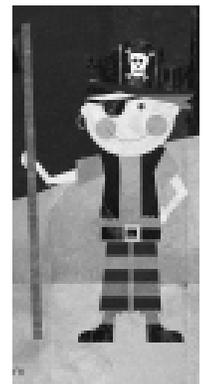
Then, if you need more not-too-scary fun, the good times continue at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse at the Madrona Community Council's annual kid's Halloween party from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to come in their costumes for treats and surprises and photos with the famous Scruffy the Scarecrow!

The theme this year is *Thar Be Pirates in Madrona!* We will have free entertainment aimed at preschoolers, such as coloring, scratch and sparkle pumpkins, Pin the Eye Patch on the Pirate, plus stickers and pirate tattoos to take home. We'll also have pumpkin painting, with pumpkins donated by The Madrona Ale House.

This Halloween party is a Madrona tradition but this year, the Madrona business community has added something extra—a Scavenger Hunt along the 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt Map at participating businesses and figure out the answers to clues about Madrona businesses to see where you end up—could it be at the MCC Halloween Party? Everyone who finishes will be entered in a raffle for Ugly Dolls donated by Precocious Toys!

Parents of little Halloween Jack Sparrows should know that it takes a whole ship of volunteers to pull off a blood-curdling event like this. We your need help decorating the shelterhouse at 8:30am on October 31. We also need First Mates to bake goodies or help the wee kiddies with crafts during the party. And, very importantly, we need volunteers to clean up and swab the decks once the party's done!

Don't miss this very special day of fun brought to you by St Therese School, the Madrona Community Council, and your neighbors. If you'd like to help, email [SuperRuth@mns.com](mailto:SuperRuth@mns.com). *Ahoy Maties!!!*



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# Neighborhood School News

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## Epiphany School Building Update

By Matt Neely, Head of School

Hello neighbors! When Epiphany students arrived back on campus in September they found themselves on a very different environment than last year. There are strong men and women and large construction machines everywhere as we complete the school expansion. Our progress has been phenomenal and the weather has been cooperative. Recent milestones include the pouring of the parking garage floor and preparation for the framing of the building. In honor of the neighborhood, the new building will be called the Madrona Building

As many of you know, we were able to facilitate the rescue of two beautiful homes earlier this summer. Thank you to all neighbors who were part of the house rescue effort, as well as the plant rescue that saved and relocated plants and shrubs from around the homes on Memorial Day weekend.

Here's to a great school year! Please let me know if there are any concerns or questions about the expansion.

## Extra Special Offerings at Madrona K-8

By Jen Norling and Kirk Anderson

Madrona K-8 is an exciting place to be. This year, Madrona K-8 instituted an extended day (8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) to provide enrichment programs for students during the school day, not after-school. Students choose from a variety of offerings, including yoga, performing arts, Spanish, slimy science and composting, chess, double-dutch, karate, cooking, and more. These classes take place every day, in five-week blocks/sessions, allowing students to participate in various enrichment classes throughout the year.

Earlier this month the parents and teachers got off to a great start as there was standing room only and the largest turn-out yet for Curriculum Night, in which families learned about their student's academic and enrichment opportunities. Also, the Middle School soccer and ultimate frisbee teams have kicked off their seasons.

The Girl Scout troops are getting ready for another fun year of community service and friendship. The Girl Scouts recently delivered vegetables they planted and harvested from the school's learning garden to Presbyterian Church and the Neighborhood Cooking Foundation, which provides meals to Seattle's homeless. The Girl Scouts will be partnering with the foundation this year on some cooking projects. We're looking forward to a great year!

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## Get to Know St. Therese Catholic School

Our school, at 900 35th Avenue, is conducting tours for interested parents at 9:00am on October 29, November 3, 12, and 24, and December 1, 10 and 15. We offer classes for children Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

To schedule a tour, contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or email: [sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org](mailto:sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org).

## Service Learning at Epiphany School

Epiphany School students are making a difference as they learn more about the world in which they live and the power of volunteerism in the greater community. This year Epiphany is proud to support the Emergency Feeding Program, Habitat for Humanity, and Seward Park.

- **Emergency Feeding Program (EFP):** Continuing the successful partnership developed two years ago, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will spend a half-day working at EFP, a nonprofit that provides food to people in crisis. Last year, our students helped pack over 1,000 individual snack bags that went directly to people in need. All students, including our youngest Pre-Kindergartens, will once again hold food drives, donating the gathered food to EFP.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Holding penny drives to collect coins is a powerful way to demonstrate to young children that small things brought together can make a big difference. Dovetailing with this year's all-school study them of "Building," our post Winter Break Penny Collection fundraiser will benefit Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that builds housing for people in need.
- **Seward Park:** Our school has assumed responsibility for restoring a plot of land in Seward Park to its natural habitat. For the second year, our entire community will roll up our sleeves on April 15, 2009 to shovel, haul, weed, and mulch— whatever it takes to be good stewards of our environment!

Thank you to the above organizations for welcoming Epiphany School's involvement, as well as the Epiphany Parent Association's Service Learning Committee for thoughtfully shaping and guiding our students' service learning experiences this year.

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Grades K-12: Sunday, January 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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## Great Clothes, Great Deals, Great Cause

Madrona resident Angie Cox knows a thing about fashion. She's worked in the industry for 16 years and shares her tips and expertise on her blog [Youlookfab.com](http://Youlookfab.com). This time of year is especially busy for Angie because besides getting her clients ready for shop for the hottest holiday gifts, she's also volunteering at the downtown YWCA, helping prepare for their annual Closet Treasures Sale fundraiser.

The two-day fundraising event on October 24 and 25 features designer and name-brand clothing at significant discounts, with all proceeds benefitting Dress for Success® Seattle. This program promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a support network, and career development tools. In an economy where money is tight and needs are great, this sale is a win-win event that gives women the satisfaction of helping other women while indulging in a little guilt-free shopping.

"The sale is a wonderful way to give back to the community, while filling your closet with great clothes at fantastic prices," says Angie.

Shoppers will be treated to a wide selection of high-quality, new, designer and gently used clothing, shoes and accessories at consignment store prices. The sale features vintage clothing, evening gowns, leather coats and items by top designers, including Jimmy Choo, Chantelle, Chanel, Donna Karan and St. John. Most items are priced at under \$50.

The Saturday Preview Opening runs from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the downtown YWCA at 1118 Fifth Avenue. For a suggested donation of \$35, potential shoppers receive breakfast, refreshments, and—most importantly—first access to the sale inventory and a chance to bid on their favorites during a silent auction. The public Sunday sale is free and is open from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Says Angie, "The reason I'm involved is because I'm doing something meaningful and it feels terrific."

This year, shoppers will be able to tour the YWCA's Dress for Success facility and get a first-hand look at the many ways the program supports women throughout King County. Dress for Success Seattle is one of 78 world-wide affiliates helping all women thrive in work and in life.

For more information about donating goods to sell, or shopping at the 7th Annual YWCA Closet Treasures Sale, call 325-3453 or visit [www.closettreasuresale.com](http://www.closettreasuresale.com).

## Fun with Felt!

Looking for a fun activity for kids and adults? Check out Madrona author Nikola Davidson's book *Feltique: Techniques and Projects for Wet Felting, Needle Felting, Fulling, and Working with Commercial Felt*. This instructional book, complete with detailed illustrations and photos, includes 46 projects, with something for every skill level.

Felting has become hugely popular in the last few years as people discover how easy it is to make your own felt. All different techniques are covered, from transforming sheep's wool into felt by adding hot water (wet felting), to using a needle (needle felting), as well as knitting a project first and then turning it into felt (fulling). There are even creative ideas for using pre-made commercial felt. Davidson has compiled projects by the most innovative fiber artists from around the world. Projects include making your own recycled cashmere blanket, a soft baby's rattle, a mod pillow, dramatic bauble earrings, and even a dog coat with racing stripes!

*Feltique* can be purchased locally through Elliott Bay Books, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Books, and Weaving Works, which also sells felting supplies. It can be purchased online through Amazon or Powell's Books. Want a private lesson on how to felt? Contact Nikola at [nikola@stickywicketcrafts.com](mailto:nikola@stickywicketcrafts.com).

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## Dining & Sipping For Summer & Fall in Madrona Restaurants One and All

By Audrey Seale, 36th Avenue

The Madrona Dining & Sipping Society (MDSS) continues to eat its way through the seasons & all the neighborhood dining venues. Are you receiving the MDSS emails so you can join in when we return to Dulces on November 14?

Our October dinner was a delicious multi-course Thai extravaganza at Madrona's newest restaurant Naam. Our 30+ guests nearly filled the whole restaurant! Chef and co-owner Wiradee Setthachai aka DD, and her staff patiently explained any exotic dishes we didn't understand, made sure no one went hungry, and many of us went home with boxes of leftovers. DD said it was fun to serve us and get to know people from the neighborhood.

Back in September, when the weather was still beautiful, the MDSS and St Therese Parish hosted the second annual barbecue picnic. It was a glorious summer evening and over 60 adults and untold numbers of kids gathered on St Therese's lovely green lawn to enjoy delicious Armadillo Barbecue. The prize for best picnic spread went to the 36th Avenue Gang, and we also give props to Monica Jones and Gary Roshak for embodying the spirit of summer relaxation.



The NAAM staff: Oil, Co-Owner Yus, Fias, Co-Owner DD, and Som.



The 36th Avenue Gang

Over dessert we celebrated two September birthdays and Bob and Berta Beveridge's 50th wedding anniversary! Thanks to glassybaby for being our ticket outlet again this year.



Monica Jones & Gary Roshak

Next up is a special Saturday evening outing at Dulces on November 14.

Chef Julie will prepare a 3-course dinner (with offering choices in each category) for \$30. For an additional \$10 diners can enjoy a flight of wines matched Carlos. Isn't it time YOU got out for a great dinner on a Saturday night? To make your reservations, contact me at [audreyseale@qwest.net](mailto:audreyseale@qwest.net). As always, everyone is welcome!



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## Meet Your Local Artist: *Denise Takahashi*



Denise Takahashi's quiet demeanor is a foil for her quirky creative nature. From fabulous realism to kitschy assemblages, Denise shares her impressions of the natural world with us in visual ways. Oil paintings are her primary focus, but jewelry making and assemblage are taking this multi-dimensional artist in new directions.

A biology degree combined with a graduate certificate in scientific illustration led Denise to 20 years of freelance illustration for scientific publications. She has also gone through the King County Master Gardener and Seattle Audubon Master Birder programs and you can see the intensity of her studies in each painting. There is no guesswork to her brush strokes—she knows her subjects very well. From 2004-06 Denise studied at the Gage Academy in Seattle. She took her ability to portray stationary objects into a new realm of interaction with the subject's environment. She then completed the EDGE program through Artist Trust. She now paints on both commission and for her own exploration.

Currently Denise is working a series of paintings of local artists, beginning with Madrona resident percussionist Trimpin. Her intent is to show each artist in his or her workspace for insight about what inspires them and their creative process. This project is meant to showcase our local talent, but it also serves to assist Denise in getting to know other artists. She is currently looking into local funding for this project, through grants and awards.

Denise is originally from Maryland and has been a Madrona resident for 17 years. She and her husband Eric Edgerton, who is also an artist, have three children. You can find Denise's latest artworks at the Columbia City Gallery where both she and Eric are members. Her paintings are also for sale at JayWalk in Madrona. From November through December Denise will have a show at the University Friends' Meetinghouse. To see more of her work, visit [denisetakahashi.com](http://denisetakahashi.com).

## Play Madrona Mutt Match-up

By *Kim Herber, 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

All of these dogs live in our neighborhood. To play Mutt Match-up, pick which dog lives with which owner by drawing a leash to connect them. The answers are on page 12.

**What will you miss most about summer?**



**Dignan**  
Swimming everyday!

**Who do you like for Mayor?**



**Justin, 30th Avenue**  
Joe Mallahan



**Jetta**  
Swimming at Magnuson Park



**Madeline, 29th Avenue**  
Undecided



**Joe**  
Swimming



**Kathy, Pike Street**  
Undecided

**DO YOU LOVE THE MUTT MATCH-UP?** Here's your chance to keep it going in the *Madrona News*. Shelly Havercamp, our previous Mutt Matcher, has retired and I need someone to take her place. All you have to do is find three willing dog/human pairs, take their photos, ask them a few questions (your choice) and send everything to me by the monthly newsletter deadline. Interested??? Drop me a note at [kdh50217@aol.com](mailto:kdh50217@aol.com).

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## Tent City Madrona - Summer of 2009

By Joe Hastings

All of us at St. Therese Parish want to thank our Madrona neighbors for their hospitality, flexibility, and patience in welcoming Tent City to our neighborhood this summer. Tent City's presence at St. Therese helped us to better know our neighbors and our own parish community.

The organizers of Tent City 3 contacted St. Therese Parish in May seeking a place to pitch their tents after last minute cancellation from another church. We quickly scrambled to begin the process of making the decision as a parish community and notifying our neighbors. We received support from the Madrona Community Council on June 2 and strong support from a meeting June 11 attended by over 50 people from the church and the neighborhood. Neighbors expressed concerns about safety and care of the neighborhood and learned about Tent City's Code of Conduct for residents, regular neighborhood watch patrols, and trash pick-ups. Parishioner Joe Orlando organized a corps of "Daily Visitors" from the immediate neighborhood to extend a warm welcome and report any problems.

Tent City arrived at the St. Therese sports field on June 20, where neighborhood resident Tom Flood engineered a smooth move-in. St. Therese parishioner Tiffany Megargee organized five potlucks which brought together Tent City residents, Madrona neighbors, and members of St. Therese to share food, conversation, and personal stories around the dinner table. St. Clouds restaurant organized a group of neighbors to provide more meals, and occasionally food showed up unannounced but gratefully received.

There were challenges. Loitering and neighborhood disturbances were reported to the parish, and Tent City residents addressed these incidents through their process of self-governance. Those who violated the Code of Conduct were expelled from the camp. During the heat wave neighbors came through with cool refreshments. St. Therese opened their social hall as a place for residents to escape the hot sun.

Tent City's visit to Madrona drew on a wide array of talent to make it a success. St. Therese Parish thanks all who made a home for Tent City in Madrona this summer and wishes Tent City well at their new home at All Saints Episcopal Church in Rainier Beach. If you have any questions, contact either me at 568-7237 or Brian Mack at 852-2641. For general questions about Tent City, call SHARE at 448-7889.

## Taking Advantage of Winter Rains

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Avenue

People often ask Friends of Madrona Woods volunteers around this time of year if we're going to take the winter off as the weather turns rainy. Those of you who've read this column over the years probably know that winter is actually the best time to do many of the things involved in restoration: clearing and planting when the ground is moist, mulching, and working with students during the school year.

But this winter we're going to try not having regularly scheduled work parties as we have in the past. Instead, when there's a particular job to be done and we want to recruit help in doing it, we'll plan a work party. We will be recruiting as many hands as possible to start planting on October 24 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. If you aren't already on our email list for notification of work parties and want to be on it, send your address to Deirdre McCrary at [deirdre\\_jaymccrary@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccrary@msn.com). Or watch the kiosks or check the website for announcements of when to come meet us at the tool box at 38th and Marion to get your gloves and tools.

Students from Garfield High School's Earth Service Corps will be coming the second Sunday of every month during the 2009-2010 school year to restore the area north of the sidewalk from Spring to Lake Washington Boulevard. If you'd like to work with them, come between 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

Our remaining debt is still more than \$13,000. If you'd like to help reduce it, please send checks made out to Friends of Madrona Woods to John Lahti at 1715-33rd Ave., 98122.

For more information about involvement in the woods and natural area, contact me at [judithstarbuck@msn.com](mailto:judithstarbuck@msn.com) or 322-2640, or visit our website at [www.madronawoods.org](http://www.madronawoods.org).



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## One Family Beats the Afterschool Maze

By Sunshine Eversull, ???? Avenue

What medium should be used to convey meaningful information to my children? This is a question that many parents face. To find an answer for our family, we took into consideration each of our daughter's unique way of interfacing with the world. Knowing this was important when it came time for us to choose our girls' schools—and their extracurricular activities. We wanted an after-school program that would provide appropriate learning environments to maximize our children's strengths and improve weaknesses.



We were successful in our search for schools, but it was difficult to find a good fit with after school programs. Some had requirements that were too rigid, others required a bigger time commitment than our busy family could undertake, or some just didn't work with our existing schedule.

These struggles made finding Harmony Arts studio, located a few minutes south of Madrona near Rainier Avenue and Dearborn, all the sweeter. Everything changed when our girls got involved with their "GirlPower" class led by Tristan Elliot. Our daughters, who are now in 5th and 7th grade, were immediately invested in their physical and mental training. Tristan uses her background of movement and healing arts to help the girls discover their voice and their own "girl power."

Harmony Arts very much embodies what we looked for in schools—an inclusive and diverse population focused on inspiration, empowerment, and global transformation. Our daughters have become much more confident and respectful of others' feelings since beginning Harmony Arts class called S.K.Y—a focused on a blend of Self-Defense, Kung-Fu, and Yoga techniques. It was a great bonus that the school is close and easy to get to. Classes are held in the new Hiawatha Building near Jackson Place and it takes under ten minutes to transport the girls to and from our home in Madrona.

For parents who are looking for enriching extracurricular activities for their little munchkins, preteens, or teenagers, I encourage you to visit Harmony Arts. For those families who desire quality education that blends social responsibility with inner growth, Harmony Arts is a Seattle gem.

## BOOM Builds Downtown Momentum

By Nikola Davidson

BOOM - Business Owners of Madrona - has already grown to over 30 members! The group's mission is to support and promote Madrona businesses while honoring the neighborhood's distinct history, diversity, and charm. Be on the lookout for the Madrona walking map and business directory (coming soon!). You'd be surprised at how many businesses are right in your backyard - ranging from a plant nursery to photo restoration, from natural health practitioners to artists.

A number of BOOM businesses will be participating in the first annual Madrona Halloween Scavenger Hunt, 4:00-7:00pm on October 31. Kids who follow the clues to different stores in Madrona will be rewarded with fun prizes! Starting clues will be given out at the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse.

It's not too late to join BOOM. Prospective members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. The next one is on November 6, 9:00am at Amara, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Union St. Pick up an application from Barbara Banon (Edward Jones, 3304 E. Spring St) or email Nikola Davidson at [nikola@earthssystemsnw.com](mailto:nikola@earthssystemsnw.com). BOOM means business!

### Attention! Stair Repair

Seattle Department of Transportation crews will be working on the stairway on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Union Street and Spring Street. The stairway will be closed to pedestrians from October 7 to November 1.

Seattle has been my home for over 20 years. I love living in the Northwest and enjoying all this great, ever-changing city has to offer. I believe it's important to have local knowledge of the areas you represent. I've chosen to live in Madrona, Denny Blaine and Madison Park. With beautiful streets, charming homes and amazing access to Lake Washington, trails and shops, we simply have it all.

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## Law for All: Future Federal Estate Tax Not Clear

By Lori Rath, Attorney

Last May this column focused on the federal estate tax, which under current law applies only to estates with a net worth of \$3.5 million or more. The tax is set to expire entirely at the end of this year, with no tax at all for 2010, before reverting in 2011 to Clinton-era levels (with an exemption of \$1 million).

Although Congressional action is expected with the end of the year looming and healthcare reform taking much of congressional leaders' time and energy, it is unclear what – if any – movement we will see on this issue before 2010. President Obama and many congressional Democrats have proposed continuing the current terms (a 45 percent tax on the portion of a net estate that exceeds \$3.5 million) through the end of 2010, while most Republicans openly favor allowing repeal of the tax at the end of this year. For a good discussion of the various players and dynamics currently involved in the federal estate tax issue, see "Estate Tax Faces Its Own Life-and-Death Struggle," by Jonathan Weisman, *Wall Street Journal*, September 19, 2009.

If you have any estate planning questions, contact me at 382-2573 or [lori@rathlawmediation.com](mailto:lori@rathlawmediation.com).



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## Look East for Health: Treating the Common Cold Naturally

By Haydn Engelke MSA LAc., 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue

As we are out-and-about in our Madrona community, raking leaves, walking dogs, and playing on the playground, we face the colder, damper weather of fall. Traditional Chinese Medicine offers time-honored wisdom to keep you healthy through the winter months. Although Chinese Medicine is oriented towards preventing disease, there are many therapies to aid your recovery should you develop cold or flu symptoms.

The Chinese believe that pathogens enter the body through the pores and air passages, which are thought to be an "open window" to the external environment. The all-too-familiar neck, shoulder, and body aches are usually the first indication that something has crossed the threshold of our body's immune defenses. The fever and chills that follow signal that a battle is taking place to rid the body of the invading organism. The resulting sweating and coughing is the body's way of trying to push the pathogen back out.

At the onset of cold or flu symptoms, try a hot bath, hot tea, and a hot soup made from scallions and miso (a fermented soy paste that is readily available in health-food stores). Then wrap up in blankets or towels to prompt the body to sweat. Keep the head, neck, and shoulders covered to avoid drafts. Consider staying in bed to rest and recuperate rather than slogging through your normal schedule at half strength. If possible, prepare your own meals, minimizing your exposure to other pathogens. Although this may be surprising to many people, it is recommended that you avoid vitamin supplements for a few days so that you do not nourish the pathogen as well.

A practitioner of Chinese Medicine can further reduce your recovery time by prescribing combinations of herbs and foods that are specific to your particular type of virus. He or she can also use acupuncture to restore balance to the body's systems. These measures are especially helpful for those who have a propensity for asthma, bronchitis, or pulmonary disease. It is important to build up our immune system before the cold and flu season begins. Chinese medicinal herbs that boost the immune system include various Asian mushrooms, such as shiitake, reishi, and maitake. Pears and apples are examples of foods that strengthen the lungs.

Working with your Chinese Medicine practitioner can help you navigate the stormy weather of the winter flu season. For more information, please visit our website, [www.Eastern-Elements.com](http://www.Eastern-Elements.com)



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## Celebrate Local Sculptor James Washington

Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of James Washington, Jr.'s birth by attending Dr. Susan Platt's slide show and lecture on the life and works of this famous central Seattle artist. This presentation takes place on November 4 at 7:30pm at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30<sup>th</sup> South, as part of the monthly Leschi Community Council meeting.

James W. Washington, Jr., who died in 2000, was an African-American painter and sculptor. He and his wife Janie Rogella Washington arrived in Seattle from Arkansas in 1944. They settled in the Central District and their home at 1816 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been preserved as an historic site. Mr. Washington's sculptures can be found in many spaces in the Central District: Bayley Gatzert School, Odessa Brown Clinic, Meany Middle School, Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the fountain under repair at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Union.

In November, the Pratt Fine Arts Center also honors Mr. Washington with an exhibit called "Continuing the Legacy," featuring works by of Artist-in-Residence recipients of the James and Janie Washington Foundation program. This show opens November 5, at 6:00pm in the Pratt Gallery, Tashiro Kaplan Studios, 306 S. Washington St., Suite 102.

James Washington often worked on African and African-American subjects. He explicitly considered his art to be a spiritual undertaking and once told an interviewer: "To me, art is a holy land".

## East Madison YMCA Aquatics Update

*By Chip Byrne, Membership Director*

Our pool really got a workout this summer during all the beautiful weather. Now that fall is here, we will close the pool from October 25 through November 2. We will be making important safety upgrades to our pool drain covers and we thank you for your patience during this process. As soon as the pool reopens, we'll begin a new round of swimming lessons and water aerobics. You can register now and hit the water swimming!

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## Columbia City Bookfest Revives a Tradition

Remember the old Northwest Book Festival on the waterfront and how much fun it was? Then you will be glad to learn that it's about to be reincarnated! Columbia City neighborhood is proudly reviving it under the new name of Seattle Bookfest, October 24-25 from 10:00am to 6:00pm at the Columbia City Event Center at 3528 S. Ferdinand St.

Seattle Bookfest will feature over 60 local authors, among them best-selling publishing phenomenon Garth Stein, mystery writer Mike Lawson, literary maven Nancy Pearl, women's fiction star Jennie Shortridge, and national award-winning poets Sam Hamill and Judith Roche. In addition, the fair will showcase over fifty exhibitors, including local bookstores such as Third Place Books and Fremont Place Books, nonprofits like Friends of the Library, and small but influential publishers like Copper Canyon Press, Black Heron Press, and Fantagraphics Books. There is also an extensive line-up list of panels, workshops, and special events including a Scrabble contest, a bookbinding demo, and a workshop on "how to write a novel in a month."

One of the most notable features of Seattle Bookfest will be the Children's Stage program. The sponsor, Secret Garden Bookshop, has planned an exciting schedule of events designed to entice and amuse young readers. Local authors Bonny Becker, Kevin Emerson, and Joni Sensel will read from their work, many other local authors will be in attendance, and there will be daily Mad Libs Parties, a Grammar Bee, and, in the spirit of Halloween, a panel called "Vampires & Werewolves & Zombies, Oh My!" Publishers' representatives will be giving out preview editions of upcoming children's and young adult literature.

Seattle Bookfest is produced by Columbia City Cinema and co-sponsored by the Columbia City Business Association and the Rainier Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$5.00. The Columbia City Event Center is approximately one block

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## 2009 Madrona Neighborhood Events

Only a few neighborhood events left this year! Contact the coordinators if you can help.

- Jan** 18—Martin Luther King Celebration, Epiphany
- Mar** 7—Neighbor Appreciation Day, Jon Hughes
- April** 19—Neighborhood Cleanup, Didi Burpee
- May** 16—Mayfair Parade & Carnival, Paige Smith  
30—Community Garage Sale, Janna Pekaar
- Sept** 13—Dining & Sipping Family BBQ, Audrey Seale
- Oct** 6—MCC Officer Nominations, Cynthia Stross  
31—**Kids' Halloween Party, Ruth Walther**  
*surperruth@msn.com*
- Nov** 14—**Winter Greens & Holiday Lights, Marie Doyle**
- Dec** 5—Christmas Ships, Bon Fire & Carols at Madrona Beach —**Need Coordinator**

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

## Madrona Blossoms in Transition

By Marie Doyle, 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Fall is finally here, and it's time to bid the lush, gorgeous flower baskets a fond farewell for the year. On behalf of the Madrona Blossoms committee, I want to thank all the neighbors and businesses who so generously supported this project. It was wonderful to see our community in bloom during the spring and summer. We appreciate all the compliments from neighbors and visitors alike on the beauty of the baskets—and how the flowers unify and decorate our business and school district.



Created by Grace Schlitt-Lenz

However, the Madrona Blossoms project is now at a crossroads. Even though our supporters are loyal, pocketbooks are tighter and it's become harder for our committee to raise funds to keep the baskets going. So, we've been considering an alternative—colorful neighborhood banners! Banners are long-lasting, community decorations that don't need to be regrown each year and watered daily.

The business owners—who represent the largest percentage of Blossoms support—are now considering the banner proposal, but we'd like to hear from you too. Would you like to see colorful banners around our neighborhood, or do you want the Blossoms to continue to be our community decoration? Please email your thoughts and opinions to me at *doylemf@comcast.net*.

While we mull over what to do next spring, we know exactly what we'll do this fall to decorate downtown Madrona—put up the annual wintergreens! On Saturday November 14 at 9:00am come out and help us holiday lights & evergreen swags along the commercial corridor of 34th Avenue from Spring Street to Pike Street. These festive greens will give our community a warm glow from November to February to see Madrona through the dark fall and winter months.

Looking for a way to contribute in a fun way to your community? Bring a heavy-duty pair of gardening gloves and good cheer. Coffee & treats will be provided. Contact me for questions at *doylemf@comcast.net* or 323-6128. Volunteer today!

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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](http://www.epiphanyseattle.org)
- WEDNESDAYS** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Library Book Club**—Madrona-Sally Goldmark Library, 1134 33rd Ave.
- THURSDAYS** 7:30 PM **AA/ALANON Meeting**—Epiphany Great Hall [www.epiphanyseattle.org](http://www.epiphanyseattle.org).
- FRIDAYS** 7:30 AM **Madrona/Leschi Citizens Against the War**—Quiet demonstration, 23rd & Union, Kathy Barker [kbarker715@gmail.com](mailto:kbarker715@gmail.com).

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- Oct 7 – Nov 1 Stairway Closure** - on 30<sup>th</sup> (between Union & Spring) is closed to pedestrians.
- Oct 24** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Friends of Madrona Woods work parties**. Meet at the toolbox at the 38th and Marion entrance (Spring & Grand), Deirdre McCrary [deirdre\\_jaymccray@msn.com](mailto:deirdre_jaymccray@msn.com).
- Oct 24** 6:30 PM **Julie W. Weston, a Madrona resident, reads from her book** – Lake Forest Park Third Place Books
- Oct 24 & 25** 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Seattle Book Fest** – former Columbia School at 3528 South Ferdinand Street, [www.seattlebookfest.com](http://www.seattlebookfest.com).
- Oct 24 & 25** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM **7<sup>th</sup> Annual YWCA Closet Treasures Sale** – designer & name-brand clothing sale which benefits Dress for Success ® Seattle, Saturday includes breakfast & refreshments (\$35 donation requested), Sunday is free. YWCA 1118 Fifth Avenue.
- Oct 25-Nov 2 Pool Closed for Maintenance**— We will be making important safety upgrades to our pool drain covers. Meredith Matthews East Madison YMCA, 322-6969.
- Oct 29** 9:00AM **St Therese School Tour** —Contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or [sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org](mailto:sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org).
- Oct 31** 10:00AM – 12:00PM **St Therese School Halloween Carnival** – Free Admission, Games are preschool age appropriate and cost \$1.00, St. Therese School, 900 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Oct 31** 4:00 – 7:00PM **Madrona Neighborhood Halloween Celebration** – Start with a scavenger hunt sponsored by local businesses and finish at the Madrona Playfield shelterhouse. Free homemade treats and crafts for preschoolers. Ruth Walther [SuperRuth@mns.com](mailto:SuperRuth@mns.com).
- Nov 3 ELECTION DAY** ~ REMBER TO VOTE!
- Nov 3** 9:00AM **St Therese School Tour** —Contact Sandy Gunder at 324-0460, ext. 117 or [sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org](mailto:sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org).
- Nov 3** 7:15PM **Madrona Community Council Meeting** – Madrona Playfield Shelter House, Cynthia Stross [cynistr@gmail.com](mailto:cynistr@gmail.com).
- Nov 4** 7:30PM **Leschi Community Council** – Dr. Susan Platt will shows slides and lecture on the life and works of James Washington Jr. a famous African American artist to celebrate the 100 anniversary of his birth.; Central Area Senior Center, 500 30<sup>th</sup> South, Diane Snell, [jdsnell@comcast.net](mailto:jdsnell@comcast.net).
- Nov 4** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time**—Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33rd Ave, 684-4705.
- Nov 6** 9:00AM **BOOM (Business Owners of Madrona) Meeting**, All Madrona business owners are welcome. Amara (34<sup>th</sup> & Union), membership applications available from Barbara Banon (Edward Jones, 3304 E Spring St) or email [Nikola@earthsystemsnw.com](mailto:Nikola@earthsystemsnw.com).
- Nov 7** 1:00PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Thanksgiving Theme! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org).
- Nov 7** 600PM **Give Water, Give Life Benefit**—Support clean water for people in need around the world, Water 1<sup>st</sup>, [www.water1st.org](http://www.water1st.org).
- Nov 8** 1:00PM – 5:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**— Thanksgiving Theme! Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org).
- Nov 12** 9:00AM **School Tour** - interested parents can tour St Therese School, 900 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. Contact Sandy Gunder at (206) 324-0460, ext. 117 or [sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org](mailto:sandyg@saintthereseeparish.org)
- Nov 12** 6:00PM **Central Area Neighborhood District Council Meeting**— Douglas Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way. Madrona Contacts: Max Liebowitz [maxliebowitz@gmail.com](mailto:maxliebowitz@gmail.com) and Cheryl McCain [clmc2000@gmail.com](mailto:clmc2000@gmail.com).
- Nov 14** 9:00AM **Help Hang Madrona Wintergreens**—Bring heavy-duty gardening gloves and good cheer. Coffee & treats provided. 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue & E Union. Marie Doyle [doylemf@comcast.net](mailto:doylemf@comcast.net) or 323-6128.
- Nov 14** 10:00AM –2:00 PM **Neighborhood Cooking for the Homeless**—Madrona Presbyterian Church, Darren Pritt [darren@neighborhoodcooking.org](mailto:darren@neighborhoodcooking.org).
- Nov 14 Madrona Dining & Sipping Society** – Dinner at Dulces with 3 courses for \$30 and additional flight of matched wines for \$10. For reservations please contact Audrey Seale, [audreyseale@qwest.net](mailto:audreyseale@qwest.net) .
- Nov 18** 10:30 AM **Preschool Story Time**—Madrona Sally-Goldmark Library, 1134 33rd Ave, 684-4705.

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