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In Business: The Longest and Latest on 34th Ave.

By Susan Fondren, Grand Ave.

Ben Abe, owner and CEO of World Travel Center and Safaris, was the first neighbor to greet Brian Clevenger, owner and chef of Vendemmia, and welcome him to the neighborhood. These two businesses --the oldest and newest in Madrona –are located just across the street from each other on 34th Ave. Vendemmia, a thriving new Italian restaurant, opened its doors in the Madrona Refuge Building on May 28 of this year. Tucked between St. Clouds and Madrona Wine Merchants, World Travel Center and Safaris has been in business for 33 years.

Ben Abe

Brian Clevenger

In 1982, Ben Abe (pronounced Ah-bay) opened World Travel Center and Safaris at 1127½ 34th Ave., the space previously occupied by Seattle's chapter of the Black Panthers. "The place wasn't very much different from what it is now. I just painted it a few times, " Ben said with a smile as he looked at walls covered with maps and travel posters, handwritten notes, and peeling paint in the office. Three desks fill the space occupied by Ben, his ticketing assistant Nuria, and an old friend who wanted an office for his retirement and a place to book his personal cruise travel. Originally a requirement of airline companies for storage of blank tickets, a large green safe against the wall serves as a mini museum of the pre-electronic travel industry. Ben purchased it from a safe deposit/jewelry business that once occupied the corner of Union and 34th (currently Café Soleil). A Metro bus driver painted the original sign hanging on the front of the building.

The travel industry was and for Ben still is a very personal business. He opened World Travel Center and Safaris to help members of the African community travel to their homelands and to book and take tour groups to

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Mayfair Turns 40!

Madrona's very first Mayfair celebration was in 1976, bringing us to celebrate a 40 year anniversary in May 2016. This Madrona Community Council event has taken many forms over the years, including some we no longer sponsor such as:

- Items, books, and plants
- Tennis tournaments
- Cake walks
- Dance contests

Mayfair also has continued with past tradition by bringing live music, clowns, and many family activities to Madrona Playfield. Recent additions to the lineup include pony rides, bouncy houses, and the like, and the always-popular parade from Al Larkins Park to the Playfield. In this 40th year, we invite neighbors to suggest activities you would like to see at Mayfair. If you have ideas and energy, please be in touch. It also would be fun to provide a new spin on Mayfair's history in *Madrona News* via profiles/interviews with people who've attended Mayfair in past years. Be in touch with ideas, energy, or interviews at *madronanews@gmail.com.*

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In Business (cont'd from previous page)

Africa. In conjunction with his professorships in anthropology at local community colleges, Ben has taken student tour groups to Africa, along with interested citizens. He offers safaris to Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Zambia, Egypt, Tanzania, and South Africa along with gorilla tracking experiences. As was the case in his early days, customers still call Ben directly or come in person to plan and book their travel. "For us, we still have our community, the African community, we have people who don't have access to computers to get their tickets," Ben told me in a recent interview. Ben's pretty sure he is the only African or African-American ticketing agency in Seattle.

Ben moved to the US from Uganda in his 20s and while "still young" he opened World Travel Center and Safaris. Talking with Ben, it quickly becomes obvious that World Travel Center and Safaris is one small part of this man's story. What was to be an interview about the longest standing business under the same ownership in Madrona became a history lesson on Madrona and the development of the travel industry over the last three decades--enough to fill several volumes more than this story. Ben still has strong personal and business ties with his homeland and is involved with numerous local and regional civic agencies along with international humanitarian organizations. A human biological anthropologist, Ben taught at a medical school in Uganda and several of Seattle's community colleges. Ben and his wife have lived in Madrona since the late 70's and enjoy having their children and grandchildren in the neighborhood.

Now step across 34th Ave. and into Vendemmia – an Italian restaurant of refined simplicity with its minimalist décor and seafood-, handmade pasta-, and vegetable-based menu. Just two months after opening the doors, owner and chef Brian Clevenger is blown away by support from Madrona as well as the broader Seattle community. Except for a stint in minor league baseball, cooking is the only thing Brian has ever done. For the past 16 years he has cooked, apprenticed, studied, and paid his dues in some of the best kitchens around Seattle and the world, with Delfina in San Francisco being where he "really learned pasta." For the last four years, Brian has been trying to come to Madrona, and this year the pieces finally fell into place. In a recent interview, I asked Brian why he chose Madrona for Vendemmia's home. Looking out through Vendemmia's large open windows onto 34th Ave., he pointed to the clouds and blue sky above, neighbors walking by, and small businesses across the way and said, "Look at this. This is why." Madrona has the small-town feel he grew up with in Anacortes and also enjoyed while living in Ballard 12 years ago (when it still had that small-town feel). It reminds him of home.

Brian is focused, driven, and combines a keen awareness of his ultimate responsibility for the bottom line with the humble recognition that every aspect of Vendemmia is part of its success with the staff, servers, dishwashers, customers, and the community. Rarely does Brian use the word "I" when speaking of Vendemmia; it is "we." For Brian, success starts with the acknowledgement of two simple concepts: everyone --from floor cleaners to servers, to cooks--must be successful in order for Vendemmia to be successful and ultimately guests are the reason for Vendemmia's success. He believes that this acknowledgement of guests and neighbors is what truly keeps the doors open and that a successful Vendemmia in turn contributes to the well being of its employees, guests, and the community at large. "The only reason we can open our doors is because of our neighbors," Brian said. The neighbors are coming, regularly, and Brian makes a point of knowing them by name.

"What's best today?" Brian asks this question each day and it drives the menu at Vendemmia. Choosing the freshest and best of vendor offerings on a daily basis is at the core of Vendemmia's delectable menu. Vendemmia is getting busier every day and Brian and his team are learning how to deal with busier. Brian knows Vendemmia cannot do everything perfectly, but what he does, he wants to do as perfectly as he can. And for Vendemmia, that's pasta, vegetables, and seafood, and of course, service.

Brian was "negative three years old" when World Travel Center and Safaris opened. When asked if he thinks Vendemmia will still be here in 33 years, he said, "Oh, I would love that." If Vendemmia's quickly accumulating recognitions are any indication--Open Table Diner's Choice 2015 and Zagat's "15 Hottest New Restaurants around the US" – it is here to stay. I asked Brian about his plans to expand and whether lunch or brunch are ahead. With a wink Brian told me he cannot say too much yet but he did tell me "we have ideas." If you haven't met Ben or Brian, venture to the 1100 block of 34th. For great food and African safaris, Madrona has you covered with its longest and latest in business.

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Transportation News

Link Connections

During this past summer Metro was busy getting community input on how to provide better access to the new light rail stations on Capitol Hill and at the University Stadium. The resulting recommendation will be presented to the King County Council TREE Committee on Sept. 1. For up-to-date information and a link to the proposed legislation, go to *www.kingcounty.gov/metro/linkconnections*. As of early August, the likely changes for routes in our area appear to be:

•Route 8 will run from Seattle Center as far as Mt. Baker Station;
•Route 38 will be the new name for the southern half of the existing Route 8 starting south from Mt. Baker Station;
•Route 12 will remain as is for now, in response to public feedback about the need, but if the Madison BRT project goes ahead, it is unknown what will happen to the route; and
•Route 11 routing is still in flux as of early August. It may or may not connect to the new Capitol Hill light rail station since Route 43 is being canceled. Madison Park has been very engaged in the process. Check Metro's website above for the most current information.

If approved by the King County Council the changes to serve the new link light rail stations will be implemented in March 2016. Metro is also continuing to explore an option of restructuring Route 106 to replace the newly numbered Route 38 mentioned above. The new Route 106 would continue north from Mt. Baker Station and connect along Jackson St. to the International District. After getting more community input this Fall, Metro may propose the change to take place in September 2016.

Seattle Transit Investments

As a result of Seattle voter approved Prop 1, Seattle funding has been used for greater reliability and frequency in service on many of our routes, including Routes 2, 8, and 48. Improvements in June and September 2015 have included adding peak hour runs, as well as increasing frequency for midday, evenings and weekends. Check the new schedules, especially for evenings and weekends. For example, Route 2 frequency is supposed to be increased to 15 minute evening service six days-a-week and 30 minute service on Sundays. As of March, if King County Council approves Metro's changes, the shorter Route 8 will have increased frequency to every 12 minutes during the day and have service until 1:00am and Route 48 will run every 10 minutes south from the University with eight minute peak hour service.

Metro continues to send warnings about bus route changes due to 23rd Ave. alterations. Keep abreast of these changes by using one or more of the following connections:
Visit: *www.seattle.gov/transportation/23rd_Ave.htm*
Email: *23rdAveCorridor@seattle.gov*
Call the 24-hour project hotline: 206-727-8857

August Concerts at Madrona Playfield

Following on the success of last summer's Aug. Concerts in the Park, the Madrona Community Council and sponsor Ewing and Clark decided to schedule four August concerts at the Madrona Playfield for 2015. Based on evidence from the first two concerts, it was a good decision. Weather was perfect and marimba band Azanga (Aug. 6) and blues band Lucille Street (Aug. 13) drew many Madrona residents as well as neighbors from surrounding communities. Most brought picnic meals to share with friends, spread blankets on the ground, and enjoyed the concerts while lounging. The crowd was young and old, and many brought little children who danced, ran, and played together throughout the evening. On the 13th one little tyke must have toddled across the playfield 100 times, made several attempts to climb the steps to join the band on stage, and danced whenever the mood struck.

Saturday, Madrona Beach

by Rebecca Richards-Diop, Grand Ave.

sun-soaked bodies slant
toward
the shimmering lake
riffraff and rafts
bobbing, buzzing

Evergreens rise up to anchor
those who have slid
down the embankment
into
merriment

a reckless ball
showers blossoms upon
squealing children
who set that game
on repeat

a lone fisherman
casts out between bodies
fishing for solitude

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then fade

voices join
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radiating back
to the sun.

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Play Madrona Critter Matchup

By Susan Fondren and Jennie Grant

And this month, it's an all pug Match Up. Four pugs, three humans.

Who goes with whom? The answers are on page 8.

Spencer, Grand Ave.

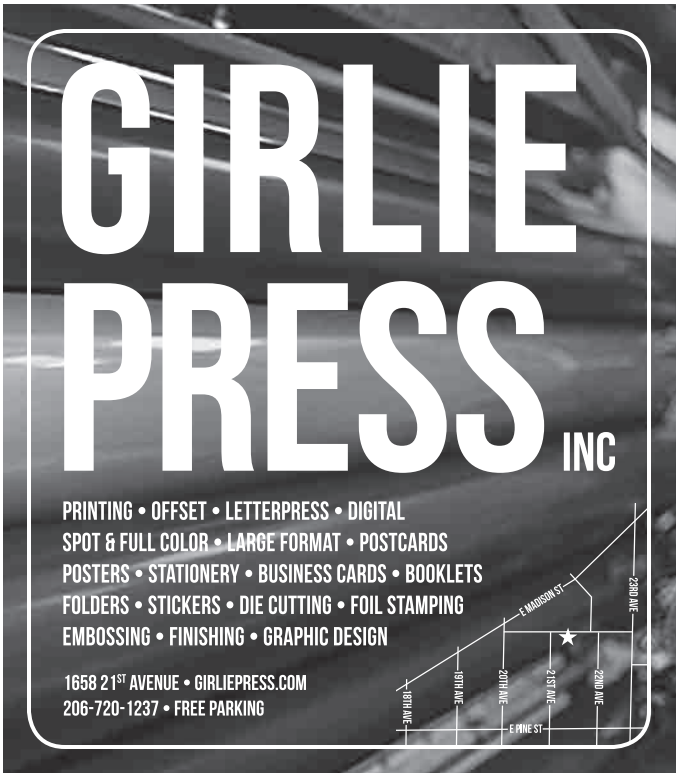
Lucy and Lola

Julie, 34th Ave.

Gracie

Richard, 35th Ave.

Edsel aka Eddie



Traveling With a Purpose

by Kirsten Verlander, 34th Ave.

About a year ago, I joined the board of a local nonprofit called Crooked Trails. Based in Seattle, Crooked Trails was founded in 1998 by Christine Mackay and Tammy Leland on the premise that tourism does not have to threaten the cultures and environments of popular tourist destinations and fragile regions. The organization's aim is to create more environmentally and culturally sensitive travel opportunities that hold long-term sustainability for host communities, as well as to educate travelers with guidelines and methods for making responsible travel choices. As a Strategy Management Consultant, I joined the board as a way to become more involved with the local community and promote socially responsible travel partnerships across the world.

These connections were recently tested following the April 2015 earthquake. Crooked Trails has sent travelers to Nepal for the last 15 years to marvel at the landscape, connect with locals and provide funds/labor that support a variety of causes from building schools to fighting human trafficking.

As a result, Crooked Trails' travelers are responding in droves to help Nepal. A traveler from a program in a 2011 trip to Nepal who helped build the Shree Bindabsini lower secondary school recently said "it is absolutely unbelievable to know it's all gone. This really is the first time I can put faces to disaster in a foreign country. It highlights the importance of Crooked Trails and connecting people the way the organization does."

If anyone from our Madrona neighborhood is interested in supporting Crooked Trails, there are several upcoming volunteer trips for coming months and numerous fundraising opportunities. In villages, volunteers will spend six full days working side by side with locals to help them rebuild. There will be options to extend your time in the village or to arrange additional time for touring or trekking. Trips start at $1,050 and are 100% tax deductible.

Please contact me at Kirsten.Verlander@gmail.com or visit www.crookedtrails.org for more information.

Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Ave.

On Friday Aug. 7, a couple dozen Madrona neighbors gathered for the annual Summer Patio Mexican buffet at the Hi Spot Cafe. Owner Mike Walker welcomed us with great food, beverages, and the best of summer, including Sammie Sue's strawberry shortcake. It's always a highlight of summer, and the most frequently requested MDSS event of the year.

Coming events supporting our local restaurant businesses include:
•A visit to Bottlehouse when it reopens
•The new corner pub by a Madrona neighbor Peter Johnson who also owns McGilvra's and the Chieftain can expect us to show up together to give them our MDSS welcome
•It's also time to venture a bit south along the ridge to Leschi's Le Bonne Franquette for another delicious dinner by St. Cloud's trained chef Hamid
•And as soon as the brew pub at the corner of Union and Broadway (designed by Tom Kundig) opens in October, we will choose a time to explore. It's a short ride on the No. 2 so its "ours".

So once again, there are so many wonderful restaurants and the months fly by. To learn about our adventures and to take part, join the Madrona Dining & Sipping Society email list by contacting me at *audreyseale@comcast.net*

When the evite with date and details arrives in your email in box, just click your RSVP. It's a great way to meet neighbors, share time with friends you already know, catch up on local news, and it is easy entertaining. Hope to see you soon.

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Madrona Blossoms 2015 Donors: Thank You, One and All

By Chris Kollas, 36th Ave.

The beautiful baskets on 34th Ave. and environs are made possible by financial gifts from your generous neighbors:

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Madrona Community Council Draft Agenda

Sept. 8, 7:15 Madrona Shelterhouse. Everyone is welcome.

- Recap of Summer concert series
- If available, updates on Metro/BRT, Sidewalks/Trees, 23rd Ave. Corridor improvements
- Plan ahead to replace lead volunteers who will step down in the next year
- Police reports, if available, on recent shootings in nearby neighborhoods and beyond
- Budget Report

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Letter to the Editor and to Neighbors:

Madrona, thank you for so much good fun, friendship, and unwavering support for the Madrona Pub. We had a blast and hope you did too.

People have asked why we were not offered a new lease after 20 years of occupancy and a willingness to match all reasonable offers. I can only tell you what occurred from my perspective. First, fearing that unanswered queries to Cornell & Associates meant I could lose the lease, I arranged in Jan. 2015 to sell the business to Peter Johnson contingent on him getting a new lease. Peter is my neighbor and owns three pubs. But Cornell & Associates denied a lease to Johnson, indicating that Bottlehouse had already committed to lease both the Alehouse and adjoining space that Clay Burleson operates as a salon. The deal Peter and I had struck died right then. In March, the building owner's son called and indicated that I was to be given a new lease, but it had to include the salon space. I said "no" to that offer because I did not want to usurp Clay. The leasing agent said I had to take the salon space or there was no deal. Later, I was told that ownership was no longer interested in my tenancy. Neighbor David Brewster subsequently took up our cause for a renewed lease and appealed to ownership to preserve the pub. He gathered signatures and wrote directly to owners of the space. He even called the president of leasing agent Cornell & Associates—all to no avail. We were never offered a renewal on our own space, even when Bottlehouse rescinded interest in the space in July. The lease then was offered to Peter Johnson. A public auction was held on July 28 and I turned my keys in on July 31.

Why did all this happen as it did? I know that the leasing agent receives a bigger commission when renting to a new tenant, but I also know that there are costs associated with a new tenant such as forgoing rent during the renovation and licensing process. So I wonder if there was another reason? Your questions can be directed to Michael Delorey at Cornell & Associates, 329-0085, ext. 119 or mdelorey@cornellandassociates.com. But what's done is done. And in that spirit I thank you Madrona for a great 20 years. We had a wonderful time, made many great friends among you, and wish you all the best going forward.

Burke Shethar and the Alehouse Crew

New Businesses in Madrona

MyNeighbor is a mobile-based service designed to facilitate the borrowing and lending of goods and services between neighbors. Users of MyNeighbor will find goods and services ranging from the everyday; power drills, ladders, dog walking and tutoring to the unusual; slot machines, luxury Hawaii vacation rentals, yard brigades and art commissions. MyNeighbor is based in the Madrona Refuge Building at 1126 34th Ave. in Suite 208. For more information go to *www.myneighbor.com*. To download the app, enter *get.myneighbor.com* in your mobile browser.

To have your business listed in a future newsletter issue, please submit a 75-word description including contact information to *madronabusiness@gmail.com*.

Big Day for Madrona 3

Barber Lounge's Paul Gray was on hand to provide big boy haircuts for the little Madrona triplets.

Pictured left to right are: Austin, dad Dom, Lachlan, Paul Gray, and Raleigh

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Who Was In Your House and What Were They Up To?

By Jennie Grant, Grand Ave.

If you've ever been curious about who lived in your house or what was happening within your walls in the early 1900's, you may be able to get a few glimpses. All you need is a library card to gain access to digitized copies of *The Seattle Times* and its predecessor. By typing in your address, you can find every article that makes mention of your address when it was reported in the paper since 1895.

Although you might think an article mention required a big event, in fact back in the late 1800's and early 1900's newspapers often reported on seemingly mundane events. For example: "Mrs. Jones purchased the first washing machine in the Mount Baker neighborhood and loves her new labor saving device," or, "Mr. John McConnely went to visit his cousin in Connecticut and brought home an unusual looking cat." Generally, these sorts of stories included the home address for the subject of the article.

Journalists also reported on events we are accustomed to seeing in the paper. They covered births, deaths, weddings, and engagements. The classifieds were extremely popular and addresses were always included for rentals, houses for sale, and garage sales.

It's somewhat hit and miss, but it is worth looking at the website to see what shows up. Here's how to conduct the search:

1. Get out your library card.
2. Go to *www.spl.org* (the Seattle library website).
3. On the blue menu running lengthwise, choose Library Collection.
4. Click on articles and research, (in the green browse box in the upper middle portion of the page).
5. Scroll down and click on, Magazines & Newspapers
6. Click on *Seattle Times*, 1895 to present.
7. In response to the prompt that appears, enter your library card number and password.
8. Now click on both newspaper databases to explore: Seattle Daily Times 1895-1984 and Seattle Times 1985-Current. Lastly, type your address in the search bar and put it within quotation marks. This will give you only those addresses where each item of the address appears together and in order. You may want to type in different spellings of your address, for example, South 32nd Street or S 32nd St.

Generally, there will be about five articles. Sometimes the address will be highlighted in yellow on the page. Other times not.

Enjoy your search and here's hoping you find some exciting historic trivia.

Mutt Match-up Answers: Spencer and Eddie; Julie and Lucy and Lola; Richard and Gracie

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Happy Trails

By Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave.

The trails in Madrona Woods offer us some lovely views, both intimate through overarching hazelnuts and more sweeping between Douglas fir trunks to the lake. They are the way we access this forest in an urban setting, which, as it is restored to a more native state, offers us a more peaceful setting to restore our spirits.

Trails require maintenance, which is generally done here by Friends of Madrona Woods volunteers. At the August work party, we covered some protruding large tree roots with gravel to decrease the likelihood of their catching a hiker's toe. We try to patch places where the gravel has gotten thin and allowed muddy spots to develop. In the fall after the big leaf maples have shed their leaves, we rake the trails to keep that organic matter from breaking down the surface sooner than necessary. Sorry to disappoint those who enjoy walking on the leaves and think they'll make good mulch. Mulch isn't appropriate on gravel trails, according to Parks Department best practices.

Please let us know if you experience tripping hazards on the trails. There are a few problems we don't have the expertise or people power to solve, so we may need to bring in a group like Washington Trails Association to help us via an on-site workshop.

The major trails in Madrona Woods are sited according to the Master Action Plan approved by the Parks Department in 2000. Several individual use trails have appeared in recent years, some involving the removal of native plants to create them. The creation of trails not approved by the Parks Department and the removal of native plants are illegal (as well as destructive) and are subject to fines. Please report it to a member of our board if you observe any instances of this vandalism. You can contact us through our website if you don't know one of us personally (see below).

Work parties are held the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00am—1:00pm. Our planned project for the Sept. 26 work party is early planting on the recently cleared and mulched 500 square foot area on the north end of the lakeside natural area. The link to sign up for this event is: *http://seattle.cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/event/7840/*.

You can find announcements of work parties and all kinds of interesting information and photos on our website: *www.madronawoods.org*. And we have a Facebook page too.

Union Street: What's Its Future?

Union St. faces many changes, especially if the Move Seattle levy passes in Nov. One of the most significant proposed changes is putting protected bike lanes on Union from Broadway to 27th Ave. The City is looking at whether protected bike lanes should be together on one side of the street or separated to run on each side of the street. Either option presents challenges. If bikes travel both ways on one side of the street, fast-descending cyclists could put uphill-climbing cyclists at risk, thus discouraging use of the cycle track . Yet less parking would be lost. In either case, a likely impact would be that buses would stop in-lane, causing traffic to wait during unloading and loading.

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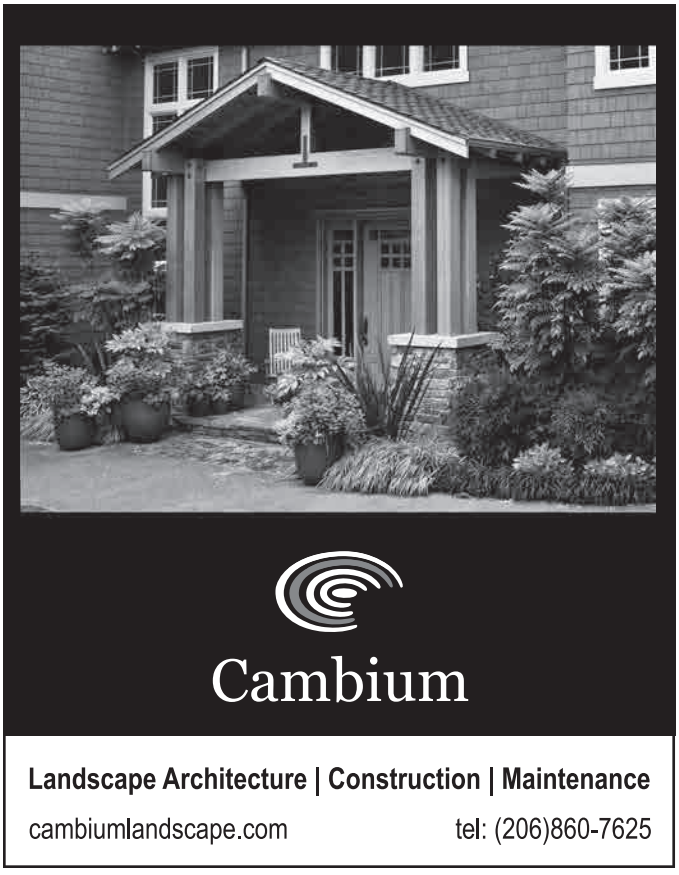

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Union Street (cont'd from previous page)

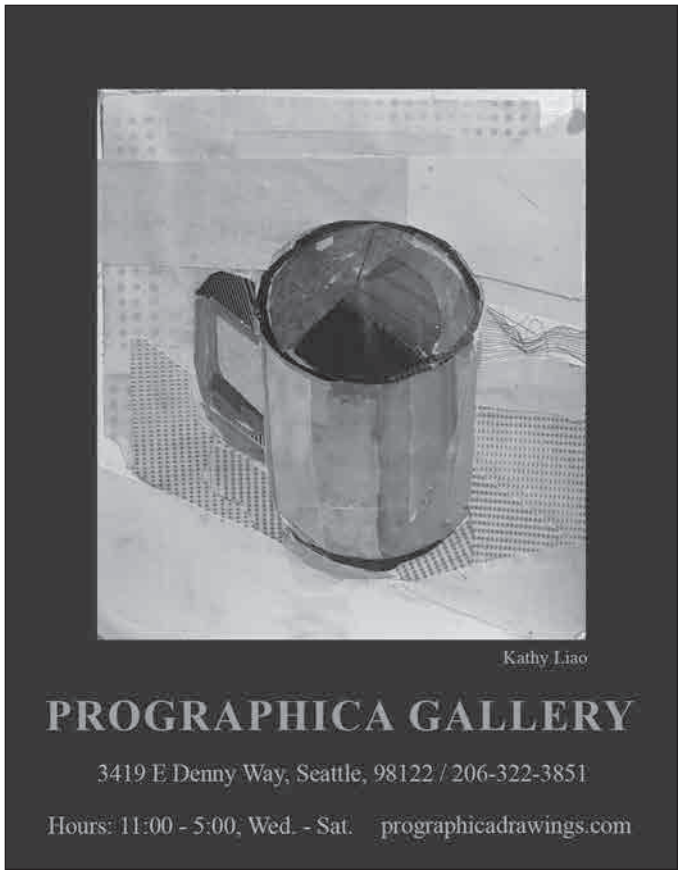
The Madison BRT project is also likely to substantially impact Union St. at 12thand Madison. While pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements are needed at this busy intersection, current proposals could significantly change vehicle and bus access to Union St. both east and west bound.

Construction on 23rd Ave. and on new buildings at the intersection with Union St. has increased vehicle lines on Union. When the projects conclude, the question is whether traffic on Union will continue to back up. Additionally, the Madrona Community Council has requested a signalized left turn from Union onto MLK Jr Way, but the City has not pursued this option.

With these and future unforeseen changes to Union St., it seems worthwhile to get a sense of the community and how best to communicate concerns to the City. Please share comments at *FutureUnionSt@gmail.com* and plan ahead to join the Madrona Community Council for a discussion on Oct. 6.

Small and Simple Projects Workshop

The Neighborhood Matching Fund is hosting workshops for community groups interested in learning about the city's popular Small and Simple Projects Fund that can provide matching awards of up to $25,000 to neighborhood groups for community-building projects. To RSVP, call 233-0093 or go to surveymonkey.com/r/ZHM36BJ. A scheduled workshop occurs Sept. 2, 6:00-8:00pm at University Heights Community Center (Room 209), 5031 Univ. Way NE.



Madrona Community Calendar

Please send your calendar items for the next month to *madronanewscalendar@gmail.com*

RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

WED & FRI

7:45-8:15am and 8:30-9:00am Meditation. Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond.
Epiphany Christie House Chapel, *pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com*.

THURSDAYS

10:00am-12:00pm All Threads Together – Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc.
Epiphany Christie House Chapel, Trish Stone, *twallistone@yahoo.com*.

11:00am Family Story Time - Bring your preschooler and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs with our children's librarian. Madrona Library. 684-4705.

7:15pm ALANON Meeting – Epiphany Christie House Chapel, 1805 38th Ave., 324-2573.

FRIDAYS

3:00pm-7:00pm Madrona Farmers Market – Grocery Outlet parking lot (MLK and Union). Every Friday through Sept. 25.

SATURDAYS

2:00pm-4:00pm – Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants, 1127 34th Ave.. For more information consult www.MadronaWineMerchants.com.

WEEKENDS

9:00am-5:00pm Donate Used Goods – Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org.

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Sept 2 7:00pm Leschi Community Council Meeting – Central Area Senior Center, 500 30TH Ave. S. Diane Snell for more information *Jdsnell1@comcast.net*

Sept 5 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.

Sept 8 7:15pm Madrona Community Council Meeting Everyone is welcome to share updates on neighborhood activities and issues. Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse (34TH Ave. between Spring & Marion). Contact Holly Smith, *ho2lye@yahoo.com*.

Sept 9 1st Day of School for Madrona K-8, Leschi Elementary, Washington Middle School, and Garfield High School

Sept 10 5:00-7:00pm Garfield Community Center Open House 5:30-6:30pm Instructor Resource Fair both at 2323 E. Cherry St.

Sept 12 2:00pm-5:00pm Madrona Art Walk See ark work displayed and listen to live music at a variety of Madrona businesses.
Contact BOOM Madrona: *madronabusinesses@gmail.com*.

Sept 12 2:00-4:00pm Reception for Observing Observing (a white cup) at Prographica, 3419 East Denny Way.

Sept 16 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. *neighborhoodcooking@gmail.com*.

Sept 18 Central Area Art Interruptions 2015 features temporary art installations by seven artists along the Central Area Greenway.

Sept 19 6:00-8:30pm Debtor's Anonymous, Epiphany Fireside Room, 1805 38th Ave.

Sept 24 6:30pm-8:00pm EastPac Meeting – Discuss activities and issues within Seattle's East Precinct. Seattle University's Chardin Hall, Room 142, 1020 E. Jefferson. Contact Troy Meyers, *eastpacinfo@gmail.com*.

Sept 26 10:00am-1:00pm Friends of Madrona Woods work party – Meet at 38th and Marion, or contact Peter Mason *petermason065@gmail.com.*

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