



The Valley View

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Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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President's Report

Celine Grenier

The March letter didn't have a donation coupon in it, so I reinvite you to contribute what you can to the Council to keep this newsletter coming.

At our March meeting, there was an interesting and lively discussion with King County Councilman Larry Gossett about airplane noise in the Valley. The council will pursue this subject. Meanwhile, residents can 1) call Larry Gossett's office (296-1010) to register specific airplane noise complaints because he has not heard from our area 2) call the airplane noise complaint line (433-5393) to record complaints and 3) IF you are a person who feels you suffer inordinately from such airplane noise, call Polly Peterson (322-2518) or Peggy Sussman (325-6308) with your name, address and phone number in case we need to measure air noise at strategic spots in the Valley.

If anyone has the equipment to take accurate noise readings, especially if it can be attached to a computer and recorded over time, please call Celine at 323-5801. And if you would like to write a short piece on how you have been affected by airplane noise, please send it to the council's address on the masthead. We may be able to use such stories at meetings with airport representatives.

For more than a year, I've attended the planning meetings of the Madison-Miller Park Residential Urban Village, the closest one to us in the City's effort to meet the State's Growth Management Plan. I've been there to monitor proposed changes and to be our voice. Few of the recommended changes will have direct effects on the Valley. It's these efforts that I referred to in the last newsletter as being complicated and difficult to coordinate. I've also been surprised by the power a small number of volunteer citizens have had to represent their neighbors simply by taking the time to participate.

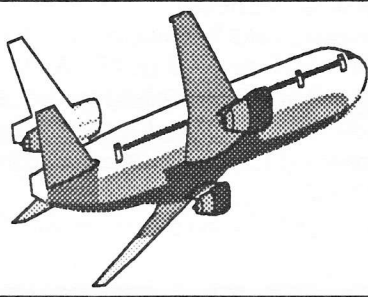
Thanks to David Hunter of Seattle Public Utilities for his help with the cleanup project that ended with the last newsletter's clip-out article.

And thanks to JoMarie Cunningham, former Council Secretary, for starting up the whole cleanup project with her questions about how the city is handling neighborhood cleanups.

News about the city's plans will appear in the Valley View as soon as the Utilities Department makes its final decisions.

Update on the Airplane Noise Front

Why does the blast of jet plane sound increase in fine weather and in early morning hours? We're going to learn much more about this now that we have a local representative on the panel called Part 150 Noise Study. He is Jules Bloomenthal, appointed by Larry Gossett, our county councilman. Many large cities route their flights away from residential zones: why not Seattle?



PEARL CASTLE, one of the founding members of our Council, has been ill. Pearl was a member of the old Harrison Elementary School PTA in the 1950's. All through the years her daughters attended the school and even after, Pearl organized the annual carnival and the always popular variety shows. She auditioned the student performers and recruited wonderful neighborhood talent like Joe Powe's Songcrafters, folk musicians, and dancers. In 1993 the school, renamed for Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrated its 80th anniversary in our valley. It was Pearl Castle who organized the celebration and invited all the teachers and students of the years gone by. It was a grand success. She was on the stage herself as a member of the Harrison Hot Shots, a song and dance team.

Since our Council reorganized in 1989 Pearl was the main force behind our chief fund-raisers: the annual Spaghetti Dinner and the famous Courtyard Sale at Bush School. She also did a stint as writer and editor of this newsletter. For all of this, our admiration.

To your health, Pearl!

Bush School Events

Friends and families of Bush School students may want to mark Bush School's special events for the rest of the 1997-1998 school year on their calendars.

Residents of the school area may also note these dates to be better prepared for traffic and parking congestion.

Bush Calendar

May 15-16	Friday-Saturday	Kitchell Lecture/ Alumni Weekend
June 2	Tuesday	5 th Grade Celebration (night)
June 4	Thursday	8 th Grade Moving Up Ceremony (day)
June 4	Thursday	Noon Dismissal: Middle School Students
June 6	Saturday	Baccalaureate (night)
June 7	Sunday	Commencement (day)

Progressive Dinner A Success

Our annual gourmet event attracted over a hundred happy diners. Six local restaurants each contributed a special course to our participants who enjoyed main entrees, salad, wine and dessert.

Toni O'Neal organized the dinner which benefits Martin Luther King School, where she teaches.. We all gathered April 5, a sunny afternoon, and helped bring in almost \$4,000 for the school. The generous provisioners were Cafe Flora, Five Loaves, Fran's Chocolates, New York Deli, Rover's, and Tony Maroni's. We had dessert and coffee at Bailey-Boushay afterward.

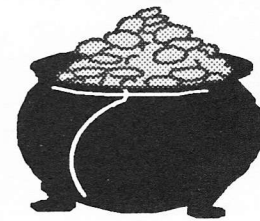
Our Madison Valley Council offered a silent auction of amazing variety that netted the council about \$800. The school and the community thank you all.

Edward Jones Investments Opening in Madison Valley

One of the most experienced financial -service firms in the nation will be opening in Madison Valley soon. Lee Turner, their new representative here, is knocking on doors making personal visits all around the community. Mr. Turner is a Washington native, a graduate of the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, and comes to us after several years of investment service work in Japan and Korea.

Mr. Turner says the Jones Company is conservative, stable, and devoted to personal, dependable planning for every individual investor.

The Edward Jones office will be moving into the space currently occupied by Lu Jeans at 2812 East Madison Street. Lu Jeans is going to Madison Park. Until then, Lee Turner can be reached at 328-8666 or visit his web page at www.edwardjones.com.



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Open Letter to Madison Valley Residents

Dear Greater Madison Valley Neighbors:

I'm a Montlake resident who regularly uses Washington Park Arboretum, the City's refuge of natural and open space connecting our neighborhoods. I attended two local presentations on the Arboretum Plan, finally bought a copy and read it, and became dismayed at the proposals to develop natural space and restrict citizen access with City, State and University money.

One hundred of my neighbors agreed and the Montlake Community Club passed my resolution for saving the park from development.

Traffic winds through all of these issues. Fundamental changes on Lake Washington Boulevard, including traffic calming and re-routing, require a hard look. I urge you to adopt an official position before the EIS process begins. Your branch library should have the Plan, and copies sell at Graham Visitor's Center (in the Arboretum) for \$15. Please examine it, or get someone in your Club to study these proposed elements.

Proposed Elements

▲ four new parking lots (map) ▲re-routing Lake Washington Blvd through open space (p. 29) ▲installing traffic-calming devices along LWB (p. 89) ▲admission fees (pp. 91-92) ▲a restaurant (p. 88) ▲development of Foster Island (p. 36) ▲development of four new buildings, including: *administration (5,588 s.f.), *a new visitor's center (6,731 s.f.), *maintenance and operations (11,205 s.f.), *and a 3,050 s.f. "classroom" with 1,080 s.f. of office space (pp. 130-136).

I invite you to help preserve our park and keep traffic down. Call Joe Marshall at 322-1424 if you are interested..

**Minutes of the GMVCC
Council Meeting
March 17, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Jerry Sussman volunteered to take the meeting's minutes. A quorum was determined to be present. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$345 minus \$95 for additional printing costs.

President Celine Grenier passed out a packet to help members solicit donations from businesses in the Valley for our silent auction at the Progressive Dinner, coming April 5, and announced a planning tea party.

Larry Gossett, our King

County councilman for District 10, came to discuss airplane noise over our community. Many residents recounted experiences with aircraft noise, especially in summer and early morning.

Mr. Gossett asked for a nominee to join the Noise Study Committee. Jules Bloomenthal volunteered and will be nominated. Jonathan Drachman will be his backup. Mr. Gossett agreed to check on King County Airport flight patterns and to help us meet with airport reps..

Scott Haskins came to speak for Seattle Public Utilities, the recently merged Departments of Water, Sewer, Drainage, Solid Waste and Engineering. He outlined future projects including renovation of aging sewer systems, filtration plans for the Tolt and Cedar

River water supplies, covering of open reservoirs, and merger with the Tacoma water system. The new department will have a one-stop call center. David Foecke made two motions seeking authorization to rent the Council van on an hourly basis to a girls' rock climbing group and to rent the van on an hourly basis to the Village Schools.

Both motions passed. The council also voted to act as fiscal agent for the Village Schools Partnership and will receive payment for this role.

A nominating committee will be directed to present a slate of candidate names for election of new Council officers. The election is to be held at the May meeting.

We adjourned at 9:05 PM.

**GMVCC Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting
April 21, 1998**

President Celine Grenier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. We did not have a quorum, but the meeting proceeded.

March minutes were read and approved. Gary Emslie reported that the van wouldn't start. We have volunteers to fix it.

The Treasurer was not present, but he sent our account balance of \$1020, highly augmented by proceeds from our silent auction. Celine thanked all those who helped make the Silent Auction a success.

Proposed zoning changes to the Madison-Miller neighborhood were distributed.

We read a list of duties of officers and approved them informally, but did not grant official approval, lacking a quorum.

Bill Hunter, a property owner at 32nd East and Madison, presented his plans for a sixteen-unit development with underground parking at that site. His plan will require a rezone from single family to lowrise residential.

He wants community approval, and will return at the May meeting with more details of the project.

We adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Donations Wanted
for the
Annual Courtyard Sale**

Do you have fine quality unwanted clothing that you don't know what to do with? Look no further. You can donate them to the Greater Madison Valley Community Courtyard sale.

Women's, children's and men's apparel, shoes and accessories in good condition can will be greatly appreciated. Your donations of unique, attractive clothing items will help the GMVCC raise money to print and mail this newsletter. Last year we made enough money to support this newsletter for six months.

If you have donations please call 901-8269 and leave a message. Maggie or Eli will get back to you to arrange your drop off of boxed clothing and boxed household items.

The Courtyard sale will be held on Saturday July 11, 1998 from 10am to 2pm in the Bush School Courtyard.

The Bush School Beat

by
Justin Thyme

Good Works Department

Each May Bush Middle School students participate in "Experiential Week" for fun and learning. They have a good time and often the community gains, too. Case in point: A crew of eight students under the direction of teacher Paula Jurion will paint a mural on the bus shelter at 32nd and Cherry Street. Come out and watch the work in progress!



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Next Community Council Meeting

Date/Time/Place: Tuesday May 19, 7:30 PM
Martin Luther King School Portable Building.
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Highlights/Topics: Election of Council Officers for 1998-1999

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