



The Valley View



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THE POWER OF BEING UNITED

An article in February's Earth Northwest, Seattle Audubon Society's newsletter, reminded us of our glorious victory in the battle to save the Harrison-Denny green strip.

Written by Coralee Coulter who used to live on the green strip hillside, she remembers her despair on discovering hard-hatted workers marking doomed alder and cedar trees with day-glo ribbons to be cleared for a developer's plan to build on the green strip.

Luckily, the Department of Construction and Land Use scheduled a hearing as a result of neighborhood protest. Coralee was one of our Community Council heroes . . . testifying to at least 40 species of birds finding food, shelter and migratory haven in the green strip!

As a result of community wide campaigning involving hours of petitioning, hearings and neighborhood pressure, we saved the strip from the developers! We since have organized crews to reestablish some of the original forestation with the planting of hundreds of conifers including fir, hemlock and spruce saplings. Many neighborhood youth as well as Council members have worked on the project headed by Jerry Sussman. We even have a booklet describing its character. The fight for the green strip also marks the re-establishment of our Community Council in 1989!

**Next Community Council
Meeting is March 18th at
7:30 pm! See you there!**

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The resignation of Robbin Buckley as GMVCC's president was reluctantly accepted at a special meeting, February 11. Citing personal reasons Robbin said he had enjoyed his tenure and would continue to work with the council but simply could not continue taking major responsibility.

For the first time in the Council's history we elected Co-chairs to continue in the job until our regular May nominations.

They are: Celine Grenier and Karen Fujita, both long -time activists in our community.

David Foeke was then elected to assume the treasurer job, replacing Karen in that task.

Meanwhile we take the opportunity to thank Robbin for his many contributions to our efforts!

KIDS KORNER

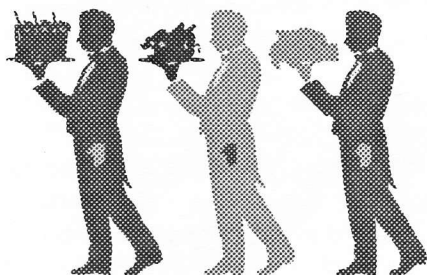


**DINE OUT FOR
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

Save the date! On April 6., Madison Valley restaurants will sponsor the 4th Annual Madison Valley Progressive Dinner and Silent Auction. This Fundraising event has limited space for 120 people who want to experience the exquisite foods available at Madison Valley restaurants, to have an opportunity to bid on silent auction items, to enjoy the company of neighbors, and to support their community in the process.

Diners move in groups walking from restaurant to restaurant, tasting one dish at each restaurant, and then all gathering for dessert and entertainment at the Bailey-Boushay House. The restaurants that sponsor the event include Cafe Flora, Rover's, the New York Deli, Five Loaves, and Fran's and maybe others. Tickets cost \$40/person, or \$75/couple. The funds raised will benefit Martin Luther King School and the Greater Madison Valley Community Council.

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Don Gilbert, owner, comes to us with 20 years experience in the food and beverage industry with a degree from Johnson and Wells Collage of Culinary Arts Providence Road Island

Future plans include offering field trips to the schools inviting children to see how the restaurant works including the opportunity to make their own pizza to take back to the school. Mr. Gilbert encourages the youths to stay in school and places emphase's on continued education.

Mr. Gilbert is very community minded, has participated with Bailey Boushay House, Martin Luther King School, and is looking forward to working with the Greater Madison Valley Community Council. "it is important to recognize the community and the common needs." This was evident at the February meeting when four pizzas were donated for us to enjoy during our meeting. Don is pleased to be part of the neighborhood and feels that the only way to succeed in business is to give back to the community that you are located in. Most of his employees live in the neighborhood.

Along with the restaurant, Don is involved with NORBA The National Off road Mountain Bike Association teaching bicycle safety for youths.

Don hopes that you make use of the coupons found on the door hangers that maybe delivered monthly to your door. "We don't mean to annoy you we just want you to try a truly great pizza"

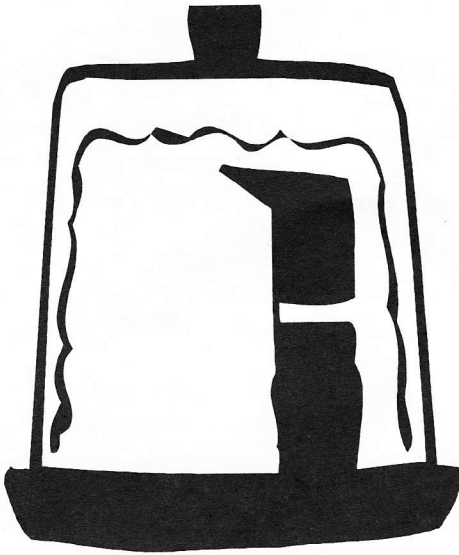
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- 2 1/4 c. flour
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1 c. milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 3 eggs

Mix all ingredients in large bowl on low speed for 1/2 minute, then mix on high for "3" minutes (no longer/no shorter) Bake in 350 pre-heated oven for 30-35 minutes.

This cake makes a great Pineapple upside/down cake.

Simply place 2 cans crushed pineapple mixed with 1/2 cup brown sugar in the bottom of a 9"x13" sheet cake pan and spoon cake batter over the top, and



MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGHLIGHTS

Students in room 7 had a multicultural lesson on February 12, courtesy of student Leata Sio and her Samoan family. Sokimi family members and the Samoan Cultural Center attended a cultural demonstration and Luau, where the sampled traditional Samoan foods.

In honor of Black History Month, M.L.King will host an African Market Place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with vendors from around Washington selling a wide variety of items. The "Songbirds" school choir will perform, and poetry will be read by a local artist. Performers from Garfield and Yesler Community Centers will also take part in this celebration of culture and heritage. Admission is free.

Contact the school for dates, 281-6510.

The week of February 24, Pacific Northwest Ballet will do a residency dance program at M.L.King for students in grades 3,4 and 5. Students will learn the history of ballet, take ballet classes, and end with an African dance class.

Students in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 will be taking part in the Artist in Residency Program, working with painter Jose Orantes on a lunchroom/auditorium beautification project.

Students in grades 3,4 and 5 will be going on a field trip to the Olympic Park Rain Forest on March 12,13 and 14.!



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**NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING IS MARCH 18TH!**



MADRONA FORGES AHEAD

Our neighbors in Madrona are planning another land use project that will benefit the whole community. Their last project was the natural lakeshore play area just south of the dance studio at Madrona Beach. The driftwood, rocks, and watercourses there are so attractive to children and families that the place is packed on any day that isn't raining or freezing. The success of that work was assured by many citizen volunteers, careful planning, and a grant from the Department of Neighborhoods.

Their new undertaking is a cleanup and restoration of the Madrona Woods, a 12 - acre hillside of trees, and trails opposite the dance studio and running several blocks south. At a community meeting in early February, council members urged all residents to suggest ideas and preferences and to help with a design. The land is owned by the City; in the early 1900's there were park trails and benches and open flowing streams. Today the woods are overrun with ivy and vines and there is at least one abandoned car rusting in the brush. Our locals who worked on the Harrison Greenbelt project will remember similar conditions that we helped clean up.

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