



The Valley View

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Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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Summer Block Parties a Hit

Good food...Good weather... Good neighbors add up to our wonderful summer block parties! With live music often thrown in for good measure, it has been a great season.

This year, one of our new members, Adrienne Bailey, helped sponsor one of the gettogethers. At another, a licensed masseuse, JOAN ALLEN (328-6372), donated fees for her work to the community council. Thanks, Joan! If the weather holds into the autumn, surely there will be other parties. Keep your eye out; it's a great way to meet your neighbors!

City Offers Cleanup Help

The City of Seattle is willing to assist the Greater Madison Valley in clearing old piles of trash and abandoned cars if we are willing to help ourselves.

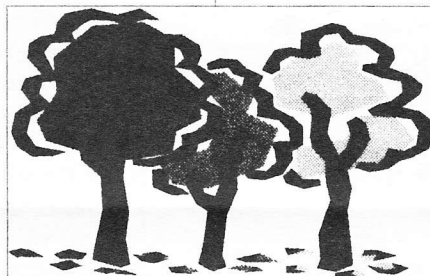
If you have rubbish you

cannot deal with or if you have neighbors who could use help in dealing with theirs, please

gather all information possible: name, address (or exact location), types of material, any possible hazards involved, approximate total weight or bulk, license #, year of registration tag, names of those known to be dumping to get their assistance, etc.

Call Celine at 323-5801 with this information or

send it to CG at 2624 E. Aloha St., 98112 with your name, address and phone number. If you are able, you can help load the unneeded material into city trucks when they arrive.



This Fall we can clean up more than leaves from the neighborhood!

We'll keep you posted about future plans and developments!

Central Area Plans Growth Management

An end is coming to a critical phase of the City's Growth Management Planning process for the Central Area.

Neighbors who want plan information or who want to have a say in adopting plans from options developed by citizens' groups are invited to a meeting at Garfield Community Center Saturday, Oct 18th, 9AM - 4 PM.

Mark your calendars! Special Session Times:

- 10 AM- Economic Development
- 11 AM- Housing Strategies
- 12 Noon - Urban Design/ Streets/Open Spaces/Parks
- 1 PM- Transportation
- 2 PM - Human Development

Courtyard Sale

Pearl Castle

THE WEATHER WAS WONDERFUL! And though the Bite of Seattle was strong competition ...the Courtyard Sale was a great success! Our merry crew involved many GMVCC members and, of course, the Bush Courtyard always lends a holiday spirit to the whole day! So thanks to all who made it possible... the treasures you donated... the great things you bought!

Special thanks to Bush

School! And to the SUSSMANS, PEGGY AND JERRY who lent us their deck and personal efforts to do the pricing...and to CLAIR and MIRANDA and their Mom, CATHY NUNNELEY for lemonade and chocolate chip cookies. And to ELI STAHLHUT and MAGGIE SEYMOUR who organized the

(see Courtyard on page 2)

Next Community Council meeting is October 21st in the MLK School Portable Building at 7:30 PM. See you there!

School Notes: End of September

Jerry Sussman

Optimism at King School

Euhania Butler, principal at Martin Luther King School, is feeling confident about the future these days. A few years ago, low enrollment and threats of closure were making the staff anxious. This school has been the focus of our community since 1913, and everyone has rallied to stop it being shut down.

Ms. Butler's determined leadership has caused a turnaround. There are four all-day kindergartens (in spite of stingy state support), a full house of 275 students through

fifth grade, and many new staff people this year. A strong reading program is in place, supported by a team of volunteer tutors from the community and the Bon Marché. A main goal of the school is to show progress in reading ability in all grades.

Improvement in King School is now so marked that Euhania has been chosen as one of the five educators statewide to receive the Governor's Golden Apple Award for achievement. She will be honored in January. Watch for the announcement on PBS Channel 9.

Building Plan at Bush

Bush School is proposing an 18,000 square foot Science/Math Building on its upper campus north of Lake Washington Blvd. The carriage house next to Gracemont will be demolished for the proposed new structure, which will house classrooms, laboratories, a lecture hall, and underground parking for forty cars.

Neighbors long concerned about school traffic and parking problems presented a petition to Bush and to the City of Seattle. The new headmaster at the school, Dr. Timothy Burns, met with local residents over the summer and promised to be responsive to their concerns. A new transportation coordinator, Mr. Don Willis, has been appointed to oversee and try to reduce the daily traffic to the school. His phone number is 326-7771.

The science building is intended to ease crowding in the Middle School and to consolidate technology and teaching facilities for the upper grades. With approval of the design by the city, construction will begin in the summer of 1998.

**A Golden Apple
for Principal
Euhania Butler at
Martin Luther
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Courtyard Sales

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Neighborhood Activities

House Help from CADA

Neighbor Charles McDade recently had his house painted for free by the Central Area Development Association. Community volunteers, including Boeing's Bluebills, do the work, which is funded by a grant from the Washington Mutual Foundation. If you are a Central Area senior or disabled person who

needs minor house repairs or your house painted, you can call Ty Talbot at 328-2240. How nice can you get?!

Central Area Development Association offers seniors house repair help...

Service Exchanges

CARA NEWMAN reported that she, Adrienne Bailey, Suzanne Wilson, Meg Verner, Charles McDade and Maid Adams continue to meet and discuss the prospects of setting up a modest service exchange system based on the one in Fremont.

The next meeting is October 24, Sunday, at Adrienne's (323-3738); new members are welcome. Maid is from the Madrona Community Council. The Office of Neighborhoods will be asked to provide a speaker to cover the topic of service exchange within the next month.

Thanks!

This Valley View seems to be the Thank-You Issue! We take great pleasure, indeed, to start the list with Troy from Burt's Red Apple in Madison Park for donating many pounds of hot dogs to our summer block parties!

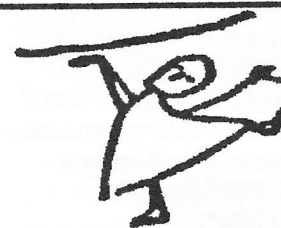
A special thank you to Bush School for allowing us to have our sale in their courtyard! This makes the ninth year!

Thanks to Darryl Welsh and Robbin Buckley for the Holiday House! Their home on East Harrison Street is always a delight. Thanks also to the MLK School for the use of the portable and the V-TEC with its computers.

Welcome to Suzanne Wilson, new co-editor of the Valley View. We're sorry to announce that Robbin Buckley has left the Valley View staff. We'll miss his artistic contributions and thank him for a job well done.

Writers Group meets the first Wednesday of every month at Pearl Castle's house.

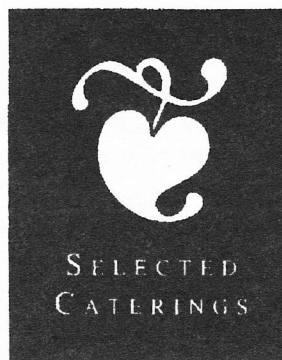
Four people have been attending regularly for over a year! The next meeting in September will feature "light dialog" in personally selected stories. Interested? Call Pearl Castle at 325-1546.



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What is the Village Schools Partnership?

A cooperative partnership between 3 schools, and 2 neighborhood organizations:

- M.L. King Elementary School (public, Kindergarten-5th grade)
- Meany Middle School (public, 6th-8th grade)
- Bush School (private, Kindergarten-12th grade)
- Greater Madison Valley Comm. Council
- Miller Park Neighborhood Association

The goals of the partnership are about our communities becoming more involved in our schools, and our schools becoming more involved with the neighborhoods that surround them. It is about sharing resources and ideas between the schools and communities for the benefit of all of our children.

The Mission of the Village Schools Partnership is: *To work together to help all our children reach their full potential by sharing and gathering resources, strengthening our neighborhood schools, and building cross-cultural and multi-generational community bonds.*

~ **1998 Village Schools Programs**

● ***The Youth Community Service and Leadership Training Project***

Young people from MLK, Meany, and Bush schools, and from the Greater Madison Valley and Miller Park neighborhoods will work together in groups, learning ***leadership skills*** during the school year, and planning joint ***community service*** projects for the summer of 1998 and beyond.

● ***The Village Spring Festival***

Children, parents, neighbors, and teachers will all join together in the spring of 1998 to celebrate our multi-cultural community through ***joint performances*** (for example Gospel Choir performances, a Shakespeare play), a ***multi-cultural potluck*** featuring foods from many different cultures, and a ***joint family field day***.

● ***The Communication and Connections Project***

A joint ***newsletter***, a common Internet ***Web page***, a Village Schools ***logo and brochure***, and joint forums will be planned to facilitate the sharing of information and knowledge in our village.

● ***The Teacher Assistance/Parent Participation Project***

Teachers and parents at all three schools will be asked to help prioritize and help organize the many ideas that were generated this past spring and summer for assisting teachers and to increase parent participation in their children's education.

Your efforts will make the difference in the success of these programs. Please join us. Fill out and return our ***Volunteer Pledge Form***. (see over)

Village Schools Partnership Volunteer Pledge Form

I would like to assist with the Village Schools Partnership project. I would be willing to donate to the project, during 1998, an average of :

1 hr/mnth 2 hrs/mnth 3hrs/mnth 4hrs/mnth 6hrs/mnth OTHER _____

The tasks I prefer to do are (check any that apply):

- help with the Youth Community Service and Leadership Project
- help with the Village Spring Festival
- help with the newsletter, Web page, or other communication projects
- help plan Teacher Assistance/Parent Participation Programs
- serve on the Board of Directors of the Village Schools Partnership
- help with fundraising
- help with Public Relations/Outreach
- help with graphic design
- do clerical or computer work in the office.
- meeting with others to assist in the planning process
- I'll consider anything, call me
- I have the following skill that I would like to offer _____
- Other (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

I would like to make a financial contribution to the Village Schools Partnership. Please find a check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____.

My Name: _____

My Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

My daytime phone number _____ My evening phone number _____

I suggest that you also contact the following individual(s) who may have other input and/or ideas that would be useful for the project (use back if necessary):

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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For more information please call the voice mail number at 233-8872, box#3

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in which to put the plastic
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