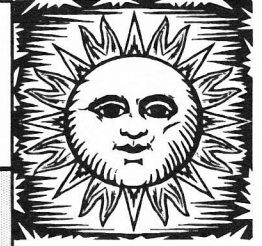


The Valley View



MAY

Greater Madison Valley Community Council

1996

ELECTIONS

Election of 1996-97 officers for the Greater Madison Valley Community Council will be held at the May 21st meeting.

Nominations will be the first order of business. Current President, Peter Triandafilou has indicated he will not be able to continue in that capacity for the coming year. All offices will be voted upon as is usual for the May meeting. If you are interested in holding office or are concerned about the coming council commitments be sure to attend this meeting and express your ideas!

GUEST SPEAKER

Scott Poe will be at the next Greater Madison Valley Community Council meeting, Tuesday, May 21. Scott is with the Bush School, and will discuss how the school is interacting with the community.

BOB TAKHAR

The Madison Valley Mini Mart just off 29th and Madison has become so much a part of the community that it's hard to imagine when it wasn't a part of the scene. A constant flow of neighbors stopping in for anything from a lotto ticket to a quart of milk may be seen.

Lunch? Coffee? You name it... something for everyone. And Bob Takhar keeps it going from 8am to 10pm daily since 1985, with help, of course, from his family and various community people he's hired from time to time.

From the first he's been concerned about the lack of community activities for the youth of the area. He has helped to get kids involved in the Y and other organizations and encourages them to become active in positive activities.

The main thing about the Mini Mart is the sense of a neighborhood institution. Bob Takhar knows his customers and is involved and concerned about what goes on!

BAILEY BOUSHAY HOUSE CELEBRATES 4 YEARS IN MADISON VALLEY

Fourth anniversary celebrations will be held at 6:00pm Monday June 3, 1996 at Cafe Flora. The Cafe is again donating the evening complete with a full buffet. The Famous Northwest Dessert Co. will provide the desserts.

As in the past, businesses of the Greater Madison Valley have donated all of the items for the silent auction.

Entertainment this year is being provided by the First AME Church F.A.M.E. Chorus! Charlotte Trelease, Director of Public Affairs for Bailey Boushay House is encouraging all to attend this spectacular evening. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and are on sale now. To get your tickets call Charlotte at 340-2730.

Ms. Trelease says "Bailey Boushay House is thrilled to be part of our community and we look forward to many more years with you."

KIDS KORNER

ROBBIN BUCKLEY



NEWS FROM BUSH SCHOOL

Headmaster Search Underway

After nearly a decade of leadership, Headmaster Fred Dust will be leaving The Bush School at the end of June.

A search committee, including Bush trustees, parents and faculty, is working to identify candidates so that a new head of the school can be named by this December to begin work in June 1997. The school's board of trustees will be announcing the interim leadership some time during the next month.

During the past nine years, Mr. Dust has strengthened the school's ties to the neighborhood. He and Martin Luther King Elementary School Principal Euhania Hairston have developed a mutually supportive relationship. Mr. Dust was also a founding member of the board of the Madison Valley Family Program, which developed the before-and-after school program now managed by the YMCA at MLK Elementary. Mr. Dust tells us he will be building a house near Long Beach, Washington.

Campus Clean-Up

Bush School neighbors will be pleased to know that the school recently hired Earthworks Corporation to do landscape maintenance and parent volunteers have laid down new bark and potted new plants throughout the campus. Middle school students recently helped clean up the grounds and planted new laurels as part of their community service day, while upper school students created two new eye-catching sculptures, which are installed in front of the school's art building in the main courtyard.

Community Council Meeting May 21 at 7:30pm!

AUCTION

Unique items from a hand-stitched comforter to a designer hat were among the prizes hotly bid for during Martin Luther King's 2nd Annual Action, May 3rd.

With several long tables offering many possibilities during the Silent Auction and delicious snacks to munch on whilst deciding the Strategy for Success... the whole evening was fun and certainly rewarding! Thanks to all the donors - and, particularly to Sheila Lewis - who headed up the Acquisitions Committee and brought in many items single handedly.

It was rewarding to watch the skilled auctioneering of Cal Porter, who did a wonderful job encouraging the rivalries for the array of possibilities during the Live Auction! Aided and abetted by Tillie Porter and others who kept the prizes coming, Mr. Porter's skill and maneuvering added up to a very successful auction! Onward to next year!

APPRECIATION TEA HELD AT KING SCHOOL

Certificates of appreciation were presented to about 30 Volunteers at a lovely Tea given in their honor at ML King School. Miss Hairston, ML King School Principal, introduced each recipient with an account of their activity. Community activists, tutors, ML King School teachers, Bush School representatives, and site council participants were among those honored.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

The Moonwalk, the Ball Crawl, and other exciting games will highlight the annual ML King School Carnival from 12 to 4 on June 1st!

A T.V. and other interesting items will be raffled off during the festivities. Snacks including hot dogs will be available throughout the afternoon. This promises to be an afternoon of fun and excitement. See you there!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

JOHN DIRKMAN

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NOTES FORM CITY WOODS

JERRY SUSSMAN

Earth Day volunteers pulled weeds, chopped vines and planted trees all around Seattle April 20. Right here in our Harrison Ridge greenbelt, a hardy crew of neighbors and students showed up to carry on the good work. We have beaten back the blackberries and ivy, so the new shoots are easier to see and pull out. The hundreds of cedars and firs, wild roses and currants we put in two years ago are thriving. With this kind of care and occasional watering by the Adopt-a-Park crew in the dry summertime, the restored conifer forest will become a reality for our children and grandchildren.

Tremendous Seattle with their Garfield High School urban forestry students and neighbor Bob Henry with his Lakeside volunteers have all done their part here. The youngsters have fun and satisfaction as they clean up and beautify these city woods. Children from ML King School helped out too, checking the trees they planted this fall, and pulling out weeds. Their new knowledge of the web of life in the forest will stay with them always.



Buying or selling a home? \$200 donated to GMVCC for each neighbor's referral.

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MADISON VALLEY ELECTRONIC VILLAGE PROJECT

MAY STATUS REPORT, DUG STEEN

Our May 2nd meeting has come and gone and it was a big success. We had a number of folk with us, including some new faces, and we got a good start with some priority work. After reiterating our purpose (computer and Internet access, education, and online resources for the community) and reviewing some of our history, we quickly turned to the most pressing issues: publicity, funding, and our future. Here's what we planned --

Connecting the Community

Initiative: We'd like to get everyone in the neighborhood online at home over the next year. Although we can't provide computers and connections for free, we can scrounge for affordable (possibly subsidized?) deals, provide assistance to those who need it, and generally do our best to make a virtual community which strengthens our actual community. We plan to work with a small group of community members this summer, our Electronic Block Captains, help them get online and trained, and then let them be a part of helping others get online next fall.

The E-Village Brochure: We need to communicate our purpose and plans more effectively. Our student staffers are currently working on creating a brochure to do just that. Once it's finished, a number of community members have volunteered to spread it far and wide. We're still looking for a printer who would be willing to help us produce it... if you have any suggestions, let us know!

Village Technology Education

Center: We'd like to keep the VTEC open during the summer, but we don't know how quite yet. Our adult volunteers have been extremely helpful, and our student staffers are available in the evenings, but we're still waiting to hear about funding.

Computer and Internet Classes:

Although our classes have been generally successful, we think they can be improved by tightening their focus and length. For example, instead of having three two-hour sessions of a beginning Internet class, we may have a single three-hour session on finding things on the World Wide Web. Details haven't been worked out yet, but stay tuned!

Funding, funding, funding: A committee of three has been hard at work finding grants and looking at funding opportunities for our project. We're also checking out the possibility of partnerships with Internet service providers which would provide a continuing revenue source, as well as selling Web page advertising to local businesses. Nothing definite yet, but we have a lot of irons in the fire on this one.

Finally, we'd like to invite you all to join us for the next All-Village Meeting:

Thursday, May 30th, 6pm at the VTEC (on the playground of MLK Elem., 32nd & Republican). Contact Dug Steen (328-0058 or 523-1643) for more information. There will be plenty to do and we can always use help!

TEEN WORK OPPORTUNITIES!

MIKE SEYMOUR

Attention parents and others!!!!
Need odd jobs done? Have a teen who would like part time work? The Greater Madison Valley Community Council is sponsoring a Teen Work Opportunity program to help young people ages 12-18 in our neighborhood to find part-time work and to provide for the many homeowners in our community who need odd jobs done like: lawn mowing, general yard work, cleaning out, baby-sitting, and other odd jobs. All candidates will be screened by community council member Mike Seymour. Call Mike at 322-0580 (days) if you want work done or if you have a teen who would like to work part-time this summer or fall!

BEAUTIFICATION GRANT APPROVED

A huge thank-you card designed by Tillie Porter and signed by all ML King students was presented to Mayor Norm Rice on May 7th when a \$50,000.00 beautification grant was announced for the school! The Mayor's press conference took place in our own school portable which houses the Before and After School program and the V-TEC Computer lab, also started with help from grants from the department of Neighborhoods over the last few years. The current grant will fund playground re-design, landscaping improvements and interior classroom enhancements. The rejuvenation project is a community collaboration between ML King School Site Committee, the Community Council, The University of Washington Department of Landscape Architecture and Center for Architectural Education, The Seattle School District, Bush School, and area businesses including The Bon Marche, City People's Garden Store, Singleton and Associates, Cafe Flora and Susan Stephen and Associates.

ART AT MLK

Two nationally known Seattle artists are represented at MLK Elementary School, gifts from long ago Parent Teacher Organizations. A painting of school children by Bill Cumming was given in the 60s and has hung in various places of honor through the years. Whilst at the entry way of the school is a sculpture by James Washington in memory of Carol Bonsteel who died in a fall from the roof of the school. Though commemorating a tragedy, the sculpture exudes life in its beauty and is a greeting to all visitors to the school. Be sure to seek out these masterpieces on your next visit!

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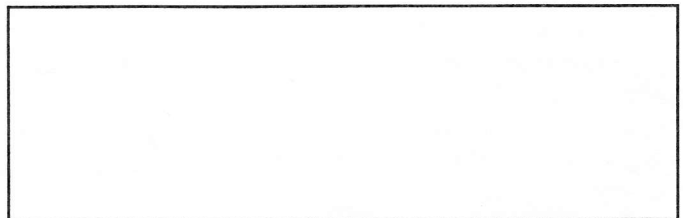
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