



# The Valley View



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## REMEMBERING...

The first time I met him he was setting up milk bottles in a booth at the MLK School Carnival (when it was Harrison Elementary School) and since then we worked together on other carnivals and other community issues including the long battle to save the Harrison Green Strip!

I knew him as Tom Waggener... his whole name, Thomas Pierre Waggener, I just learned from his obituary. Both he and his wife, Gloria, were actively involved in our neighborhood.

Tom was a mail carrier for 37 years! He loved to cook and was part of the Kitchen Crew of our Spaghetti dinners until just recently. In fact, we have been borrowing his huge stainless pot for vegetarian sauce for lo, these many years!

He was a bowler and golfer and belonged to the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Thomas Pierre Waggener... a man of his word!

September 4, 1922-September 27, 1996.

-Pearl Castle

**ELECTION DAY  
IS TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5TH!  
DON'T FORGET  
TO VOTE!**

**Next Community Council  
Meeting is October 15h at  
7:30 pm! See you there!**

## VOLUNTEER REPS. WANTED FROM EACH CORNER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Our Council's territory divides naturally into four sectors as shown on this map. We need a few good people to keep the Council and your neighbors in each sector up to date on Madison politics, Arboretum traffic and all the other hot issues around here. Be a well of information for your friends, a voice to the seats of power! See your name on the newsletter masthead! Be a sector representative; name an alternate when you can't make it to our once-a-month meetings. They are at 7:30 PM, third Tuesday in the portable at MLK School, 3201 E. Republican. Please call Celine Grenier, 323-5801, or Jerry Sussman at 325-6308 to get your name on this list of honor. We need you!

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Along with the delicious Spaghetti Dinner the entire neighborhood looks forward to every year... the evening of November 8th will offer entertainment and the chance to win numerous prizes. It will be our 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner! As usual, the prices are truly affordable at \$3.50 per person ( no more than \$12.00 per family!)

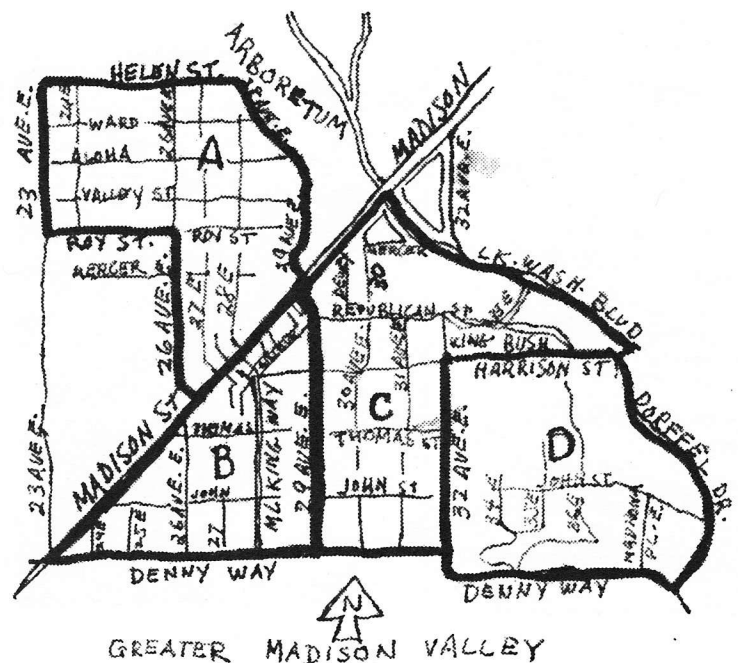
Doors open at 6:00 PM that night at Martin Luther King Elementary School with service starting at 6:30 PM.

Though Community Council members will be selling tickets throughout the neighborhood, tickets will be sold at the door.

Persons wishing to give us a hand please call Pearl, 325-1546 or Peggy, 325-6308.

### WHICH SECTOR DO YOU LIVE IN?

- a. Arboretum
- b. West Side Sector
- c. School and Valley Sector
- d. Harrison Ridge



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

BY ROBBIN BUCKLEY

### ELECTRONIC VILLAGE AND V-TECH LAB WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED TO IT? IS IT STILL RUNNING?

These and many more questions are asked of me often! Since the resignation of Dug Steen the V-tech lab has been virtually non-existent. Dug was a big asset to this program; he basically ran the whole show himself. The Committee Chairperson and Committee seemed to have all but disappeared. This has left the Community Council in a bind. So once again we are asking for your help to get The Electronic Village and V-Tech lab open and operating successfully.

The Electronic Village and V-Tech lab is a great program, and is an opportunity for the community to learn about and have access to computers! Adults can get training to familiarize themselves with computers, students can use the computers to do their homework, and increase their skills.

I have asked Sarah Ford to help us put together a new committee for this project so we can get someone hired to replace Dug Steen. We have received a \$10,000 grant from the Proteus Fund (one of the many Sarah Ford applied for) for the operation of the Electronic Village. I have one applicant interested in Dug Steen's position at this time. I also received a call from one of the student volunteers, stating that he and others are still willing to work for and with the program as they did under Dug Steen.

To make this program work for everyone we need your assistance!! We need volunteers - to be committee members, adult supervisors, volunteer instructors, ect. We need your support!! If you can volunteer please call Robbin Buckley at 726-9378.

To better serve the community, I ask that you take a minute and complete this short simple survey.

1. Are you interested in:
  - A. Classes
  - B. Open Computer use time
2. Are you:
  - A. Adult
  - B. Student
3. What times would best serve you:
  - A. Afternoons
  - B. Early evening
4. What days are best for you:
  - A. Monday
  - B. Tuesday
  - C. Wednesday
  - D. Thursday
  - E. Friday
  - F. Saturday
  - G. Sunday
5. Classes:
  - A. Beginning
  - B. Intermediate
  - C. Advanced
6. Open time:
  - A. Homework
  - B. Practice
  - C. Games
  - D. Other \_\_\_\_\_


Please feel free to write any comments on a separate sheet of paper and send it to:  
Greater Madison Valley CC, Electronic Village, 2802 E. Madison # 184, Seattle, WA 98112

REMEMBER THE ELECTRONIC VILLAGE BELONGS TO ALL OF US - LETS MAKE IT WORK!!!



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*Dr. Tim Burns*

**BUSH UPDATES**

*new headmaster at Bush  
Sue at Dev. office*

**SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS**

The Bush School thanks the Madison Valley Community Council for extending this opportunity to write this column. It's a great chance to be visible to our neighbors, to help us all become better acquainted. We will use this space to keep neighbors informed about official events and changes at the school; on a less formal note we'll be asking our students to contribute short pieces as well.

**CHANGES AT BUSH**

Bush School has a new interim school head this year, Midge Bowman. Midge is an alum as well as a parent and a past teacher at Bush. She has made getting to know the community one of her top priorities for this school year. Doug True, a Neighbor, has become our Board Chair. Tracy Beyer is our new Admission Director. Deb Saxon is the Development Director and will be working on neighbor relations. She's the person to contact with any Questions you may have about the school. Please don't hesitate to call her at 326-7776

**CAMPUS CHANGES**

We are always working to improve the aesthetics of our campus. This summer we screened dumpsters with cedar fencing, removed chain link fencing at the parking area and added plantings. We have found off-site parking for the school vans, which has opened up more school parking spaces.

**THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP**

We are excited about the partnership between Bush School, Martin Luther King School and Meany Middle School. At our back -to-school dinner in August, the faculty and administrators

from all three schools met and discussed the many possibilities for collaboration between the schools. We will keep you informed about this project.

Our Summer was a busy one... The Courtyard Sale was a great success in spite of being on the hottest Saturday in July. Thanks once again to our good neighbor, The Bush School who loaned us their lovely courtyard! And thanks to all of you who worked during the presale week, as well on that sweltering day! We cleared \$1500!

And then, the first week in August, though truly gray, was brightened by our first Gardens by Candlelight Tour! Starting at the lovely Julia Lee's Memorial Park on the corner of E. Harrison and Martin Luther King Way, tour goers were treated to 13 beautiful and unusual gardens in varied states of development. Each had its own charm... epitomizing their owner's creativity. It was an auspicious beginning indeed... Again... our thanks to all those who participated and made it such a success.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

A special thank you to Clair and Miranda who ran the cookie and beverage table at the Courtyard sale, providing us all with delicious sustenance. And thank you to their mom Cathy Nunnely who baked up the wonderful treats. These folks also set up beverages for our fabulous Spaghetti Dinners. They ( the merry crew) always add that special touch. Thank You.

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH - WILTED LETTUCE**

This is one of those old-timey recepies that come in handy when you don't want to cook up a huge meal:

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| leaf lettuce           | 1 tsp sugar (optional)  |
| 5 or 6 slices of bacon | 1/4 cup wine vinegar    |
| 4 or 5 green onions    | black pepper (optional) |

Tear lettuce into salad bowl. Cook bacon until crisp. Remove from pan, dry on paper towel and crush into bits. Add finely cut green onions, sugar, and vinegar to pan, bring to boil. Pour over greens and sprinkle with bacon bits. Toss. Serve at once. Serves 4. Very good with crusty bread.

**VALLEY VIEW  
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  - ◇ Volunteering for mailing parties, writing, graphics, artwork, or other:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ My skills are: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ I am interested in the following community issues: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ I am not currently receiving the newsletter by mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Village Schools Partnership; c/o GMVCC; 2802 E. Madison#184, Seattle, WA 98112**

October 8, 1996

Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to ask for your help in what may become a ground-breaking project benefiting the children and families in the Greater Madison Valley and south Capitol Hill area.

The Martin Luther King Elementary School, the Meany Middle School, and the Bush School are interested in exploring the possibility of establishing a formal cooperative relationship in a public school/private school/community partnership.

Tentatively named the "Village Schools Partnership", this cooperative relationship could benefit all children, families, and communities involved by:

- sharing ideas and resources between the schools
- providing greater opportunities for parent and community involvement in the schools
- assisting the schools' staffs and Site Councils in their restructuring and strategic planning to build world class community schools
- bringing access to greater resources to benefit the schools and their respective communities
- providing an opportunity for supporters of public and private schools to help dispel the myths that we have about each other and find common ground in our mutual interest in the education of all children.

We hope to spend 1997 talking with individuals like yourself in our efforts to get as many diverse points of view as possible to assist us in the planning process and in our decision if and how to proceed with building this partnership project.

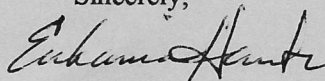
To assist in the planning, we have submitted a grant request for funding to the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods this fall. The grant format requires that we document "pledges" of volunteer time that will be spent on the planning effort during the 1997.

Would you be willing to spend up to 2 hours during the 1997 to meet with one of our planning committee members to share your thoughts, and to respond to questions that we will have about the community's response to this concept? Do you know any other individuals who we should contact who may have ideas to share about how to build a partnership like this?

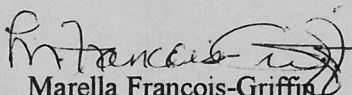
We look forward to hearing from you. Please fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return it with your response to:

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2802 E. Madison, #184  
Seattle, WA 98112

Sincerely,



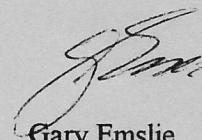
Euhania Hairston  
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Marella Francois-Griffin  
Principal  
Meany Middle School



Elsa Bowman  
Interim Principal  
Bush School



Gary Emslie  
Middle School Director  
Bush School

**YES ! I want to support the Village Schools Planning Project.**

*Please check all that apply:*

- During 1997, I will be willing to meet with one of your committee members for up to 2 hours to share my thoughts and answer questions. Please call me when the time comes to schedule a meeting.
  
- In addition, to assist in the planning process, I would be willing to donate to the planning project, during the 1996-97 school year, an average of :
  - 1 hr/mnth    2 hrs/mnth    3hrs/mnth    4hrs/mnth    OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

- interviewing other community members to get their input
- meeting with others to assist in the planning process
- assisting with phone surveys
- assisting with door-to-door surveys
- I'll consider anything, call me
- I have the following skill that I would like to offer \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address \_\_\_\_\_

My daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_ My evening phone number \_\_\_\_\_

- I suggest that you also contact the following individuals who may have other input and/or ideas that would be useful for your project:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to :*

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**  
FROM  
**THE GREATER MADISON VALLEYS**  
VERY OWN  
**HOLIDAY HOUSE**  
**3317 E. HARRISON**

Darrell Welsh and Robbin Buckley of the Holiday House at 3317 E. Harrison would like to thank everyone for their support and appreciation of their Holiday Decorations. They will kick off their Second Holiday Season on Halloween.

This year will have some of the same spooky stuff from last year, as well as new and scarier displays!!!!

Everyone is welcome to stop by, bring a friend, take pictures, and enjoy the sights and sounds of HALLOWEEN!!!!!!

The Holiday House collects canned and non-perishable food items for The Chicken soup Brigade, who supply food and personal items for those in the Seattle area living with Aids. There will be a collection bin on the front porch for your donations, please donate what you can, every little bit helps. Last Christmas they collected 35 lbs of food and would like to more than double that this year.

**DON'T FORGET TO TRICK-OR-TREAT**  
**HALLOWEEN NIGHT OCT. 31st**



**WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

The Holiday House and the Greater Madison Valley Community Council would like to suggest:

**A WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. DEC. 12TH - 15TH.**

We would like everyone to participate by decorating their homes for what ever winter holiday they choose. We will have a contest for the best house and for the best block. The judging will take place Dec. 12th and 13th. (The Holiday House will not be considered in the judging). We ask all of the children in the community to make weather proof decorations for a community Tree. This will be lit Dec. 14th, Saturday evening, with Candlelight Caroling, and other musical treats and surprises, along with the results of the contest. On Sunday, Dec. 15th we hope to have strolling carolers winding their way through the neighborhood. If you would like to be part of the caroling, or would like to help out in any way, please contact Robbin Buckley or Darrell Welsh at 726-9378, or stop by The Holiday House at 3317 E. Harrison with your ideas and decorating contributions. Let's make this a Winter Festival the whole Community can be proud of!

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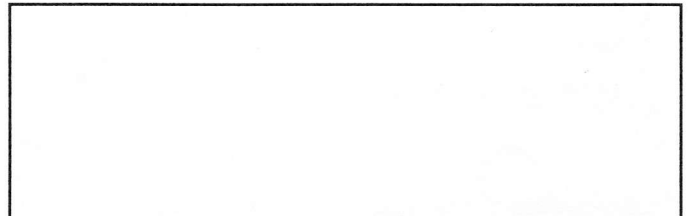
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