

# The Valley View

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## Feb. 21st Vote to Amend Articles of Incorporation

by Peter Triandafilou

At the Council's next meeting, February 21, 1995, at 7:30 pm, to be held at 3201 E. Republican (in the portable), a vote will be held to amend the Council's Articles of Incorporation.

Articles I, III and IV would be amended to change the organization's official corporate name to Greater Madison Valley Community Council and incorporate new language proposed by the IRS for nonprofit corporations: this will ensure that the Council preserves its federal tax exempt status and the tax-deductible status of contributions we receive.

### Mayor Rice Visits GMV

by Penelope Bolton

December 14 Mayor Norm Rice visited neighborhood businesses on a walking tour with neighborhood friends. He started his visit with the Madison Valley Family Program's before and after school program at M.L. King School, where he learned about the wonderful happenings with the school and the electronic village project.

He then cruised the businesses along Madison. This man knows everyone! In every store Mayor Rice gave folks bearhugs and shared stories.

The Mayor brought representatives of several city departments with him to answer questions and listen to our concerns. We discussed traffic safety along Madison and showed him the area along Madison with no sidewalk, where you need to cross the street by artful dodging! His police escort found it to be so unsafe that he drove in front with the police lights on.

It was a productive afternoon because the various city representatives saw that we are an active and vital community and that we are getting things done successfully. It was a chance for us to raise our visibility with the bureaucracy.

Proposed new Articles VIII and XI would (to the extent permitted by law) eliminate personal liability of the executive board to council members, and indemnify the executive board and all members, employees and agents of the council for liability, damages and expenses, and permit advances for expenses. The goal of these two provisions is to limit personal exposure to liability and expenses of anyone participating in council activities. The council alone, as a corporation, would bear full liability to a successful third party claimant.

The full text of these articles is as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: Greater Madison Valley Community Council.

#### ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows: This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The corporation is an educational and charitable organization within the Greater Madison Valley neighborhood of the City of Seattle, Washington. The members of the corporation will contribute time, talent and funds to improve the livability of their neighborhood.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States

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**February 21 - 7:30 pm**  
Greater Madison Valley Community Council  
**General Meeting**  
Executive Board meets 6:30  
**All welcome - Meetings Held At**  
**King School Portable**  
**32nd E. & E. Republican**

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Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

### ARTICLE VI

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the net assets are to be distributed as follows: Upon winding up and dissolution of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### ARTICLE VIII

A director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a director: PROVIDED, that a director's liability shall not be eliminated or limited for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled; and FURTHER PROVIDED, that a director's liability will not be eliminated or restricted pursuant to this Article for any act or omission occurring before the date when this Article becomes effective.

### ARTICLE IX

The corporation shall indemnify its directors against all liability, damage, or expense resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director, and shall advance or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding, to the maximum extent and under all circumstances permitted by law, including without limitation RCW 24.03.043; PROVIDED, however, that the corporation shall not indemnify a director against liability, damage, or expense for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct, a knowing violation of law, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

The corporation shall also indemnify and advance or reimburse expenses to an officer, member, employee or agent of the corporation who is not a director to the same extent as to a director.

**Everyone is urged to attend and vote!**

## New Development Might Be End of Historic Church

by Cara Newman

The 91-year-old Washington Park First Baptist church, at 624 Lake Washington Boulevard East, is slated for demolition to accommodate six new townhouses. Adjacent property was also purchased, leading to speculation that development of more units could occur at a later date.

Neighbors in the area have formed the Arboretum-Boulevard-Church (ABC) Protection committee, and are circulating a petition under the auspices of the GMVCC aimed at saving the church and modifying the current building plan. The committee hopes the owners and the city will recognize valid objections to the plan. Traffic and parking problems in this area are already severe. For information call Jerry Sussman at 325-6308.

## Our Backyard Urban Forest

by Jerry Sussman and Zé daLuz

King School Site Council applied for a city Small and Simple Matching Grant this spring. The project would develop and teach a five-week course in northwest plant identification and the history/ecology of an urban forest like the Harrison Ridge. Classes will be taught by volunteers, who will also develop a slide show and textbook. Students in grades K-5 will participate in field trips to the Ridge to do hands-on learning.

We will know by the end of February if we are approved, and the grant will start in April. If you can help by volunteering in classrooms during this class, please call Jerry at 325-6308.



Plan to spend Earth Day (April 22) shoulder to shoulder with one hundred volunteers as the Student Conservation Association joins neighbors in Harrison Ridge, planting shrubs, weeding, and mulching last winter's transplants. This is the end of our grant to beautify the woods, but only the beginning of our commitment to enjoy this resource.



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

Call Penny Bolton  
The Landmark Group  
325-6000/325-1212

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# February Forecast: Planetwide Increase of Love

by Zé daLuz

It all looks good from here, readers! Have fun perusing these items of interest.

## Of General Interest

### Mutual Partnerships Coalition

This group works in Central and Southeast Seattle to network people and projects. They have a newsletter, and have sponsored conferences and a community fair at Garfield Community Center

**For information call 328-2839**

### Sustainable Seattle

A volunteer network committed to a healthy culture, economy, and environment through the concept of sustainable resources

**For information call 382-5013**

## Public Meetings

### Arboretum Master Plan

Mon., Feb. 6 & Wed., Feb. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Graham Visitors Center  
2300 Arboretum Drive E.

**Questions? Call David Takami, 233-7929**

## City Information

### Neighbor Appreciation Day

Saturday, February 11

The Mayor has proclaimed today as a time of recognition for good neighbors and for reaching out in our neighborhoods.

**For information call 684-0464**

### Spring Clean '95

Saturday, March 18 - Sunday, April 2

Pick a clean-up project and organize a team to make it happen! The Solid Waste Utility will help with bags and dump passes.

**Register at 233-7187**

**Questions? 684-4163**



Rover's Restaurant and Catering 2808 East Madison Seattle, WA 98112 Phone 206 Thierry Rautureau 325-7442

### Adopt-A-Street

Help keep the neighborhood clean!

**Conrad Lee, 684-7647**

### P-Patch Program

Interested in community gardening?

**Barbara Donette, 684-0264**

### Neighborhood Planning Office

Over \$2 million is available to design neighborhood plans.

**For more info call 684-0464**

### Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens

Resources and help for 65 year-olds and up.

**684-0500**

## Scholarship Available

The YMCA sponsors two scholarships for college-bound high school seniors, with the deadline being March 31, 1995.

For more information and application forms please call Sheila Tiemens, Vice President of Human Resources, at 382-5003.

## Future File

Mark your calendars now with these events:

**Progressive Dinner - April 2**

**Courtyard Sale - July 15**

**Spaghetti Dinner - November 3**

### ROANOKE

### HOME RESTORATION

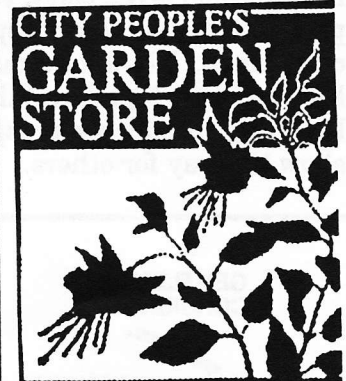
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## Our Apology

by Peter Triandafilou

We apologize for the late delivery of December's *Valley View*. Although printed in time, most people received it too late to attend the Mayor's walk on December 14 because of a US Postal Service error. Rest assured, a refund -- and an apology -- from the USPS will be sought. There shouldn't be future problems with tardy delivery.

## Does Democracy Have a Future?

by a Greater Madison Valley Resident

The question above comes from an article in the *New York Times* Book Review by John Gray, who worries that our country's main solution to urban problems is to lock people up. He believes the demand for rights by groups of all kinds: women, gunpeople, and many others, is squashing the discourse that makes for healthy democracy: the civil talk that should go on among people who are responsible members of families and communities.

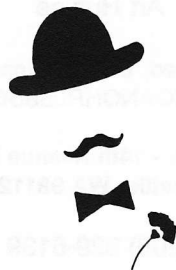
I share his view about the nature of our guaranteed rights and I am going to read two books he reviews that tackle the questions: *Democracy on Trial* by Jean Bethke Elshtain, Basic Books, and *The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy* by Christopher Lasch, Norton.

I do believe that in our small way, our community council is working to nourish democracy. We are consciously working to bridge every divide that splits up the bigger society. Men and women, race, income level, class, young and old, public and private school -- all are represented in our community. Think how many of these elements we have brought together, talking peaceably, sharing, laughing... I hope we prosper in our work and can show the way for others.

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CONSIGNMENT



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## Benefit CD Released

Bob Bruneau, local real estate agent and former Seattle piano bar entertainer, has just released a CD/cassette to benefit Bailey-Boushay House, entitled "Feels Like Home".

Bailey-Boushay House is our nation's first AIDS care facility built from the ground up with the sole mission of caring for people with AIDS. The proceeds from this recording will go to help Bailey-Boushay continue to provide a loving, caring hospice.

The 13-song CD/cassette is available from Bailey/Coy Books, 414 Broadway East, or by sending a check for \$12.50 to "Feels Like Home", Box 773, 1202 E. Pike St., Seattle, WA 98122.

### MADISON VALLEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

at **M.L. King Jr. School**  
has a great

#### Before & After School Program

Chess Club \* Dance Classes \* Computer Center  
Financial Assistance and Scholarships Available

**328-0058**

**volunteers welcome!**

I pledge to support the Greater Madison Valley Community Council and its programs by:

- Making a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteering for (please check):  
Phonathon  
Harrison Ridge Project  
Electronic Village Project  
Madison Valley Family Program  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am most interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

My skills are: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear out completed form and send to  
Greater Madison Valley Community Council,  
Box 184, 2802 E. Madison, Seattle, WA 98112

## The Harrison Swamp

by Del Castle

According to John Vlastic, who attended Harrison Elementary School (now M.L.King Jr. School) in the 1920s, there was a small swamp southeast of the school, across Harrison street.

Obviously the swamp was drained and filled since it is now supplanted by 33rd Avenue East with houses on both sides. But considering the extent of lowland in Madison Valley, the swamp originally may have been bordered by East Harrison on the north, East Thomas on the south, 32nd East on the west and 34th East on the east. Before 32nd East was graded, the swamp could have spread as far west as 31st East, from where there is a natural slope upward to Martin Luther King Way.

As far as that goes, it could have covered *all* the lowland of Madison Valley before development brought streets, houses, Harrison School, shops, churches, restaurants, gas stations, etc. The lowland south of Lake Washington Boulevard to East Denny, bordered by the rise at 32nd East on the east and Martin Luther King Way on the west, could just as well have been part of the swamp! In that case it could even have been a small lake; however, we are not geologically informed enough to warrant such an assumption.

It would be of interest to our readers if others could add to this account from first or second hand information. If anyone does, would they please come forward by calling the editor of *The Valley View*, Zé da Luz at 322-4883. In addition, we would like to hear from others who may have information about the history of Madison Valley. We know, for instance, that the original Harrison School was built in 1913 on land donated by Mr. Coulter with the proviso that the land could only be used for a public school.

We would *like* to know when the local neighborhood grocery store was first opened and when it was finally closed; when the trolley line running from downtown to Lake Washington was started and when discontinued, and other points of historical interest that readers may remember.

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Marie Harris

## WE'LL BE CALLING YOU -- The 1995 Phonathon

by Peter Triandafilou

When someone from the GMVCC calls you as part of the 1995 Phonathon, please take a few minutes to participate. We'll be asking you about your concerns and ideas involving the neighborhood - information to help us continue efforts to improve the community. We'll also ask if you have time and talents to contribute to our many activities. With more people actively participating, we can do more!

And we'll make a soft-sell request for donations to the council, to subsidize current activities and fund exciting new ones. Except for public and private grants for specific projects such as the Before and After School Program and the Harrison Ridge Reforestation, funding for council operations and events comes from members like you.

At our first session, January 5, those contacted made good comments, and we raised some money to boot. Even \$2 covers the annual cost of printing and mailing *The Valley View* to your household, and is greatly appreciated.

We intend to call as many people as time permits over the next few months. If you want to help with this outreach and fundraising effort, please call Peter at 720-0488.

**MEET SOME MORE NEIGHBORS! HAVE SOME FUN!**



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