

Harrison Denny Community Council NEWSLETTER

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Restoration Work Begins in the Harrison Ridge Greenbelt

by Jerry Sussman

We received over 20 applications from teenagers to work in our Harrison Ridge Greenbelt. We conducted interviews June 30 and July 1, and have selected a crew of 14-to-17-year-old grounds workers, who will clear ivy off trees and open up sites for tree planting throughout the summer.

As we go to press, work is slated to begin July 13, after an instruction and safety orientation session July 11. Our landscape designer will explain basic botany of these woods: plant identification, habits of various species, and why some are undesirable and should be controlled.

We are calling on the many neighbors who have volunteered to help with supervision of the work crews and the work itself. Volunteers may be asked to bring a rake or shovel and to be present for a work shift of three to four hours.

We need volunteers to give us specific dates they would be available, so we can let the teenagers know when they should come to work. Volunteers, especially supervisors, are needed from July through September.

We are really excited to get started on this project, which we have been planning since last year! Please join us in rebuilding a vital urban forest.

For more information, and to volunteer, please call Zé at 322-4883 or Jerry at 325-6308.

Community Council Monthly Meeting

**JULY 19
7:30 PM**

**All Meetings Held At King School
Portable 32nd E. & E. Republican**

Who Are We? An Expanded Community Seeks New Name

by Zé daLuz

The clock is ticking... have you thought of a name for our expanded community yet?

Madison Valley, Arboretum Heights, the Harrison Neighborhood, Denny-Blaine... have I left out anyone? How can we convey unity of purpose without having the longest neighborhood name in the city? WE NEED SUGGESTIONS!!

I'm going to go out on a limb (familiar territory for me) and unveil my choice. This name came to me one sunny day while sitting on my front porch listening to the birds in the trees and the children playing at King School. Suddenly I thought: MECCA, a paradise, a haven in the middle of the city. MECCA: Madison Economic and Cultural Community Area.

Now it's up to you readers to brainstorm your own name suggestions. Bring them to the Council meeting July 19, or call me at 322-4883 and I'll run them in the next newsletter. Logo designs are also welcome! We will vote in September, and prizes will be awarded, so put on your thinking caps!

Courtyard Sale Saturday July 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last minute call: clear out all your extra STUFF! Or, for those of you needing "new" stuff, last minute reminder to come browse for bargains at our fifth annual Bargains at Bush Courtyard Sale!

Bring -- or buy -- books, toys, rugs, collectibles, antiques, knickknacks, kitchen stuff, furniture, hats, jewelry, clothes in good condition, tools — anything interesting — etc., etc.

Proceeds, of course, go toward all the good works we do to make our neighborhood a great place to live!

We need your help! The Stuff, of course. People to help price things during the week before the sale. People on Saturday July 16 at 8 a.m. to help set up. Sales people from 10 a.m. on. Pick your time. Call Pearl, 325-1546. See you there!

Seattle's Comprehensive Plan Update

by Celine Grenier

Seattle's new Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council in August, 1994. The Comprehensive Plan will accommodate the provisions of Washington State's Growth Management Act and aspects of Mayor Norm Rice's proposed "Urban Village" Comprehensive Plan.

Nearby, parts of the Capitol Hill neighborhood and a neighborhood designated as South Jackson and 23rd South appear slated for some changes.

Informational meetings have been ongoing in June and July. The City Council will take final votes on amendments **Monday July 18** at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (11th floor, Municipal Building, 600 - 4th Avenue).

For information on the adoption schedule, call 386-9040 until July 18. To get on the mailing list for updates on implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, call 233-2628.

Share your Garden Know-How

by Maggie Dalton

Horticulture may not be recognized as an art; but looking around the neighborhood, it is quite clear that many of our neighbors are truly creative as you organize your plantings!

Would you like to share your expertise and trade secrets with others who will share theirs? This is a whole new proposal, and whatever grows out of it is entirely up to you! All together, of course. Please call Maggie, 328-0065.

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Community Friendship Wall Rises

by Abby Galarreta

If you have not visited the Martin Luther King School playground since the tile project went up, it is a sight to behold. At 32nd Ave. E. and E. Harrison, the tile wall is an easy destination for an evening walk; and it will take many enjoyable visits to become familiar with all the children's art displayed there.

The tile project — or Community Friendship Wall — is the product of many people's labor and the creativity of hundreds of children and several adults. Each child from MLK and Bush Elementary schools produced a hand-painted tile and laid it onto a square foot piece of wonderboard, framing it in mosaic pieces that the children themselves smashed out of whole color tiles. This was accomplished during an incredibly intensive week up on the courtyard by the Bush School art studio.

Art department head Laurie Hall and art teacher Bill Baber directed the week's work and kept things moving at an amazing pace. Most of the actual teaching and supervision of the children came from 14 upper school Bush students, who passed up sailing, fishing, and drama to work relentlessly on the tile project during their special activity (AMP) week. They worked hard and were proud when the project was completed.

Bush elementary school teachers Ruth Huschley and Lynn Englesby also threw themselves and their classes wholeheartedly into the project. MLK teachers joined in the fun when they brought their classes up to the tile production area.

The installation was another big effort — so big we could not do it as scheduled. Finally, a date was set, materials were secured and volunteers were called. The pattern and configuration of the installation were largely created spontaneously by several volunteers. This creative activity took shape under the artistic guidance of Roy Sahali, the African-American artist from C.A.M.P. who came to help lay out the tiles.

Once we knew what we were doing, the crew went to work with amazing energy under the reliable and humorous direction of Danny Taiariol, our resident tile man, and Art Huffine. Each section was done faster than the one before, even in the rain; and no one could believe that by 4 p.m. all 70 feet of wall had been covered!

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Calling All Would-Be Writers

by Pearl Castle

You may remember that we have talked about enhancing all our lives. Keep the programs going: Youth; Before and After School; tutoring; fighting crime, of course; fighting noise, pollution, potholes; traffic problems. We have lots to keep us busy!

But what about the Arts? For all of us. Well, finally!

Stories, poetry, autobiographical sketches — anything goes. Punch it out on the computer or scribble it out with the old ball point pen. Our Writers' Group is off and running! We have had two meetings so far, and it is fun! Don't you want to write down that story you have been thinking about? Join us! Next meeting: July 20, 7:30 (please call Pearl, 325-1546, if you plan to attend).

New Officers Elected


At the June meeting we elected a new slate of officers for the Community Council. We unanimously selected leaders whom we all wish good luck and much success.

Jo Marie Cunningham, President

Charles McDade, Vice President


Dan Williams, Secretary

Peter Triandafilou, Treasurer



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Windermere Realty Community Project at Madison Valley Family Programs

by Marjorie Josephat

Normally, the day after the children's last day of school is a quiet one. But this year the parking lot at Martin Luther King Elementary School was filled with a very organized construction crew of 20 or more men and women — women and men who normally spend most of their time on the telephone and in their cars showing prospective buyers homes in the Seattle area.

Several weeks earlier, Windermere Realty chose the Madison Valley Family Programs as one of their community projects. This day, the Madison Park Windermere Realty Group gave up a potentially profitable day of work to come to work at Madison Valley Family Programs.

The group gave the exterior of the portable a fresh coat of paint and weeded the area behind the building, which was overgrown. The weeds were replaced by ivy, purchased at a substantial discount from City Peoples.

Learning that the Madison Valley Family Programs had been unable to secure a computer table in the last year, Windermere graciously offered to build us a table and pay for all the materials. The table was built and it is beautiful.

We would like to thank Mary Hite and Christine Mone for choosing the Madison Valley Family Programs as their community project this year, as well as for organizing the work party. A special thanks to Richard Marino, who went above and beyond the call of duty and returned daily to complete what he had started — the computer table.



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