

**HARRISON**

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**NEWSLETTER**

**HARRISON - DENNY CARES ABOUT YOUTH!**

by Pamela English

On September 27, we held a meeting with 11 of our our neighborhood youth. It was a great success! Neighborhood kids had a chance to voice their opinions and tell adults what they wanted to see happen in the community. The adults that attended left the meeting feeling a sense of accomplishment: Better understanding and rapport had been established.

It was the start of something good. The teens will meet once a month. They have already made a list of subjects on which to focus.

We plan to have group discussions to try to find solutions to their concerns. For those of you who have kids between the ages of 13 and 18, please encourage them to attend. Our goal is to gather a strong group of teens to form the basis of a youth group.

Along with this youth group, there is another program, that we have just started called L.I.F.E. (Learning Independence For Everyday). The goal of this program is to teach our young people:

- \*Resistance skills
- \*Prevention of substance abuse

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**CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY**

by Ze da Luze

On August 23rd, the Harrison-Denny neighborhood gathered on the Bush School grounds to eat, watch basketball, play games, listen to music, and talk with each other.

The First Annual Diversity Fair/Block Party attracted over 300 people throughout the day - young and old. It was a gorgeous, sunny morning when the dedicated set-up crew arrived and turned on the music! Barbecue grills were soon smoking, and tables and chairs were set up for the picnic-goers. Free information packets for kids (and parents) shared space with our fund-raisers: Specially designed T-shirts and raffle tickets.

Throughout the day we painted faces, sold food, T-shirts and tickets,  
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**THE VILLAGE BEFORE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOOL**

by Majorie Josaphat

The first component of The Village Before & After School Program opened as scheduled on September 9, 1992. The Village Before & After School Program is committed to providing a safe, fun, and exciting place for elementary school children go to before and after school.

Child care services are being provided by Community Day School Association, currently housed in the portable classroom at MLK. Community Day School Association services include arts, crafts, sports, games and nutritious snacks. The enrichment teacher in charge of the program is Butch Stevenson. Butch comes to us as an experienced staff member, having worked for Community Day School Association for over four years. Butch is also an accomplished actor, active in local theatrical and television productions.

The Village Before and After School Program is open to any child in grades K through 5. Space is still

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**Village Before/AfterProgram  
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available. To find out more about enrollment contact Marjorie Josaphat, project coordinator, at 860-8039, or pick up an enrollment form at MLK.

The second component of the Village Before and After School Program, which includes tutoring for assistance with homework, and chess club will begin in the next month. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help call 860-8039.

Various options to acquire a new portable for The Village Before & After School Program are currently being looked into. The acquisition of a new portable would allow us to increase enrollment for the Before & After School Program.

Need a place for your elementary school children? Stop by and visit our program at the portable classroom at Martin Luther King Elementary School. Hours of operation; 6:30-9:00 a.m.

**Youth Program .....continued**

- \*Staying in school
- \*Chance to be productive
- \*Sense of community
- \*Gaining job experience
- \*Learning and communication skills
- \*Positive interaction with people of different socio-economic, ethnic and age groups

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with young people and who want a positive future for our youth. Parents, young people, or others, if you want to get involved call Pamela English at 860-8039.

**THE NEXT HARRISON-DENNY  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING IS  
TUES. OCT. 20TH 7:30PM**

**Diversity Fair ..... continued**

and shared neighborhood tales and history. Every hour or so we announced a new game: Treasure hunt, volleyball, waterballoon toss, three-legged race, tug-of-war. Both kids and adults were active participants. A registrar from the League of Women Voters signed folks up to vote, and community service officers were on hand. Updating the neighborhood map we had at the fair (adding people's names & addresses) is an on-going project. It will be hanging in our office soon, so be sure to check it out when you stop by.

The Basketball Tournament attracted quite a crowd (a hungry crowd!) to the Bush gym, where teams battled all day to win the championship prize: T-shirts for all! And speaking of prizes, congratulations to our raffle winners: Sarah Ford - lunch for 2 at Duke's; Jean Anderson - \$25 gift certificate from Puget Consumers Coop; Mary Birteaux - a year-long package from Island Video/Yogurt; Jo-Marie Cunningham - dinner for 2 at Rovers; Brian Brooks - a beautiful hanging plant from City People's Garden store; and Joan Verner - two movie passes from even Gable Theaters.

Special "Volunteer service awards" given out at the fair were a surprise to many of our tireless committee members (you know who you are). In addition, a big thank you goes to everyone who donated, planned, served, cleaned up - and to you, neighbors, for coming and showing your support. We have already had a follow-up meeting to start planning for next year's bigger, better fair.

More Diversity Fair News:  
Winner of the Harrison - Denny

**Diversity Fair ..... continued**

Scavenger Hunt was Hattie Miller who received two free movie passes. Winner of the Can of Pennies Guess How Many Pennies? was Barrett Thomson.

The Fair raised \$586.30! Take in for the day was \$1,123.00 (minus our expenses \$536.70).

Remember we still have some T-shirts left over from the Fair. They are going fast and there are only 14 left. To order call 860-8039.

**FREE PARENTING  
WORKSHOPS!**

**Strengthening Bonds Within  
African -American Families**

The University of Washington is sponsoring a parenting workshop for families in our community.

**Topics Include:**

- o How to communicate with your child.
- o How to teach your children refusal skills.
- o Identifying risk factors for drug abuse.
- o Setting a family policy on drugs.
- o Conflict management.
- o Strengthening family bonds.

**Workshops to be held:**

Thursday nights at John Muir Elementary School.

Oct. 1, 1992 through Nov. 12, 1992  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Trainers: Pamela English and Sabriah Rahimah.

For registration and information call 543 - 5708.

**Free Transportation! Free  
Childcare! Free Dinner!**

## NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

by Ze da Luze

Our recent Needs Assessment survey spotlighted the need for a community center for Harrison-Denny neighborhood. A committee has formed to pursue this idea. At our first meeting in September, we realized that this isn't an "instant reality" project! It will take a lot of creative planning, creative financing, active support from the neighborhood and time. We all agreed it was worth it!

**Where?** Any and all possible spaces will be looked at: Vacant lots, vacant buildings, buildings for rent or for sale. If you have any ideas for a community center space, please call the office at 860-8039.

**What?** Everyone had plans for this space: A food bank, a pea patch, an information center, a reading/book club, evening classes, evening recreation, swimming pool, gym/sports facility, counseling programs - and of course, meeting and office space for the HDCC!

**How?** Committee members are investigating the many roads of financing: Grants, low-cost loans, "angels", being a tax shelter, fundraising events, a "building fund", private sponsorship, etc.. All ideas are welcome!

A lot of research needs to be done. We plan to talk with other community centers to find out how and what they did. We will be meeting each month and will have a more concrete plan by the end of the year. Everyone is welcome to contribute. We already have quite a few creative ideas and we've only just begun!

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

Volunteers with special talents are needed by the Community Council: Writers (for newsletter article), artists (to draw cartoons and/or graphics for newsletter), people who want to put on fundraisers, advertising manager for the newsletter, artists/crafts people (for next year's diversity fair) attorney, architect. Contact number: 860-8039.

## FOURTH ANNUAL SPAGETTI DINNER!

The dinner will be held on November 6th at Bush School this year. A true family evening with entertainment and fun for all. This has always been a Harrison-Denny highlight with neighbors bringing wonderful desserts and enjoying a terrific dinner for a nominal sum.

See the flyer for more details or call Pearl Castle at 325-1546 or Peggy Sussman at 325-6308.

## CALENDER

### Harrison Community Center Meetings:

- 2915 E. Madison Rm. 204
- Oct. 13th - 5:30pm Exec. Comm.
- Oct. 19th - 7:00pm Crime Watch
- Oct. 20th - 7:30pm Community.  
Council Meeting
- Oct. 21st - 7:00pm Youth Meeting
- Oct. 27th - 7:00pm Community  
Center Meeting
- Nov. 16th - 6:00 Community  
Forum
- Nov. 17th - Community Council
- Nov. 18th - 7:00pm Crime Watch
- Nov. 23rd - 7:00pm Youth  
Meeting

## INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY WITH "HARRISON-DENNY BONDS"

by David Foecke

The Harrison-Denny Community Council is looking for a few good people who would be willing to loan the community treasury anywhere between \$100 and \$5000 to help us establish some "working capital."

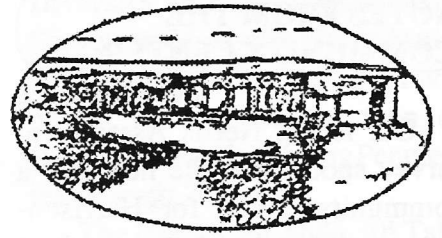
Over the last year, we have received approximately \$40,000 in grants from the city and the state to conduct our community organizing campaign and to open the Before and After Program at Martin Luther King School.

There is only one catch! We have to front the money ourselves each month out of our treasury and apply for reimbursement every month from both the city and the state. The amount of monthly expenses exceeds the amount we have in the treasury each month until the reimbursement checks arrive. And, true to bureaucratic form, the checks are usually late.

That's why we are looking for neighbors who are willing to loan the community council the equivalent of one month's expenses. We're looking for 12 month loans, and are willing to negotiate on interest rates (preferably below market rates). We're going to call these "Harrison-Denny Bonds".

If you can help, please call David Foecke at 323-4709, or Pamela English at 860-8039.

**Exercise Your Right!  
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November 3rd**



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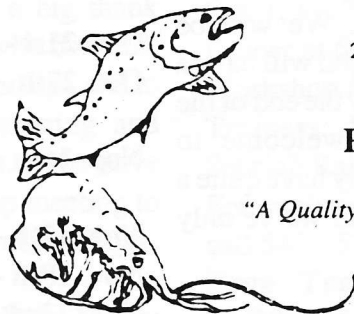
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