



HARRISON

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COMMUNITY

COUNCIL

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Next Meeting on December 11th, 7:00 - 8:30pm at the Martin Luther King School. Please bring a food donation for Northwest Harvest.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Regular Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the MLKing School.

December 11th: committee reports and discussion of winter variety show.

January 8th: guest speaker Officer Parker of the Community Police Team.

February 12th & March 12th: neighborhood budget requests and Neighborhood Matching Fund. Variety Show.

April 9th: planning of spring rally and march for neighborhood unity and a crime-free community. Potluck party and entertainment.

May 14th: elections of new officers.

July 9th: Community Rummage Sale - start saving your donations now!

mid-October: Annual Spaghetti Dinner.



Your Community Council Officers

- President: Del Castle
- Vice President: Charles McDade
- Secretary: Alison Young
- Treasurer: Karen Kress

Thank you to the Office of Neighborhoods for the printing of this newsletter.

Your Voice Can Be Heard

The new year is upon us and we are preparing for 1991 neighborhood improvements:

Neighborhood Budget - budget requests for the new year are due in February. Do you have problems in your area such as lighting, traffic control, crime, housing code enforcement? Let us know by calling Cathy Nunneley at 329-4083.

Neighborhood Matching Fund - the 1990 project of beautification and new lighting at the MLKing School is progressing well. Discussion of 1991 projects will begin soon. Ideas include street trees, installing crime watch signs, further improvements at the MLKing School. Come to the HDCC meetings to share your vision of our neighborhood and discuss how we can make it a reality!



Annual Spaghetti Dinner A Success

A good time was had by all and it was a real community effort. Many thanks to the Church of the Epiphany for their hall and to Bush School for tables and chairs. Food donations from Leschi Mart and the Viewridge Co-op were much appreciated. Committee volunteers did an outstanding job selling tickets, preparing and serving food and entertaining.

This year featured both meat and vegetarian pasta sauces, unlimited quantities of bread, an outstanding salad and an abundance of delicious home-baked desserts. See you next year - bring a friend and a donation to Northwest Harvest Food Bank.

### 1, 2, 3 Announcements

1. Food bank donations are easy - bring non-perishable foods to Council meetings and we will make the delivery to Northwest Harvest.
2. Compost bins for free!! The City will deliver an attractive wood compost bin to your home complete with instructions. Call the compost hotline, 684-7506 to order your bin.
3. Representatives to the East Crime Coalition are needed to make law enforcement aware of our community needs. Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at CAMP. Call Cathy Nunneley at, 329-4083 for more information.



### Schoolchildren at Risk

The pedestrian safety of children walking to MLKing School along 32nd Ave. has become a concern to parents and teachers. Cars parked across the sidewalk force the children to walk in the street. Speeding cars, obstructed views and motorists not watching for small children have resulted in some near misses.

- • Neighbors - please park your cars so the sidewalk is open to pedestrians.
- • Motorists - please drive with caution and be alert to children that often cannot be seen.
- • Children - please learn and use safe street crossing procedures and do not dash into the street at mid-block.
- • Everyone - remember the new law is that motorists must stop for pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalks at the end of blocks.



### Variety Show in the Works

Back when the MLKing School was called Harrison, the Community Council united with the school to produce an annual variety show. Children's talent was aided and abetted by performers from the community. Many people are remembering what fun it was! Can we do it again? If you would like to make it happen call Pearl Castle at 325-1546.



### Crime Situation Escalates to Murder

Criminal activity has continued in the Madison Valley. Centered around 29th Ave. East between East Thomas and East John; graffiti, drug sales, threats against residents, bullets through living room windows and wild driving are becoming the norm for our neighbors in that area.

In mid-October a man was skewered with a pitchfork and left dying on the sidewalk at 29th and East Thomas streets. According to the police, the murder was due to a drug deal gone bad. What can be done?

### What the Council has done:

- Letters, phone calls, meetings with Captain Pirak of the East Precinct have resulted in an increase of police patrol.
- The S.P.D. Crime Prevention Dept. is assisting us to establish a "drug free zone". Effective June 1990 Washington State Law, RCW 69.50.435, provides for double penalties to anyone convicted of selling illegal drugs within a 1,000 foot radius of any public or private school property. The radii of the four schools in the HDCC neighborhood result in one large "drug free zone". Signs will be posted marking the perimeter of the area.
- Officer Parker of the community police team will work with us to solidify our neighborhood against criminal activity.

### What you can do:

- Call 911 to report any suspicious activity. The police may not arrive in time but your call becomes part of data which demonstrates the need for police protection.
- Counsel your children that it is illegal for them to buy alcohol at the store at 29th & East John streets.
- Come to the Council meeting on Tuesday, January 8th to voice your concerns and ideas. Officer Parker and neighbors will share how we can work together to make our neighborhood safe and a pleasant place to live.

