

Harrison-Denny Community Council Newsletter

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Call For Articles!!

by Karen Kress
I'm going to do this now so that everyone will be informed. Articles can be submitted for publication in this newsletter anytime, not just in the week before publication.

Articles may be on anything that you view as important for the community to hear. If you take down notes at the meetings on things you view as important to you they are probably important to our neighbors as well, many of whom cannot make it to every council meeting. If you don't think you can write, jot down your thoughts or make an outline and the editor can get them into an article or seek the help of another community member.

We have had some great contributions of ideas at meetings and elsewhere and it is important that these ideas be shared.

Several council members have expressed the desire to see the newsletter come out more often. My promise and challenge to you as editor is to produce a newsletter as soon as I have enough material.

Happy writing!

New Trees on ML King Way

by J. Sussman

The great tree planting on Martin Luther King Way on Earth Day, April 22 was a joyful day for the city and the neighborhood. KING-TV and US West organized the event which drew as many as 600 volunteers, despite rain, from all over the Seattle area. Whole families came with shovels and high spirits and in a couple of hours had planted flowering pear and sweetgum trees on both sides of ML King Way from Union to Madison. The job was well planned, and the plantings supervised by expert gardeners to ensure their successful growth.

The crowd of volunteers gathered at Rogers Thriftway to hear greetings and instructions from organizers along with a good word from Mayor Rice who dug and planted the first tree just south of Union.

After being fortified with encouragement and a free snack of hot dogs and soft drinks, the shovel bearers streamed down along ML King Way to the task of planting.

The trees were laid out along MLK, a square of sod removed for digging, and a heap of mulch put at each site to fill in around the root ball and mix with the native clay. Lengths of re-

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Neighborhood Matching Funds

Preparations are being made to finalize our applications for the City's Neighborhood matching Fund. This annual fund encourages partnerships between the City of Seattle and qualified neighborhood organizations to initiate planning, organizing, and improvement projects. Through a competitive process, organizations are awarded funds for projects that benefit the neighborhood. Neighborhood businesses, residents, and schools are all expected to pool resources to assist in the match process. The City provides cash to match with the neighborhood's volunteer labor, and donations of materials, equipment, and cash.

I'm Sold!

by K. Titus

All over town, the Harrison-Denny neighborhood is known for its wonderful mixture of singles, families, and retired folks from all backgrounds and walks of life.

The minute I saw my house, I knew it was the one I wanted for my first home and felt lucky to get it. The first Community Council meeting I attended was last November - two days after moving in and I've been a regular ever since. I've met neighbors and community members and learned about the history and current issues facing our area. I've met people who have lived here 10 and 20 years or more, raised their families here and

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DON'T MISS THIS !! A HARRISON-DENNY PUBLIC PROTEST PARTY AND RALLY

Saturday, May 19, 1990
9:00 AM

East Mercer between
Dewey Place and 30th Ave. East

Refreshments and Music!

Harrison-Denny Community Council is appealing to City Council against a permit for a six story apartment, facing directly into our single-family residential neighborhood. It would violate DCLU's responsibility for limiting zone-boundary structures. Join us at the site, learn the details, and help in our appeal.

Thanks go to Suzanne Wilson and all who have given generously of their time, effort and money on this appeal.

For information, come to our meeting May 8th, the Rally, or call Jerry Sussman at 325-6308.

New Trees on ML King Way

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bar and ties were provided to hold the trees upright as they take root.

Cheerful diggers from Renton and Sea-Tac worked alongside many of us members of the Madrona, Plum Tree, and Harrison-Denny councils. Those living directly on ML King Way helped with mattocks and water hoses. One family near Pine Street helped set in the trees at their place and then transplanted flowers around them from their garden.

Neighbors along ML King way will be responsible for watering the trees this spring and summer with the promise from our Mayor that the City of Seattle will take over next year.

The trees will be the legacy of the conscientious volunteers that day as they grow to grace Martin Luther King Way and our neighborhood.

Neighborhood Matching Funds

The two projects chosen by the Council's membership are 1) street trees, and 2) lighting and landscaping of the Martin Luther King School. The street tree planting is planned for 29th, 30th, and 31st Avenues between East John and East Thomas. Volunteer labor will be the Council's match to the City's purchase of the trees. Plans for the Martin Luther King School are the installation of three 150 watt floodlights to illuminate the playground at night and landscaping to beautify the area. Our match for this project includes volunteer labor and landscape planning as well as donation of cash and plant materials from local businesses.

MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting held at ML King Jr. School on 32nd Ave E. between Republican and Harrison. Use the north entrance.

May 8: Review of Matching Fund.
7:00 PM Discussion of dues as a requirement for voting membership status.
Crime prevention.
Election of new officers.

June 12: Installation of new Officers and Board Members.

Please watch the Madison Park Times for announcements and reviews.

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still care about their neighborhood. I've met more people in the first six months I've lived here than in four years in my old neighborhood barely one mile away.

So what does this upstart newcomer have to say of any importance? That I chose to live in this neighborhood because of its convenience to

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lakes, parks, libraries, and medical care. Because I get to drive through the arboretum every day on my way to work. But most importantly, I chose to live here because of the remarkable harmonious diversity. I hope to see it continue at community council meetings, on the streets, in the stores and institutions of our neigh-

Important Announcements

Need Liasons-

Representatives from H-D Community Council have been attending other community meetings to rally cooperation with other groups. Cathy Nunneley will continue to attend the Central District Council meetings and Molly O'Brian-Smith is our rep to the MLKing PTA. We need a liason to attend the East Precinct Crime Coalition. Contact Cathy at 329-4083 if you can help.

Refreshments-

Still need to add to our rotating group of our refreshment providers. If you'd like to strut your stuff in the grub department sign up to help at the next meeting.

Membership & Fundraising -

One of the most important committees still needs a fearless leader - Membership and Fundraising. This committee is important because without enough members there are not enough to help on projects.

The Harrison-Denny Community Council Newsletter wishes to thank those who contributed articles for this issue. The editor welcomes all those who would like to voice (or print) their concerns, interests, and events. Newsletters will be produced when enough material is turned in. The newsletter will be produced, at minimum, each quarter.

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