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### **Good Neighbors**

### From His Country Farm To Our City Tables

John Huschle is a REAL farmer. He's also one of our neighbors. If the concept of a city-dwelling farmer seems incongruous to you, read on.

In the early 90's, John was a new college graduate from Wisconsin with a degree in biology. He became discouraged about the fierce competition for research grants in his chosen field and took an apprenticeship at a local organic farm while he pondered his future. The farm experience kindled his imagination and directed his life. In 1996, John and his friends Andrew and Wendy headed west to found *Full Circle Farm* in North Bend. For four years the team worked to provide organic produce for local venues, including PCC. However, John felt that his path lay in providing food directly to families and moved to Carnation. *Nature's Last Stand Farm* is John's dream come true. On his five acres, he grows the fresh, organic produce that defines his business.

John Huschle provides a service that delivers boxes of freshly picked, organic produce directly to the doors of his customers. These boxes are carefully packed with vegetables and fruits that people commonly buy. The box contents vary weekly but a typical selection may include salad mix, carrots, broccoli, avocados, satsumas, apples and grapes. Additionally, he includes a loaf of just-baked Essential Bakery bread and farm-fresh eggs in every box. Recipes and a newsletter about the farm are added attractions. This time of the year he supplements his farm's produce with continued on page 2

Here's John on a typical Wednesday packing up his bountiful boxes of organic produce for home delivery that very day.

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### Report on your neighbors!!!!

The article about John Huschle, REAL farmer was suggested by an admiring neighbor. Please let us know of other interesting people to highlight. We all benefit from knowing our community. For ideas: Cathy Nunneley: phone: 329-4083

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vegetables and fruits from along the West Coast from several farmers, some of whom he knows personally. There are two sizes: Small (\$35) and Large (\$50) — to accommodate most family sizes and budgets. The price comparison? FAR less than the organic produce in the big chains and equal to or less than the co-ops. Not a bad deal considering it's delivered right to the door! Custom orders? John is working right now with his web master to make that happen.

The future looks bright for this enterprising young farmer. John envisions forging relationships with some of the area's best wineries and dairies. To round out his selections into full meals, he also plans to include meat and poultry.

SO! The question remains: A CITY dwelling farmer? John says he recently married and he and his wife are planning a family. He wants his children to experience the diversity of living in our neighborhood. This is wonderful tribute to what this community has to offer.

The produce of *Nature's Last Stand Farm* may also be purchased at some of the various farmers' markets held throughout Seattle: U District, Ballard and Lake City. Perhaps one day we may be so lucky to have a farmer's market of our own! **To contact John**: (425) 444-6541 and check his absolutely <u>beautiful</u> website: <u>www.natureslaststand.net</u>. Bon Appétit!









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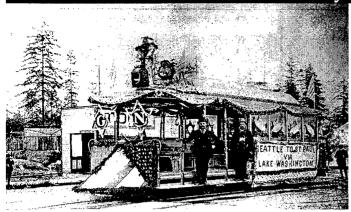
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### The Valley Views the Past



Madison Street Cable Railway Company 1889 University of Washington Special Collection SEA00540

The above photo depicts a car of the Madison Street Cable Railway Company. In the 1860's, Judge John J. McGilvra a prominent lawyer from Illinois, bought 420 acres of land for \$5/ acre in today's Madison Park. At that time, sections of land were being sold to finance the new University of Washington. McGilvra established his family home "Laurel Shade" at 1500 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave and needed a road to his new retreat. Unlike the traditional Seattle north-south and east-west roads, McGilvra built a rough corduroy road diagonally through the woods. It is still

MAKE A DIFFERENCE with Bailey-Boushay

Bailey-Boushay House is recruiting volunteers to provide transportation, companionship and meal service to clients of the Adult Day Health and Residential Care programs.

This is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who are living with HIV/AIDS and other life threatening illnesses. Individuals with a reliable vehicle, a current driver's license, insurance, and who are available during the day should call David Pavlick at (206)720-2260 and request a volunteer application.



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GROCERIES - SUNDRIES - BEER - WINE QUALITY MEATS - HOMEMADE SAUSAGES 103 LAKESIDE AVE. 322-0700 the only road in Seattle that connects Elliot Bay directly with Lake Washington. McGilvra christened the road "Madison Street" for President James Madison.

Madison became a convenient and popular byway for citizens especially after the lakeshore evolved into an entertainment center. The city's first professional baseball team began there. With regular music concerts and stops by the steamboats, Madison Park became a vacation hotspot. When McGilvra began to sell some of his land for building lots, the traffic to the lakeshore increased rapidly. The rough road through the woods became inadequate. With some friends, McGilvra established the Cable Railway Company in 1864. The cable cars ran every two minutes in the summer to accommodate the eager vacationers. In climate weather, glass panels were installed to protect the passengers. McGilvra not only profited from the fares, he also covered the cars with paid advertisements.

The cable railway required the building of a trestle across Madison Valley near the present location of City Peoples Garden Store so the cars could run. (There was a photo of this trestle in the March 7<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Seattle Times*). The trestle bridged over a salmon stream that ran through Madison Valley in those days. Eventually, the area under the trestle was filled in to construct a more permanent road and cut off the valley from the Arboretum. (info gleaned from historylink.com)

### WANTED: Historical Photos

The Valley View is interested in any historical photos for the new history column in the newsletter. These photographs don't have to be ancient---just ones that depict something of historical significance. Newcomers would even be surprised by an image of Madison Street from the 1970's! If you have something of interest and would be willing to share with the community, please contact us. We will simply scan your photo and return it or you can send it to us via email. Questions? Cathy Nunneley 329-4083 or cjnunneley@yahoo.com Thanks a bunch!

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Article submission, advertising, suggestions, volunteers

### **Community News**

### East Mercer Street End: by Anita Rowe

The committee is asking for a Shoreline Management Act exemption from the City. After receiving it, they will be ready to complete the application for street use permit. This is expected to occur mid April. The City Council must decide on the application for vacating the street and there will be a public hearing. There continues to be strong opposition from the adjacent neighbors as expected. Hopefully, boundaries will be determined and landscaping developed that will satisfy all parties.

### ML King Elementary School by Joanie Robertson

Good Luck 4th Graders! The 4th graders at ML King are joining their compatriots across the city and the state, sharpening their skills and their number 2 pencils in preparation for the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests to be administered on April 19th. The 4th grade test is designed to assess reading, writing and mathematics, and it is the first of several WASL tests that a student will take over his or her tenure in the public school system. There is a lively controversy about the value of the WASL, and the emphasis that it places on how and what kids are learning, but there is no doubt that the results of these tests are important to each of the schools, and are used my many as an indicator of education quality. "We like to give our 4th graders a lot of support as they go in to take the WASL," says principal Barry Dorsey. To that end, the school has planned a pep rally and a special breakfast for the test-takers.

Madison Street Business Owners have formed an association to discuss congestion, parking, traffic and cooperation along the street. Thanks so much!

### Support The Valley View

The Valley View staff cheerfully works countless unpaid volunteer hours to bring you this newsletter. The printing and postage costs are over \$700 per month. We must have financial support from the community to continue the newsletter. Please make a contribution. Thank you so much!

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### **Community Council Minutes**

### GMVCC Meeting of March 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. There was no quorum present. The minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Catherine Nunneley. Since 2/17/04, we have made \$75.00 from ads in the newsletter. Our expenses totaled \$848.70, \$170 for postage, \$76 for a post office box and \$602.70 for printing the newsletter.

The Courtyard Sale is coming up! It will be held on 6/19 from 10am-4pm. Volunteers are greatly needed! See front of newsletter for contact info.

The work continues on opening the Mercer Street end; please see the article in this issue for more information.

President Gary Emslie suggested to the council that we combine efforts with the group Neighbors of Bush, to solve issues surrounding the Bush school. Working with this committee will bring attention to problems both east and west of the school. Cathy Nunneley will contact a member.

Our first annual GMVCC art show will take place on May 8th in the Bush school commons. So far, twenty-five artists are planning to participate. Please consider volunteering.

Traffic issues: The council discussed the possibility of speed bumps on E Harrison to slow down traffic, as well as a crosswalk on Madison. We are talking with City officials.

In April, there will be the first of a series of **history columns** documenting our neighborhood's past. See the article in this issue and info about sharing your old photos or stories.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.



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### The Shambhala Center of Seattle Relocates to Our Valley

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Basically, the Shambhala Center offers a facility for the practice of a mindfulness and awareness meditation. It is founded within the Tibetan tradition of Buddhism and the more secular Shambhala training. Shambhala training is focused upon the study of human bravery ---that is: not being afraid of who you are. The path of this training is comprised of steps of study. The Center offers progressive classes that build upon this theme. There is no requirement to be or become a Buddhist. Perhaps a curiosity or interest in the fostering of a compassionate society leads one to the center. There are as many motivations as there are individuals.

In addition to classes and programs, the Center is open on Sunday morning and Monday and Thursday evenings to anyone who wishes to practice meditation. The Thursday evening program includes a free meditation class and an instructional talk. A full calendar of events, classes and programs may be found on their web site. (see below)

The Center currently has fifteen active members that care for the facility and many others that benefit from attendance at the various programs. Caretakers Robert and Rianne live in the home full time and are welcoming hosts to all interested individuals. They are respectful and caring neighbors. As an example, they discourage parking around the Center that would inconvenience their neighbors—an admirable approach in our congested valley. We are very pleased to host such an organization in our community.

To find out more about The Seattle Shambhala Center: phone: 860-4060, email <u>seattle@shambhala.org</u> or view their informative website: www.seattle shambhala.org





The garden gate entrance to the Seattle Shambhala Center

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