

# The Valley View

Newsletter of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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## Neighborhood Announcements

### ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, November 5th 6:30 PM  
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### Notice for Flood Victims

If you sustained damage from the flood/sewage  
backup, and have not been to a neighborhood  
meeting, please contact:

**Barbara Lynn @ 229-0536**

We need an accurate count of affected families.

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### Sidewalks of Madison Valley

Safe Routes to School Project

Saturday, November 6th

Sidewalk clean-up by volunteers

Meet at MLK School, 10 AM

32nd Avenue East & East Harrison

Contact: **Andy Goulding**

329-6360 or [ARGoulding@aol.com](mailto:ARGoulding@aol.com)

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## These are Your Neighbors

### Teen Invention Solves Mom's Dilemma

Three years ago, at the age of twelve, Vanessa Goodell realized that her family had a problem. Their rambunctious Portuguese water dog was jerking on his leash and had damaged her mom's shoulder. Her mom, Jennifer, was unable to use that arm and was in considerable pain. To return her beloved dog, Nemo, to the family's good graces, Vanessa talked with her dad, Greg, about creating a device that would minimize the damaging stress from sudden tugs on the leash. She wanted to create a "shock absorber" that would go between a dog's collar and leash.

Vanessa was off on a journey that held quite a few surprises. Her first prototype device was created using a short elastic cord and hardware taken from a standard dog leash. The cord stretched and absorbed the jerks on the leash to within safe parameters. After extensive testing,



Vanessa found that the **Jerk-Ease** worked well with all types of leashes, collars and harnesses, including retractable leashes. However, it was visually unappealing. Vanessa is a girl who appreciates attractive objects

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Vanessa and Nemo with the **Jerk-Ease Leash Attachment.**

**WOOF!** Nemo approves!

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Madison Valley Residents,

I am writing this in concern to the article published in the October 2004 (issue 124) of *The Valley View*. There have been charges of drug dealing activity going on near the premises of my establishment (**Awash Grocery**) which I would like to say are completely false. I take great pride in keeping my store a respectable place and a safe environment in which the whole community can come and enjoy. The harsh indictment brought against my store has no basis whatsoever seeing that there has been no drug dealing activity in the past and there are no such problems going on as of right now. Whoever may have believed that they saw this type of activity going on is completely wrong and has no justification for believing that. I hold those alleged witnesses responsible for defaming the name of my store and for the loss of business I have suffered. I request that you retract the statements that have been published.

Thank you, Shimeles Edeghilign, owner, **Awash Grocery**

### To the Editor,

Thank you for bringing attention to the drug dealing issue on the corner of 29th & John. Over the Summer, residents of 29th Ave have re-established a Block Watch program in order to deal with this issue and others. We have been working with a great network including the Community Police and community crime prevention organizations.

Throughout the Summer we have continued our efforts to contact the police when observing illegal activity. We have identified key vehicles that are mobile dealers and therefore more difficult for the police to restrain. I have been told that this problem is endemic, but we and the police are committed to instill change.

This year we had the best Night Out in the East Precinct, with over 30 households attending, including 20 children from babies to teens. That night I was elated to see such a diverse group of ages, cultures and professions all spending time together in support of their community, some meeting each other for the first time. The sense of community here is excellent, and we hope to create more events like this one to bring us all together again.

We agree that it is important to care for and respect our residents, and part of this is protecting our neighborhood, especially the children, from any illegal activity. As a community we can make great things happen.

Sincerely, Abi Manion

29th & John Block Watch Representative



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## Community Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Gary Emslie, President of the Council, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and presided. Members and visitors introduced themselves.

### I. Reading of the Minutes

Gary Emslie read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

### II. Treasurer's Report

Good news: currently the GMVCC is operating in the black, primarily because of advertising revenues in the Newsletter. Cathy Nunneley, Editor, reported that current circulation is 2000 copies per printing with growing demand. The paper currently runs to 8 pages and may increase to accommodate new advertisers. For information or suggestions contact Cathy at: [cjnunneley@yahoo.com](mailto:cjnunneley@yahoo.com) or 329-4083.

### III. GMVCC Website

John Coldewey, co-Secretary, reported that he has completed a mock-up of a homepage for GMVCC, and will have a preliminary electronic version available at the next meeting. It will offer a link to an online version of the newsletter. The homepage will also have dedicated space for online advertising.

John also reported that in canvassing Seattle City and Community Council websites, he discovered that our Central District is one of only two not currently represented on the Seattle City Neighborhood Council. He suggested that we might take this opportunity to appoint a Representative to support our interests on the City Neighborhood Council. GMVCC will request a volunteer. For further information and suggestions contact John at: [jjc@u.washington.edu](mailto:jjc@u.washington.edu) or Gary Emslie at: [Gary.Emslie@Bush.edu](mailto:Gary.Emslie@Bush.edu)

### IV. Spaghetti Dinner

Preparations for the annual GMVCC Spaghetti Dinner, to be held Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, are underway. Food will be served from 6pm on, featuring spaghetti with meat or vegetarian spaghetti sauce, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family of four or more. The push is on for volunteers to help set up and cook, starting at 2:30-3:00 the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Garfield Jazz Choir will perform. Valley businesses have donated food and door prizes..

### V. Proposed Paid Parking at City Parks

Seattle City Council notes indicate that the mayor and council are seriously considering the institution of paid parking at parks on Lake Washington Boulevard from Madison all the way to Seward Park next year. After expressions of general concern a motion was made and approved for formal communications to be started between the concerned neighboring community councils so that they might collectively write a letter to the city council and mayor condemning this idea.

### VI. Madison Valley Flood Victims Assoc: (MAFVA)

The "100-year storm" flood that seems to occur every eight years recently affected forty homes in a four-block area, with very serious damage being done to houses on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. East.

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## Around the Neighborhood

The Neighbors of Bush School and the school, itself are to begin using a radar gun from the City to clock the vehicles speeding on E Harrison. They also intend to install speed bumps.

The Mercer Street End Committee has received feedback from their application. As directed, they will work with a landscape architect to create drawings and an inspector to locate exact boundaries. Additionally, they will submit a maintenance plan. All of this, with a letter, will also be sent to the attorney of the adjoining property owner.

The Madison Valley Merchant Assoc has banded together for trick or treating on 10/30. They met with a security specialist to formulate plans to thwart the thieves breaking into their stores. There have been several episodes of shoplifting.

The owner of the new shop, Miss Madison has experienced harassment from a neighbor about parking. Her shop was vandalized *continued on page 6*


## ML King Elementary Off and Running

By Joanie Robertson

On the evening of October 7th, the cafeteria at Martin Luther King Elementary was buzzing with pleased parents, eager students, and proud faculty members. Kids served snacks from the kitchen, awkward in rubber gloves several sizes too big, and Principal Dorsey attempted to give a presentation over the hubbub. He was welcoming parents and community members to the new academic year at the annual Open House.

Surrounded by the children from this school, it is easy to see it has much going for it. As many of you are aware, it is also a school with many needs and ample opportunities for the community to contribute. The ML King Parents Group has put together a wish list of items that would be welcomed from individual donors. Gifts may be made in kind or through monetary donations. To learn more, or to contribute, please contact parent Julia Holland by email at [stonejules@yahoo.com](mailto:stonejules@yahoo.com).

### Martin Luther King Elementary Parents Group Wish List

- Madison Valley community members to join MLK PTSA--if you have an interest in the school, would like to know what's going on and help to shape the future, join the PTSA! Dues are \$15/year, and meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month, alternating between 3:30 and 6:00pm.
- In kind donations of postage (.23 and .37 cents).
- Volunteers for events throughout the school year.
- Donations to a Lunch Fund to be used ad hoc for children who come to school without food or lunch money. (Currently faculty and volunteers often pay for these meals from their own pockets.)
- School Uniforms.
- Musical Instruments.
- Promotional services to help raise awareness of the school in the community.
- Grant writing skills (The group is looking for a volunteer with experience in writing grants to help walk MLK parents through the process.)
- Volunteers to do yard work and grounds clean-up. 



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## The Sidewalks of Madison Valley

Project leader, Andy Goulding was right. Kids ARE excited about working with the neighbors of ML King School to make sidewalks safer. On Wednesday, October 6th, students wielding clipboards with pens at the ready, noted which areas needed attention. A major volunteer clean-up effort will be held on **November 6th**. The sidewalks along E. Harrison and 32nd Ave E. will be the primary focus of the clean-up.

The situations identified by the children included the following problems that must be addressed:

- \* Branches hanging below 8 ft. (City Ordinance 114355)
- \* Vehicles parked on sidewalks
- \* Trash cans on sidewalks
- \* Hedges, ivy, blackberries overgrowing on sidewalks
- \* Leaves, gravel, glass, moss, puddles and trash
- \* Broken sidewalks (homeowner responsibility!!)
- \* No curb ramps, no sidewalks at all (city will assist)
- \* Scary dogs

It would be helpful if homeowners with these problems could address the situations themselves before November 6th to lessen the work of the volunteers. Expert arborist and neighbor Mark Herkert of **Madison Park Tree**, will volunteer to work with tree concerns. Volunteers will identify themselves to homeowners and ask permission to work on the property before beginning. Homeowners, please be courteous, cooperative and if able, come on out and help them with this wonderful project.



ML King students walked around the neighborhood to assess the safety of our neighborhood sidewalks for walking and bicycling to and from school.

**Mark Herkert**  
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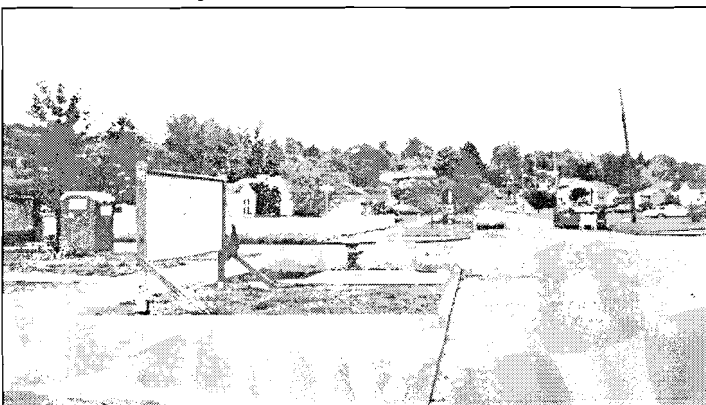
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## The Flooded Valley

It's been two months and still the rains brings fear, anxiety and sleepless nights. Could it happen again? Children who had basement bedrooms now sleep at neighboring houses. One elderly woman has no heat. E. Coli bacteria continue to proliferate among the soggy basement structures in spite of efforts to sanitize the areas by professionals. It's been two months and still the valley flood victims have few answers to their predicament.



The intersection of 30 Ave E and E John and the community bulletin board that serves flood victims. Background, right is yet another shipping container filled with discarded contaminated belongings.

On Wednesday, October 13th, the flooded out neighbors met for the third time to discuss the situation. Present at the meeting was a representative from the City who attempted to address all the concerns. Surprising everyone in attendance, she announced that on September 24th the orifices on the underground holding containers had been changed and that the risk of further flooding was negligible. No one in the neighborhood had been notified. The neighbors expressed exasperated disappointment that the City does not seem to appreciate what a psychological toll this flood has taken on the people.

As part of the solution, the City has decided to purchase at least two of the severely damaged houses and refurbish them for future resale. Present tenants have been given until 12/1 to relocate. The City will reimburse for some expenditures but people need to pay up front first. Many residents do not have the funds to move or begin reconstruction.

The victims requested that the City appoint a case manager to contact each claimant and determine individual needs. Further, they requested that the case manager be present at the bulletin board site one day/week to address concerns and get to know the area and people.

The GMVCC will review with representatives of the victims to determine what intervention from the Council would be helpful. 🙌

## Housing Density and Commuter Concerns

The crowded conditions on the #11 bus early on its' weekday morning route downtown prompted this neighbor to express her concern to Metro.



### Dear Metro: bus #11

I have a question.


**Background:** I live on the #11 route. In the past year, a number of new condos/apts have been built along Madison, and in the next few months at least 200 new units will be completed. Key additions include that huge Safeway complex at Madison and 20th and the Trader Joe's complex. Also, a bunch of new units are planned for the Deano's site at around 23rd. The #11 route is already quite crowded on weekday mornings (people standing up), and my fellow riders and I don't see that the route can stand much more ridership without an increase in service frequency.

**Question:** When a large number of housing units are added along a particular bus route's alignment, what is Metro's typical process for assessing the adequacy of that route's service frequency? Specifically, what are Metro's plans for addressing the likely increase in riders along Madison?

I appreciate the opportunity to ask this question.

Thanks very much!

Yours, Miriam Roskin

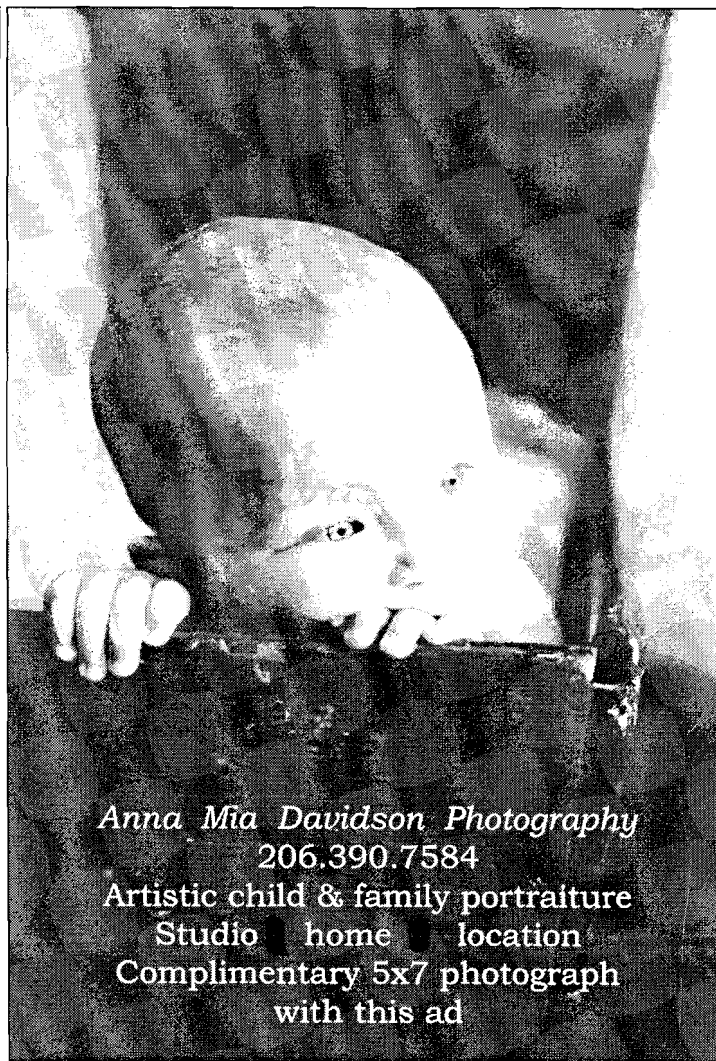


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Two houses have now been condemned and three more are being considered for the same. The neighbors would like an independent engineering study done to get a second opinion on the future city fix for the problem. There have been four meetings so far with city officials and only 50% of the damaged homes claims have been addressed. In the past, the City Adjustors have not offered settlements even close to replacement costs. The neighborhood group is looking for legal representation to protect their rights. A motion was made and approved for the council and MAFVA to draft a letter to the City Council.

#### VII. Drug Dealing

Reports of drug dealing at and around the Awash grocery store at 29<sup>th</sup> and John have brought protests from the owners. The Council was urged to continue its vigilance and to report any drug dealing in any part of our neighborhood.

#### VIII. Sidewalks of Madison Valley: Safe Routes To School

Andy Goulding reported that a chipper will be available for the clean-up on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for people who would like the work done on their property and can be contacted at: [ARGoulding@aol.com](mailto:ARGoulding@aol.com)

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Kron [pippyon@comcast.net](mailto:pippyon@comcast.net)  
and John Coldewey [ajc@u.washington.edu](mailto:ajc@u.washington.edu)

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after she complained to the police. The Valley businesses plan to partner with ML King Elementary to assist the school and participate more fully in the community.

#### Our Valley's Art Happenings:

Baas Gallery has a showing of Carla Dimitriou's works through November 13th. Below is **Teddy Dreaming**.



The artist works with vibrant color that this grayscale reproduction cannot begin to convey. On November 16th, the **Annual Winter Group Show** begins with the artists' reception on November 17th from 5-8 PM.

Cary Jurriaans, local painter, is showing her work at Arosa Café in the Arboretum Count, 3121 E Madison.

James Sutherland is showing his new work at Café Flora 11/8-1/9. Artist reception 11/8 6-8PM at Café Flora.

More art from one of YOUR neighbors. Barbara Dunshee will host her open studio at her home: 1060 26th Ave. This event begins on Friday 11/26 from 12 to 6 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5 PM. Beautiful, fanciful and practical pottery with Barbara's yummy treats too!

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*Teen Inventor, continued from page 1*

so she embarked on a series of attempts to improve the "look" of the device. After many revisions (and MANY months), the design for the product known today as the "Jerk-Ease Leash Attachment" was finished. Now came the hard part: bringing it to market.

Vanessa and her father initially envisioned selling the Jerk-Ease on weekends at dog parks, setting up a sort of "glorified lemonade stand." However, after talking with several experts, they realized that the Jerk-Ease was a unique device and possibly eligible for a patent. The patent attorney told them that they had "opened a new door in the dog world," explained Vanessa laughing.

After receiving glowing endorsements for their new device from veterinarians, physicians, chiropractors, professional dog trainers, and pet store owners, they worked with the Golden Lasso advertising agency to design the packaging and a promotional brochure. Finally, they enlisted the support of a manufacturer's representative to place the Jerk-Ease in stores. "WOW!" marveled Vanessa. "I couldn't believe how many steps and people it takes to bring a product to market!"

The best part of her experience? I'm sure you could guess. Vanessa didn't hesitate. "It was really great working with my dad."

The Jerk-Ease may be purchased in stores throughout western Washington. A list of the stores can be found on the company web site, [www.jerk-ease.com](http://www.jerk-ease.com). You can also look for Vanessa and her father at the dog parks. "Lemonade" stands are SO much fun!

Both Vanessa and Nemo agree:



PLEASE! Let us know about YOUR interesting neighbors and, with their permission, we will feature them in an upcoming *Valley View*. We ALL benefit from knowing the members of our community.



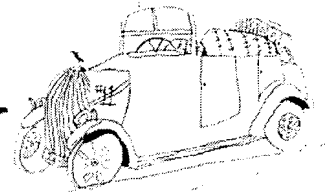
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*Thanks a bunch!*

