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Cat Tales Still Being Spun at Juniper

By Susan Fondren, Grand Ave.

In 2007, Lisa Clinton opened Juniper, a women’s clothing boutique, on Spring St. Known for its stylish and comfortable clothing and accessories, Juniper also quickly made a name for itself as “the shop with the cats.” As a volunteer with the Seattle Animal Shelter, Lisa fosters cats and kittens to ready them for adoption. More often than not on a Juniper visit, you’ll find a kitten scampering under the racks of clothes, cuddled in a box of bags, or nestled in Lisa’s lap.

Early on, Lisa fostered adult cats overnight at Juniper, coming in on her days off to feed and socialize the resident adult cat. These days, she fosters kittens, bringing them to and from the shop. Thanks to word of mouth, cat-loving customers, and social media, over the years Lisa has found homes for 39 foster cats and kittens from the Seattle Animal Shelter.



In 2009, the *Madrona News* ran the story of then-eight-year-old Cyrus Graham, a 5th generation Seattle native who now lives in Capital Hill. He met one of Juniper’s foster cats, and wrote a school report about the shop and the cats. He hoped his family would one day adopt a Juniper cat, something that happened in 2015 when his family adopted NubNub (pictured) the kitten. In 2011, a Madrona family dressed as bees (with Dad as the bee-

keeper) stopped at Juniper during the neighborhood trick-or-treat event. James, Carmel, Soraya, and Kieran met a pair of foster kittens that night; kittens Rufus and Marla became beloved members of their family. Soraya researched and learned from a National Geographic Kids magazine that Marla is likely to be a Japanese bobtail cat, because like them Marla fetches. Soraya (pictured with Lisa) was so taken with Lisa and her rescue work that she chose Lisa as her personal hero for a report and presentation at school.



Not everyone can adopt a kitten, but as Casey, the daughter of a Juniper customer learned, there are other roles such as she played with June, a shy foster kitty. According to Lisa, Casey “was really gentle and good with June, ... (later that afternoon) her mom had to call to check up on her to make sure she was still here.” Casey spent almost 2.5 days with June, offering lots of cuddling and playing in an enclosed area, Casey worked and played with June in all the right ways. Exposure to more than one person and to gentle, quiet children is good socialization for shy kittens and it pushes their comfort level just enough

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Mayfair 40: Deano Returns

Be sure to save May 14 for Madrona’s 40th Mayfair celebration. The Madrona Community Council has planned lots of family activities for the morning, beginning with the bike/trike/stroller/wagon parade.

Madrona’s own Dee Dee Rainbow led Mayfair’s first parade, an activity she enjoyed for many, many years. A few years after the inaugural Mayfair Dee Dee’s parade duties became shared ones with fellow clown Deano riding one of his nine unicycles. Together with the Seattle Fire Department,
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Council Corner

By Deirdre McCrary, E. Marion St.

Madrona Community Council sometimes does deal with business from A to Z. At the Feb. meeting there was “A” for Art in the form of citizens’ concern about the fate of the privately owned fountain by famed sculptor James Washington. The question is what will happen to the fountain once the property at 23rd and Union is developed. For “Z” the Council entertained an offer from the Zoo to send a representative to an MCC meeting to collect suggestions for use of the three-acre site vacated by the removal of the Zoo’s two elephants. The Council handed that one off to the District Councils and neighborhoods in which the Zoo’s decisions have greater impact. “B” of course if for budget, and treasurer Paul Gomez had us on the edges of our seats as he reported that we ended the first month of the new year with a surplus of several dollars, thanks to newsletter advertisers. Plans for both the February Neighbor Appreciation Day and the 40th anniversary Mayfair comprised most of the rest of the alphabetical evening.

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for growth. Soon after, Lisa posted on the Seattle Animal Shelter website that June was ready for adoption; she went to a sweet couple.

Lisa's first attempt at fostering a cat through the Seattle Animal Shelter did not go as planned. Lisa and her husband ended up adopting foster Mr. Big, joining the ranks lovingly known as "foster failures." Since then Lisa has gotten used to letting go of her fosters once the right family is found. Saying goodbye is bittersweet, but she knows there are more fosters to help. Her work through Juniper has helped many kittens and cats get ready for adoption and exposed the many customers and friends of Juniper to the joys of fostering and adoption.

Lisa has volunteered with the Seattle Animal Shelter for almost 15 years and for nine years Juniper has been a proud sponsor of the Furry 5k, one of the shelter's annual fund-raising events. To follow Juniper's fosters, connect with Juniper on Facebook and Instagram or www.juniperinmadrona.com. Consult Seattle Animal Shelter's volunteer page for more information or to apply as a foster parent or volunteer: <http://www.seattle.gov/animal-shelter/volunteer>

Mayfair 40 *(cont'd from previous page)*

the two led the parade to Madrona Playfield where Dee Dee traditionally ran a teddy bear contest during which each child with a teddy bear (from youngest to oldest) would come introduce his or her own teddy bear. Later, children brought pets to introduce as well as teddy bears. Dee Dee then would put on her clown show, followed by Deano who clowned around and got busy with other Playfield activities, calling on his incredible array of skills that range from clowning, tap dancing, balloon twisting, kite flying, juggling, tight wire walking, magic, parachute games, and much, much more. To date Dean has assembled 600 noncompetitive games for play; he has developed his own book of 100 games to play with parachutes; he is a puppeteer; and he is a trained storyteller.

After a hiatus from Mayfair due to scheduling challenges, Deano is returning to Mayfair on May 14. In a recent interview he said he began performing as a fourth-grader after learning every trick in the library book *Magic Made Easy* to put on a Valentine's Day show for children at his school. Thereafter, Deano earned money from his magic shows through high school. After college someone suggested clowning to Deano. Despite initial reluctance

to put on the makeup and do something he did not know how to do, Deano discovered demand for clowns was 10 times what a magician could expect. Thus Deano the clown began performing in 1973, starting with a birthday party when he pulled a rope out of his costume with a set of boxer shorts on the end (always a big laugh for little ones), and introduced another fun activity called "tie up the clown." Today Deano has four businesses, of which clowning is one. He has appeared on television and on radio shows as Deano the clown, and has performed widely throughout the Puget Sound, in Vancouver, BC, Moses Lake, Sweden, and Russia. Deano speaks Swedish, Russian, French, and some German.

Deano recalls that early Mayfairs attracted lots of children, but there were not as many organized activities for them as occurs today. People would hang out in the park, and started to bring picnics. Later they brought folding tables, and began to set up little booths to sell hot dogs or put on a show. Then later a band was hired and that became a main feature. But big changes began to occur when Deano brought all his toys and games: big parachutes, six-foot diameter balls, gunny sacks for races, a dozen inflatable tools to roll and bounce, jump rope contests, juggling, and combat toys teenagers enjoyed the most.

This year's Mayfair welcomes Deano with whatever toys he chooses to bring. Also at the Playfield, young ones will find bouncy houses, obstacle courses, Pots for Tots, pony rides, face painting, and much, much more. The entire community is invited. The MCC is seeking many volunteers from adults to teens to help manage the many Mayfair activities planned for May 14. If you can volunteer time, please be in touch with Rob Ward at dr5ward@comcast.net.



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Madrona Dining and Sipping Society

By Audrey Seale, 36th Ave.

Our dining out group “sold out” for the early Feb. prix fixe dinner at A La Bonne Franquette on Leschi ridge. It is such a delight to sit back to watch animated and interesting conversations as neighbors discover common interests. And the food at A La Bonne Franquette was so delicious. The three-course meal provided wonderful choices; second courses on offer were a choice among Ragout de pois chiche, gigot d’agneau, or truite farcie. Dessert was crème glacee or pain perdu, and first courses were soup or salad.

Next up we will take the No. 2 bus to SOI--the very authentic and relatively new Thai restaurant on Union and 10th Ave. The manager explained that SOI is the word for the alleys off the main Thai thoroughfares where the best little restaurants are found. We will “explore” traditional Thai food...and you will not believe their beer slushies!

We are saving Cafe Soleil for our June dinner when we will welcome back MDSS friends who have been away for a few years. I may have news about the Guinness night at Madrona Arms and will send that along as soon as I learn more.

If you have a spot you would like to suggest to the group, even to arrange for us, please let me know. And if you are not yet receiving evites to our events, send me your contact information at audreyseale@comcast.net and I will add you to the list.

Becoming An Activist Citizen

The Leschi Community Councils invites neighbors to join them for a conversation on March 2 with Nick Licata who will discuss his new book on activism. As a four-term Seattle City Council member, Nick knows what works and what doesn't when one is advocating. Nick will be present at 7:00pm for book signing and the conversation will begin at 7:30pm. This event takes place at the Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave. S, one block south of Jackson on 30th Ave.

Draft Agenda for the March 1 meeting of the Madrona Community Council

Held at 7:15 at the Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse; all welcome. Contact person is President Bill Mahoney at Pres4MCC@gmail.com. You can receive updated agendas and meeting notices by subscribing to madrona-community-council@googlegroups.com

1. Status of Major Projects Challenge Fund grant
2. Madrona Mayfair updates (permits, volunteers, etc.)
3. Budget Report
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Madrona Second and Third Graders Enjoy STEM Day

The fourth annual Mona H. Bailey STEM Day at the Pacific Science Center was a huge success for 112 second and third grade students from Madrona PreK-8 and South Shore PreK-8 schools. Staff at the Pacific Science Center planned a special hands-on workshop and laser light show. In addition to the workshop and laser show, the children were free to explore and interact with all of the exhibits at the center, including the butterfly pavilion.

The first STEM Day was held in 2013 as part of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's centennial celebration. The event was so successful that staff at the Pacific Science Center contacted the chapter and asked them to consider sponsoring a second event the following year. Thereafter the chapter decided to add STEM Day to its list of public service activities and to name it after Delta's 17th Past National President and Seattle Alumnae Chapter member, Mona H. Bailey. The former Assistant Superintendent for Washington State, Mrs. Bailey began her illustrious career in education with the Seattle Public Schools as a chemistry teacher. The Seattle Alumnae Chapter fully funds this special day so all students in each school can participate.

Founded on the campus of Howard University, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., a public service organization, celebrated its 103rd anniversary on January 13. To learn more about the Deltas, please visit their website at www.seattledeltas.org.

Mutt Matchup

By Jennie Grant, Grand Ave., and Didi Burpee, 34th Ave.

This March, Mutt Match Up pays tribute to the life of the late David Bowie by including a dog named Bowie. Rest in peace David Bowie. You were an inspiration to innovators, artists, and those who choose the path less traveled. The answers are on page 6.



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Small Businesses on 23rd Ave. Need Your Help

The 23rd Ave. construction mess has created many challenges, but especially for small business owners on and near 23rd Ave. At present, only a single southbound lane of 23rd is open from Union to Jackson, and soon there will also be a southbound lane only along 23rd to Madison. And as we all know, cross streets are frequently closed for utility and other work, creating additional challenges for small business owners. But the construction mess is not going to get better soon. The timeline for completing work from Jackson to Cherry started late and is going to be extended by at least three months; construction between Cherry and Union was started earlier than planned; and it is not a sure bet that any phase of the project will be completed as scheduled.

A group of business owners on and near affected areas of 23rd met in late Jan. to discuss their concerns. Together, they agree that something they really need is for the public to be aware that businesses are open and need the public to support local area shops. Small business owners are especially vulnerable to downturns in traffic, so it is up to us to remember that and make every effort to boost our presence at businesses on and near the 23rd Ave. Doing so could be the crucial element to sustain small businesses and keep our neighborhoods interesting and exciting.

Going forward, small business owners intend to meet to collaborate on tactics that can help keep them all in business. Those assembled represent a wide range of businesses all along 23rd, including Earl's Cuts & Styles; Oda Barber Shop (which closed because of the construction); Update Barber Shop, Uncle Ike's; Sea Suds; 99 Cent Plus; Arco AM/PM; Magic Dragon Chinese Eatery; WGM Jeweler & Company; 701 Coffee; Midtown Center; and Flowers Just 4-U.

For information about future meetings, please contact Sara Breton at 701 Coffee at 779-5482 or 701coffee@gmail.com.

Following a *Seattle Times* front page article in early Feb. explaining the plight of 23rd Ave. merchants affected by construction, the City of Seattle agreed to reorder its construction schedule to reopen 23rd between Jackson and Yesler in March, one to two months earlier than currently planned. The Office of Economic Development provided grants totaling \$220,000 for "economic and cultural development projects in the Central District," and has now allowed for \$102,000 of that money to be used to market the area. But there will be no direct mitigation payments to area businesses.

So for now: keep patronizing these businesses or stop in for the first time to show your support for small business owners in and near 23rd Ave.

International Women's Day

Pledge for Parity is the theme for the 2016 International Women's Day commemoration set for March 8. Worldwide, women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural, and political achievement. But progress towards gender parity has slowed. In 2014 The World Economic Forum predicted it would take until 2095 to achieve global gender parity. Then in 2015, they estimated that a slowdown in the already glacial pace of progress meant the gender gap wouldn't close entirely until 2133.

What does gender inequity mean in practical terms? It means fewer opportunities for education leading to good jobs, and it

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STYLIST OF THE MONTH

Welcome Jesse to the neighborhood! Jesse has been in the hair industry for over 18 years. He specializes in color and color corrections and has a strong expertise in hair sculpting, styling, relaxers, and extensions as well. Jesse is currently an educator for It&ly color and frequently attends classes to further his knowledge in all aspects of hair cutting and coloring. Doing hair is Jesse's passion, he strives to make every one of his guests leave his chair feeling their absolute best! Outside of work Jesse enjoys spending time with his wife and son. During football season you'll find him wherever football is playing, he loves rooting for his Seahawks! He also loves to work out, bicycle, and work on his truck.

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International Women's Day (cont. from previous page) means less money for comparable and even equal jobs. Even when adjusting for years of experience, women earn less than men in most nations and in most jobs. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the US in 2014, women's median earnings (the median is a middle where half those counted make more and half make less) were 83 percent of those of male full-time wage and salary workers. Black women made less than white women, and all women made less than men. In many nations women tend to be dissuaded from studying in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) professions that offer higher pay or good chances for advancement. Silicon Valley is only one example of a place where organizations hire and retain few women.

Everyone--men and women--can pledge to take a concrete step to help achieve gender parity more quickly whether it is to help women and girls achieve their ambitions, call for gender-balanced leadership, respect and value differences, develop more inclusive and flexible cultures, or root out workplace bias. Each of us can be a leader within our own spheres of influence and commit to take pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity.

Globally, there is urgent work to do to achieve gender parity. To consider what role you wish to play to accelerate gender parity, consult <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

Mutt Matchup Legend: Brooke and Rob own Bowie; Jim and Jim are Abbie's owners; Tessa belongs to Sarah and Izzy

Neighborhood News and Notes

Although their signage at 34th and Union was in place in mid-Feb., Amara Parenting has moved out of the Madrona neighborhood. Their new address is 5907 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S., 260-1700. The building they occupied previously housed other entities including Pacific College, Group Health, and an IGA grocery store in the 1960s. The block on which these organizations once operated is now zoned NC1-30 that allows for small commercial structures, multi-story mixed use, and residential structures. Maximum size is 10,000 square feet for most commercial uses. Height is limited to 30 feet. It is expected that developers will build a four-story building offering apartments above and commercial space below. Zoning favors small shopping areas that serve the surrounding residential neighborhood, such as small grocery stores, hair salons, and coffee shops. There is no word as to when development will begin.

The dark green building at the corner of Union and MLK Jr. Way was demolished on Feb. 8 prior to construction on a new building offering rental units of all sizes. Construction will include natural materials where possible, high levels of acoustical design, water and energy conservation features, and views from a rooftop area. A major design element will be a landscaped public space along E. Union, with planting beds and large birch trees. Speaking for development partners Martin Squared LLC at the groundbreaking on Feb. 10, Marty Liebowitz said the project has been 15 years in the making—including many, many building plans leading to the final one. There will be retail space on the ground floor, and developers were happy to announce that Cappy's Gym—a long time resident in the Central District—has signed on as the first tenant for retail space. The project is expected to be completed in about one year.



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Black History Month at *HistoryLink.org*

One of the best resources for Washington history is *HistoryLink.org*. In early Feb., HistoryLink made note of a broad range of African American “firsts” in Washington history. HistoryLink provides electronic links to all the people who are mentioned below, so you can learn far more about each than is recorded here.

- In 1845 George W. Bush and his family were among the first Americans to settle north of the Columbia River in what is now Thurston County. Seven years later, Manuel Lopes became Seattle’s first black citizen and businessman, and in 1883 John Conna moved to Federal Way and would later become Washington Territory’s first black political appointee.
- In 1899 the University of Washington School of Law admitted William McDonald Austin, who would become its first black graduate.
- In 1897 Mary B. Mason became the first black woman to seek her fortune in the Klondike gold rush.
- In 1913 Seattle got its first national civil-rights organization with the founding of a branch of the NAACP. In the early 1940s, Yesler Terrace opened and was believed to have been the first racially integrated public-housing project in the United States.
- In 1942 Florise Spearman became Boeing’s first African American employee, and in 1947 Willetta Esther Riddle Gayton became Seattle’s first black professional librarian. In 1950 Charles Stokes became the first black legislator from King County, and Zoë Dussanne opened Seattle’s first professional modern-art gallery.
- John Prim became Washington’s first African American judge in 1954. In 1963 Carver Clark Gayton was appointed the state’s first African American FBI special agent. Benjamin F. McAdoo was the

first African American architect to maintain a practice in Washington. Dr. Earl V. Miller was the first African American urologist west of the Mississippi, and Dr. Rosalie Reddick Miller was the first African American woman to practice dentistry in the State of Washington.

Neighborhood School News

Madrona PK-8

There are lots of ways to get involved at Madrona PreK-8, and one important way is to provide reading and math tutoring for students of any grade. All volunteers will receive training and will be matched up with one or more students. If you can help, please email Sharon at smsafarik@seattleschools.org. Please include your availability and grade preference, if you have one.

The PTSA has set a \$25,000 goal for the annual Ask campaign fund. Your participation is what makes us successful. Giving levels described below are examples of where investments go.

- \$10 - Playground equipment
- \$50 - Classroom books and technology apps
- \$100 - Chess instruction scholarship
- \$500 - 15 hours of art instruction

Another way to donate to Madrona PK-8 is through eScrip. Once you sign up, you can link your rewards and loyalty cards for groceries, pharmacies, restaurants, etc., and eScrip will send a donation from merchants to the school. It is automatic and at no cost to you. Madrona PreK-8 earns nearly \$3,000 annually through eScrip. If you can help in this way, follow the link on the PTSA website <http://madronapantherpartners.org/>. PTSA’s next general meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 4:30 in the Madrona PK-8 School library. Your input and feedback are welcome.



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Neighbor Appreciation Day 2016

On Feb. 6 the Madrona Community Council teamed up with old friends and new to celebrate Neighbor Appreciation Day. On hand were many winners of Neighbor Awards in previous years. Mayor Ed Murray joined us, noting with a chuckle that he had been a Madrona resident as an infant. The Mayor announced an upcoming PreK-8 School Summit for April 30—something that has not occurred since Mayor Rice was in office. Mayor Murray credited the Madrona neighborhood, the Madrona Community Council, and Madrona PK-8 School for collaborative activities, noting it is efforts such as these that strengthen communities.

Pictured below are 2016 award winners.



The Nora Award

The Nora Award is named in honor of Madrona activist Nora Wood, this award is given to a Madrona resident who, over time and in ways both large and small, has left a personal mark on the community. Holly Smith was named for this award for his long-term role as member and president of the Madrona Community Council. Under his guidance as the President, the MCC has been extremely active, with a number of new events organized (a summer concert series, wine tasting fundraiser), increased interaction with our neighboring communities (a stairway clean-up, a park clean-up and improvements to Madrona Park), and city interaction (streets/sidewalks/trees, crime, candidates forum, etc.). Holly exemplifies what the legacy of Nora means to the community—he has left a personal mark on the community.



The Local Hero Award

The Local Hero Award goes to a Madrona resident for an act of heroism, singular kindness or generosity. This award went to two individuals Peter Mason was honored for his commitment to Madrona Woods and other natural areas in Seattle. He sees what needs to be done and is willing to devote countless hours to accomplish Woods goals. He single-handedly planted many seedlings in the steep banks along Lake Washington Boulevard. He and his trusty hand saw have cleared trails when trees have fallen across them before Parks crews have been able to come out, and he has propagated hundreds of plants in his back yard that are now in the Woods. He encourages people who have a genuine desire to help and to work, but nobody works harder than Peter does. The second recipient is Musa Jutta (pictured with MCC president Bill Mahoney). While not a Madrona resident per se, Musa spends much of his time delivering mail in Madrona. He knows everyone's name, waves, greets, and asks how everyone is doing; he even has been known to send postcards to children on his route when he travels abroad. Musa's personality and work ethic are a testament to his life—working hard and joining in the community. .



The Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award

The Tyrone Love Unsung Hero Award goes to a Madrona resident for service to others in the larger community. This award is named after community youth activist and mentor Tyrone Love who dedicated much of his life to the youth of the community. In her five plus years handling design for the *Madrona News*, Susan Steele was unfailingly professional, prompt, and thorough. And she was altogether unflappable even when things didn't go as planned. Susan's design skills will have a lasting effect on the newsletter.

The Madrona Resident for Life Award

The Madrona Resident for Life Award is bestowed upon a long-time, active resident who has left Madrona but remains dearly missed. Agnes Sims won this award.

The Madrona Good Neighbor Award

The Madrona Good Neighbor Award goes to an organization whose work benefits the Madrona community. This year the award went to the staff at Sally Goldmark Branch Library.

Be thinking about nominations of Madrona neighbors for next year's Neighbor Appreciation awards. The usual date is the first Saturday before Valentine's Day, although this year Madrona celebrated a week earlier because of a school break beginning Feb. 12 of this year.

Madrona PK-8 School Awards

The Madrona K-8 School Award celebrates student achievement by school grade categories. For 2016, winners are:

K-2 Biniam Tesfai



3-5 Miriam Roche-Diaz



6-8 Ileyana Taylor-Mabone and Mason Niccoli



The Madrona K-8 Doris Baptist Hickman Staff Award is for a Madrona K-8 School staff person who has made a significant contribution to the school. This year's award went to school nurse Diana Patterson (left).

The **Go Panthers Award** is a PTSA award to recognize an individual who has made extra and extraordinary efforts for the education and growth of Madrona K-8. This year's recipient Malissa Phonethep (right) has made an extra effort to encourage families to participate in the school and wider community of Madrona K-8.



The **Kaaren Andrews & Mary Bass Award** is a PTSA award given to a person who goes above and beyond the call of duty linking the community and the school. This year's recipient, Sharon Safarik, has worked tirelessly to re-development the Madrona PK-8 playground.

Sharon Safarik and Alicia Shafer, PTSA Co-President

Madrona Real Estate Market Summary

By Jennie Grant, Grand Ave. and Windermere Real Estate

Real estate prices in the Madrona neighborhood escalated significantly in 2015, and multiple purchase offers became the norm. The list of 12 Madrona property sales below in the past three months shows that many houses sell within relatively few days. The average price of a Madrona home was about \$960,000; four of the following sold for above the asking price and one at asking price. Data on the year's appreciation within Madrona itself is difficult to gauge, but within the area bordered by I-5, the Montlake Cut, Lake Washington, and I-90, home prices increased approximately 11% over the year.

| Address | SqFt | Year Built | List Price | Sold Price | Days on Market |
|-----------------|------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 3003 E Pine St | 1660 | 1984 | \$575,000 | \$575,000 | 8 |
| 1705 33rd Ave | 1920 | 1922 | \$715,900 | \$655,000 | 103 |
| 921 38th Ave | 2040 | 1952 | \$699,000 | \$685,000 | 9 |
| 3001 E Union St | 3040 | 1918 | \$799,000 | \$693,000 | 43 |
| 514 30th Ave E | 1880 | 1905 | \$675,000 | \$706,150 | 8 |
| 2818 E Columbia | 2680 | 1907 | \$850,000 | \$735,000 | 95 |
| 809 30th Ave | 1870 | 1901 | \$649,900 | \$761,500 | 7 |
| 1507 33rd Ave | 2940 | 1924 | \$885,000 | \$850,000 | 11 |
| 1515 38th Ave | 2790 | 1921 | \$849,000 | \$1,115,000 | 11 |
| 1524 335th Ave | 3170 | 2000 | \$1,485,000 | \$1,450,000 | 10 |
| 219 36th Ave E | 3630 | 1909 | \$1,495,000 | \$1,500,000 | 11 |
| 111 33rd Ave E | 3961 | 2015 | \$1,830,000 | \$1,775,000 | 57 |



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Traffic Concerns

By Audrey Seale, E. Union St.

The following are concerns I expressed in an email letter to SDOT's Maria Koengeter (Maria.Koengeter@seattle.gov). They are provided here in the event that others have similar concerns they would like to share with Ms. Koengeter.

- We are becoming landlocked. Not only are we and our guests precluded from driving in and out from homes, but also we find it difficult to park on our streets as currently configured. Rumored plans by SDOT insure that those problems will get worse.
- If SDOT conducts traffic studies before implementing changes, you will see that Union now usually backs up for three streets on either side of 23rd Ave., and a full block on either side of MLK Jr. Way. Part of that may lessen when Union eastbound becomes two lanes again at 23rd--post construction--but construction will begin on the other corners in following years. So we can expect current idling cars for a decade or so in current state.
- Uncle Ike's store is having a huge impact on traffic when motorists cannot turn into an already full lot, with taxis

dropping off customers, and with the left turn lane often blocked or delayed.

- The private school at 16th/17th is permitted to stop traffic to allow parents in private cars to pick up children. All of these cars get to go before through traffic because (we are told) they pay for the police. How will it work when there is no parking for the waiting parents? Will we all stand in one-lane traffic behind the 100+ daily drop off and pickups?
- If parking is eliminated along Union it will move eastbound, the only area that occasionally has open spaces. More people will try to park in the residential area of Madrona and go on to work or restaurants. A majority of Madrona houses were built without off-street parking in the early 1900s, and we already have been buried by overload parking in our neighborhood.
- The city now requires few parking spaces for residential and commercial buildings. This means residents have to park on the streets, but anyone can easily park and stay for a week at a time. It's a long story, but parked cars cannot be called in for three days, then it takes a couple of days for parking enforcement to tag the car, and the tag provides three more days for the car to be moved before impounding.
- Overparking on Madrona streets also impedes fire truck access. We had a false alarm at our house this summer, but neither Firehouse 6 nor 34 could get to our house because of parked cars along Union.
- The failure of our city to act as a cohesive unit hurts us all and makes a mess when a good outcome was intended. Our city has not considered neighbors, fire, EMT, garbage pick up, street and utility maintenance, deliveries, phone and cable line repairs, and others who need a free-flowing arterial. That should be a prime consideration for every new decision.
- Finally, I am puzzled about why you want to encourage bicycles along Union which is a busy and dangerous street. I think Pike would be a better option.

New Businesses in Madrona

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Seattle Movement Project

With 10+ years of experience in the fitness industry, Nat has worked with clients of all levels, from beginners to nationally ranked triathletes. Her creative approach to wellness integrates nutrition, pain abatement, flexibility, cardiovascular health, and strengthening through functional movement. A former collegiate athlete, Nat has worked in training studios throughout the Puget Sound. She's excited to offer a positive, welcoming space at Seattle Movement Project. Free consultations can be booked by appointment at s.movement.p@gmail.com or 253-691-4992. Seattle Movement Project, 1104 33rd Ave.

East Anchor Seafood

Chef Brian Clevenger expects to open East Anchor Seafood at 1126 34th Ave. in mid-Feb.; this new place will be adjacent to Vendiamme. On offer to take away will be fresh seafood and produce plus some prepared foods. Clevenger also expects to begin offering a lunch service at East Anchor Seafood. Initial hours are from 11:00am-7:00pm.

Prographica/Koplin Del Rio

Koplin Del Rio (KDR) has been Prographica's affiliate gallery in Los Angeles for the past five years, but recently moved to Madrona. Owner Eleana Del Rio and Prographica founder/owner Norman Lundin will co-curate regular exhibitions either independently or jointly in the same building as Prographica/KDR. KDR's first show will open March 5 as one of three exhibitions slated to introduce artists from KDR's programs. Prographica/KDR is at 3419 E. Denny Way.

Your Name Here

If your business or organization opened in Madrona within the last three months, and you would like to be included in a future issue of *Madrona News*, please submit a 75-word description to madronabusiness@gmail.com that includes the following information: your organization's name, address, a website or other electronic contacts (if relevant).

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The Value of Natural Areas

By *Judith Starbuck, Grand Ave*

Around the time we started our Madrona Woods restoration in 1998, our neighbors to the south, in Leschi's Frink Park, also organized their "friends of" project. John Barber has been an integral player there since the beginning, and he received a 2005 Parks Department Denny Award for his volunteer achievements there and in neighboring Leschi Park. (Friends of Madrona Woods won this volunteer recognition in 2009.) John recently put down some thoughts about the value of our city's natural areas in response to the prospect of opening them to such things as mountain bikes. Below is some of his wisdom:

- Nature close-at-hand is important to us urban residents, even though natural areas have value at any distance. Natural areas and green belts are part of the visual fabric of the city--bands of green that can be seen for miles away, like the Alki greenbelt seen from Downtown, or the greenbelts looking east or west across Lake Union. We can and do walk, bike, and drive past and through natural areas greenery as part of daily lives. But, when we hike or walk through the woods or along natural shore areas, we relax and put our minds and souls at ease....
- The first, primary value of natural areas in the city should be to protect and preserve nature. The second value should be to provide an experience of nature for urban residents. The public health community points to natural areas as providing incentives to walk and improve our health and to the realization that greenery and the ambiance of natural settings reduce the stresses of our busy lives.
- A primary concern has to be how to protect the natural areas from abuse and misuse. If we don't have "nature," the very reason for restoring natural areas is erased...

Walk through and enjoy our own natural area in Madrona Woods or, better still, get involved in its continuing maintenance. Regular work parties are on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00am--1:00pm. To sign up ahead, go to cedar.greencitypartnerships.org and click on CEDAR. Put in Green Seattle Partnership and select Madrona Park. Indicate that you'll be attending. Visit our website www.madronawoods.org or Facebook for more information.

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Alert Systems

By Diane Snell, Leschi Newsletter editor

At the January EastPAC meeting, we learned about two new systems for emergency alerts: one is AlertSeattle to receive warnings of emergencies and the other is Smart911.

AlertSeattle is a free service that you can sign up for to receive alerts through texting, email, voice mail or on social media (Facebook and Twitter). You sign up online at alert.seattle.gov for the alerts you want: severe weather alerts, major traffic incidents, utility service disruptions, and other safety and health alerts. Although there is no charge for this service, there might be a cell phone charge on your end, depending on your service contract.

Smart911 is a service that enhances the information the 911 responder has for a cell phone number. Identifying the location of a cell phone caller is rather vague at this point. The example given was a real situation in Michigan, where the caller seemed unable to stop coughing to answer the 911 operator's questions and his location appeared to be in the middle of a lake. Fortunately the man's wife had completed the enhanced information for his cell phone which showed his actual address (on the lake, not in it) and other data that helped emergency responders reach the man in time to pull him from a burning house, unconscious but alive.

Smart911 allows one to create their personal safety profile, including address and phone number and even medical information that might be pertinent. One can add as much or as little as they wish. The speaker assured the group that it was a secure system; the only way the personal data can be retrieved is when the caller uses the associated cell phone number to call 911. No one can access the information by name, address, etc.

Go to Smart911.com to create a profile. Again this service is free. It is currently being offered to unincorporated King County and in Seattle, eventually being rolled out to all county communities. One can imagine that this service would be especially important to those with health conditions, hearing loss, or residents not proficient in English.

Tax Preparation Help

The Seattle Public Library, United Way of King County and the AARP are collaborating to offer free tax preparation service through mid-April at 12 locations of the Seattle Public Library. Drop-in assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis; appointments are not required. Trained volunteers will answer questions and help prepare personal tax returns. The service is not available for business tax returns. Due to federal budget cuts the IRS is unable to provide the Library with certain tax forms and instruction booklets. Most IRS forms are available online at www.irs.gov. You may make black-and-white prints of the forms from Library computers for \$.15 per page. To ask the IRS to mail you forms, order online at IRS.gov/orderforms or telephone 800-829-3676.

For more information, go online to Ask a Librarian at <https://www.spl.org/using-the-library/get-help/ask-a-librarian> or call the Library at 206-386-4636.

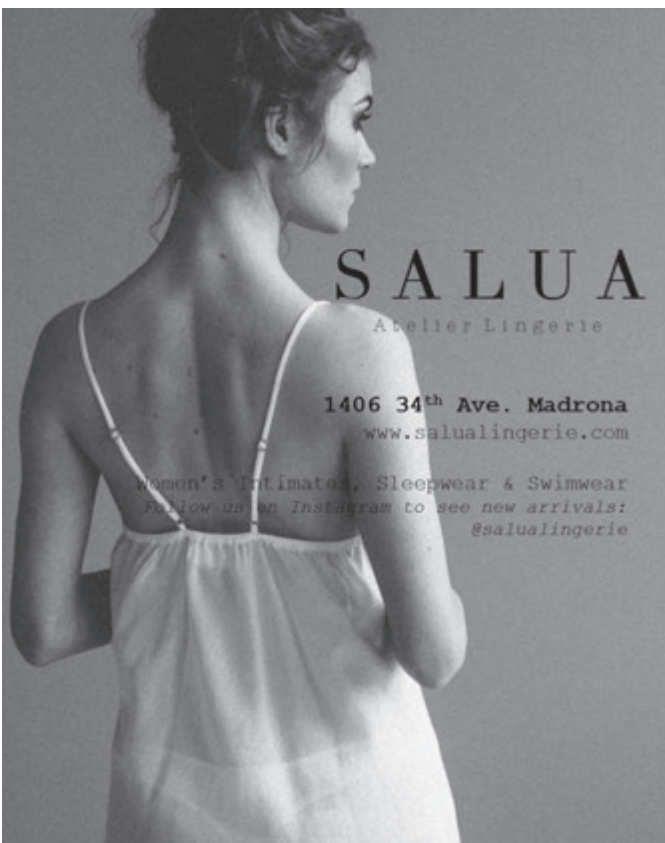
Places and times for tax help at libraries nearest Madrona are:

Central Library through April 21

- Noon - 7 p.m. M-Thursday
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albacore poke, seaweed, sesame seeds, togarashi, ginger, soba noodles, green onion, cucumber, red bell pepper, carrot, red chile flakes, wasabi guacamole and soy dressing

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RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS

WED & FRI

7:45-8:15am and 8:30-9:00am Meditation. Guided silent meditation led by Pieter Drummond. Epiphany Christie House Chapel, pieter@stonegroundmeditation.com.

THURSDAYS

10:00am-12:00pm All Threads Together – Join for conversation and knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, etc. Epiphany Christie House Chapel, Trish Stone, twallistone@yahoo.com.

11:00am Family Story Time- Bring your preschooler and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs with our children's librarian. Madrona Library. 684-4705.

7:15pm ALANON Meeting – Epiphany Christie House Chapel, 1805 38th Ave., 324-2573.

SATURDAYS

2:00pm-4:00pm – Free Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants, 1127 34th Ave. For more information consult www.MadronaWine-Merchants.com.

SUNDAYS

11:00am-5:00pm – Sunday Sippers Wine Tasting at Madrona Wine Merchants, 1127 34th Ave. For more information consult www.MadronaWineMerchants.com.

WEEKENDS

9:00am-5:00pm Donate Used Goods – Northwest Center Big Blue Truck. Grocery Outlet parking lot. www.bigbluetruck.org.

March 1 7:15pm Madrona Community Council Meeting. Everyone is welcome to share updates on neighborhood activities and issues. Madrona Playfield Shelterhouse (34TH Ave. between Spring & Marion). Contact Bill Mahoney, Pres4MCC@gmail.com.

March 2 7:00pm Leschi Community Council Meeting: Hosting former City Council member Nick Licata. Central Area Senior Center, 500 30TH Ave. S. Diane Snell for more information Jdsnell1@comcast.net

March 4 6:00pm Family Movie Night – Join your neighbors for a kid friendly movie and food (available for purchase from a local food truck). 3201 E. Republican St. Suggested donation: \$5/person or \$10/family. Kate Gardner (206-257-5465, k8gardner@hotmail.com) for more information.

March 5 9:00am-3:00pm Neighborhood Work Party for the Leschi Natural Area – Rain or shine we will meet at the Park entrance at 36th Ave and East Terrace. Gloves and lunch provided for participants. Contact Bunny and Fran Wood 323-2296 or Diane Morris 322-7648.

March 12 2:00pm-5:00pm Madrona Art Walk See art work displayed and listen to live music at a variety of Madrona businesses. Contact BOOM Madrona: madronabusineses@gmail.com.

March 16 9:00am-1:00pm Homeless Cooking Wednesday – Bring a knife and a cutting board. Donations of fresh food (no protein) and money always welcome. St. Clouds Restaurant. neighborhoodcooking@gmail.com.

March 17, 5pm Julia's Place Open House, Madrona Grace, 32nd and Marion. All are invited. Anne Wickland, anne@madronagrace.org.

March 19 6:00-8:30pm Debtor's Anonymous, Epiphany Fireside Room, 1805 38th Ave.

March 19 11:00am-6:00pm Seattle Seed Co Open House, with organic tea tasting, gardening Q&A and much more.

March 19 beginning at 6:00pm St. Therese Catholic Academy Fund Raiser at Bell Harbor Conference Center; will include hosted cocktail hour and silent auction and a plated, three-course dinner with wine and live auction.

March 26 10:00am Madrona Woods 4th Saturday monthly work party – See www.madronawoods.org/get-involved/work-parties/ for details.



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Saturday, March 26 • 9:30 am


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