



# The Valley View

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## President's View

by Gary Emslie

Everywhere you turn people talk about numbers: stock market numbers are counted up and down; ballots are counted or recounted in or out; and recent national press reports indicate that the nation's 4th and 8th graders are not counting as well as other nations.

This newsletter article will not alter the counting processes locally, nationally, or globally. But we hope that it can help to direct your focus to another important way you can count: our neighbors with needs far greater than our own for a variety of reasons count on us to help them. Our neighborhood food banks experience heavy demands during the winter season. Holidays only help to increase

the needs. Please join your neighbors and support your local food bank. Northwest Harvest can be reached at 800-722-6924 or Providence Regina House on 14th at 322-2107. These are two of many great organizations that will help you support the needs of others.

Our next community council meeting will be held in the Bush School Commons on January 16th at 7:30 p.m. We have moved to this site for the January meeting only; we expect that the topic – the master planning and design process for the Bush School Campus will be of interest to many of our neighbors. The Carlson Architectural Firm will be present to explain the process and answer neighbors' questions. The council's February meeting will again be held in the portable at Martin Luther King School.

Please mark your calendars: February 10, 2001 marks the council's second annual Neighbor Appreciation Day FREE pancake breakfast to be held in the Bush Commons from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. If you would like to help out please call Gary at 324-7139. Donations and supplies are greatly appreciated.

While we are at it let's take a moment to thank all of our neighbors

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## P-Patch Update

### P-Patch Team Ready To Submit Grant Application

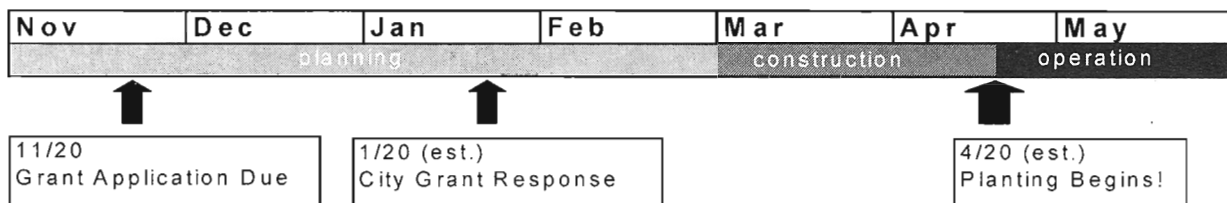
by Sarah Trethewey

The march towards a new p-patch at the end of 30th Avenue East, at the bottom of the bluff behind City People's Nursery, is well underway. With the coming fall we've turned our attention to things financial. We have raised enough volunteer hours and donations to get the p-patch underway, but are hoping that a grant from the City's Department of Neigh-

borhoods gets us the financial support we need to carry us to completion.

We gathered and prepared information required for the City's Small and Simple grant application, which was due to the Department of Neighborhoods by November 20, 2000. The grant will provide a dollar-for-dollar match and enable us to pay for the services and supplies that we need.

It is never too late to lend a hand and help out the community on this important project. As shown in our nifty timeline below, most of the on-site work should occur between March and April of 2001. Want to volunteer? Any questions? Just call Sarah at 206/325-3734. ▼▼



## Community Resource Bulletin

This new column will periodically alert Valley View readers to good sources of information on our community. This month we focus on a relatively new – and extremely wonderful – Internet site about Seattle's history.

### HistoryLink.org

by Miriam Roskin

Local historian Walt Crowley and other Seattle treasures like Paul Dorpat manage this wonderful web-based resource. The site focuses on Seattle and Puget Sound history and is jam-packed with everything from funny anecdotes to authoritative timelines. It includes many photographs of old Seattle and excellent biographies of some of the key individuals who helped shape where we live.

HistoryLink also has a strong grassroots element. A "People's History" link provides over 60 essays written by real people about the real things that happened to them. These essays feature everything from the memoirs of pioneer Arthur Denny (first published in 1890!) to the reminiscences of Dorothy Almonjuela, a Squamish Indian who married a Filipino farmer on Bainbridge Island in 1942.

The "front page" of the site always centers on something topical; for Halloween, for example, HistoryLink reported on the City's graveyards and paid a visit, as I recall, to a couple of "haunted houses." During the final week of November the site's front page told us about the granddaddy of all Seattle newspaper strikes, back in 1936, when the Newspaper Guild stopped work at the Post-Intelligencer. It also featured a WTO-Cam (!) and tales of some highly disputed -- though chad-free -- election results in our very own state.

The writing is lively. The photos are great. And the site is visually appealing, beautifully organized, and very easy to use. It's so worth a visit: [www.historylink.org](http://www.historylink.org). ▼▼

### WTO Response: Only in Seattle

November 30 marked the one-year anniversary of the Seattle WTO protests. Altogether fewer people were on the streets – fewer legitimate protesters and fewer hangers-on. But as the night wore on, the scene on the streets offered at least a suggestion of the bad old times.

Which is not to say that there wasn't some humor in it all. For this TV viewer, the best moment – and the best reminder of the basic civility of our city – came during an evening news report around the 9:00 hour. The anchors warned that the situation was getting more serious.

The signs were everywhere.

Early in the day, the reporters explained, the police had been wearing their ordinary blues rather than the hard riot gear that typified last year's response. The reporters pointed to a key indication that things were getting worse: by nightfall the officers had to resort to the familiar (and scary) black jumpsuits, plastic shields, and helmets.

But that wasn't the end of it. In fact, according to the on-

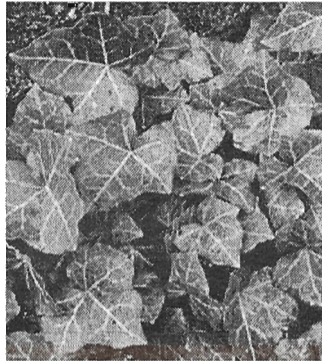
## Gardening with Native Plants

### English Ivy

by Cathy Nunneley

English ivy is NOT a Northwest Native. However, we see it everywhere growing invasively in our parks and up into our trees. Our own beloved Harrison-Denny Greenbelt is engaged in a constant battle with the ivy. At least once a year work parties are formed specifically to tear the ivy out of the baby evergreen trees we planted in our effort to restore the greenbelt.

English ivy has no predators or pests to keep it in check. Left to its own devices, it forms "ivy deserts" in which no native plant can compete. It offers no food to our wildlife. It does not provide shelter for any animals except rats. Rats love English Ivy. In addition, when it grows up and covers our trees, it can make the trees too top heavy and therefore more susceptible to wind damage during winter.



English Ivy (*Hedera Helix*)

very thick.

The removal of ivy from your garden will be greatly appreciated by your trees. Please keep this worthwhile project in mind when we solicit ivy removal help for our greenbelt.

The Washington Native Plant Society has received a grant from the Dept of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service called Ivy Out of Urban Trees (Ivy OUT.) For more info contact Deepa Ghosh the coordinator at (206) 527-3210 or [drghosh@hotmail.com](mailto:drghosh@hotmail.com). ▼▼

the-spot news team, by 9:00 things had begun to deteriorate so badly that Chief Kerlikowske had to call in ... the bicycle police! To make sure that none of us missed the point, the accompanying visual showed our city's bike-borne officers pedaling hellbent for the center of the mayhem.

Other forces may brag on tanks and such, but here in Seattle we've got bicycles, and we're not afraid to use them. Can't say I mind.

-MAR



# Minutes of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council

... and for November 21, 2000

In Gary's absence, Vice President Charles McDade called the meeting to order at 7:30.

## 27th and Denny Traffic Circle

Cathy Baker spoke about the intersection at 27th and Denny, and it not being safe because of heavy traffic. The City is unwilling to build a circle with their money because there is no accident history at this location. Last month the community council agreed to be this project's fiscal agent. The Council will then waive the 5% fee and give the money to the project. The council voted, and agreed to donate an additional \$400 towards this project.

## P-Patch Project

Sarah told us about the progress of the pea patch project. A few trees (none that are native to this area) will be cut down and then we hope to get a grant written by the first week of November. It was voted that the Community Council would be the fiscal agent. Jerry made a motion that we donate the fee to this project as we will do for the traffic circle.

## Spaghetti Dinner

The spaghetti dinner is almost here and we need volunteers, especially for cleanup. Suzanne also needs help with decorating. Tickets are \$3.50 per person or \$12 for groups of four or more. Charles is canvassing the neighborhood to sell tickets; tickets will also be available at the door.

## Washington Park Field House

There was some talk about renovating the field house in Washington Park. We can collaborate with the Madison Park Community Council for this project. The Parks Department has already given us an estimate for what it will cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. ▼▼

*Minutes prepared by Claire Levy, Secretary.*

Gary called the meeting to order at 7:40.

## Bush School Plans

Gary told us about some of Bush School's long term plans. The main concerns about these changes that might affect the neighborhood are parking and safety. The Carlson Group is the team of architects who have drawn up some designs for new buildings for the future of the school. They have offered to come to one of our meetings and discuss any concerns that the council/neighbors may have (see page 4).

## Briefing from State Senator Adam Kline

Next, Senator Adam Kline joined us and shared some ideas about improving the community. We discussed issues that are important to the council and the city. His main concerns are about kids, water, and transportation.

## P-Patch Project

Sarah reported that the p-patch project is coming along nicely. We made the deadline for submitting the grant application. Thanks a lot to student Andrea Daffron for her help!! To date the project has received \$8,400 from the neighborhood in the form of donated hours and materials. The Parks Department has also agreed to help us remove trees and clear space. It will be two months until the grant committee decides if we do in fact get the grant. If so, the patch should be ready for planting by April 15.

## Neighbor Appreciation Day

It was decided that the neighbor appreciation breakfast will be held again this year and will be just as much fun as it was last time!

## Spaghetti Dinner Re-cap

The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Three people came, the cooks and servers never fell behind, and the entertainment from the Meany Middle School Jazz Band and the Senior Sliders Dance Group was first-rate. There was discussion about raising ticket prices, which have held steady at \$3.50 for about ten years now, and this will be brought up again at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. ▼▼

## President's View

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who have helped to make this our neighborhood a better place for our children. There are far too many to identify individually in this short note, but take a moment between and the start of the new year and thank your neighbor and if appropriate introduce yourself to that new neighbor on your street. Each small act of kindness works to strengthen our community. Hope to see you at the next council meeting and until then, enjoy the warmth of family, friends and neighbors. Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy New Year. ▼▼

## **Recipe File**

by Eli Stahlhut

*In time for the holidays, this is a good gift item and easy. Incredibly tasty and a great crowd pleaser!*

### **Caramel Corn**

1 cup butter	1 teaspoon salt
2 cups brown sugar	½ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup Karo light syrup	6 qts. popped corn

Melt butter and then stir in brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Turn heat down and let boil for 5 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat. Stir in soda gradually. Pour over popped corn, mixing well. Turn onto cookie sheet. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour. Let cool before serving. ▼▼

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**Next Community Council Meeting**

Tuesday, January 16, 2000, 7:30 p.m.  
**SPECIAL LOCATION:**  
 Bush School Commons  
 36th Ave E. and E. Harrison

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**NO DECEMBER MEETING**

The next meeting of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council will take place in January; Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for the New Year.

**And TEMPORARY CHANGE OF VENUE in January**

As noted above, the January 16 meeting of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council will be held in the **Bush School Commons** at 7:30. We're changing the location of this one meeting because we anticipate a larger than normal turnout to hear members of the Bush School's architectural consultant, the Carlson Group, present a summary of the Bush School's campus master planning design process. The architects on hand will also be available to respond to questions from the neighborhood.

All interested neighbors are encouraged to attend this month's community council meeting.

As always, we encourage our readers to patronize  
**Cafe Flora and Leschi Mart.**  
 These area businesses have given this Community Council lots of support, which we appreciate.

Other area merchants who wish to place ads in this paper are invited to call Gary at 324-7139 or 326-7754.