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Live Jazz on Madison St.

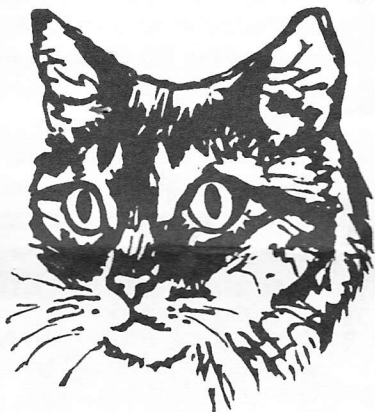
The New York Deli and Bar at 2801 East Madison St. is now featuring live jazz performances three nights a week. Kim Price, owner, schedules singers and instrumental groups Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 PM to midnight. The New York Deli offers breakfast, lunch and an expanded dinner menu now including beer, and wine.

A summer beer garden will be open on Saturdays and Sundays expanding the music format further.

The New York Deli and Bar boasts a charming private patio for outdoor warm weather dining. See you there!

Cat-Killing Dogs on the Loose

Since December we have had reports of a pair of far ranging dogs in our area that hunt and kill cats. They have been seen at all hours on 32nd Ave. East, near Madison St., also along Lake Washington Blvd., around the Harrison greenbelt, on John St. and on Denny Way.



"MEOW! Save me"

These two dogs are medium sized; one is an all black Sharpei/ Pit Bull mix, the other is a brown shorthair female.

If you see these dogs call Animal Control at 386-4288 and speak to Steve Couvion, Wednesday through Saturday.

According to the Madison Park Times, the police have chased the dogs south on 33rd Ave. East after receiving reports that a cat had been killed north of Madison St. Neither the dogs nor their home has been identified yet.

It is a misdemeanor to allow dogs to run loose within the city limits. Owners of dogs that are vicious or menacing face additional fines and prosecution.

Katie's Korner

by Katie Posey

I'm a friend from the outside looking in who sees a community different from those usually seen today.

My husband and I moved to the Northgate area two years ago and I have only made one friend there. I try to meet and chat with people at the mailboxes, but they only say a few words and then run back into their houses.

Last August at our block watch potluck night a lot of people came out.

We closed off the street and set up tables in the road since we don't have sidewalks. We all had a good time.

In the summer of 1990 I met Charles McDade. I was working at a swap meet in Des Moines when Charles showed up wearing a jacket that said "Tell Me the Truth" on the back of it. When I saw that jacket I knew he was my kind of people; we talked and became friends right away.

Since then I have attended a carnival, a spaghetti dinner and lots of block parties in the Madison Valley, where I now have many close friends.

So when Charles asked if I would write this column I said yes.

I'm excited to contribute to the community which has given me so much.

Look for my column in future issues.

President's Report

Celine Grenier

Happy Spring! There may be more readers of this newsletter than I thought, given the number of responses I have received to the recent neighborhood cleanup articles.

I invite you all to contribute anything you can to keep this newsletter coming. It only costs about \$400 an issue to cover the printing and mailing. Perhaps you could place an ad for \$25, or make a cash donation, large or small, it will be greatly appreciated. You can use the coupon on the back page of this issue.

I also invite you to attend our Council meetings. The last nine meeting have been fast-paced, cookied and coffeed.

I've learned a lot about how complicated community efforts are when coordinating people from the city, from consulting firms, and from the neighborhoods.

However I still find it difficult to take seriously complaints from people who don't attend meetings. In the words of some late, great, forgotten philosopher:

half of life is just showing up.

New Bylaws Adopted

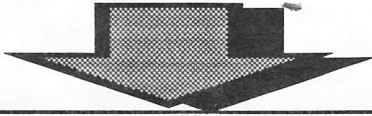
Jerry Sussman

Our Council's rules for electing officers and running our affairs were originally adopted in 1990. After much discussion and rewriting a proposed revision of the bylaws was published in our February newsletter. At the monthly GMVCC meeting on February 17 the revised bylaws were voted on and officially approved. The vote was 12 in favor, one against.

Questions were raised about the phrase "...members in good standing" that occurs in Articles IV and X. A member is defined as any resident who lives within the boundary of our neighborhood. This inclusive definition is qualified by the phrase "in good standing" only as regards the payment of dues. The GMVCC has never voted to require dues. We might well delete the words "...in good standing" to accord with our broad membership policy.

Another question arose about the possible election of co-officers. I hope this matter will be resolved in future meetings.

Below is the description of the "General Duties of Officers." This is the first time this has been published in the newsletter. These definitions will be presented to the membership for approval at the March meeting.



Up Periscope: Looking at the Big Picture

Longtime residents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Irwin attended the Community Council Federation meeting Feb. 26. We use the Federation's nonprofit mailing permit to mail this newsletter.. Representatives of most local councils are members and gave us valuable insights on key issues: affordable housing, plans for future transit links, density and traffic problems, and the cost of fixing the city's roads.

Charlie Chong spoke on ways citizens should approach the City Council and told some funny anecdotes about life in the City Council chamber.. He is setting up a think tank that will make basic information available to candidates for local office.

Our observers were impressed with the Federation's understanding of the danger of too many high-rent dwellings resulting in middle and lower income families no longer able to afford to live here. City policies seem to encourage this.

Mayor Schell is sponsoring a series of public meetings on lower-cost housing; an all-day housing summit will be held at Seattle Center on March 21. His office has published a set of housing proposals for study. Call 386-9024 to obtain a copy.

The Council Federation meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Conference room of NOAA Corps Operations, 1801 Fairview Ave. East at Lake Union. The next meeting is March 26.

Proposed Definition of the General Duties of Officers

President: Will chair regular meetings and those of the executive board, and will prepare their agendas. Will speak for the Council, will authorize and sign all official correspondence. Will be accountable to and will consult with the Executive Board and general membership on all important policy matters. Will supervise Secretary and Treasurer who keep the vital records of the Council.

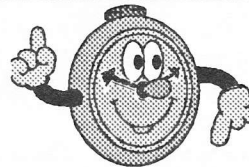
Vice President: Is second person in authority who speaks for the Council. May sit in for the President as leader of meetings, and represents us to other community organizations.

Secretary: Takes minutes at meetings and provides finished copies to the President and members for approval at general meetings. Writes council correspondence at the direction of the President. Keeps minutes, Council correspondence, and official Council documents in order and available for inspection by the members in a public place.

Treasurer: Keeps the financial records of the Council, writes checks at the President's direction and makes reports of financial standing regularly to the general membership.

Bush School Volunteers

Bush Middle School students have dedicated hundreds of hours to Community Service Days this year. On two afternoons, one in December and one in February, students went to organizations such as Francis House, Chicken Soup Brigade, and Seattle Parks and Recreation. Their work included sorting donations, helping with landscaping, and with mailing activities. During these assignments students also learned about the missions of these organizations, the interdependence of the Seattle community, and the importance of volunteerism.



*Day Light Savings Time
begins*

*Sunday April 5th
Set your clocks
AHEAD ONE HOUR*

Madison Street Cleanup

Donate a few hours to beautifying the neighborhood and meeting some of your neighbors. Free coffee coupon for all who participate. Show up Saturday March 14th at 10 AM at Arosa Espresso in the Arboretum Court. Call Larry Gaffin at 325-9093 for details.

Dealing with Junk in the Neighborhood

Clip and save this reference section.

Dumping on Public Property, Vacant Lots, Greenbelts, Open Spaces or near Drains:

684-7587 - Call the Litter, Illegal Dumping and Graffiti Hotline.

649-7000 - Unknown Hazardous Waste

Junk or Abandoned Cars on Private Property:

On your neighbor's property: First address your concern directly to your neighbor or their landlord. Obtain landlord's name and phone number by calling 684-7587 with address.

To Register a Complaint by phone: Call the Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU) at 684-7899 with the address and size of the pile.

Or Send A Letter to: DCLU/Housing/Zoning Enforcement Division, 710 2nd Ave. #700, Seattle, WA 98104-9903; express the concern, have other neighbors sign also.

If you have junk you want to get rid of: Call 684-7600; for \$27.00/item the city will pick it up at the curb.

Car tires can be taken to the dump like regular garbage – maximum of four.

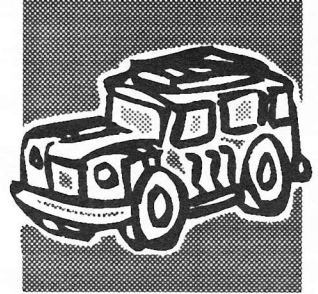
Abandoned Vehicles on Public Property/Street: Call the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline at

684-8763 with the make, color, license plate number, location & how long at that location. To be towed, a vehicle must have proper identification. If a car presents an immediate danger, call 625-5011.

Inoperable Cars on Private Property: Call 684-7899; the Department of Construction and Land Use requires a formal complaint.

If you have a car you no longer want: Call 727-6205 and donate it to Senior Services and receive a tax deduction.

Vacant Property/Buildings: Call 684-7899; the Department of Construction and Land Use



GMVCC Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 17, 1998

The regular meeting of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Celine Grenier. A quorum of 13 residents was present; a total of 19 people attended the meeting. Minutes of the January meeting were presented and accepted as published in the newsletter.

There was no treasurer's report, the treasurer being absent. The need for a very good silent auction at the progressive dinner was voiced.

The proposed new bylaws were discussed article by article. The Council voted 12 to 1 to adopt the bylaws as published in the January newsletter. Since the vote met the two-thirds requirement for adoption, the bylaws were officially adopted.

Doris Brevoort and Rhonnel Sotela of CAAP*IT gave an overview of the planning document for the Miller-Madison urban village and left a copy for the council. They referred to drainage into our valley from Capitol Hill as a problem to be corrected.

Stan Hiserman of the Village School

Project told those attending that the project was beyond the planning stage and ready for action. Teams of students from the three schools will work together at MLK School and in the Arboretum.

President Celine Grenier reported that she had written City Council members regarding our concern about logging in the Cedar River watershed.

Adrienne Bailey got the Council's permission for the Central Area District Council to meet in the portable in March, subject to Principal Butler's approval. She also read a letter from JoMarie Cunningham in which JoMarie told of her recent serious illness. The letter also announced her resignation as secretary of the Council. Everyone wished for JoMarie's return to good health.

There was a consensus in favor of the most recent plans for the MLK School playground renovation as presented by Lisa St. George.

Suzanne and Jim Melillo of Madrona addressed concerns about parking and the scale of the office building they are planning to build near 34th and Union.

Doris Brevoort explained that Madison Plaza, located on E. Madison between 22nd Avenue and 23rd Avenue, will be redeveloped with shops below and residential units above. Planned Parenthood will oc-

cupy a new building a short distance away.

Members were asked to join in a Madison St. cleanup Saturday March 14th, beginning at 10AM at Arosa Espresso in the Arboretum Court.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Progressive Dinner & Silent Auction

On Sunday April 5th the distinguished restaurateurs of the Madison Valley once again offer their culinary specialities to help our community.

The Progressive Dinner is an annual fund raiser for the teaching programs at MLK school and the Silent Auction is a fund raiser for the GMVCC.

The Silent Auction takes place at Bailey-Boushay House where we gather for dessert and a musical finale to the evening.

Contributions of items or services to be auctioned can be made by calling Celine at 323-5801. See the flyer enclosed for more details and ticket information.



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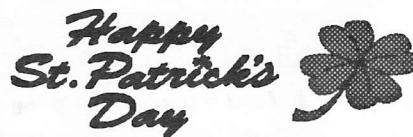
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Recipe of the Month: Baked Squash with Apple -- Try this easy recipe!

Cut acorn squash in half and remove the seeds. Peel one apple and cut into small pieces. Place apple pieces in the squash..
(You may add ginger, cinnamon or nutmeg, but try it first with just the apples.)

Place squash halves in baking dish with one half cup of water; cover with foil. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes.

Test with fork for doneness.

Next Community Council Meeting

Date/Time/Place: Tuesday March 17, 7:30 PM 
Martin Luther King School Portable Bldg.

Highlights/Topics: Diana Gale, Seattle Public Utilities: Is our water bill going up?
Airplane Noise Discussion: Larry Gossett, King Cty. Councilman.



CAFE FLORA

**Airplane Noise
Addressed**

King County Councilman
Larry Gossett will attend our
March Council meeting to
address the issue of airplane
noise that is affecting our
neighborhood and those near us.
Come be part of the discussion.
Your input is needed.

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