



# The Valley View

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## WILL THEY FENCE THE ARBORETUM?

### Will the city charge a fee to get in?

The Montlake community is deeply concerned about the Arboretum's future. They are urging us in the Madison area to share their ideas and to help guide the City in making right decisions. The Arboretum Foundation and others see this park as a high quality, money making tourist attraction. They tend to ignore its role as a precious asset for all Seattle's citizens that is protected by ordinance. Here is the statement of the Montlake Committee on the Washington Park Arboretum Plan which the GMVC Council partially endorsed at our May 19 meeting.:

Dear Greater Madison Valley Residents & Friends,

**T**he Arboretum Plan, "A Greenprint for the Future," has recently been completed and is scheduled to enter the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process this fall. We are urging you to join us in asking the Seattle City Council to stop the EIS on this plan. The Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee, with members from the University of Washington, the city, and the Arboretum Foundation, authorized the preparation of the plan; the Foundation, a private group involved in funding the Arboretum, paid \$400,000 for the plan. The city would have to pay for the EIS.

**T**his 1997 Master Plan is objectionable for a number of reasons. The preparers totally disregarded the 1974 City Ordinance 103667, which was adopted through a citizen's initiative drive whereby 26,000 signatures were gathered to stop the University of Washington from leasing the park, adding buildings and fences, and collecting admission fees in a Seattle city park. Specifically, the plan projects revenues from a \$5.00 per person fee and calls for a number of new buildings-- one near the current Graham Visitor Center and enough new buildings and parking lots to cover two football fields at the south end of the Arboretum. The plan calls for extensive development of paths and changing Azalea Way to include a "great lawn." Small existing unobtrusive parking lots would be replaced by large parking lots. The heart of the plan is to formalize the way we use the Arboretum and to actually reduce the numbers of users. The plan does not enhance and protect the Arboretum we have come to know and love; it is a plan to develop the property as a money making "world class" arboretum for one-time visitors and specialists.

**W**e are attempting to inform neighborhoods, civic organizations, and individuals about aspects of this plan. The 148 page Master Plan can be found at several public libraries including the Montlake Library, or purchased for \$15.00 at Department of Parks and Recreation or Graham Visitor Center at the Washington Park Arboretum. We would be interested in discussing this plan with you. Please call so we can arrange a date and time, or to ask questions. Washington Park must be protected as open green space available to everyone in the Seattle surroundings.

Contact persons are Paul Gibson (206) 323-1851 and Flicker Salogga at 2151 East Hamlin St., Seattle WA, 98112 (206) 322-5097 or e-mail DFSS@aol.com; please phone or write them for more information.

## Central Area Neighborhood Planning Community Event - The Final Review

Attend this last major community-wide planning event on Saturday, June 27th. This will be a time to help bring an end to the Central Area Neighborhood Planning Efforts. The afternoon will include presentations and displays for planning recommendations, and opportunities to cast your vote of support for the *Draft Central Area Action Plan* in preparation for presentation to the City Council late this summer.

Join us on Saturday, June 27th at Garfield Community Center on the corner of 23rd Ave. East and Cherry Street from 1PM to 4PM. For information contact Mary Diggs at 325-3359 or Jackie Walker at 720-0080.

*A Central Area Action Plan Implementation Team sponsored project*

## Residents Organize to Improve Madrona Playfield

A group of Madrona residents have begun to discuss making improvements to Madrona Playfield at 34th and Spring St. The most recent renovations were done in 1991, when some new play equipment was installed and the Shelter House upgraded. Today, much of the play equipment is in bad shape and is not suitable to a broad age range of children. Some equipment has even been removed by the city because it was dangerous and worn out. Further, park access is difficult even for strollers and the grounds are not well maintained.

So, the Friends of Madrona Playfield have formed a committee to spearhead improvements to the park for kids of all ages, team sports, and for community activities to make it truly the recreation and social center of the Madrona neighborhood. We are working with the city to get matching grants, but we need help from you.

First, you can complete and send in a survey that we can mail to you. Your ideas and comments will be considered as plans for the park take shape. They will also help us show the city how much community support we have for an updated park. If you want a survey, call Donna Lou at the number below to receive one.

Second, please come to one of two community-input meeting to discuss the Playfield and renovation plans. The meetings will be held at the Madrona Shelter House at 7 PM on June 4 and June 25.

Please let us know how you would like to help. **Call Donna Lou at 329-3219 or e-mail her at mariefd@msn.com for information about volunteering or to receive a copy of the neighborhood survey.**

**D**avid Noe is a Madison Valley neighbor, a flight attendant for nineteen years and a man who loves to be active and to travel. Yet despite his busy life, David manages to give back to his community by volunteering every week at the Bailey-Boushay House on Madison Street.

A residential care program and adult day health center for people living with AIDS, the Bailey-Boushay House is much more than a simple house. Up to 35 residents with complex and complicated medical issues reside of the upper floors of the three-story facility, while the bustling day program on the ground floor provides many isolated people counseling, nursing care, meals, transportation, and companionship. Although located where Madison Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard meet, the Bailey-Boushay House serves clients from all over the county.

David has volunteered at Bailey-Boushay for almost six years in a variety of roles. "After Bailey-Boushay opened, I had a desire to give back. Volunteering there seemed a good way to work the front lines," explained David. "

David's volunteering is needed now more than ever. The introduction of new AIDS treatments presents new challenges to the Bailey-Boushay House. In fact, news surrounding the success of new protease inhibitor treatments have led to a common misperception that volunteers are no longer needed, when in fact they are needed more than ever. While fewer people are dying of AIDS, the rate of HIV infection in King County continues to climb, increasing the number of people in need of long-term care.

Bailey-Boushay especially needs people who can volunteer a few hours per week between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM on weekdays or on weekends.

**If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Bailey-Boushay House, please call this number: 206/720-2260.**

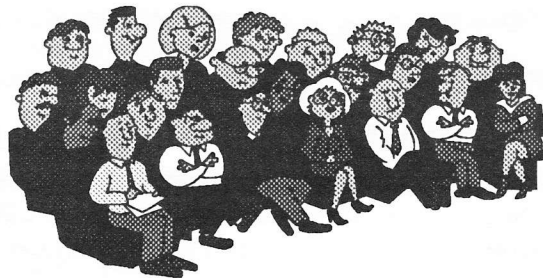
## New Officers Elected to the Community Council

The Greater Madison Valley

Community Council has elected a new slate of officers for the 1998-1999 term. The bylaws call for elections at the regular May meeting, which we accomplished with dispatch. The yes vote was by acclamation for the entire slate of candidates by seventeen members present, with one abstention.

Here they are:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Gary Emslie</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Charles McDade</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Celine Grenier</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>David Foecke</b>
<b>MLK Site Council.</b>	
<b>Representatives:</b>	<b>Mike Seymour &amp; Maggie Seymour</b>



We wish all these volunteers good fortune as they go about their tasks for the community. They will speak in our name. Help guide them by coming to meetings and writing to the newsletter. That's the democratic way.

## President's Farewell

Celine Grenier

This month I hand the presidency of the community council to Gary Emslie. Thank you to all the people who have attended our meetings this last year and made them interesting and even fun.

Everyone in the Valley is invited to come to these meetings and share their visions, project ideas and our discussions of neighborhood and city issues. The Arboretum Foundation's plans for the Arboretum promises to be a hot issue over the next months.

Thanks, too, to my fellow officers, including Jerry Sussman, permanent "temporary" secretary, for their work and good spirits. And thanks to Cathy Nunneley, our good natured goodies lady.

I hope Gary will have as interesting and enjoyable a term as I have had, and I pledge to serve him as well as I can as council secretary.

Please don't forget about this summer's courtyard sale July 11, and send in your contributions to keep this newsletter coming to you.

Acting locally,  
Celine

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This will be the last issue of *The Valley View* until September, and the June 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 meeting will probably be the last community council meeting until September. Call 328-0058 with any questions or comments. Happy summer to all!

### GMVCC Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 19, 1998

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Celine Grenier. A quorum of 18 residents was present by 7:40. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Jules Bloomenthal reported on the Part 150 Air Noise Committee in which he represents us. The Port of Seattle operates Seatac Airport but has no power to change routes. The FAA has this authority as part of an agreement with airlines to develop Stage 3 jet engines which are quieter than others. Citizen complaints about air noise to 433-5393 can get results if airlines instruct pilots to fly over I-5 or water.

Treasurer David Foecke reported that there was \$1252 in our account. He spoke of a possible need for liability insurance for board members. The matter was tabled pending study of possible non-profit status immunity. A motion by Mike Seymour to write to the city water Department about city inaction on the drainage problem at 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E and John St. passed. New Community Council officers were elected. Candidates nominated from the floor were Gary Emslie for President, Charles McDade for VP, Celine Grenier for Secretary, David Foecke for Treasurer, and the Seymours for MLK School Co-Site Representatives. President Celine Grenier called for an open vote on the entire slate. Seventeen voted for the slate and one abstained. The slate was officially approved.

Bill Hunter, a property owner at 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave E. and Madison presented plans for a 16 unit development there. He is applying for a rezone to L-3, low-rise residential. The council postponed a possible vote of support until he studies the Section 8 option for low-cost units. Several members expressed concern about added parking and traffic problems in the area.

Dia Salogga and Karen Staten from Montlake explained their opposition to the 1997 Arboretum Master Plan, which provides for much new building development, possible fencing and fees to enter the park.. The council voted unanimously to support a resolution reaffirming the 20 year old vision and role of the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

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### 1998-1999 Officers

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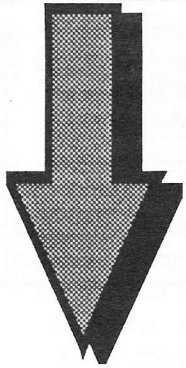


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### Next Community Council Meeting

**Date/Time/Place:** Tuesday June 16th, 7:30 PM  
Martin Luther King School Portable Building  
3201 East Republican St. (parking available on playfield)

**Highlights/Topics:** Courtyard Sale  
Saving the Arboretum  
Neighborhood Block Parties  
New Officers



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4th Annual  
34th & East John  
Neighborhood Potluck Party  
Sunday July 12, 4-7pm  
call Mike 328-8220 or Kathy 329-4083

### Donate Items for the Annual Courtyard Sale

Do you have good quality unwanted clothing, housewares, jewelry, or  
furnishings you would like to get rid of? If so, please leave a message for Maggie &  
Eli at 901-8269 or contact Peggy at 325-6308 to arrange a time to drop off your items.

Each year Bush School donates its courtyard for our annual rummage sale.  
This year Ketchum Lumber has donated space in the basement of their office building  
so we can store and sort your contributions.

Would YOU like to help out? Contact us at the numbers above.

The Courtyard Sale is on Saturday July 11 from 10am to 3pm in the Courtyard  
area of Bush School located at Harrison St. and 36th Ave. East.



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