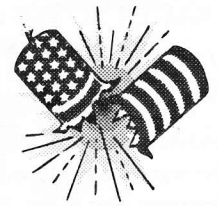




THE VALLEY VIEW



Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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1997-1998 GMVCC ELECTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to:
Celine Grenier - President
Charles McDade - Vice President
JoMarie Cunningham - Secretary
David Foecke - Treasurer

For those of you who find names unfamiliar, here is a little background information to help welcome the new executive board officers.

Celine has been an active member of the GMVCC for a few years now, and stepped up to fill the Presidential seat when Robbin Buckley resigned in February 1997.

Charles has been V.P. for five years and is known by almost everyone in the valley... he is always ready to pick up the slack whether it's cooking up the sauce for our hugely successful Spaghetti Dinner in November, or helping organize the Summer neighborhood block party on the street where he lives! Not only is Charles an activist... He is a friendly activist with a ready smile and positive words. He has a habit of keeping track of what's going on! He is one of reasons we have such a great neighborhood!

JoMarie is a former GMVCC President. She has been an active member for many years. JoMarie brings a vast community knowledge and organizational skills.

David is also a former GMVCC President. On top of being a very active Council Member who has spear-headed many wonderful projects in the community, David is also part owner of

one of the Valley's favorite Vegetarian Restaurants Cafe Flora.

Please join us at our monthly GMVCC meetings to welcome the new officers and see what may be in store for all of us in the following year.

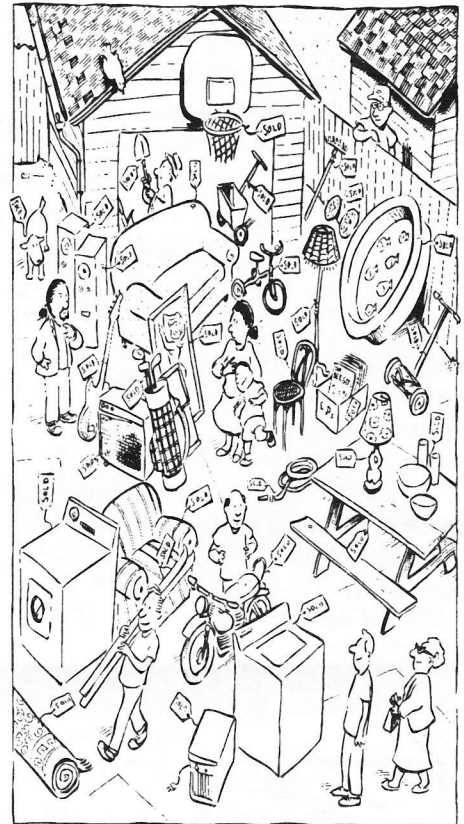
GMVCC BYLAWS PROPOSED REVISIONS

During the June 1997 GMVCC monthly meeting a proposal was made, suggesting that the bylaws be amended to fulfill our current needs. A few suggested changes were:

- 1) To allow the possibility of Co-Officers.
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
- 2) Re-define the duties of Elected Officers and of Committee Chairs.

At the July 15th meeting we will begin discussing the amendments to our bylaws. If you would like to be part of this process or have comments or concerns please attend this meeting.

All changes will be printed for your information in the next Valley View Newsletter. Your attendance would be highly beneficial to insure that we are meeting the needs of our community. A bright and successful future includes all of us and begins with today!



!!!!!! COURTYARD SALE !!!!!!

JULY 19 is the day! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Bush Courtyard is the place! It's The Greater Madison Valley 8th annual Courtyard Sale! Each year our sale gets bigger and better!

This is the time to get rid of all those knick knacks you're sick of! All those designer clothes you've gotten too small for.... The extra coffee pot... toys... jewelry. Remember, someone will treasure what you no longer need. We'll even pick it up! Call Peggy, 325-6308 or Pearl, 325-1546.

To volunteer: to help on the that day... or to help price stuff the week before, or to donate your wonderful stuff... Let us know ...what will you do?

The Bush Courtyard gives our sale a wonderful picnic atmosphere. Our thanks to all of you who make this a success!

**Next Community Council
Meeting is JULY 15th at
7:30 pm! See you there!**



**EARTH SLIDES and SIDEWALKS
PROGRESS REPORT**

The worst of the rainy season is over (maybe) and we look about to see what the waters have wrought. Installation of a drainage line along 32nd Ave. E. near John Street did not happen as the Parks Department had promised. The sidewalk and roadway on 32nd remain a mess, and the neighbors across the street from the greenbelt patiently await the repairs. Our council land use representative reminded the Parks Department of their promise to do this work but the wheels seem stalled on this front. The heavy load of ground water did cause a serious slide in the greenbelt from the unused right of way of 33rd Ave. E. A section of earth about twenty yards wide slumped, taking trees and shrubs and part of the Waggener's back yard with it. We are informing the Parks and Engineering Departments, urging them to come and look.

Last spring one of these departments did repair work on the Concrete-slab retaining wall on 32nd going north from Denny Way.

That wall was erected by the WPA in 1939-1940. We certainly hope it is capable of holding the hill if it decides to go.



**CAFE
FLORA**

325-9100
2901 EAST MADISON
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A new sidewalk is going in at the 3001 E. Madison green space. The sidewalk just quits at the east end of the City People's Nursery. People had to walk in the road from that point or face a mass of brambles.

New forms are in place for a fine sidewalk with artful jogs to make room for a line of beech trees that adorn the curb. This valuable small greenbelt was purchased through the Open Space Program after a strenuous campaign by our council. That program has preserved 69 areas throughout the city and will expend all its acquisition funds by the end of this year. You may call Catherine Anstett at 684-7046 for information about their efforts.

**MADISON VALLEY
SUMMER GAMES
KIDS vs. ADULTS**

Hey parents and friends of the YMCA @ MLK School!!

We need Volunteers to:

- * SETUP AND RUN THE GAMES
- * RUN THE BBQ GRILLS
- * DONATE THE USE OF YOUR GRILL AND/OR SPORTS GEAR FOR THE GAMES
- * PLAY MUSIC AND ENTERTAIN (JUGGLING, FACE PAINTING, HAIR WRAPS, COMMUNITY ART PROJECT...ETC.)
- * COME UP WITH COOL IDEAS!!!
- * JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!!!

**PARTY DATE IS FRIDAY
AUGUST 15TH
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED**

To volunteer please contact Jill @ the YMCA at MLK School Site: 328-0058

**A NEIGHBORHOOD
CELEBRATION**

**We're having a party and we need
your HELP!!**

RECIPE

Pork Chop Casserole

- 4 small med. thick pork chops
- 2 ripe tomatoes
- 1 large onion
- 1/2 green pepper
- 6 tablespoons raw rice
- 1 can consommé
- Basil and Thyme to taste

Brown pork chops in skillet. Place chops on top of rice on bottom of fairly deep casserole dish. Add pork drippings. Put a thick slice of onion, tomato, and a ring of green pepper on each chop. Salt and pepper each layer as you go along. Pour in consommé and sprinkle with Basil and thyme (slivers of garlic may be added to each chop. Bake in 350 degree oven for one hour. A good choice of accompanying salad ... lettuce wedges with your favorite dressing. And how about Brownies and Applesauce for dessert?

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GARDEN TIME

PLANTS

Patricia Calvert Greenhouse - South of Graham Visitors center, Washington Park Arboretum, \$3 for 4-inch potted plants, \$4 for gallon size. Open Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Details: (206)325-4510.

A SAD FAREWELL

We are also sad to report the loss of two of our neighbors. Both Margaret Bigby and Doris Magnuson were active over the years. Margaret Bigby in the old Harrison School PTA and Doris Magnuson in our Community Council. We will miss them!

Bush Updates

At Bush School, community service is an integral part of the school's educational program. This year alone, Bush students volunteered hundreds of hours at over 100 community service agencies throughout the city, including food banks, shelters for the homeless, city and regional parks, other schools, hospitals and arts organizations. Here are just a few highlights from this year:

* A group of Bush high school students, with guidance from Bush art teachers Bill Baber and Laurie Hall, helped over 200 children from Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School each create a decorative stepping stone to be installed on the MLK grounds as part of a larger MLK rejuvenation project.

* Bush high school and middle school students were recognized recently by the Chief Executive Office of the Red Cross for donating nearly 350 hours to that organization, making hundreds of phone calls, stuffing envelopes, working in the Red Cross warehouse and assisting in evaluating possible disaster shelter sites.

* Bush senior Ben Ryan was one of six Northwest Aids Foundation volunteers from among 1000 who was honored with a 1997 "Making a Difference" award this spring.

Ben has given 320 hours of his time to the organization over the past two years.

* Bush School parents, teachers and administrators have actively participated in the Village Schools Partnership Planning Project to strengthen the cooperation between our neighborhood schools and community organizations.

If your community service organization could use student volunteers next year, please contact the Bush School at 322-7978 to explore how we might work together.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Peggy and Jerry Sussman after a whole month away in Ireland!

Looking for that !!SPECIAL PLACE!!

Take advantage of the lovely summer days (the un-rainy ones) and have yourself a little picnic with that special someone at: **Julia Lee's Park a Memorial Arboretum** donated by C. Cal Knudsen. The park is located on the south/west corner of E. Harrison and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. It is a wonderful place to just sit and think...or eat your lunch...or get some neighbors together and sing some old timey songs. Its a park for friends and lovers...to soak up the sun and each others company. Another lucky neighborhood Treasure!



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Village News

The Village Schools Partnership Planning Project Newsletter- June '97

Our mission is to work together to help all our children reach their full potential by sharing and gathering resources, strengthening our neighborhood schools, and building cross-cultural and multi-generational community bonds.

“LOTS OF GOOD ENERGY”

Have you been to very many meetings that have been described as having “lots of good energy”? That’s how some participants have been describing the Village Schools Partnership “Community Group” meetings that they have been attending. “Community Groups” is the new name that has been given to the “Study Circles” that have been formed as part of the Village Schools Partnership Project. They are discussing all the ideas that have come up about what projects we should undertake together beginning in 1998. More than 80 people have signed up for one or more Community Groups, and all the Groups include parents and teachers from MLK, Meany, and Bush Schools, as well as community members. **You too can join one of these groups.** Check the times and topics in the rest of this newsletter.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

“Village Potlatch” Community Group:

Next Meeting: Wednesday,

June 25 - 7:00 PM

at the MLK portable classrooms

Group goals: Developing collaborative school and community activities that benefit and involve everyone. Building bridges to local businesses. Sharing community celebrations. Developing inter-generational activities and activities that involve the whole family. We’ve discussed supporting neighbors as “extended family”, finding similarities in our lives by focusing on children.

“Enhancing School Success” Community Group: Next Meetings every other Saturday -

9:00 AM

June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug 9

at the MLK portable classrooms

Group goals: Supporting efforts of school faculty and staff to develop creative ways to achieve the goals of each school to ensure student success. Working together to prepare students for life-long learning and active citizenship.

Some ideas brainstormed include: “vertical teams” to work on transitions from elementary to middle to high school. “Work leave” for working parents to be able to volunteer in school. High school students helping younger kids with reading and writing. Making school buildings more inviting and used. Figuring out how to make smaller class size.

We shared concerns about how everything is becoming driven by test scores, that it is important to get people to understand that we all are responsible for our children and schools, and that the work that we do must be done very carefully -- that we only bite off “what we can chew”. A lot of different people can be helpful to teachers, and that careful organizing and follow up is helpful in getting parents and the community to volunteer in the schools -- many are willing, they just need to be asked and offered a significant role.

There’s more on the other side...

What is the Village Schools Partnership Planning Project?

This is a project to explore the interest in, and the feasibility of, a cooperative partnership between 3 schools, and 2 neighborhood organizations:

- M.L. King Elementary School (public)
- Meany Middle School (public)
- Bush School (private)
- Greater Madison Valley Comm. Council
- Miller Park Neighborhood Association

How can our communities become more involved in our schools, and how can our schools be more involved with the neighborhoods that surround them? How can we cooperate to share resources and ideas between the schools and communities? These are the questions we will be asking.

"Kids are the Bridge" Community Group:

*Next Meetings: Wednesdays
June 26 and July 10 - 6:30 PM
at the MLK portable classrooms*

Group goals: Developing ways to foster connections and collaboration by getting students and teachers together from all three schools, both in and out of school. Mobilizing and sharing resources among all three schools and the community. Developing collaborative Fine Arts activities and programs among all three schools.

This group has had student as well as adult participation. We discussed the need for adults to model good examples of making connections and "crossing boundaries", and that we are always teaching and learning together. We want all our children to know and love their neighborhood and community, and to feel a sense of the opportunities and options in their lives.

Some of the ideas brainstormed for joint activities include: inter-generational theater; shared outdoors experiences; shared "ropes" courses where people learn to cooperate in teams; family "physical education nights"; combined field days; international travel opportunities with all three schools participating; cross-school "mentoring"; a two-week Arts festival; a Madison Valley street fair. We talked about finding ways for college students to lead or organize joint activities, and having children help in getting the word out.

*Village Schools Partnership Planning Project
c/o GMVCC
2802 E. Madison St, Box 184
Seattle, WA 98112*

"Communications and Connections"

*Community Group: Next Meetings
Thursdays July 3, July 17, July 31 -
7:00 PM at the MLK portable classrooms*

Group goals: Developing the technology and a variety of ways for the schools and community members to stay connected and to share and access information.

The discussion has focused on what "connection" means for our community and schools, and what kind of information people want to have. Some questions raised include: How can open and equal access to information be accomplished? What is communication? Is it transmitting ideas? Is it evolving shared knowledge? Is it both? What kind of communication links can be developed to strengthen a sense of a caring, connected community?

From our discussion, it was clear that communication and connection goes far beyond the realm of electronic technology. We must find other ways to communicate and to connect.

**To Join a Community Group:
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**NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING IS JULY 15TH!**



Darrell Welsh, our erstwhile co-editor
has resigned due to work and other
obligations. He has been Johnny-on-the-
spot for over a year and a half and we
will sorely miss him!

