



The Valley View



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Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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POWERFUL LEADERSHIP AT KING SCHOOL

You probably have noticed a great concentration in our Newsletter on M L King Elementary School. It is a pleasure to report that the school is becoming once again a neighborhood school! This has a great deal to do with the "new" (this is her 3rd year) principal, Ms. Euhania Hairston! She is a truly outstanding leader - the upbeat atmosphere of MLK attests to that!

On March 28 she was featured on KOMO's Northwest Afternoon show telling about Mrs. Lind-Sherman (one of MLK's teachers) who is traveling around the world - keeping in touch with her students on the Internet!

That same week, Ms. Hairston traveled to Washington, D.C., to the National Association of Elementary Principals conference to tell about "our Electronic Village"!

From the first, Ms. Hairston reached out to the community. It is through her invitation that our Spaghetti Dinner has been held at the school the past two years!

GARDEN TOUR

Ready, set, go! The date is set for August 3rd and 4th this summer. Greater Madison Valley gardens by candlelight tour. The rules are simple; be it a vegetable, flower, or herb garden, patio pot, or backyard, if it beautifies our neighborhood, you could be selected to be a stop on the tour. Mail in the application from last month's newsletter or call Darrell at 726-9378, and you will be well on your way towards the community Green Thumb Seal Of Approval.

Plans are afoot for neighborhood block parties. For ideas on how to get started, contact Mike Seymour at 328-8220.

AUCTION

Ewajo Dance Lesson! Pacific N.W. Ballet Tickets! A cruise gift certificate from Gray Lines of Seattle! Dinner with King County Councilman Ron Sims! Dinner gift certificate from Cafe Flora! Mary Kay cosmetics! These goodies are just some of the items at the big M L King Auction May 3!

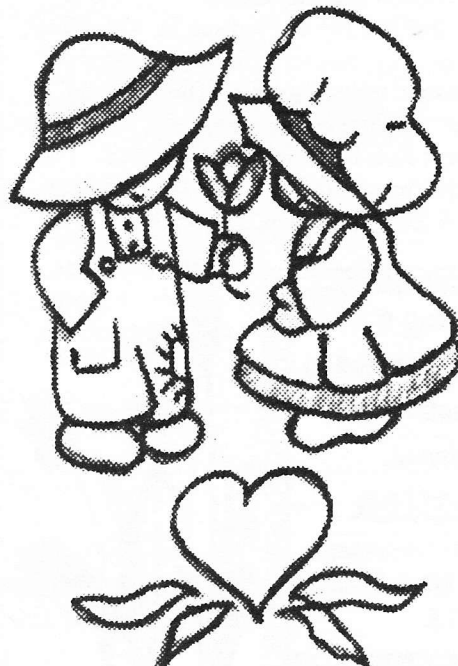
The theme is the Rain Forest - because funds raised will be for another field trip to the Olympic Park Institute on Lake Crescent!

Admission is free. The door will open at 6:30 PM. The silent Auction will be in the gymnasium; the live auction will be in the auditorium. Refreshments will be available at a very reasonable cost!

Child care will be provided for those who make advance reservations. Please call the school at 281-6510.

More Auction items would be appreciated if you have something to donate. Please call school as above.

KIDS KORNER



EARTH DAY, APRIL 20

BY JERRY SUSSMAN

Hands Needed Half-day Saturday

Our council and the Student Conservation Association (sponsors of Earthwork Seattle) are working together again in the old greenbelt this year. Garfield students and volunteers from all over are coming together April 20 at 10:30 A.M. We'll pull up weeds, plant a few more new trees, and put young seedlings in pots to go around our neighborhood to beautify the world. We need people from our own community to work alongside these generous volunteers to show our pride in the restoration of these woods we have saved. Young and old, we want you! The meeting place is up the road end of 33 Avenue East from Denny Way. We'll have refreshments and tools; see you there! For more information call 325-6308 or 684-4122.

SPEAKER AT GMVCC MEETING

At the April 16th GMVCC meeting, Jill Eulate will present information about the M.L. King School Rejuvenation project. Some members of the community may have already heard of the project. It will improve and beautify the building and grounds of M.L. King School. Jill will present information and ideas already gathered from students and teachers at the school, and will be asking for input from the Community Council.

Jill Eulate is a graduate student in landscape architecture at UW, with a specialty in playground design. She will be putting together a comprehensive plan for the playground and the grounds surrounding the school, which will be implemented, we hope, with a Department of Neighborhoods grant. Jill is working on this project for her masters thesis.

FACE LIFT SET FOR EAST MADISON ST.

ADAPTED FROM: DAN ENGEL, MADISON PARK TIMES

It is something many local residents and Greater Madison Valley community councilmembers have wanted to do for a long time - corner a City of Seattle engineer and learn about what road improvements the city has in store for East Madison Street.

At a March 19 meeting, held at King Elementary School, two engineers, Christopher Sims and Rich Meredith, spoke about engineering department improvements proposed on East Madison Street between Lake Washington Boulevard and 24th Avenue East. Improvements such as lane reconfiguration and improving traffic signals and street lighting are all proposed by the engineering department.

A 10 foot wide left-turn lane, which will extend from 24th Avenue East to Lake Washington Boulevard on East Madison Street, will be the most noticeable improvement. Widening the road will not be necessary to make room for the turn lane, said Rich Meredith, of the Seattle Engineering Department.

Instead, lane stripes will be repainted to create the turn lane. AS of now, a left-turn lane doesn't exist, and motorists are often caught in traffic during peak commuting hours.

Improved street lighting, new pedestrian signals and curb ramps all will play a significant role in pedestrian safety, Meredith said. Better lighting will make pedestrians more visible at night, and pedestrian signals will stop traffic long enough to allow someone to safely cross the street.

VOLUNTEERS

Hundreds of thousands of moments add up to the life of each community. How the community deals with its problems and joys is surely up to the many volunteers who step up to get the job done: to organize the fun things, to direct traffic, etc. We depend on each person who says, "Who - - if not I?"

Volunteers are always in high demand. M L King School is looking for:

- Tutors
- Someone who will read for two 1/2 hour sessions (1 hour) per week
- Donations for the Big Auction May 3. (Please call right away 281-6510).

MVCC will need volunteers for:

- July courtyard sale preparations.
- Materials for sale.
- The Garden Tour.
- What do you like to do?

Community Council Meeting Tuesday April 16!

MADISON VALLEY WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS BY DARRELL WELSH

If you are in need of that perfect hair cut, visit the Madison Ave. Salon! The salon opened January 1996, and is located at 2701 E. Madison St. The owner, Kay, offers full service hair care needs by Sassoon trained stylists. They provide hair weaving and braiding, and makeovers done by an international artist. The Salon hours are Tue - Sat 10am till 9pm. Call for appointment 328-5628.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EaRtHqUaKe

If indoors: Drop under a desk or sturdy table, stay under cover until the shaking stops, and hold onto the desk or table, moving with it if necessary.

If in a high-rise building: Face away from windows, move to an interior wall and protect your head with your arms. Do not use elevators.

If outdoors: Move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, and downed power wires and poles.

If on a sidewalk: Get into a building doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, plaster, and other debris.

If driving: Slowly pull to side of the road and stop, avoiding overpasses and power lines. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking stops.

If in a stadium or theater: get under the seats if possible and protect your head with your arms. Do not rush from exits. After shaking stops, leave in a calm, orderly manner.

If in a wheelchair: stay in the chair, move to cover if possible, lock the wheels and protect your head.

THE MADISON VALLEY ELECTRONIC VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP! BY DUG STEEN

For almost a year now, the Electronic Village has been providing **community computer classes** on topics ranging from an introduction to computers to making your own World Wide Web page, **computer lab access** to word processing and other software, CD-ROM's, laser printers, and more, and **online resources** through our own World Wide Web site, but come May 31st, **our funding runs out!**

Please don't let this excellent community resource end...

Join us at the Village Technology Education Center (VTEC) on the playground of M.L. King Elementary at the corner of 32nd and Republican on **Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm** to discuss our plans for continuing our funding and connecting our neighbors from their homes. Drop by the VTEC during our open hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 9:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00am to 4:00pm. You don't have to know anything about computers; you just have to want to learn!

Buying or selling a home? \$200 donated to GMVCC for each neighbor's referral.

Call Penny Bolton

The Landmark Group on the corner of E. Madison and Lake Wash, Blvd.
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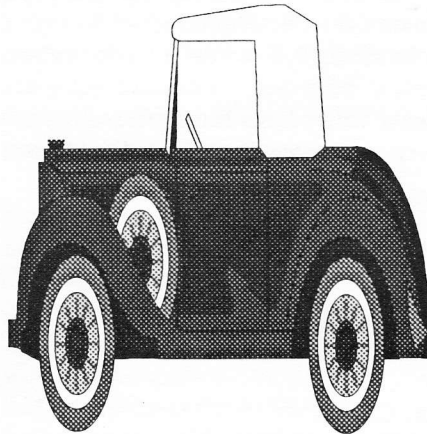
CAFE FLORA

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Start planning now! Save those goodies for the Court Yard Sale.

Volunters Needed! We want you to come to the meeting, see where you can help out.

Need a ride? Call Lorenzo at 325-1454.



USE OUR VAN!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CHEESE CAKE COOKIES

- 1/2 c butter
- 1/3 c firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 c flour
- 1/2 c finely chopped walnuts
- 1/4 c sugar
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350. Cream butter with brown sugar in small mixing bowl. Add flour and walnuts; mix to make a crumb mixture. Reserve one cup for topping. Press remainder into bottom of 8" square pan. Bake at 350 for 12-15 minutes until lightly browned. Remove from oven. Blend sugar with cream cheese in small mixing bowl until smooth. Add eggs, milk, lemon juice and vanilla; beat well. Spread over baked crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

CALENDAR

April 16 - Tues., 7:30 pm - MVCC Regular meeting

April 20 - Earth Day - see article!

April 29 - Mon., 6:00 pm - MLK King Site Council/PTA meeting at MLK Library.

May 2 - 6:00 pm - VTEC Lab meeting

May 3 - 6:30 pm - MLK Auction

June 1 - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm - M.L. King Carnival



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PROGRESSIVE DINNER

BY PEARL CASLTE

The Progressive Dinner in February was a huge success.... raising \$4,000.00 for the Before and After School Program!

It was a sprightly Sunday afternoon. Our group started at Five Loaves with a heart warming corn chowder that served to wake the taste buds and take the chill away! Greeting old friends at our first stop and catching up with the latest news further enhanced the menu!

Then - up the street to the New York Deli where we were treated to a lovely mixed green salad deliciously tossed with a Pecan Vinaigrette and a further mixing of the diners!

Again - up the street to Cafe Flora with Blue Cornmeal Pancakes topped with a Mushroom Mousse and Jalapeno Jelly, as diners surrounded the lovely new indoor waterfall.

Then we were off , crossing the street to Rovers for their delectable Smoked Breast of Duck in Phyllo, served on a bed of Lentils accompanied by flutes of white wine.

To end the evening we all gathered at Bailey Boushay to make our final bids on the silent action treasures,(organized by Peter Triandafilou) whilst devouring a glorious Chocolate Cake from Frans.

Our neighborhood treasure, jazz pianist Ernie Hatfield, filled the room with those wonderful old songs... accompanied by Little Dove and her sweetly tuned flute!

Many thanks to our generous Greater Madison Valley hosts and donors who made the Progressive Dinner an exciting event!
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