

The Valley View

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Greater Madison Valley: Our New Name

by Zé daLuz

If you were present at the October 18 general community council meeting, you already know what a historic night it was. Yes, neighbors, the Harrison-Denny Community Council officially changed its name to **GREATER MADISON VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL** by majority vote. It was a tough decision, with voters wading through the more than two dozen choices for a new moniker which really describes US.

At the end of two votes (the first just to narrow the field) GMVCC was the clear winner, with Madison Valley coming in second and MECCA third.

Your faithful editor (me) has taken a leap once again and renamed our newsletter *The Valley View*. I hope my faithful readers will appreciate our new look. If you do -- or if you don't -- please drop me a line with your opinion, or call me at 322-4883 and leave me a message. We are looking for a real logo for the paper, as this one was dreamed up in about two minutes' time! So artists, send us your concepts ASAP!

I will be alerting the various city and community organizations with which we work to our name change, but everyone can pass the news along to friends, neighbors and businesses. Our neighborhood is rapidly gaining recognition throughout the city, both in business and community circles, and our Mayor will be touring the area next week (see related article this page). We are well on our way to bigger and better things.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

December 20
6:30 p.m

at M.L. King Jr. School Portable
(3201 E. Republican schoolyard)

in lieu of our
monthly community council meeting
we invite you to bring food and
share with your neighbors

Please bring your own
utensils and plates if possible

Bend the Mayor's Ear!

by Penny Bolton

Wednesday, December 14, Mayor Norm Rice will be visiting neighborhood businesses on a walking tour from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. He'll start his visit with the Madison Valley Family Program's Before and After School program at M.L. King Jr. School, and will then cruise the businesses along Madison.

You are invited to meet the Mayor at the end of his tour at Bailey-Boushay House at 5:00 for a coffee hour. Bring your concerns for the neighborhood, as he will have representatives of several City departments with him to answer questions. It helps if you have written information for them to take with them.

We will be showing the Mayor the area along Madison without sidewalks, and how to cross the street by artful dodging!

The Woods Get Another Chance

by Jerry Sussman

All summer we cleared and hacked out ivy and blackberry vines. Now every weekend we've had the satisfaction of planting trees and native shrubs all over the Harrison Ridge greenbelt. When we began the project there were no more than three or four evergreen trees left on the hillside above 32nd Avenue East. The original forest was cut down and saved into lumber in the early part of this century. The woods today are made up of maples and alders, which are not longlived species. Our job has been to plant young trees that would restore the landscape of a century ago.

Girl Scout and Boy Scout crews and a fine group of Garfield High School students helped unload the big nursery trucks and started the planting. Each Saturday, neighbor volunteers came with shovels, and so far several hundred cedars and hemlocks are safely in the ground. Northwest shrubs like ocean spray, salal, red currant and elderberry have also been planted.

We all realize that if we succeed and these plants thrive, we'll have made a real difference in this part of the city. We even put in a group of wild roses and hope they'll flourish.

Come out and help us if you can. We're getting into frozen weather, and our live plants need to make contact with the earth. **We meet each Saturday at 33rd Avenue East just north of Denny Way, at 9:00 a.m.** Bring gloves and a shovel and spend a few hours enriching our environment.

If you have any questions about our plant list or the project, please call Jerry at 325-6308 or Zé at 322-4883. **We**

Spaghetti Dinner Thank You's

by Pearl Castle

With hundreds of our neighbors joining together to partake of the *best spaghetti, best salad, best desserts* in town, our Sixth Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 4 was a huge success!

Ms. Euhania Hairston welcomed us to the King School, and Dr. Darralyn Smith's Kingarettes entertained us with a lively rendition of "Nine to Five." And the heavenly piano of our neighbor Ernie Hatfield topped off a great evening!

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* Computer Center
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volunteers welcome!

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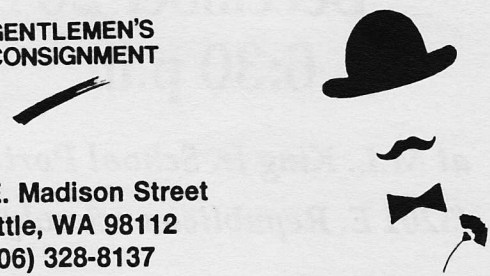
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Dinner

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The logistics were terrific! With one seating every six seconds, everyone had been served at least once before 45 minutes had elapsed, thanks to a stupendous crew of volunteers.

How can we thank all of you who made it possible? For each of the past six years, Bush School has given us a hand. When our dinners were held at the Church of the Epiphany we borrowed tables, then for two years we held the dinner there, and this year we borrowed salad bowls, pots and pans, and a spoon as big as an oar to stir the sauce!

Also for six years the Leschi Market has donated 10 pounds of ground beef for our special sauce! Thanks to Leschi. And then QFC on 15th Avenue East has been generous for a number of years, giving us a \$25.00 discount on our purchases there. Thanks QFC! And thanks to Ms. Hairston, a gracious hostess indeed.

Thanks go to our Cooking Crew: Charles McDade, Peggy and Jerry Sussman, Patsy Wolk, and Marilyn Henry. Thanks to the Salad Crew: Winnie Coleman, Polly Peterson, Liz Henderson, Molly O'Brien-Smith and Lin Angell. Thanks to the Pasta Crew: Jerry Sussman, Bob Crittenden, Mike Seymour, Alan Serebran, Gary Fujita and friends.

Thanks to the decorating committee: Peter Triandafilou, Terry Goodwin and Dru Keenan. And thanks to the welcoming folks at the door, Zé daLuz, Pat Close, Jo Marie Cunningham, Karen Fujita and Sandra Kraus. Thanks to the Line Crew: Dru Keenan, Heather Serebran, Annalise and Patrick O'Brien-Smith and Casey Close-Hastings. Thanks to our beverage crew: Cathy Nunnely and daughter Claire.

Thanks to Suzanne Wilson for making our wonderful banners! Thanks to our guests from Ethiopia who jumped right in to help. And thanks to our Dessert Crew, organized by Eli Stahlhut and Lee Desta. And thanks to Kate Thayer, our terrific child care helper. And thanks to Penny Bolton who was pinch hitting on all the crews.

And to everyone who came and partied with us, thanks to you! We'll see you next year!



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Writing Through Winter

by Pearl Castle

Although there are only two "regulars" in the Greater Madison Valley's Writer's Group, poems, children's stories, character sketches and short stories are "happening"!

It is truly rewarding to participate in something that is just plain totally creative! We meet once a month. Interested? Call Pearl at 325-1546.

King School students

present

*A Different Kind of
Nutcracker*

*Thursday, December 15
7:00 pm*

*Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center
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