

Harrison Denny Community Council NEWSLETTER

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Planning Retreat January 16 Will Set '93 Goals

by David Foecke

Our community council has accomplished a lot over the last year or so. Conducting an extensive Needs Assessment . . . Starting a Before and After School Program . . . Starting Block Watches . . . Starting a Youth Group . . . Planning for a Community Center . . . Protecting the Harrison Ridge Greenbelt . . . Putting out eight newsletters . . . Our first Diversity Fair in August . . . Our fourth Spaghetti Dinner in November . . . The spring Rummage Sale . . . Fundraising Phonathons . . . Two grants from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Two grants from the State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Just reading over the list of things that we have accomplished is exhausting (but exhilarating!).

What should the Harrison-Denny Community Council do in 1993? Can we keep up this level of activity? What are our goals? How do we plan to accomplish them? What will it cost to accomplish those goals? How will we raise the money?

These and other intriguing questions will be tackled at our First Annual Planning Retreat on January 16, from 10:00am until 5:00pm, at the Federal Way 320th Branch Library, 848 S. 320th in Federal Way.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The more ideas we have, and the more energy, the more effective we will be this coming year. So if you have something for our community agenda, now is the time to bring it forth!

Call Pamela at the office for directions and/or to arrange for a carpool (860-8039), and please bring a potluck lunch dish!

Madison Restaurants Host Progressive Dinner February 21

Did you know that some of the finest restaurants in Seattle just happen to be right in our neighborhood? *Prepare your palate for an evening of elegant dining!* Sunday, February 21st, local restaurants are hosting a benefit for the Harrison Denny Community Council. Participants so far include Café Flora, Rover's, Fran's, and the New York Deli.

There will be three seatings: 4:30, 5:15, and 6:00. Diners will enjoy a specialty of the house at each restaurant, moving from one to another as they finish each meal segment. For example, Café Flora serves nouveau gourmet vegetarian dishes; Rover's serves French gourmet food; Fran's, well-known as a chocolate-lover's paradise, will be serving a special sorbet; and the New York Deli's fare is classic Pacific Northwest deli. Other restaurants may also be taking part - as we go to press details are still being finalized. Please call 860-8039 for more information.

Tickets are \$35 per person, so if you'd like to attend please send in the coupon to the right. Tickets

will also be available at participating restaurants.

This is your chance to dress up a little and enjoy an evening out with your neighbors, while contributing to your community council's 1993 programs. Don't miss out!

Please send me _____ tickets for the Progressive Dinner at \$35 each. I have enclosed my check, payable to the Harrison-Denny Community Council. I would like to attend the 4:30 5:15 6:00 seating (please circle one).

Please mail to: HDCC, 2915 E. Madison, #204, Seattle, WA 98112.

Thanks for your support

Village School Program Grows

by Marjorie Josephat

With the help of volunteer architect Kent Johnson, volunteer contractor Ken Krekow of Krekow-Jennings, and a small, hard-working crew of volunteers, the Village Before-and-After-School Expansion began in earnest. A second portable unit was moved to the King schoolyard in early December. Despite holiday commitments, our crew has persevered throughout the cold, snowy and rainy month, building an extension to connect the two portables.

Framing, electrical work and plumbing are complete, but there's still lots of finishing to do. If you have a little time and are able to help paint, sand, spackle, or just plain help, please call Marjorie at the HDCC office, 860-8039, to volunteer.

With the completion of the expanded classroom area, the Village School's new computer center will be available for the children. Also coming up in January:

- the Homework Center will open
- Ewajo Dance Center will teach more classes
- Financial aid for child care

Volunteers at The Village School are always welcome and needed. If you have a special talent you'd like to share with children, or would just like to spend a few hours a day or week with some great kids, please give us a call!

If you are looking for a before/after school program for your children, please stop by and visit us. Hours of operation are 6:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm, weekdays. You can pick up an enrollment form while you're there, or call the Community Day School Association at 329-0140 or Marjorie at 860-8039.

The Village School

at

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary

Before & After School Program
Chess Club ☆☆ Dance Classes
Computer Center
☆☆ Homework Center ☆☆

Financial Assistance and Scholarships Available
Transportation available from other schools

860-8039

Justice by a Landslide

by Jerry Sussman

At the bottom of 35th Avenue East is a dead-end barrier looking northward over the greenbelt and what would be East Thomas Street, if it went through. The fate of this very steep wooded site was hotly contested last spring by our community council and Roger Newell, owner of a single building lot there.

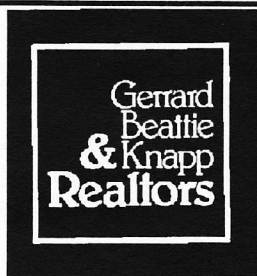
Our policy has been to oppose all building in or adjacent to the greenbelt (an area designated an Environmentally Sensitive Zone), and to urge the city to protect its few remaining wooded hillsides. Overall we have had success, as most of the Harrison Ridge is now in public ownership. Still, we lost this round before the Seattle Hearing Examiner.

We showed that building on the site was inappropriate and potentially dangerous; the owner's expert geologist said a reliable foundation could be installed. The City Engineer agreed with the owner.

We believe the decision went to the property owner because 1) the lot was not officially in the greenbelt, and 2) the City was unwilling to buy it. Another half-million dollar house was slated to go up, "helping to solve the city's housing shortage!"

On November 30, nature took a hand. Days of rain saturated the slope, which began to move. This in turn strained a water main and broke it off six feet below street level. The resulting flood carried the whole hillside down in a stream of mud and silt. The main has been repaired, and gravel and concrete were used as fill on this once-green site.

We hope property owners below and alongside will get city help in cleaning up the mudflow damage and shoring up threatened foundations, and that this gash in the hillside will discourage would-be builders once and for all.



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CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
January 11	7pm	Youth Group	Office
January 12	5:30pm	Executive Committee	Office
January 16	10am	HDCC Planning Retreat	320th Branch
	-5pm	All Invited! Potluck Lunch!	Library, Fed Way
January 18	<i>Please observe Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</i>		
January 19	7:30pm	HDCC General Meeting	Office
January 20	7pm	MLK School Reunion Committee	Office
January 25	7pm	African American Issues Group	Office
January 29	7pm	Open Discussion Group	Office
February 3	7pm	MLK Reunion Committee	Office
February 10	7pm	Community Forum on Traffic	MLK School
February 17	7pm	Youth Group	Office
February 21	4:30-8pm	Progressive Dinner - Local Restaurants call the office for more information	
February 25	7pm	African American Issues Group	Office

Volunteer Job Opportunities

Harrison Denny Community Center is proud to announce the following Volunteer Job Opportunities are now open! Listed below are some of the many ways you can help build your neighborhood. Please take a moment to glance at the list — complete job descriptions are available from Pamela English, HDCC Office, 2915 East Madison, Suite 204, 860-8039.

Youth Volunteer Coordinator
 Youth Volunteer Assistant
 Youth Training Program Coordinator
 Council Activities Coordinator
 Council Support Group Coordinator
 Senior Program Coordinator
 Fundraising Committee Chair
 Phone Contact Coordinator
 Newsletter Committee Chair
 Newsletter Advertising Manager
 Block Watch Coordinator
 Volunteer Bookkeeper

Traffic Forum with SED February 10

The Seattle Department of Engineering has agreed to send a panel from their office to our neighborhood to discuss our traffic concerns. Responses to the Harrison-Denny Needs Assessment Survey prompted this event.

So if you want to find out how to get that stop sign, streetlight, traffic circle, or if your street needs repairs, or if you're concerned about parking, speeding, or if you have sewer or drain problems, please attend! You can ask the experts what can be done about our street/traffic/drainage problems.

The panel will be assessing neighborhood problem areas before the forum and will try to have some answers prepared for specifically identified problems.

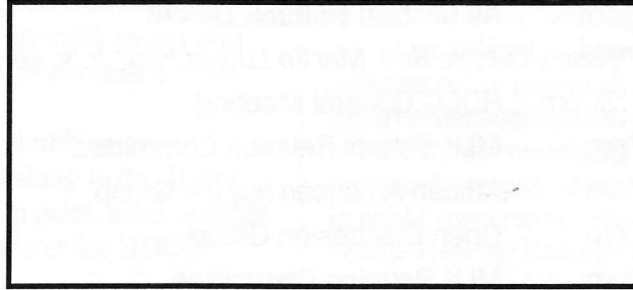
Oops!

When we listed all you wonderful people who made the Spaghetti Dinner happen last November, one very important name got lost in the machine: **Delores Alexander**. She single-handedly, made over half of that wonderful garlic bread! Sorry, Dee, and thanks a million for all your help!

Harrison Denny Community Council

Mailing Address: 2915 E Madison Street, Suite 204, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone 860-8039.

1992 Officers: President, David Foecke (323-4709); Vice President, Charles McDade (325-3218); Secretary, Winnie Coleman (324-2170); Treasurer, Pearl Castle (325-1546). General Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. The newsletter is published 10 times a year. Send letters, articles and notices to "Editor" at the above address.



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Did You Attend King (Harrison) School?

by Zé daLuz

One of the oldest resources in our neighborhood is having a birthday — its 80th birthday — and we're throwing a big party for all former and current Martin Luther King Jr (also known as Harrison) School attendees, teachers, principals, and all neighbors who'd like to learn more about our school.

The program, scheduled for sometime in May, will have something for everyone: food, games and activities for children, historic displays and memorabilia, a variety program highlighting local achievements and celebrity grads of the past 80 years, and live entertainment!

We're especially looking for former students to perform or speak at the program. If you'd like to participate, please let us know as soon as possible. We hope alumni who sing, play music, or otherwise entertain will show their school spirit.

We also plan to create a Memorial Banner made up of old blue ribbons, gold stars, gym uniforms... Whatever you and your fellow alumni bring will be added to current students' creativity. The banner will be a permanent reminder of the endurance of our neighborhood school.

The Reunion Committee will be meeting every other Wednesday at 7pm in the office (see calendar). So please join us if you can - we need help doing historical research, inviting people to the reunion, coordinating entertainment...whatever! If you'd like to help or for more info on the event, please call Pearl Castle at 325-1546 or Zé daLuz at 322-4883.