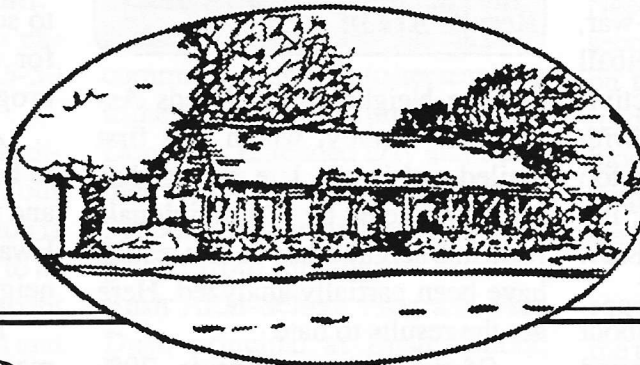


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1st Annual Harrison-Denny Neighborhood Fair & Block Party

And just when you thought the Seattle summerfest season was over! Think again. August 23 is the gala premier of our own yearly-festival — a combination fair/block party/picnic with something for everyone. The party starts at 11 and goes all afternoon with music, food and fun for all. *Be sure to read the poster enclosed with this newsletter for all the details.*

Come early for our icebreaker/scavenger hunt — even those who think they know our neighborhood will learn a few tidbits. Feeling hungry? Sample our picnic fare: Hot dogs (meat or tofu), gumbo, lemonade, coleslaw, baked bean--all at reasonable prices. Don't forget to check out the bake sale table, and if you can, we'd love you to bring your own special dessert.

Bring your kids? You bet! Maybe they'd like their face painted. We also have lots of games planned for kids of all ages: Two

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Land Condemnation in the Greenbelt by J. Sussman

The City Council voted unanimously in May to condemn two lots in the Harrison Ridge Greenbelt. Since then the mills of the law have ground slowly indeed. Two questions must be decided by the court: Has the City established legitimate public use for the land to be acquired and what is the fair price the court will set for compensation to the owners? Lawyers for both sides are arguing the points of the first question, which we learn will take several months. Pitfalls may occur along the way even though the City can show that the owners were well aware of the greenbelt status of their land long before the time of purchase. This is not a case of an ex post facto ruling that slaps a property owner with a surprise environmental hurdle. continued on page 3

Sign-Up Begins for New Before- and -After School Enrichment Program at Martin Luther King School

Do you need a safe, fun and exciting place for your elementary school children to go before or after school? Do you know any of your neighbors who do?

If you do, then you'd want to know about the new Before- and-After School Enrichment Program at Martin Luther King School.

The program will include many different exciting components. The first component is the basic child care services that will be provided by the Community Day School Association, who also run award-winning before-and-after school child care programs at Leschi and Montlake Schools. Their professionally run services include arts and crafts, nutritious snacks, new games, sports, and much more.

A second component will include tutoring for assistance with homework or other school work. This program is being generously provided by the Bush School, who will be recruiting upper school students

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Articles for the Newsletter are always Needed/Wanted!

Block Fair continued

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See you there! Proceeds from food sales will benefit the Before-and-After School Program at Martin Luther King Jr. School.

Needs Assessment Survey Results Are In

The Neighborhood Needs Assessment Survey, which was first mailed out in the late spring, has been completed by 144 individuals from this neighborhood. The results have been partially analyzed. Here are the results to date.

Of the 144 respondents, 70% knew of the Harrison-Denny Community Council. For the remaining, the survey form was their first exposure to our organization. Approximately the same percentage (70%) reported having received this newsletter before.

Of those individuals who reported having been to at least one community council function, the yearly spaghetti dinner was the most frequently reported, with 28% of respondents having attended that function. Meetings were a close second, with 24% reporting having attended a meeting.

There appears to be much more potential in the neighborhood for community council participation, because more than four fifths (81%) of those who answered that question wanted to know more about or get more involved in community council activities. Our neighborhood appears to be an active one already: Just over half (56%) of those who answered the question said they do some kind of volunteer work, with an incredible variety of such work reported.

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Finally, we anticipate that many other creative programs will be added during the year. We will have periodic use of some facilities at Bush School like the gymnasium for basketball or gymnastics, the theater for acting classes, the vans to go on field trips. We will be looking at the possibility of swimming lessons at one of the local community pools. We have interest from the 4-H Club organization already, and hope other community clubs will also show interest. We look forward to the after-school chess club--a great activity at Martin Luther King School-- participating too.

This whole program is scheduled to begin this fall with the beginning of the school year, thanks to the grant we received from the State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It will be open to any child K through 5. Partial and full scholarships will be available for children whose parents have limited incomes.

A portable classroom located on MLK School playground will house the program. This will limit our initial enrollment to 20-25 children.

We have received a second grant from the State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to build another modular classroom next to the existing portable class-

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room, allowing enrollment to expand in January 1993 to 45-50 children.

We have hired a project coordinator to help launch this ambitious and exciting program. Her name is Marjorie Josaphat. She comes to us from Los Angeles where she spent the last couple of years as a 5th and 6th grade teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Prior to that she was a systems analyst with Rockwell International Corporation in California. As a parent herself, Marjorie brings a great commitment to high quality before-and-after school care, in addition to her many professional skills.

The launching of this program would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of many individuals in this neighborhood. The Harrison-Denny Community Council, the Martin Luther King School administration and staff, the Martin Luther King PTA, the Ewajo Dance Studio, and neighborhood residents have all worked hard since this spring to make it possible.

Betty H. Gray, principal at Martin Luther King School, has helped pave the way and provides vision with her commitment to early childhood education. Jo Marie Cunningham, president of the newly formed Governing Board of the Before- and -After School Program, and parent of students at both MLK and Bush Schools, has forgone her vacation this summer working to make sure this program will begin this fall. Melba Mitchell, representing the Martin Luther King PTA, contributes the involvement and recruitment of Martin Luther King parents. Jan Lind-Sherman, teacher at Martin

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Before/After Program cont.

Luther King School brings the same commitment she has to her teaching to the planning of this project. Jackie Donovan, Extended Day and Summer program coordinator at Bush School, gives valuable experience gained from running the excellent Bush After-School Program. Fred Dust, principal at Bush School, spearheads the extraordinary commitment of Bush School to support this joint community project. Peggy and Jerry Sussman, and David Foecke represent the Harrison-Denny Community Council and helped recruit neighborhood volunteers to assist. And last but not least, Edna Daigre, Director of the Ewajo Dance Studio, is helping us start the enrichment program with creative dance and fitness classes.

For more information about the program or for an enrollment form, please call our new project coordinator Marjorie Josaphat at the Community Council Office, 860-8039.

Land Condemnation cont.

Our community council is watching the process carefully, collecting useful data, and will report regularly.

Special Request!

Infant Care needed - in your home
or mine

References requested
Please call Carrie, 860-9108

School is Starting

**Soon
Drive
Safely!!**

Needs Survey Results cont.

second and third. (We seem to be on the right track because we already have a neighborhood-wide block party and fair scheduled for August 23. See the article and flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

A majority of respondents (58%) reported knowing most of the people on their block. The most typical response being that they engage in "Friendly Conversations" (48%).

Respondents have lived in the neighborhood from less than a year to over 50 years (!) with the average being about 14 years.

An overwhelming majority (95%) felt it was important to keep the multi-cultural character of the neighborhood. Thirty-seven percent of the respondents were African-American, 56% Caucasian, 2% Asian, 2% Mixed Race, 1% Native American, and 1% "Other".

When presented with a list of neighborhood-level problems they would like to see confronted, the most frequently mentioned was "Selling or Using Drugs" (58%) in the "Crime" section of the question.

The second biggest neighborhood problem identified was "Speeding" (56%) under the "Traffic" section of the question. "Saving" parks and greenbelt came in third (50%).

Listed fourth and fifth were two items in the section relating to "Children and Youth", namely "Need for Summer Activities" (43%) and "Need for After-School Program" (39%).

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*“Celebrating
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Diversity”*



**Music!
Dancing!**

**Treasure hunt!
Volleyball!
Basketball!**

3-legged race!

Water balloon toss!

Raffle with great prizes!

Bakers: donate your special dessert for our Bake Sale!

Bring a picnic or buy your food there!

Fantastic food from local restaurants!

Chili, gumbo, lemonade, Hot dogs, vegie dogs!

1st Annual

**Harrison/Denny Neighborhood
Diversity Fair & Block Party!
Sunday, August 23rd**

11am-6 pm at Martin Luther King & Bush School grounds

Proceeds benefit the new Before & After School Program at MLK School.
For more information call 860-8039