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Our Cumming Painting on Public Display - At Last

By Jack Irwin



Jerry Sussman with painting

A wonderful painting by William L. Cumming that belongs to our Greater Madison Valley Community Council now hangs at the Northwest African American Museum. Cumming donated this particular painting to the Harrison School PTA in 1960. It depicts two black children in the woods running happily toward the foreground. For reasons unknown, the painting was rarely shown and remained in the principal's office at the school.

Cumming may be the last surviving member of the famous Northwest School of Artists who got their start through federal art projects of the Great Depression in the 1930s. (Other artists include James Washington, Jr, Morris Graves, and Mark Tobey.) The artist was a friend of local families; he appeared at our local carnivals to do pen and ink drawings of children for a dollar and donated the proceeds to the school. Decades rolled by; Harrison School became Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School and finally the school faced closure. The PTA also evolved to become today's Greater Madison Valley Community Council. Members of the Council worried that the painting might be taken by the school bureaucracy after the school closed, and took possession of it. The Council contacted the artist who kindly took the painting to examine. He refinished the work in beautiful colors in his distinctive style, signed, and dated it.

Cumming credits his long association with the black community as inspiration for his art. He specifically wanted this painting to be shown publicly. As we do not yet have a community center, the Council searched for an appropriate temporary venue to honor Cumming's wishes. The Northwest African American Museum (2300 S. Massachusetts St.) opened recently, and is an ideal setting for our painting. Barbara Thomas and Brian Carter welcomed the painting at the museum which features a rich panorama of Seattle's black history and culture. The placard next to it quotes Cumming: "In 1938 I came to Seattle from a small town of 300 people. For twenty years I lived in the Central Seattle ghetto where many of my friends were black Southerners, mostly refugees from the share-crop rural South. What I absorbed from them is a major part of my art. This painting is my tribute to them and particularly to the memory of my dear friends Dorothy Lacey and Pearl Castle." The painting will be on loan to the museum for at least one year.



520: You Get What You Pay For

By Linda Becker

As always seems the case with building projects, the new cost estimates for the 520 bridge replacement project are higher than previous estimates. Way higher. Reasons include design improvements to promote traffic efficiency, and the high cost of materials, especially concrete.

The two main options under consideration now range from \$4.5 to \$6.7 billion dollars, and differ widely in the way they handle traffic in the Montlake-Arboretum-UW area. The most expensive proposal, what WSDOT calls "Option K," involves separating freeway traffic from local traffic via a tunnel under the Montlake Cut and moving the Lake Washington Boulevard ramps. The more affordable plan "A," which is an expanded version of what we have now, removes those ramps altogether. Traffic mobility studies reveal that Option A would have adverse impacts on local neighborhoods by offloading traffic into neighborhood streets. For Madison Valley residents, this would make it more difficult to travel north. Consequently, a necessary redesign of Option A is in the works.

There is a two billion dollar difference between Options A and K. While the neighborhoods, the Arboretum, and recreation groups (boaters and bikers) prefer Option K, it is uncertain where the additional funding will come from. Current funding proposals include some federal support, gas taxes (which are relatively stable), and tolling.

Tolling affects traffic volumes: if there is a toll only on 520, traffic on 520 will improve as volume decreases, but I-90 traffic will likely get worse. The Tolling Implementation Committee is studying the start date for tolling (either 2010 when pontoon construction begins, or 2016 when the corridor is complete), flat rates versus variable tolls, and whether to toll on both 520 and I-90. The Committee is also looking for public input and have a survey on their website to collect public opinion. You can find this survey at <http://build520.org/choices.htm>.

Please see *You Get What You Pay For* on page 2

Events Calendar	
School Use Advisory Committee. Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. T.T Minor Elementary, 1700 E. Union St. See p. 7.	
Good Luck Community Potluck. Thursday, January 1, 4:00-9:00 p.m at Adrienne Bailey's house, 1012 26th Ave E. See p. 3.	
Madison Valley Merchants Association. Thursday, January 8, 8:30 a.m. at Café Flora, 2901 E. Madison St.	
Community Potluck. Saturday, January 31, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at The Valley School, 309 31st Ave. E. FREE. All are invited. See p. 2.	
Greater Madison Valley Community Council. Wednesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. at Bush School (entrance on E. Harrison St. and 34th Ave. E.).	

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1012 26th Ave E. (See p. 3)

January 31, 4:00 p.m., the Valley School
309 31st Avenue East

You Get What You Pay For, *continued from p. 1*

So, in the midst of these troubled economic times, the Governor and the Legislature will have this project on their agenda, which Governor Gregoire has been supporting. Her support for the project is probably because big infrastructure projects act as a stimulus, which our economy clearly needs. Some of the federal government's stimulus packages seem to include projects concerning roads and bridges, but construction on the 520 bridge is still more than a year away and the feds are looking for projects that are ready to immediately hire workers.


Will the Governor have the stomach to take the most costly approach? It seems unlikely, but City Council President Richard Conlin argues, "Why would you pay for something that doesn't work just because it costs less? You get what you pay for." 

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Good Luck Potluck Dinner January 1

By Adrienne Bailey

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I know some people may think, "What is the big deal about potluck dinners?" It is a big deal because it can be the beginning of a lot of other positive activities and occurrences in your neighborhood.

Twelve years ago when I returned to Seattle, I was sadly made aware that the neighborhood I returned to was distinctly different: It was a community of strangers. Instead of complaining, I decided to take advantage of the many community workshops hosted by the Department of Neighborhoods. If there is one thing you learn from these, it is "if you feed them, they will come." Once food is in the mix and people are fed, they have a tendency to relax and easily converse with others.

The Good Luck Potluck Dinner is inspired by the African-American traditional New Year's Day dinner, which includes greens to symbolize money, black-eyed peas to symbolize luck, and cornbread representing gold. This meal is meant to bring good luck, financial success, good fortune, and prosperity for the New Year. For the upcoming Potluck, I will also throw in my gumbo from a recipe passed down from my grandmother from New Orleans. Neighbors who previously attended have asked about the dish, and more neighbors have asked about the recipe.

But, the ultimate and most important reason for reviving this tradition is to thank my neighbors and community. During the personal challenges I have had with my health, I discovered the wonderful and supportive community that I grew up still exists in the hearts of some amazing and incredible people. I want the rest of the community to experience this neighborly support.

It is my hope opening my home and sharing our stories will inspire others to extend themselves, get involved, and perhaps work toward giving that same experience to our neighbors, youth, and elderly in our community. My big dream is that this potluck will spread like wildfire and will promote a community, or village, that is supportive, nurturing, and an environment where we can rely on each other.

So, bring your favorite dish, stories, and joys you'd like to share, and exchange with your neighbors ways to bring positive experiences and help other people and youth build and create more stories and joys in their lives. Come grace and bless my home with your presence by welcoming in the New Year with neighbors and friends.

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MLK Cleanup a Success

By Kimberly Larson



MLK Cleanup crew

On November 22, over 20 Madison Valley residents, led by Citizens for a Community Center at MLK (CCC@MLK), pitched in to help clean up the grounds at the closed Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School (MLK). The Seattle School District provided access to the property for the morning, and also lent tools and the head gardener for the south district schools.

Under cloudy—but thankfully dry—skies volunteers raked, weeded, dug up blackberries and morning glories, cut back overgrown trees and bushes, and picked up garbage. Tully's in Madison Park and Essential Bakery donated coffee and pastries. Several children helped, and also got the chance to play on the school's play equipment for the first time in a while. Ever since the district closed the school, the play area has been locked up and the grounds have been neglected. The district only mows the lawn, so weeds and overgrown plants have been choking the gardens. The School District plans to send a gardener back in early December to finish trimming the bushes. Thank you to all who participated in the clean-up. We expect to have another clean-up late spring in 2009, so please check the *Valley View* for the date.



Valley Gem: Delicious in a Dash

By Jennifer Karkar Ritchie

I've driven by car and ridden on bike past this adorable house at least a hundred times, wondering what exactly "Designed Dinners" is and more importantly, how I might get invited in. Lucky for all of us, no invitation is needed.

Designed Dinners (511 28th Ave E) is the perfect solution for busy people like me to eat a nutritional, healthy meal at home instead of grabbing dinner out. Upon interviewing the new owner Cindy Rockwell, I learned that the service is also extremely popular for busy moms since dining out is often challenging with children.

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What's Up on Madison?


By Ann McCurdy

Four Seasons Oasis (2909 E. Madison St.) is moving from their Madison Valley location, searching for a perfect space and possible partnership. During this transition they will be available for online shopping, workshops, seminars, and conferences. See www.fourseasonsoasis.com for more information. Best of luck to owners Trish and Shuko! Rumor has it that a chocolate store will soon move into their former location...because one chocolate store in the neighborhood is NOT enough.

Speaking of chocolate, what could be better? How about chocolate...and wine! **Oh! Chocolate** (3131 E. Madison St.) now sells wine, carefully paired to complement their chocolate. They are also starting Parlour Nights—evenings of food, games, wine, and chocolate. If you miss the first two evenings of Parlour Nights on December 6th and 7th, call (206) 329-8777 for their future dates—they hope this will become a regular event!

Just what is that trailer on the northeast corner of Madison and 29th Ave. E., near Hoa Salon? During the winter months, **SPU will store a pump and equipment trailer** there in order to be prepared for any storms and possible flooding. Having the equipment onsite means it can be easily, quickly, and more efficiently accessed by SPU crew in the event of adverse weather conditions. Let's hope we don't need it. For more information, check out their new, much shorter website at www.seattle.gov/util/MadisonValley.

Sunset is one of the premiere magazines on the West Coast for food, gardening, and home décor. So it's quite an honor that one of our own businesses got a full-page spread! **Veritables** (2806 E. Madison St.) and owner Marie Harris show how to choose the right lighting for your home in the November issue of *Sunset*. And unlike most *Sunset* readers, your home is walking distance to her wonderful store!

Time for gossip. Evidently, there was some discussion at the last Madison Park Community Council regarding why Madison Park doesn't have beautiful holiday lighting on their trees like we do? Finally, the truth is out: they secretly want to be more like us. 

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GMVCC Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2008


By Lindy Wishard, Secretary

Treasure's Report: Our current balance is \$13,602.53.

Community Potlucks: Get to know your neighbors at a revived tradition—a community potluck. Simply show up with a smile and food to share. Sponsored by your neighbors and the GMVCC, for more information contact GMVCC Vice President Charles McDade at 325-3518. Dates are January 1 at 1012 26th Ave. E. (see p. 3), and January 31, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Valley School, 309 31st Avenue East. They're FREE. Please join us!

William Cumming Painting: The William Cumming Painting, owned by the GMVCC, is now hanging in the Northwest African Museum. The painting is on temporary loan until September 2009. For more information, see p.1.

Signage for Meetings: The council would like to have banners and A-boards created to market monthly council meetings. A quorum is required to approve these purchases.

Detention Pond 30th and E John: The revised landscape plan for the detention pond is partially complete. For more information, see p. 6. 

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Stormwater Detention Pond Update
 By Peter Triandafilou
 President, GMVCC

On November 5, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) held its second meeting about landscape designs for the stormwater detention pond (the "Pit" at 30th Ave. E. and E. John St.). The meeting was at The Bush School and fifteen Madison Valley residents attended. SPU presented its latest design (considered 30% complete), which reflected many changes after considering public feedback. Karen Kiest, the landscape designer, stated that the area was not a "park," but rather a functional stormwater facility, and improvements needed to be consistent with this primary purpose. Based on considerable public input, the design was modified to include a child play space with climbing rocks, but there is not enough room to install conventional playground equipment with the necessary buffer zones. Project Engineer Brent Middleswart stated that the project scope and budget did not allow for the construction of any decking where playground equipment, tables, or benches could be placed.

The latest design incorporates fewer types of plantings to simplify maintenance, and includes larger grassy areas more suitable for recreational use. It also includes a "dry" creek bed feature, to run north to south that would be a walking path to attract people into the site. Artwork of some sort will be installed, but no artist has been selected and nothing has been designed yet. The next two phases of the project are to complete 60% of the design, and then begin pre-construction up through the summer of 2009. For more design details, see www.seattle.gov/util/MadisonValley.

While the current design has reached the point where it is unlikely there will be additional dramatic design changes, there are many details that have not been finalized and could be tweaked based on community input. So, it is important that you and your neighbors attend further meetings to express your opinions. We owe it to ourselves, our families, our neighbors, and the community at large to see that the design will be as attractive and useful as possible within budget constraints.




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Decision on MLK Coming Soon

By Andy Engelson

The public process to determine the zoning at the site of the now-closed Martin Luther King, Jr Elementary School (MLK) is nearing its conclusion. The School Use Advisory Committee (SUAC) is scheduled to approve the final report at the next meeting on December 11, 7:00 p.m. at T.T. Minor Elementary School. The public is encouraged to attend.

Citizens for a Community Center at MLK (CCC@MLK) continues to work hard on partnerships and funding to make a vibrant community center at MLK. In January, the school district will likely begin to accept public comment as it considers which group will be allowed to buy or lease the MLK property.

In addition to CCC@MLK, two other groups have expressed interest. The Bush School is interested, but has no firm plans or dedicated funds for the site. First AME Church has also proposed housing its administrative offices at MLK and reportedly has grant money to pay for a lease.

CCC@MLK will draft a plan for a community center over the next few months and continue to bring in partners such as Spectrum Dance Theater, Coyote Central, and the African American Veterans of Washington. Programs could include lifelong learning and job skills classes, kids' activities and childcare, a playground, performance space, dance studio, and community meeting rooms.

We need your help to bring a community center to Madison Valley. To volunteer or sign-up for our e-mail newsletter, contact Andy Engelson at aengelson@speakeasy.net or 484-9823.



Pre-K Montessori Program at T.T. Minor?

If T.T. Minor Elementary School had a pre-K Montessori program starting in the fall of 2009, would you be interested in enrolling your 4 year old? Seattle Public School's Montessori program, which began at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Madison Valley, is continuing to grow. The program is now located at T.T. Minor Elementary in the Central District at 18th Ave. E. and Union St. Next year, the school is hoping to add a pre-K program. We are still looking for a few more families to express interest before we move forward with a funding grant application. Your student would need to be 4 years old by September 1, 2009 to qualify. If you are interested, please contact T.T. Minor Montessori parents:

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Lavender Spa Closed due to Prostitution

By Ann McCurdy



When Lavender Beauty Salon and Spa first moved into the site that formerly housed Izilla Toys (2840 E. Madison St.), some neighbors were dismayed at the new exterior: bright lavender paint, gaudy blinking signs, and cheap plastic flowers. But, what was going on inside was even worse.


On Friday, November 14, police arrived at the spa, arresting the owner and

carting off many bags marked "Evidence." The charges: allowing prostitution on the premises, and prostitution itself. At this time, police are not releasing the names of those arrested, saying only that one owner was arrested on the premises while the other was arrested at home.

Speaking with Seattle Police Officer Dale Williams cleared up many rumors. Everyone who was arrested is in the country legally. None of the women were underage. While similar arrests for prostitution were recently reported at three tanning salons in Seattle, Lavender Spa was not related to them or any other operation.

When asked, "Why our neighborhood?" Officer Williams said we simply had an available location. (Case in point: a few months ago, they shut down a prostitution front in a house just a few blocks away from my mother's nice suburban Bellevue home). The police learned of Lavender Spa three or four months ago, after being alerted by neighbors. It was not considered a large enough operation for immediate concern, but neighbors such as Richard Winsler insisted the police take action. Then, aware residents were asked to keep quiet and patient for three weeks until the arrests occurred.

There is some speculation as to whether Lavender Spa was always a front for prostitution, or whether it started out as a legitimate spa. One neighbor and his wife had gone in the spa for massages and found them professionally done, occasionally by a male masseuse. But, "there seemed to be [at] some point a couple of months ago when the 'regular' masseuses who were very clearly professionally trained left Lavender. The last two massages I received, it was clear to me that they were NOT professionally trained. Nothing inappropriate, just ineffective massages by people who clearly didn't seem to be professionals." However, a woman who lives nearby suspected something early on: "I went to Lavender for a massage when they first opened and now I am so completely grossed out! It was actually the worst massage I have ever had, too. Now it makes sense - they are definitely not trained masseuses! YUCK!!!"

Regardless, thanks to our observant and persistent neighbors, the spa is closed and the signs are down. Whatever business takes over that location should know that illegal activity is not tolerated in Madison Valley. 



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