



# The Valley View

Newsletter of the Greater Madison Valley Community Council

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## GMVCC Council News

The Madison Valley community would like to say a special

**Thank You**

to our outgoing officers,

**Gary Emslie and Eli Stahlhut**

**GARY** has been the president of the Community Council for the past eight years – WOW! **ELI** has been the treasurer for the past three years. Thank you both for your hard work and your devotion to our community. Your volunteerism and care helps makes Madison Valley a special place to live.

Congratulations to our **new and reelected** officers! See minutes below.



## Minutes of Meeting held on June 21, 2006

Gary Emslie, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum was present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Jerry Sussman has removed the Bill Cummings painting from MLK School and it will be stored at the Frye Museum vault. An appraisal will be made. A final hanging place will be announced at the September meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eli Stahlhut, the treasurer, is retiring after three years of service. Three years ago the ledger started out with approx. \$17,000. Income over the three years amounted to approx. \$18,000. Expenses amounted to \$25,000 for the three years. Ending balanced is approx. \$14,700, due to selling a van for \$13,000.

**Potluck Picnic:** A motion was approved to fund \$400.00 for 100 T-shirts to help promote the first community neighborhood picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-8:00 PM.

Cost is \$4.00 per shirt and they will be sold for \$10.00 as a community fund raiser. The artwork on the shirts is to be determined. Adding a website address to the shirt was suggested. A second motion was approved to allocate \$250.00 for flyers, etc. to promote the August 13 picnic.

**Valley View:** Bush School will not continue to print the paper.

⇒ Please see *Council News* on page 5



A crowd of almost 100!

## 1st Annual Madison Valley Potluck Barbeque!

We could not have asked for more perfect weather during the first annual Madison Valley Potluck Barbeque at William Grose Park on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful day to meet the neighbors, make new friends, and eat to our heart's content.

The Madison Valley Fire Department and Sally Sprinkle the Clown added to the festivities, letting children explore a fire truck and have their faces painted. Great prizes were awarded to contestants in the barbeque contest (see page 4).



A big hit with the kids

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## One of Our Neighbors



Cathy Nunneley

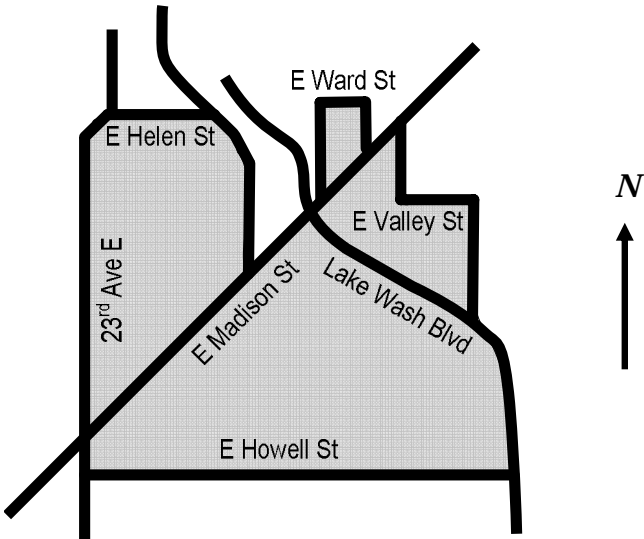
## The Art of Giving Back

By Lindsay Felcyn Zaccara

Cathy Nunneley can finally say that she's from Madison Valley. When she moved into the neighborhood 29 years ago, she was surrounded by "old timers" who'd been living in the Valley—or what was then called Harrison Ridge—for most of their lives. What Cathy probably won't say is that despite being "new" to the neighborhood, her involvement in our community has helped shape its identity as a diverse, unique, and friendly

⇒ Please see *Giving Back* on page 6

## Where is the Greater Madison Valley?



## It's Time to Clean up This Town

By Ann McCurdy

This summer, twenty Madison Valley residents celebrated Independence Day in a novel way: picking up garbage in the neighborhood. The cleanup crew, organized by Andy Goulding with help from the City of Seattle Adopt-A-Street Program, worked for two hours cleaning up our streets.

What does it take to organize such a feat? Not much, insists Goulding. "I sent out the idea, got quick neighbor response, got cleanup bags, tools, vests and gear from the City Dept. of Utilities, showed up, worked for an hour or so, collected 20 bags of junk, had fun and went home. Next day the bags and gear were collected. Slick." The volunteers had fun as well, meeting each other and comparing their "finds," which included a tire, a broken chair (which one volunteer took home for her garden), and the group favorite: a painting of a bullfighter on black velvet.

For more information about organizing your own cleanup, contact [AdoptAStreet@Seattle.gov](mailto:AdoptAStreet@Seattle.gov) or call 286-4008.



*The cleanup volunteers in front of MLK School*

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# Coyote Makes Art

By Cathy Nunneley

Coyote Central is celebrating! This fall marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this innovative organization, which strives to bring art experiences to our city's middle school youth. Located above Essential Bakery and Ewajo Dance Studio, Madison Valley can feel proud to be the home for Coyote's administrative office.

Coyote Central is the brainchild of Marybeth Satterlee, who currently heads up the organization as the executive director. Marybeth began her career as a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Madrona School in the 1970s. It was there that she met her first collaborator, Greg Everett. She and Greg began to offer after school art courses for the students. The response was overwhelmingly positive and supportive. After meeting with parents and students, they decided on the "cool" name of Coyote Jr. High School for their program. Marybeth explains, "The coyote is a great animal that kids can relate to. It's crafty and creative and it never gives up." The name was changed to Coyote Central recently, to better reflect their demographics and distance from an actual school experience.



A Coyote Central installation in progress at the entrance to Powell Barnett Park

Coyote offers a three-prong approach for 10-14 year old participants in their programs: *Studio Coyote*, *Hit the Streets* and *CityWorks*. In all cases, students are placed in professional workplaces with mentors who are experts in their professional fields. The results have been outstanding for both the students and the professionals.

*Studio Coyote* offers 20 different ten-week workshops after school and on weekends throughout the year. With low student-to-teacher ratios, the students learn diverse


skills such as filmmaking, hot glass blowing, singing, debate (a real mock trial), radio broadcasting, painting, photography, writing, cooking, and many others too numerous to list.

Since 1992, *Hit the Streets* has been offered as a summer-time venue in which the participants create a major public art project in the Central Area. Over 25 corporate sponsors fund a program that includes a daily apprenticeship experience and earns them a \$300 savings account stipend. Some projects that may be familiar to you are the facades of the Medgar Evers Pool, the giant Y at the East Madison YMCA, and the Dilettante Chocolates factory wall. In July, they completed an entrance to Powell Barnett Park.

Serious creative expression is fostered with *CityWorks*. With this program, Coyote youth are commissioned by local businesses to create art. The Mosaic walkway at Miller

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## Valley Gems

By Jennifer Karkar Ritchie

One of my favorite pastimes is to eat delicious and interesting foods, and some of the best restaurants in all of Seattle are located in or around the Madison Valley commerce area. One in particular has become an end of summer favorite for my husband and me, and it is my September Find.

**The Harvest Vine**, located at 2701 East Madison, offers two very special delights on a seasonable day. First, its openness enables diners to enjoy the weather. Secondly and perhaps more especially is a meal called **padróns**, or per my translation, little delectable peppers.

Beginning in June (the timeframe may vary a bit), owners Joseba Jiménez de Jiménez and Carolin Messier de Jiménez get the restaurant's supply of padróns — which are traditionally from Galicia, Spain — from a grower in Palo Alto. Using a very simple preparation, the peppers are lightly deep fried and served with sprinkle of coarse sea salt, enlivening the true flavor of the pepper itself.

Padróns also have another wonderfully unique attribute, which continues to add to the experience. Within each batch of these tasty peppers, there is one very spicy pepper — a “rocket ship,” as described by the restaurant. This spicy pepper looks just like the others, and one can only truly identify it by taking a small nibble, in turn making each bite a game of chance. Luckily for me, my husband loves the spicy ones!



The padróns are a seasonal item, so make sure to check them out before September's end.

See you next month with another great find!



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## BBQ, *continued from page 1*

We also give a big hand to the volunteers who helped organize and run the afternoon:

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The BBQ Contest Winners			
	Entree	Side Dish	Dessert
<b>1st Place</b>	<i>BBQ Pork Ribs,</i> Mike Barta	<i>Broccoli Salad,</i> Allison Ainslie	<i>Lemon Bars,</i> Karen Turnquist
<b>2nd Place</b>	<i>Grilled Lamb,</i> Glenn Zaccara	<i>Couscous Salad,</i> Annette Kraus- Raubvogel	<i>Pecan Pie,</i> Peter Triandafilou
<b>3rd Place</b>	<i>Grilled Zucchini,</i> Rebekkah, Stephen & Sylvie LaDyne	<i>Deviled Egg,</i> Jean Mohr	<i>Blackberry Cobbler,</i> Eric Gier

First place winners' recipes will be published in future *Valley View* issues!



For more pictures of the BBQ, visit [madisonvalley.org](http://madisonvalley.org)

## Council News, *continued from page 1*

In order to survive, a competitive mail service and printer will have to be found.

### Election of Officers for 2006-2007:

*President:* **Tom Searce**

*Vice President:* **Charles McDade**

*Secretary:* The dynamic duo, **John Coldewey** and **Larry Kron**

*Treasurer:* **Jennifer Janzen**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.



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All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming meeting dates are:

- **Wednesday, September 20th at 7:30pm**
- **Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30pm**
- **Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30pm**



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place to live.

“In all my work as a nurse I have learned that people want a sense of connection, and so I actively promote that in our neighborhood. I think knowing who our neighbors are builds a sense of community, and I want this not only for us but also for my own children as they continue to grow up here.”

Cathy grew up for the most part in Honolulu, Hawaii. The daughter of a submariner who was transferred often, she attended 16 schools in 12 years all over the country, including 3 fourth grade and 3 seventh grade schools. While most people might think that this would be difficult socially, Cathy had no trouble making new friends. Most of her schoolwork was unimpeded by the moves, but math was a challenge, since each school’s curriculum was different. Cathy ended up teaching herself multiplication and division.

Upon graduating from high school back in Honolulu, Cathy went on to nursing school in San Francisco. She’d always known that she wanted to be a nurse, and at university she focused on pediatrics. Soon after graduation, Cathy found an opportunity to test her skills: the 1976 earthquake in Comalapa, Guatemala. Joining the Committee for Relief of Guatemala, Cathy headed to Central America. Little did she know that two important life changes were in store.

“I was in that mindset just after graduating where I wanted to be able to rescue everybody, but when I got down there I realized many people were in a situation where there wasn’t anything we could do for them. Everything changed overnight for me.” Over 23,000 people died in Guatemala after the 7.6 Richter scale earthquake hit. In the midst of this devastation, Cathy found her career calling: pediatric hospice, which means taking care of dying children.

It was also in Comalapa where Cathy met her future husband, Dr. Sandy Levy. At the time they met, Sandy was taking a year off between medical school and residency. He

decided on Seattle for his training and they moved here together in 1977. Sandy first practiced family medicine and now works as an anesthesiologist.

After two years at Harborview Medical Center and another two at Children’s Hospital, Cathy earned her master’s degree at University of Washington in hospice nursing, graduating as their first *pediatric* hospice nurse, a form of nursing that seemed to intimidate many of her colleagues. Yet to Cathy, working with terminal children was a joy, since children by nature live in the present, unburdened by “existential” baggage. It was her job to help the children and their families adapt to day-to-day life with a terminal illness. Her approach was to act as a consultant to the families. “I believe my role was to provide information and assist the parents to make choices that maximize comfort and minimize trauma. It’s all about not interfering in the family dynamics and encouraging parents to maintain their role as primary caregivers to their child.”

With a job like Cathy’s, (as well as raising two daughters, Miranda and Claire, now 20 and 19), one might assume she’d just plop down on the couch at the end of each day. Yet it is precisely her job that gave her the energy and motivation to give back to the community. “I realized I’d done the best I could do in my work, and I wanted to go out and do good things and enjoy the things I do. Time is limited.”

This kind of live-right attitude prompted Cathy, along with other neighbors, to form the present Greater Madison Valley Community Council eighteen years ago. She and Jerry Sussman were the first co-presidents of the Council, and they traveled to Olympia together to register it officially. At the time, nearly 100 people attended each council meeting, as the main issue of the day was to prevent the destruction of the Harrison Ridge Greenbelt through housing development. Other popular issues at the time were airplane noise and the City’s lack of responsiveness to flooding in the valley.

When Cathy’s children attended school, her involvement turned toward their education, but in the past eight years she has reinserted herself into our community’s matters. She has run the annual Spaghetti Dinner and helped with the courtyard rummage sale. When she left her job as a nurse five years ago in order to help her family through medical difficulties, she started working on *The Valley View*. Until recently, Cathy was the sole editor, advertising person and main contributor of articles for *The Valley View*—no mean feat! Lately, Cathy has been working with Seattle Public Utilities to post a permanent community bulletin board at the new drainage site on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue between East John Street and East Thomas Street, in addition to working with Coyote Central (see article, p. 3) to design another community kiosk for the intersection of E. Madison Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way E.

We are lucky to have a woman like Cathy Nunneley in our community. Her sense of life’s balance has imbued in her an ideology and a motivation from which our whole neighborhood has benefited.



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## Coyote Makes Art *continued from page 3*

Community Center and store windows at Macy's and Barney's New York are two examples of this effort. It is also their artwork on 4' X 8' panels that serve as the new barricades for interior construction at Pacific Place.

Coyote Central is administered by three women. Marybeth Slaterlee, the executive director, works with Claudia Stelle and Althea Scully. Claudia, the managing director, is Coyote's champion grant writer, auction chairperson, and project director of *Hit the Streets*. Althea is the registrar and administrative assistant. Together, these women and their many supporters offer a unique experience for our community's middle school youth, serving over 1000 kids a year.

Interested in Coyote Central? You may contact them at [info@coyotecentral.org](mailto:info@coyotecentral.org) or 323-7276. As a community, we look forward to more good works from our neighborhood kids and their mentors at Coyote.

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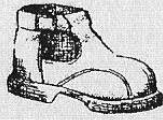
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