



WINTER 2005

A CONVERSATION WITH COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD CONLIN

The FCA has been working with city officials in an effort to get a pedestrian-activated crosswalk on Fauntleroy Way at the north end of Lincoln Park for over a year. We invited City Councilmember Richard Conlin, chair of the Transportation Committee to join us at the February 8th FCA board meeting to hear our concerns on this and other traffic issues.

Driver behavior is having a direct effect on pedestrian safety throughout the city, but funding is not always available to upgrade pedestrian walkways. Although no decision has been made on this issue and no commitment for action or funds were pledged, the FCA board was encouraged to have our comments and questions heard.

Three issues were on Conlin's agenda as he reported at length about ongoing plans for

replacement of the *Alaskan Way Viaduct*, local transportation funding for *roads and bridges*, and a topic of growing concern in all areas of the city but of particular interest to Fauntleroy, *pedestrian safety*.

Conlin listened attentively to the many concerns the board expressed about how West Seattle would be affected by Viaduct construction and urged us to attend the February 28 Transportation Committee meeting to have those concerns addressed.

In addition to the Viaduct, SDOT and WSDOT have a long list of road and bridge construction and repair projects that must be undertaken in the near future.

With regard to the Fauntleroy Way pedestrian-activated crosswalk the FCA has been pursuing, Conlin has already added his voice in an email to Seattle Department of Transportation to our ongoing efforts.

Seattle City Council Transportation Committee

Invitation to the Public to Attend and Comment on the

DRAFT ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT EMERGENCY CLOSURE PLAN • Monday, February 28, 2005

5:30 – 7:30 PM Seattle City Hall, Council Chambers, 600 4th Ave. (Enter on 5th Ave. between James & Cherry Sts.)

WELCOME BAGS, MEMBERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING AND YOU!

WELCOME BAGS

With each issue of *Neighbors*, we mention the availability of FCA Welcome Bags, "a great way to greet your new neighbor." We thought you would like to know the "who, what, why and wherefore" of Welcome Bags.

We ask our members to welcome new neighbors with a Welcome Bag as a way of introducing them to Seattle and the Fauntleroy community in general, and especially to the FCA and all that we do on behalf of the community. Inside the Welcome Bag your new neighbor will find an assortment of useful goods and information; *Neighbors* newsletter, current bus and ferry schedules, League of Women Voters Directory of Elected Officials, City of Seattle "Who to Call for Help" booklet, West Seattle map, as well as other print resources that will make their

transition into the community easier. We also include gifts, home made jam, Cedar Creek Soap, and gift certificates from local businesses.

We introduce the FCA through our "**Not a member? This brochure is for you!**" handout that explains what the FCA is and does. When you deliver the Welcome Bag, we ask that you give a little background on the FCA, complete the information card on the new neighbor, and return the new neighbor's name and address to us (by mail, phone or email) so we can put them on our complimentary *Neighbors* mailing list for one year. Our goal, of course, is not only to welcome our new neighbors, but to gain new friends and new FCA members and volunteers. You are an important part in this member and friend-making process! (cont'd page 2)

MEMBERS

Speaking of members, each spring as we prepare for our Annual Meeting (to be held May 12) we expect to increase our membership. If each member or family brings in just one other member, we would double our membership! Talk to your neighbors and friends about joining. We serve the community in many ways; through representation on the state's Ferry Advisory Committee, participation in the Southwest District Council, communication with the extended community

VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways in which you can help the FCA, some ongoing, some one-time. Coming right up, the spring **Nature Discovery Walk** March 20 at Fauntleroy Park is a great opportunity to dive right into the planning stage or help out on the day of the event (contact Kim@petram.org). The May 12 **Fauntleroy Food Festival and Annual Meeting** needs planners and event workers.

Fall Festival is a fun way to get involved, again helping with planning and/or on the day of the event. Each of these events provides exposure to

via our website and newsletter, attending City meetings, sponsoring neighborhood events, representing citizen concerns, and so much more. We are highly approachable and invite members and neighbors to attend our informative monthly board meetings. These are just some of the many ways in which we strive to make Fauntleroy a better place to live. Each new member you introduce to the FCA is another voice to strengthen this community!

friends and neighbors and lots of smiles and laughs.

For greater involvement, consider serving on the FCA board, as editor of this publication, contributing articles, attending meetings of the SW District Council, Cove Park Clean-Up parties, delivering Welcome Bags, Salmon Watch, Ferry Advisory Committee, mailing parties, or simply sitting in on monthly board meetings to see for yourself the range of issues your FCA tackles. Surely one of these volunteer opportunities suits your talents and time limitations! Contact any board member to sign on.

FROM THE WATERSHED COUNCIL

PROJECT TO COMPLETE RESTORATION OF CREEK CHANNEL

A Community Salmon Fund grant of nearly \$12,000 will enable the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to complete restoring the creek channel for improved juvenile-rearing habitat for Coho salmon.

The grant combines monies from King County and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. It is being matched by volunteer hours, donated supplies, and in-kind services from Seattle Public Utilities and EarthCorps, the conservation training program that will do technical aspects of the installation.

The work will involve placement of logs in the channel due downstream of 45th Ave. S.W., as well as in-stream diversification near the mouth of the creek. Invasive plants (such as blackberry) will be removed from work areas and composted in place, followed by re-vegetation with beneficial natives.

Planning is already under way toward a goal of removing invasives this spring, doing the in-stream work this summer, and re-vegetating next winter.

The finished product will look much like the upper creek, where EarthCorps will soon complete similar work in Fauntleroy Park and the reach between California Ave. S.W. and 45th.

"We were fortunate to have the city and NOAA Fisheries invest in the upstream work, where the creek runs on public property," said Judy Pickens, project administrator for the watershed council. "Because the lower reaches involve private property, we need to restore them with grant funding and community participation."

For continuity and quality control, the council has turned to the same design and installation services used upstream. Property owners and other community volunteers will be tapped to do the bulk of the plant work and monitor restored areas over a three-year period.

"We have every expectation that the logs will slow the water, trap silt, and enhance habitat for home-hatch and release juveniles," Judy said. "We can't control what happens to our fish in open water, but this project will apply the best available science to improve their chances of survival while they're in the creek."

The Fauntleroy Community Association (a 501c4 nonprofit) is supporting the project by serving as the fiscal agent of record.

HELP WANTED: *NEIGHBORS* NEWSLETTER EDITOR STARTING FALL 2005. TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT BRUCE BUTTERFIELD AT BRUCE@BRUCEBUTTERFIELD.COM OR BY PHONE (206) 932-2400

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SALMON RETURN SPARSE

As was the case in other city creeks, this fall's Coho return to Fautleroy Creek was sparse. Six fish returned to spawn, resulting in one redd (nest). More than two dozen volunteers participated in the annual salmon watch. Washington State Ferries cooperated by providing access to the pier to monitor activity in the cove.

"We learn something new every year but always have to resort to a fair amount of speculation to try to explain what happened," said fish biologist and creek volunteer Steev Ward. "What we do know is that the spawning reach was in excellent shape. We just didn't get the fish."

WATERSHED BROCHURE UPDATED

An updated edition of "Discovering the Fautleroy Creek Watershed" is now available at the fish ladder viewpoint and at the S.W. Barton Street entrance to Fautleroy Park.

Published by the watershed council using grant funding from Seattle Public Utilities, the brochure includes a self-guided nature walk in the park and a checklist of birds in the area.

Components of the brochure are posted as well the community website, www.fautleroy.net.

We've Taken the Pulse of Fautleroy

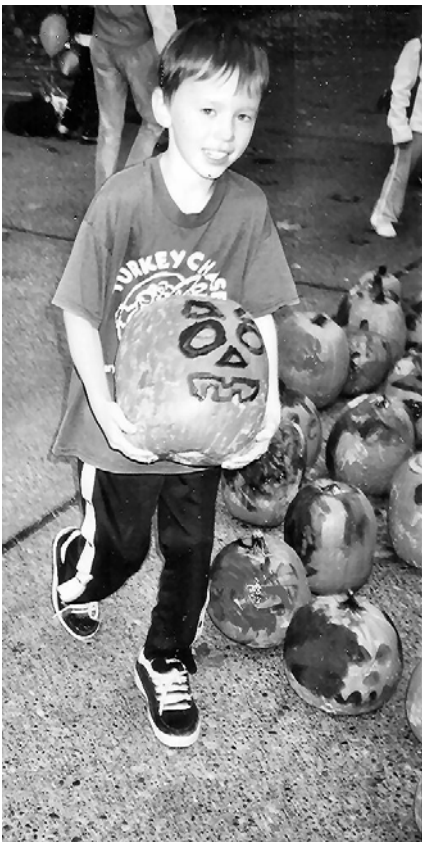
By Charles Sawyer

Thanks to those of you who responded to our Pulse of Fautleroy survey in the last newsletter, and provided us with your opinions about the possible extension of the monorail to Fautleroy, and about the service options the Washington State Ferry System is considering for the Fautleroy/Vashon/ Southworth triangle. If you're interested in how your opinions compare with those of your neighbors in Fautleroy, we will have the survey results at the FCA's Annual Meeting May 12. Just so you know, it should come as no surprise that most of you would rather *not* have the Monorail reach down to the ferry dock.

For the latest calendar and event information, check our website, www.fautleroy.net

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL FUN

Co-sponsors Fauntleroy Church UCC, Little Pilgrim Preschool, Fauntleroy YMCA, Fauntleroy Community Association, Fauntleroy Children's Center, Tuxedos 'n Tennis Shoes Catering, Alexander's Rentals, Endolyne Joe's Restaurant, the Port of Seattle and NUCOR Steel were delighted with the turnout and wonderful success of yet another wonderful day of festival fun! See for yourself!



Photos courtesy of Enid Havens, Fauntleroy Church UCC. We thank you, Enid!

And a good time was had by all! Be sure to come back for this year's Fauntleroy Fall Festival and sign up to be a volunteer! It's fun, it's easy, your help is needed!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

Who Are Those New People, Anyway?

By President Bruce Butterfield

There were 269 home sales in the Fauntleroy area in 2004. So, who are the new people to our neighborhood, where did they come from and what attracted them to West Seattle or Fauntleroy?

Well, why not ask them?

We encourage you to greet your new neighbors and welcome them to the neighborhood. As an icebreaker, or conversation starter, we offer free **FCA Welcome Bags** for you to give your new neighbors, packed with free gifts and information about our community and our association. Nobody will know of our many accomplishments if someone doesn't point it out! (Call Barbara Burgess at 206-935-9167 for your free Welcome Bags.)

We have about 230 dues-paying members in a neighborhood of over 2,000 homeowners and apartment dwellers. The FCA enjoys a good standing among city, county, state officials and other neighborhood associations and we'd like to see us do more for Fauntleroy. We want a larger membership to know what we do and become involved. New members add new energy and help us present the FCA Nature event (March 20 at Fauntleroy Park) for the kids and co-sponsor the FCA Food Fest (May 12 at Fauntleroy Hall) in the spring and the Fall Festival. New members help get out this newsletter and represent Fauntleroy on the Ferry Advisory Committee, Southwest District Council and on issues important to the community.

We distribute information on our website, www.Fauntleroy.net, and work as watch dogs for community interests.

We'd like those of you who receive and enjoy our newsletter and value what the FCA does to become ambassadors for us. Please mention us to your neighbors and friends and urge them to join. For their annual dues they will receive the **NEIGHBORS** newsletter, stay up to date on events in the area and learn more about what's around them. If they choose to get involved, that's even better.

Improving where we live by being involved with the Fauntleroy Watershed Committee, Cove Park enhancements and Spring Cleans helps everyone and fosters new relationships and friendships.

We have so many little pocket neighborhoods in Fauntleroy where people know each other and get together. By encouraging these people to join the FCA and learn more about the neighborhood and become involved, Fauntleroy will be enriched as a whole.

So please look around and ask neighbors if they are aware of us, offer them your copy of **NEIGHBORS** or call or email one of us and we will send one to them. Let's grow and make the Fauntleroy Community Association even stronger by becoming an *active, participating* member!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MoCA meeting with Seattle Department of Planning and Development regarding Murray Pump Station (Lowman Beach Park) and Barton Pump Station (Cove Park) expansion plans **Thurs. Feb. 24, 7 pm**, at the Kenney Retirement Community.

WATERSHED COUNCIL. The Fauntleroy Watershed Council will meet **Thursday, March 10**, at 7 p.m. at Fauntleroy Church. Participation is open to all watershed residents. To inquire about agenda items, check www.fauntleroy.net or call 938-4203.

WEEDING PARTIES. Friends of Fauntleroy Park coordinates monthly weeding parties on **second Sundays**, 1-3 p.m. For details, call 935-5313.

EARTHCORPS FAUNTLEROY PARK STEWARDSHIP EVENTS Saturday March 12 and 26, 9 AM – 3 PM. Meet at the park entrance on SW Barton Street. Events are appropriate for adults and children and for anyone who wants to help the park by volunteering! Contact Tolya Colpitts, EarthCorps Project Manager (206) 322-9296 ext. 210 or tokya@earthcorps.org for more information or visit their website at www.earthcorps.org

WEST SEATTLE FARMERS' MARKET reopens **Sunday, May 8** and runs through **December 18**.

We Welcome The *New* Guadalajara Restaurant

On May 1 of last year, Jose Prieto and his wife, Maria Rodriguez quietly purchased Fauntleroy's familiar Guadalajara Restaurant and have been making changes ever since. Although most of us didn't realize that the ownership had changed, we have noticed that the quality of food and service, not to mention the décor, have changed remarkably over the past several months.

Jose and Maria, in the restaurant business for 17 years, are proud owners of this neighborhood, family, all non-smoking restaurant featuring Michoacan (regional "not so spicy") Mexican fare. Carne Salada y Mas (Steak with chile releno) is among their specialties. With cozy, friendly ambiance and excellent food, new seating, and colorful murals, they have brought together all the essential ingredients of a delightful local restaurant to Fauntleroy.

Even more changes are planned for later this spring when a lounge area and an outdoor patio with room for 8 to 9 tables will be added. Watch for these changes and stop in for a great dining experience right in our neighborhood.



TWO GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS:

***NATURE DISCOVERY WALK* SUNDAY MARCH 20, 1:00 PM AT FAUNTLEROY PARK (WATCH FOR SIGNS) FUN FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. COME AND EXPLORE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING!**
***FAUNTLEROY FOOD FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL MEETING* AT FAUNTLEROY HALL. COME ONE, COME ALL. FOOD, FUN, INFORMATION. BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS. NOT A MEMBER? COME AND JOIN AT THE MEETING.**
THURSDAY MAY 12 6:00 PM

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