

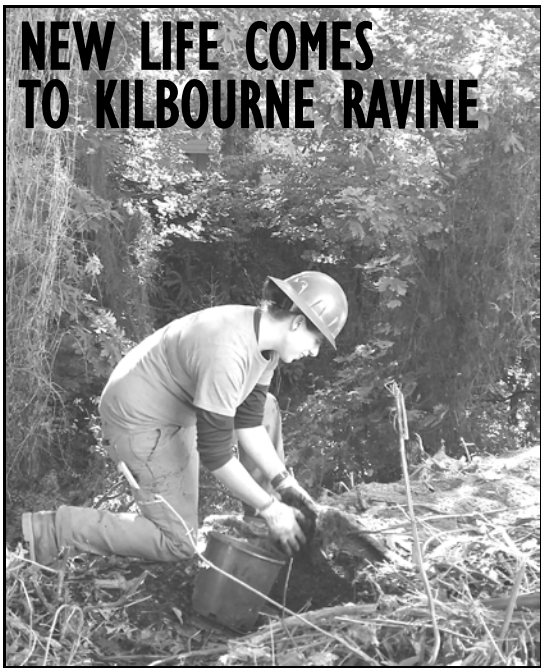
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NEW LIFE COMES TO KILBOURNE RAVINE



Whitney Bowman, an EarthCorps trainee from Indiana, plants a fir tree on the slope below the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Over the summer, she and other crewmembers started the Kilbourne ravine restoration project by cutting survival rings to kill clematis and ivy growing up native trees, treating holly, laurel, and blackberry with approved herbicide, and installing 1,400 square yards of jute fabric for erosion control. Work will resume in the spring. Photo courtesy Rob Anderson

FORUM AIRS TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS

The FCA Board hosted a transportation forum on Nov. 6 with key city officials to enable Fautleroy residents to air concerns.

For some of the three dozen people who attended, the evening brought new information. For others, it was yet another chance to emphasize long-standing concerns with no resolution in sight.

FCA President Mike Dey moderated the forum organized by FCA Director Marty Westerman, a member of the West Seattle Transportation Coalition. Except for Capt. Steve Wilske, commander of the Southwest Precinct, panel members were representatives – Bill LaBorde (chief of staff representing Seattle Department of Transportation Director Scott Kubly), Andrew Glass Hastings (transportation adviser representing Mayor Ed Murray) and Evan Clifthorne (representing Tom Rasmussen, chairman of the City Council's Transportation Committee).

Several themes emerged as residents outlined problem areas:

- coordination (or lack thereof) between growth and improvements in transportation infrastructure
- ferry traffic volume
- safety on Fautleroy Way SW
- getting funding restored for a uniformed officer to pulse off-loading ferry traffic
- timely and effective response to reported traffic, parking, and pedestrian hazards at the street level.

Although the session was short on specifics, two nuggets did emerge. One is that police will be keeping a closer eye on early-morning motorcycle traffic. Capt. Wilske emphasized that the city's noise ordinance is very hard to enforce but that his officers would be on the look out for moving violations.

The other was Evan Clifthorne's offer to work with FCA on a walking tour of Fautleroy with Councilman Rasmussen, key SDOT staff members, and community representatives.

FERRY ADVISERS KEEPING EYE ON MULTIPLE CONCERNS RELATED TO TRAFFIC

By Gary Dawson

Earlier this year the Fautleroy Ferry Advisory Committee (FFAC) worked with Washington State Ferries and our counterparts from Vashon and Southworth on revising the triangle route ferry schedule. Changes were needed to create a more efficient operation when the ferry system replaces one of the two older and smaller vessels currently operating here with a larger vessel.

This reassignment of vessels is made possible by the introduction of a new 144-car vessel elsewhere in the state system, as well as the need to retire an older 79-car vessel on this route.

The concern with having a larger-capacity ferry is that we'll have larger clusters of vehicles off-loading onto Fautleroy Way and making their way through West Seattle. What additional disruption or congestion may occur remains to be seen.

Over the summer, the ferry system had unplanned, significant maintenance and operational events that caused other vessel reassignments. As a result, a newer vessel with a marginally larger capacity has been operating on the triangle route. We anticipate that a higher-capacity vessel will be assigned here and are staying in contact with the state on this issue.

On another note, we are involved in discussions with state ferries and the Vashon and Southworth ferry advisory committees on the need for a uniformed officer to control vehicle traffic on and off the ferry dock at Fautleroy Way. (continued p. 4)

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SCHOOLHOUSE SPORTS ART, FRESH FACE, THREE NEW TENANTS

The Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center has several recent changes to report, both outside and inside the building.

The most obvious change on the outside is the addition of "Twisted Tails" to the rain garden on the east lawn. The metal sculpture of leaping salmon is by Shawn Bennett, whom many in the neighborhood will know from his 20-plus years as a hairdresser here (now owner of Salon 828 in Burien).

Thanks to significant investment by area residents, the roof and gutters over the north wing are also new, just in time for the rainy season. The rest of the building was reroofed in 2012.

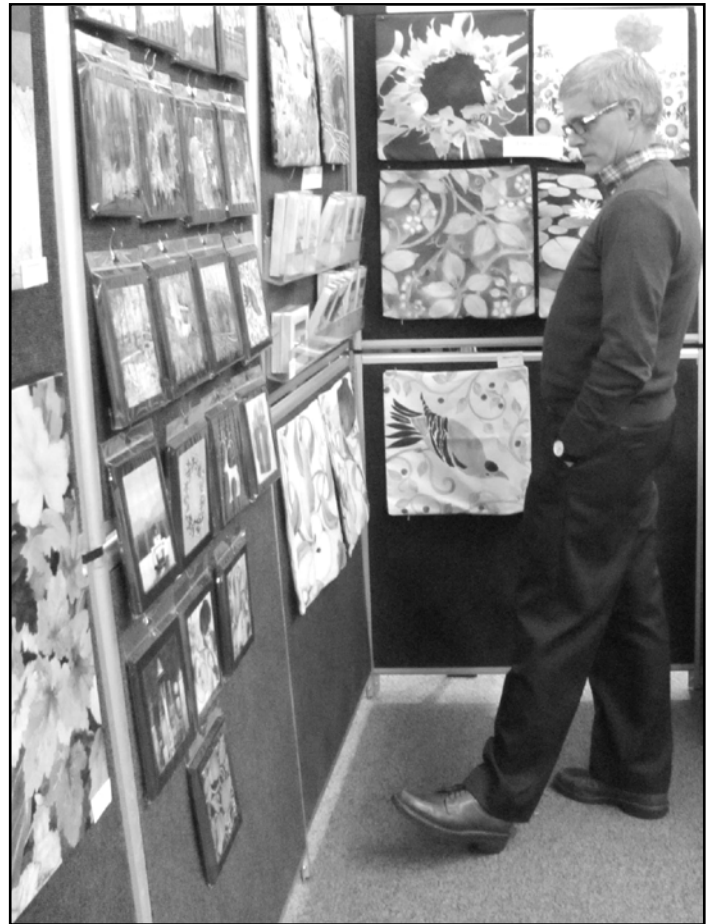
The east side of the building has had a facelift. Contractors tuck pointed the brickwork at the main entrance, installed seismic pins to strengthen the exterior wall, cleaned and polished the terra cotta lintels, power washed and sealed the facade, and painted the gables.

Inside, the schoolhouse has added three tenants:

Cultivate! West Seattle has been offering art classes for several months. Owner Kim Miller has a variety of classes on her schedule, for children, youth, adults, and families. Visit www.cultivatewestseattle.com.

Body Conscious is the second office for Maureen Warren, a licensed massage practitioner, structural medicine specialist, and certified Hellerwork practitioner. Call 206-849-4345.

West Seattle Neighborhood Chiropractic has also branched out to Fauntleroy. Dr. Erika Dudra is an Atlas Orthogonal chiropractor with a focus on pediatrics. Call 206-659-0771.



ART SHOW OPENS HOLIDAY SEASON

Steve Sundquist was among hundreds of area residents who browsed the seventh annual Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show in mid November at Fauntleroy Church. His choice: a watercolor by Kathy Johnson, one of the 15 West Seattle artists in the show. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

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BUSY SUMMER FOR STORMWATER, WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Area projects aimed at capturing and controlling rainwater made great progress over the summer, from a passel of roadside and residential rain gardens to an impressive pit at Lowman Beach. And the enlarged wastewater pump station adjacent to the ferry terminal is nearly ready for art.

Roadside Rain Gardens

Thanks to great progress in 2014, next year's construction schedule for rain gardens in the Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighborhoods will be shorter.

When fully functioning, these roadside rain gardens will retain most stormwater where it falls and help King County meet federal regulations to limit combined sewer overflows into Fauntleroy Cove near the Barton Pump Station to an average of no more than one per year.

King County's contractor, Goodfellow Brothers, Inc., built 63 rain gardens along 10 blocks in 2014, including two blocks originally scheduled for 2015. In addition, they got the five remaining blocks ready for the spring construction season, when they'll need an estimated 30 weeks to finish the job.

In addition to constructing the rain gardens, King County is responsible for their maintenance. Over the winter months, crews will make monthly inspections and increase their visits around large storm events. They'll be monitoring plant health, checking drainage, and removing weeds, debris, and trash.

Residential Rain Gardens

Dozens of neighbors throughout Fauntleroy have been using the rainy season to learn more about rain gardens and get going on tailor-made plans.

They've been spurred into action by RainWise, the city/county rebate program that's been offering area residents an average of \$4,400 toward installing a rain garden, cistern, or both.

"We currently have more than 50 RainWise homes in the Fauntleroy area," said Cari Simson, outreach coordinator. "Our team is working towards adding another 55 to the list by the end of the year. Together, these projects will divert about 4 million gallons of clean rainwater annually from the sewer system, while beautifying yards and protecting our urban waters."

RainWise is organizing living-room meetings with homeowners who have used the program and their interested neighbors to encourage clusters of rain gardens or cisterns to maximize the impact. If you might be interested in hosting or attending one, contact Cari Simson at cari@urbansystemsdesign.com or 206-234-5102.

To check if your property is eligible for the rebate program, visit <https://rainwise.seattle.gov>.

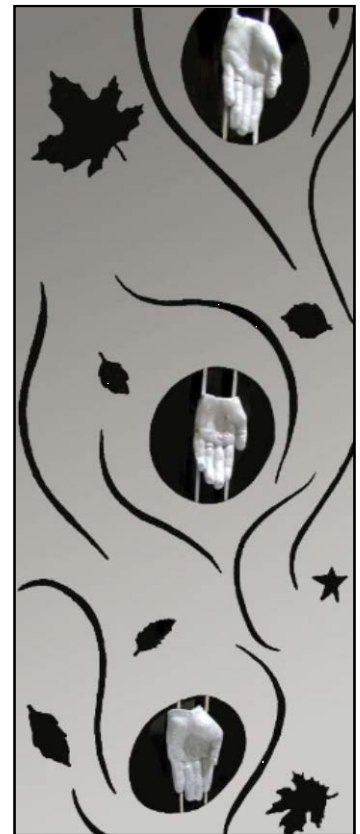
Murray CSO Project

The big underground storage tank will be the focus of winter work by King County's contractor at the Murray Combined Sewer Overflow Control Project across from Lowman Beach. When completed, the 100' X 60' tank will hold up to 1 million gallons of stormwater for slow release after major rainstorms.

Crews will put in forms, install rebar, and pour concrete to construct the tank and roof. They'll also do preliminary electrical and mechanical work.

When the tank is fully constructed, groundwater pumps will be turned off and work will turn to constructing the buildings above the tank. Area residents can expect increased truck traffic when supplies and equipment are delivered.

To protect public and worker safety, those interested in seeing how the project is progressing should peak through the fence on Lincoln Park Way SW and avoid engaging workers in conversation.



Replicas of Fauntleroy hands enliven the metal gate that will welcome visitors to Cove Park and the landscape atop the Barton Pump Station. Artists Tom Jay and Sara Johani are working toward installation of this and many other pieces of art in the spring as the multi-year project to upgrade and enlarge the wastewater facility nears completion.
Photo courtesy Sara Johani

SPAWNING SEASON NETS FISH, MANY VISITORS

Salmon Watch 2014 began Oct. 25 when creek neighbor Elizabeth Butler spotted the first coho spawner at the mouth of the creek. Then came 50-60 neighbors the next evening to call in the spawners at the annual salmon drumming. Within a week, the next generation of life in the creek was well under way.

Eleven volunteers watched as ample rains and tides enabled 19 spawners to come up the creek. As best watchers could tell, they were a mix of hatchery-released fish and fish that could have originated in the creek.

Two "open creek" events staffed by volunteers swelled the number of visitors to 190.

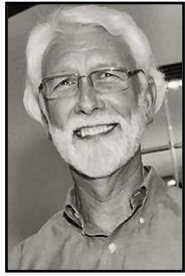
Long-time watcher Dennis Hinton noted the largest male recorded to date (7-8 lbs.). Several females arrived with no mate, which limited spawning pairs to two or three. Volunteers will monitor those redd locations this winter for fry.

The 19 spawners this year compared to three in 2013 and a record 274 in 2012.

SUCCESSFUL FALL LEADS US INTO ISSUES, PROJECTS IN NEW YEAR

By FCA President Mike Dey

What a wonderful fall we have had! Perfect weather on Oct. 19 brought more than 2,000 adults, children, and teens out for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. I especially enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces and highly energized little bodies - plus the pumpkins going home without wet paint! Congratulations to everyone who helped make the day such a success.



On Nov. 6, FCA hosted a transportation forum (reported elsewhere in this issue) to follow up on our 2012 survey indicating that Fauntleroy residents put traffic concerns second only to crime in the community. As a result of our discussion that evening, I have sent letters to three downtown officials to schedule a walking tour of our neighborhood and am optimistic that we'll see progress on a number of specific concerns.

As we move into the holiday season, we have new issues and projects on our radar. One is a cell phone tower proposed near 45th SW and SW Rose. Residents are concerned about decreased property values, increased noise, and a visual eyesore. We are in conversation with the city and AT&T about these concerns and I invite anyone who wants to be "in the loop" on this one to contact me.

A major project, for early next year, will be a new on-line community survey. The FCA Board wants to be sure we are focused on issues that matter to you and we've found such brief, convenient surveys a valuable tool.

Also early in the new year, we'll have long-serving board members stepping down and will be looking for residents to fill those vacancies, including secretary, treasurer, and Southwest District Council representative.

If you might be interested in giving back to your community by serving on the board, talk with any board member or give me a call.

All the best for your holiday season and 2015.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: Expect lots of seasonal spirit when the combined choirs of Fauntleroy Church UCC and Peace Lutheran present two performances with brass in the Fauntleroy sanctuary. **Sat., Dec. 13, at 7:30 pm**, and **Sun., Dec. 14, at 4 pm**. Free.



CHILI COOK-OFF: The **4th Annual Fauntleroy Chili Cook-Off** will have options for all - mild to hot, meat or not - on **Sat., Jan. 31, at 6 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Admission at the door will include five chili votes. Call 206-932-5600 or email info@fauntleroyucc.org if you might be interested in competing with your favorite chili recipe.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS: **Tuesday, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10 at 7 pm** in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda details, contact FCA President Mike Dey at msday50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

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Funding for this position is provided by the Legislature and a few years ago, that funding was eliminated.

FFAC supports the reinstatement of funding for traffic control here, primarily for safer and more efficient flow on Fauntleroy Way, with the following stipulations:

Completely stopping all traffic flow on Fauntleroy Way for the duration of ferry off-loading is totally unacceptable and Fauntleroy traffic should be intermittent with ferry traffic. We will maintain this position during Legislative negotiations for an increase in ferry funding.

And finally, on Nov. 18, ferry advisory committee chairs from throughout the region met with the new Assistant Secretary of Transportation and ferry-system director, Lynne Griffith. I was encouraged by her commitment to transparency in engaging with communities and look forward to extending an invitation for her to visit Fauntleroy.

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WANT TO AGE IN PLACE? TAKE A CRITICAL LOOK AROUND YOUR HOME

By Irene Stewart

Aging in place - growing older in the home and community you love - is the goal of many Fautleroy residents. If it's yours, ask yourself two questions:

"How well does your home currently accommodate a visitor with limited mobility?" and "How well will it accommodate what may be your future needs?"

You'll quickly see a lot to consider if your home is to be safe and manageable as you age. Here are a few of the most common.

Entrances, doors, and stairways

- No raised thresholds
- Lever handles instead of doorknobs
- Keyless locks with remote control or keypads
- Anti-slip strips on the front edge of steps in a contrasting color
- No carpeting on stairs
- No throw rugs

Lighting

- Entrances, task areas (kitchen, laundry, and bathroom), storage areas, stairways, and walkways that are flooded with light
- Light switches that are easy to reach (36" to 40" above the floor) and easy to operate (e.g., rocker-style)

Electrical outlets, appliances, and other controls

- Closely spaced outlets to minimize kneeling and bending
- Multiple phone jacks
- Easy-to-read and easy-to-reach controls for appliances and thermostats

Kitchen

- Uncluttered counter space
- Color-contrast edges on counters
- Anti-scald faucets with easy-to-reach, easy-to-use single levers

Storage

- Adjustable-height shelving and closet rods
- Pull-out shelves, roll-out cabinets, and other easy-to-access storage components

Bathroom

- Adjustable-height hand-held showerhead
- "Comfort" height toilet seat
- Mirrors viewable from both sitting and standing positions
- Anti-scald faucets with easy-to-reach, easy-to-use single levers

The Northwest Universal Design Council (a volunteer group) offers a free booklet with additional things to consider. Request a copy of "Practical Guide to Universal Home Design" while supplies last at info@environmentsforall.org.

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WHERE WAS EARLY ENDOLYNE? SIGN SHOWED THE WAY

By Dan Jessup

Editor's note: Dan Jessup initiated a correspondence with me last summer and we worked together on the following article about early Fauntleroy. Unfortunately, he did not live to see it published.

Streetcars served this area from 1907 until "trackless trolleys" replaced them in 1940. When I was growing up, in the 1930s, everybody knew that Fauntleroy was named for the cove that defined its shores and that Endolyne was named for the end of the streetcar line at SW Roxbury Street, then the city limits.

My folks moved us here when I was seven years old and it was one of the most wonderful places for a youngster to grow up.

As a youth, I tramped through the woods a quarter mile south of John Adams' brick retail building in Fauntleroy (now home to the bakery and other businesses) to reach the wooden store at Endolyne because it had an attractive assortment of candy bars and soda pops. The store was across Roxbury from the track loop that turned the streetcars around to head them back to town.



The Endolyne general store is behind the streetcar waiting shelter (at left) in this 1934 photo (courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, #8609), **looking south/southeast. The car was likely parked on SW Roxbury Street. The empty building at right may have been an earlier store established by Ken Colman and John Latta.** Photo of restored sign courtesy Southwest Seattle Historical Society

Southwest and down the hill from the turnaround was a path, starting at 47th, with a sign hung over it indicating that you were entering Endolyne. That area has since filled with homes but tiny Endolyne Park sits in the middle of it, an unmarked thicket of trees and bushes where 49th Ave. SW and 50th Ave. SW meet.

With the advent of trolleys (and later buses), the turnaround moved north, down the hill to the triangle formed by 45th, Brace Point, and Wildwood (where the Joslin building is now).

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