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SOCKS TO ADD SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS TO FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

The steering committee has been hard at work for weeks to pull together this year's edition of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, set for Sunday, Oct. 15, 2-5 pm in the church-YMCA-schoolhouse triangle.

This much-anticipated community event for all ages will feature such popular free attractions as pumpkin painting, woodworking, pony riding, and the cake walk, plus warming, energy-giving food offered by local vendors. Check out the full list of activities a few days prior on the *West Seattle Blog*.

This year, for the first time since the festival's inception in 2002, planners are asking everyone who comes for a small act of kindness: Bring a pair of socks.



Nothing pampers tired feet like a pair of clean, warm socks, especially if those feet have been

on the move much of the day. That's the reality for many of the 4,000 people now homeless in Seattle. Without more than a tent, vehicle, or shelter bed, the clothes you can carry are the clothes you have and, when they get dirty and wet, you wear them anyway.

The suggestion to add this charitable feature came from the homelessness task force at Fauntleroy Church as a way to inject a little caring into a fun afternoon.

The socks are destined for Operation Nightwatch, now in its 50th year feeding, sheltering, and reaching out to

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To sport one of these t-shirts during the festival, call 206-932-5600 or stop by the Fauntleroy Church office to pick your volunteer assignment. Photo courtesy Irene Stewart

MORE PARKING, PLANTER BOXES COMING TO RETAIL TRIANGLE

The FCA Board is expecting its persistence to pay off with the Seattle Department of Transportation's recent commitment to tweak parking around the retail triangle.

Board member Marty Westerman has been spearheading the multi-year effort to improve traffic flow, safety, and parking in the area and now reports SDOT will address confusing signage in the load zone on SW Brace Point Drive.

"We're looking at re-fashioning the loading zone to double as back-in angle parking after hours," he said. Whatever SDOT does later this summer, the goal is to restore parking spaces lost a year ago in the triangle redesign.

Watch, also, for SDOT to provide 10 more planter boxes for placement throughout the area.

BUSINESS NOTE

While a cadre of volunteers has kept planter boxes in the retail area watered all summer, two businessmen are to thank for providing the water: Tim Pavolka and Mike Carr, owners of the triangle's office building.



Homeless men look to Operation Nightwatch for food, shelter, and clean, warm socks. Help replenish the supply by tossing a pair of men's athletic socks in a bin during the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.



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people on the street. It presently serves more than 48,000 a year, feeding and sheltering an average of 133 per night and directing many more to other resources. (Learn more at www.seattlenightwatch.org.)

Fall is when Nightwatch replenishes its supply of socks. Most of the 20,000-plus pairs it gives out annually go to homeless men, so that is the ask: a pair of new men's athletic socks for every member of your household to toss in one of the bins to be positioned around the festival grounds.



Debbie Dolittle Penwell loved being part of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Photo courtesy Cindy Hegland

CANCER CLAIMS FESTIVAL FAVORITE

In June, the festival lost petting-zoo owner Debbie Dolittle Penwell to cancer. She began bringing her cuddly animals to the festival in 2005 and, according to Little Pilgrim School Director Lorrie Cook, the community event had a singular place in her heart:

"She loved how the festival came to be, what it stands for, and how it matched so well with her values and high standard of care for her animals. She made a special effort to make it that first year and joyfully returned every year after!"

Her husband, Donny Miller, has taken the reins of the business, now called Debbie Dolittle's, so expect Debbie's ponies and eclectic assortment of other animals to be ready to entertain hundreds of youngsters on Oct. 15.

FAUNTLEROY FERRY ADVISERS MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY

By Gary Dawson

Shortly after Amy Scarton's appointment earlier this year as assistant secretary at Washington State Ferries, she had an introductory meeting with the Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council, a panel of FAC chairs from ferry-served communities. She then set an agenda to travel to each terminal to meet with local FAC members to learn more about their respective communities.

On July 19, the secretary and FAC coordinator John Vezina came to Fauntleroy for a lengthy, positive discussion with me and Frank Immel, the two committee members available that day.

Frank and I detailed much of the history between the ferry system and neighborhoods affected by the Fauntleroy terminal, including how the city restricted parking to prevent ferry commuters and employees from using our streets as their parking lot. We also described how City Council action prevents enlarging the dock.

Then we turned to ongoing issues and concerns. The



State Ferries Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton met Gary Dawson at a task force meeting here in March.

Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

list included excessive motorcycle noise and speeding, chronic illegal parking, and congestion, noise, and emissions resulting from the large number of vehicles using the terminal every day.

We also discussed the

Fauntleroy FAC's participation on the Triangle Task Force and some of the positive changes that have resulted.

The secretary was interested in our comments and asked for clarifications and more details on certain topics. Frank and I feel it was a very positive exchange and we invited her back for further discussion with more Fauntleroy residents.

The task force is still meeting monthly. Data about the loading process the panel advised trying document improvements in the efficiency of both toll processing and vessel loading. Monitoring will continue to pinpoint further improvements the task force might recommend.

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WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS NETWORK NOW WELCOMING MEMBERS

Westside Neighbors Network (WNN) has reached two major organizational milestones: incorporation in the State of Washington and 501(c)(3) federal nonprofit status. As a result, it's now accepting "founding" memberships as well as financial donations.

WNN is a group of West Seattle neighbors working to create a "village" on the westside. The village model responds to a growing need of elders to be connected

MEMBER ATTESTS TO VALUE OF WEST SEATTLE TIMEBANK

By Alexis Zolner

In March, I joined the West Seattle chapter of Timebank - an electronic barter system whereby members post requests for help and offers for the services they might provide.

I started by making two lists: things I enjoy that I would be willing to do for others and things I needed help with or wished I knew more about. I posted a few of each on Timebank and checked out what other members had posted in case I saw a match.

Since then, Jennifer has given me a hand with weeding, Hannah has set up new drip lines for my containers, and Grace has tutored me in knitting.

I've helped Bruce and Dora-Faye brush up their pinochle skills and assisted Julie with creating several garden containers. Mary was interested in replacing her grass with a garden so I showed her what I had done and then took her to a neighbor's house for more ideas.

I like that Timebank recognizes the community's talents while helping me and my neighbors. I like that it is local and that, through it, I have met many interesting people.

Here are a few recent Timebank requests/offers: using an I-Phone; installing a truck hitch; learning ukulele; hemming jeans; foraging for mushrooms; socializing a dog; creating a mural; planning a party; translating; cooking with cast iron; painting a fence; advising on U.K./Europe travel; speaking in public, conversing in Japanese, doing therapeutic yoga, and painting portraits.

Timebank does a background check on all members, plus additional vetting of those offering transportation. The service is free to join and free to use.

Members receive a weekly email with new requests and offers. Exchanges are recorded in hours. Your account may occasionally be overdrawn but the give and take should even out over time. If you volunteer for an organization that is affiliated with Timebank, you may claim those volunteer hours in your account.

As of a month ago, the West Seattle chapter had attracted more than 300 members and recorded 4,370 exchange hours. To learn more and enroll, go to www.westseattletimebank.org and follow the prompts for applying. Feel free to email me for more information: aazathome@outlook.com.



outside of the traditional retirement community.

It began in Boston and has been replicated many times throughout the country. Three other village organizations are in place in Seattle and several other neighborhoods are planning theirs.

In a village, members access the social connections they need to thrive, the support they need to age gracefully in their homes, and the sense of community they desire. Each village has a unique focus.

"We envision our village as a network of neighbors who come together to create and sustain community," said founding member Judie Messier. "Our goal is to nurture a lively and engaged multigenerational community that celebrates and supports positive aging."

WNN recently hosted two community forums and has been making presentations to a wide variety of organizations throughout the westside. Planners have chosen Jan. 1, 2018, as the official launch date and two tiers of membership for individuals and households:

Social membership (\$200/\$300) entitles members to participate in activities and, if they choose, to volunteer their skills to support other members.

Full membership (\$400/\$600) includes the benefits of a social membership plus the ability to receive support from other members (such as rides to appointments and light household repair) and get referrals to service providers and co-living resources.

By paying 2018 dues early, founding members can lock in the cost of membership over time and participate in member-driven activities through the remainder of 2017. Those who like may also be involved in continuing to develop of the village.

Learn more about WNN and founding membership from Judie at westsideneighborsnetwork@gmail.com or visit the website at www.westsideneighborsnetwork.org.





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NEW SALON'S CORNER SPACE ONCE FAUNTLEROY PHARMACY

By Judy Pickens

The opening of a new business in an old building is an excuse to dig into history, this time about the pharmacy in Fauntleroy's retail triangle during the World War II era.

A general store was the first recorded structure at the corner of 45th Ave. SW and SW Wildwood Place. It

BUSINESS NOTE

After months of planning and remodeling, Sarah Griffiths and colleagues opened Treo Organic Salon in August at the corner of 45th Ave. SW and SW Wildwood Place. The salon emphasizes cutting-edge styling, healthy organic products, greatly reduced waste, and support for local charities. 206-556-2159; www.treoorganicsalon.com.

burned in 1925 and, a year later, area developer John Adams erected the brick Adams Building that's there now.

In June 1928, George Henrikson opened his Fauntleroy Pharmacy in the corner space recently occupied by the Treo Organic Salon. His business featured a soda fountain and, as

George advertised, "drugs and household items at downtown prices."

The pharmacy offered first jobs to many area residents, including the late Dan Jessup, a long-time Fauntleroy resident:

"I was privileged to work there for about six years as a young man. George was also the Boy Scout leader for the Fauntleroy troop. He had a natural optimism and a jolly disposition and was liked by everybody. My future wife, Barbara Clark, also worked for George.

"He always wanted to be called 'George' rather than 'Mr. Henrikson' but Barbara and I had been brought up not to encourage very young ones to call adults by their first names. He solved that problem by allowing us kids to call him 'Uncle George.'"

Nancy Sibley started as a soda jerk in the pharmacy earlier in the 1940s, when she was a sophomore in college, and got more than a paycheck. A handsome fighter pilot home from the war stopped in to use the phone and one thing soon led to another. Six months later, she and John McPhee were married.

George had worked in the Arbor Heights drug store right out of pharmacy school and decided to move the Fauntleroy business up there and rename the larger space George's Drug Store. Nancy and John bought it from him in 1952 when he moved on to open Westside Pharmacy south of the Alaska Junction.

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SEATTLE POETIC GRID SHOWCASES POEMS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOODS

During her two years as Seattle's civic poet, Claudia Castro Luna created a poetic map to, as she recently put it, "chronicle the emotional temperature of the city." A wide variety of poets contributed, including Maiah Merino, a mental-health counselor and lover of Lincoln Park:

Read poems about other Seattle neighborhoods at www.seattlepoeticgrid.com.

OLD FRIEND
by Maiah Merino

*We found her in the
middle
of Lincoln Park, dark
knobby kneed
delighted by
our songs
And like any old
friend,
the more we sit
the more we miss
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together.*



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WHAT TO DO IF CUTE RACCOONS BECOME AGGRESSIVE

Raccoons are skilled urban dwellers, molding themselves to the routines, food sources, and sheltered places of a neighborhood. Most of the time, they nose around quietly but, sometimes, they can be assertive or even downright aggressive.

A Fauntleroy resident recently went out to his car to get something at 1:00 in the morning. Walking back to his house, he was quite surprised to see six raccoons at the door. When they would not scatter and started hissing, he fetched a roofing torch from his car. He was ready to use it to scare the raccoons off but they seemed to have left. Just when he felt home free, he turned to see all six running towards him. Fortunately, he was able to close the door in time to avoid further confrontation.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has long offered the latest advice on living with wildlife, from landscaping to attract birds to techniques for deterring rats. Find extensive information about raccoons at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/raccoons.html>.

To reduce the potential for conflicts with raccoons, the state emphasizes making your habitat unattractive by depriving them of the two things they need most in the city: food and shelter.

Food: Never feed them, no matter how cute they appear. Feed pets indoors only, secure the lids on your garbage can and compost bin, clean up around the grill, and keep pets in at night. If you feed feral cats, bring in the food at night and consider feeding them with a device that cats can jump on to eat but raccoons cannot climb.

Shelter: Lock your pet door at night or install an electronic one activated by your pet's collar. Seal any entry points a raccoon might use to set up a den in your garage, attic, crawl space, or garden shed.

If you encounter an aggressive individual or group, WDFW advises making yourself appear larger by standing up, shouting, and waving your arms. If necessary, throw stones or douse the raccoon with water. If the animal is inside, close all but an exit door or window and wait for it to leave. Consider giving it a gentle nudge with a broom but don't make matters worse by cornering it.

A raccoon that continues to act aggressively or

RAINWISE REPORTS FINAL RESULTS

The city's RainWise rebate program to capture more stormwater where it falls wrapped up several weeks ago and has reported final results.

In the Barton basin (Fauntleroy area), a total of 141 homes and other properties took advantage of the program's financial incentives and contractor resources. Those rain gardens and cisterns are now capturing runoff from 234,140 square feet of rooftops.

That's thousands of gallons of stormwater that will no longer be going through outfall pipes into Fauntleroy Cove or through the Barton Pump Station adjacent to the ferry terminal.

strangely (circling, staggering as if drunk, or being unnaturally tame) may be sick or injured. Contact WDFW's regional office in Mill Creek at 425-775-1311 or www.teammillcreek@dfw.wa.gov right away.

HABITAT PROJECTS ON CALENDAR

Expect to see contractors at work this rainy season at several locations in the watershed.

The Green Seattle Partnership has scheduled five sites in Fauntleroy and Kilbourne parks for an investment of up to \$57,000 in planting and mulching to improve native habitat, check erosion, and reduce the impact of increased volumes of stormwater. Last year, this project removed invasive plants from the 14 acres involved.

In addition, the partnership plans to start restoration of the 8,415 sq. ft. slope that abuts the south side of the fish ladder in lower Fauntleroy Creek, which is heavily infested with English laurel and other invasives. The Fauntleroy Watershed Council requested the multi-year project to keep invasives from compromising adjacent healthy habitat.

The council is seeking grant funding for instream work in the area made necessary by increased precipitation. In 2007, creek flow during the rainy season reached approximately 0.6 cubic feet per second. Now maximum flow during major storms often exceeds 7.0 cfs.

Also, Seattle Parks has contracted for herbicide treatment of yellow archangel on the southern edge of Fauntleroy Park. Thanks to owner cooperation, the project aims to eradicate this highly invasive groundcover from adjacent private and public property.

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- Synergy HomeCare
- The Kenney Retirement Community
- West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCA
- West Seattle Blog
- Wildwood Market



VOLUNTEERS FLOCK TO BIRD SURVEYS IN LINCOLN PARK

Coats and hats will soon feel just right during the monthly early-morning bird survey in Lincoln Park. People of all ages and knowledge levels are invited to join the hearty band of local Audubon volunteers. Surveying begins at 8 am on the second Sunday of the month, rain or shine. For details and to enroll, contact Kersti Muul (who provided the photo) at 360-317-4646 or kerstimuul@rocketmail.com.

STUDY DOCUMENTING WILDLIFE LIVING IN CITY NATURAL AREAS

Do you ever wonder what kinds of wildlife call Seattle home? Since 2014, Seattle University biology associate professor Mark Jordon has been leading research to answer that question.

The Seattle urban carnivore study is using non-invasive camera traps and DNA hair analysis to document which species of carnivorous mammals live here, what factors affect their diversity, and where their habitats overlap.

Monitoring of natural areas takes place over a three-week period each summer in 21 parks and greenspaces, including Fauntleroy Park and Lincoln Park. Researchers set baited camera traps to lure wildlife and snares to capture hair samples.

Results reported to date have focused on types and prevalence of wildlife. The cameras have documented northern raccoons in all study areas. Squirrels are the next most common, followed by Virginia opossums. Domestic cats and dogs are present throughout.

Researchers have tallied a few rabbits, mountain beavers, striped skunks, deer mice, black rats, and birds. Coyote sightings have been surprisingly sparse, such that cameras were placed along game trails this year to try to collect more data on this species.

To see camera images taken during the study, visit <https://emammal.si.edu/seattle-urban-mesocarnivores>.

CALL FOR SALMON WATCHERS

If you'd like to experience coho spawners up close, consider enlisting as a salmon watcher. This year's watch on Fauntleroy Creek will officially start Oct. 23, sooner if coho are spotted in the cove. It will go until mid November or until we no longer see spawners.

The state's early forecast suggests this may be another low year as warm water off the coast has continued to kill the food our coho need to survive.

To see for yourself why Fauntleroy people volunteer to get wet and cold to document fish, contact Judy Pickens at 206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com.



MORE SIGNS EMPHASIZE SAFETY

Concern about unsafe driving around the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center prompted the Fauntleroy Children's Center to purchase four KidAlert safety signs to remind drivers to obey speed limits and signage. These two are at the crest of SW Director, where, despite the "Do Not Enter" signs, some drivers persist in thinking that taking a shortcut is worth the high risk. Photo courtesy Phil Sweetland

Worshiping and learning together, caring for ourselves and others, and working to preserve justice, peace, and the sanctity of God's world.



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CLOSE-TO-HOME EVENTS

FOR THE BIRDS: Bird lovers of all ages and knowledge levels are invited to join Audubon volunteers for the monthly bird survey in Lincoln Park on second Sundays (**Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12**), starting at **8 am** at the kiosk in the north parking lot. Details and to enroll at 360-317-4646 or kerstimuul@rocketmail.com.

LINCOLN LOVERS: Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining **Friends of Lincoln Park** for work parties on the **first Saturday** and/or **third Sunday** of the month. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Contact Sharon Baker at 206-464-1068 or sabaker41@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS: The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting on second Tuesdays (**Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14**) at **7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Mike Dey about the agenda at msdey50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL: Residents wanting to steward natural areas are welcome **Thursday, Sept. 14, and Nov. 8** at **7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Contact judy_pickens@msn.com or 206-938-4203.

23RD ANNUAL 2ND TIME SALE: Come to browse and leave with a treasure **Sept. 16-17** at Fauntleroy Church. Bargain pricing on almost anything, all clean, culled, and organized. **Sat. 9 am - 4 pm; Sun. 11:30 am - 2 pm.** Bake sale on Saturday. Cash or check only.



ARTIST DEADLINE: West Seattle and Vashon artists and artistic crafters must apply by **Sept. 17** for the chance to be in the 10th annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show** (Nov. 10-12). For details, call the church office at 206-932-5600 or visit www.fauntleroyucc.org.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: The green committee at Fauntleroy Church and 1 Green Planet will host the

fall roundup on **Sunday, Sept. 24, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. See the long list of what to bring and the short list of what not to bring at www.fauntleroyucc.org or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Don't miss this annual fun-for-all event on **Sunday, Oct. 15**, in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. **2-5 pm** with free activities for everyone, plus food vendors, rain or shine.

SALMON DRUMMING: Come to the fish-ladder viewpoint (upper Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Director) on **Sunday, Oct. 22, 5 pm** with whatever you consider a drum for drumming, singing, and silliness to call in the coho spawners to Fauntleroy Creek. All-ages; free.

10TH ANNUAL FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW: At least a dozen selected area artists and creative crafters will show, sell, and discuss their work **Nov. 10 - 12** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. **Fri. 5 - 8 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm, Sun. 11 am - 2 pm.** Free; watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.

SPOKEN WORD: Fauntleroy Church will host an evening of word artistry on **Fri., Nov. 17, 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. To inquire about telling a story, sharing your poetry, or doing a reading for "Wine and the Spoken Word," call 206-932-5600, stop by the office, or email jackie@fauntleroyucc.org.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING: Fauntleroy Church will host the second annual alternative giving fair for the whole community on **Sun., Dec. 3**, with a **preview Sat. evening**. It will offer an easy way to make a difference with your Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and/or solstice gifts by donating to charities and nonprofits working here and around the world. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for details.

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BUSINESS PARTNERS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN THIS COMMUNITY

By FCA President Mike Dey

Several years ago, the FCA Board decided to invite members of our business community to join FCA as business partners. We are very glad we did as their participation has been wonderful!

When we established business partnerships in 2011, we targeted pedestrian crossing flags as the focus for their membership dollars. We began with two crosswalks and now provide flags to improve safety at eight crossings. The flags are an ongoing investment because they wear and develop legs, requiring repair and replacement.

Membership revenue from businesses has enabled other community improvements, as well, including a donation to the schoolhouse capital campaign and annual donations to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival,

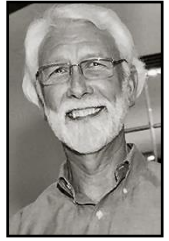
In response to one of our biannual member surveys, we took on what proved to be the formidable task of getting traffic revisions around the Endolyne retail triangle. Again, businesses came through; their emphasis on the

need for changes went a long ways toward convincing the city to act.

Once planning was under way, businesses provided input to FCA and the Seattle Department of Transportation on traffic flow, parking and line-of-sight concerns, and support for the colorful planter boxes that brighten the triangle and improve safety.

The enthusiasm of Fauntleroy businesses has also been essential to success of our annual fall festival, now in its 12th year. Every spring they help raise the funds necessary to keep the festival free and many are there in myriad ways on festival day when at least a thousand neighbors come out to play and reconnect.

FCA is grateful for every one of our business partners. (See the current list on p. 5.) Support them when and as you can to say "Thanks!" for uniquely enhancing this community.



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