

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 6: *“Think Globally, Eat Locally”*

This year's focus of the Fauntleroy Community Association's annual meeting, *Think Globally, Eat Locally*, will provide the opportunity to sample foods from the Fauntleroy area restaurants and caterers.

The meeting on **Tuesday, May 6, starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Hall at Fauntleroy**, will feature not only their delicious and diverse refreshments but also a short presentation about each eatery.

Staying with the food theme, public markets and the soon to be completed P-Patch will take the stage.

Phil Sweetland will bring you up to date on FCA's progress with our traffic problems (see article on page 2) and Bruce Butterfield will report on the Washington State Ferries. The annual election of officers will also take place.

Please post the enclosed reminder and come out on May 6.

SOUTHWEST POLICE PRECINCT FOCUSING ON WEST SEATTLE

Very little fanfare accompanied the March 23 move into the new Southwest Police Precinct but a grand opening celebration, complete with the West Seattle Jazz Band, is scheduled for **Friday, May 2, 5-6:30 p.m.** All community members are invited to join in the event.

Mayor Greg Nickels, Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske, Precinct Captain Jim Pryor, Police Chaplain John Oas, and various community representatives will speak. Formal tours of the new facility and a visit by the mounted patrol will cap the program. This is the only opportunity you will have to see the entire building.

The structure is a complete police facility with front desk, offices, holding cells, and vehicle service center. Here the 90 patrol officers can write up reports, process prisoners and evidence, or take a break from their on-the-road duties. A 1,200-square-foot community room, available for use by community groups, is outfitted with tables, chairs, white boards, bulletin boards, projector screen, coat storage, and a sink area with cupboards.

When asked what they see as the major benefit of having the new location, the duty officer was quick to say “Focus. With only half the geographic area to cover, we can focus on West Seattle. At South (Precinct), we covered the area from Beacon Hill south and east to the city limits, and west to Puget Sound.” Described another way, the new

precinct covers the area from I-5 to the Puget Sound south of Spokane Street.

In addition to police officers, the precinct has a community service officer to handle non-enforcement services and a crime prevention coordinator to provide crime prevention and emergency preparedness information.

The precinct operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week; the front desk is open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For emergencies, continue to contact Dispatch at 911. For questions or non-urgent matters, call 206 733-9800, or the precinct's non-emergency number, 206 625-5011. Full information is on the city's Website, www.seattle.gov/police.



New Southwest Precinct as seen from Delridge Way and S.W. Webster.

FAUNTLEROY TRAFFIC REPORT IN ACTION MODE

By Phil Sweetland

Since our last newsletter, we've made great progress identifying and proposing possible solutions for traffic-related problems in this community.

Forty-five people attended the January 30 traffic meeting. A steering committee of 17 then met throughout February to produce a 16-page document, which you can view at FCA's website, www.fautleroy.net, under the heading "Traffic Concerns - Final Report."

We sent the document to Mayor Greg Nickels, City Council members, department heads, Washington State Ferries, and government representatives that attended the January 30 meeting. Stan

Lock, West Seattle Neighborhood district coordinator, is setting up a status meeting for late April with Seattle Police, Seattle Department of Transportation, Washington State Ferries, and steering committee representatives. Seattle Police and transportation staff have confirmed that they are reviewing our document.

The next step will be for area representatives on the steering committee to work area-specific problems with the government representatives and for the steering committee to work the community-wide problems. The document is a good start, but we have much more to do.

FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

SERVICE CUTS MAJOR CONCERN FOR FAUNTLEROY

By Gary Dawson

On January 28 at Vashon High School, Bruce Butterfield and I attended a public meeting of the South Sound Ferry Advisory Committee at which over 200 residents from Vashon and Southworth heard Washington State Ferries CEO and Director Michael Thorne explain the ferry system's budget plan for 2003.

The failure of Initiative 51 in the November general election has caused the ferry system to incorporate a significant budget cut, and a major concern for attendees was the proposed elimination of passenger-only service to downtown.

As attendees related testimony of considerable personal and family disruption and travel arrangement changes, it became increasingly clear that many commuters, while stating they would prefer not to, would be forced to commute through Fauntleroy and West Seattle by personal vehicle. This could amount to hundreds of additional vehicles traveling on Fauntleroy Way towards downtown each day.

Our Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee expressed this concern to 34th District members Erik Poulsen, Joe McDermott, and Eileen Cody, as well as King County Councilmember Dow Constantine, all of whom attended the meeting.

Our three 34th District members expressed their support to sustain the current level of service and

responded to us personally with their commitment to that end. Councilmember Constantine also let us know of his efforts at the county level to seek solutions to this transportation crisis.

As a member of the systemwide Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council, I attended a March 20 combined meeting of that body and the Washington State Transportation Commission, which oversees the Washington State Department of Transportation.

During the meeting, we learned that the commission had approved the ferry system's budget plan, along with a 5% fare increase, for presentation to the Legislature.

At this point, pending any last minute funding by the Legislature to sustain passenger-only service, it will be terminated on June 15.

FCA and the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee have worked for many years with city, state, and county representatives as well as with Vashon and Southworth commuter groups and the ferry system to improve passenger-only service to downtown in hopes of relieving traffic congestion in West Seattle.

Now a new effort will be required. With help from the Fauntleroy community, your Ferry Advisory Committee members - Chuck Sawyer, Bruce and me - are willing to start anew.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

SUCCESS MEASURED BY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Bruce Butterfield

Success for the Fauntleroy Community Association often happens quietly, but does make a difference.

When neighbor Phil Polizatto was "fed up" after almost being hit while walking his dog, he decided to take on "whomever he had to" to make things safer in Fauntleroy. Phil got in touch with the FCA - and he wasn't the only one. Neighbors often raise concerns to the FCA Board about speeding, quick U-turns, and disregard for the rights of pedestrians, and the board in turn contacts appropriate city and state agencies.

But Phil Polizatto's call prompted FCA Vice President Phil Sweetland to coordinate and facilitate meetings specifically to define problem traffic areas and safety issues. The result - so far - is an impressive report that includes recommendations for solutions through signage, enforcement, and structural changes (see story page 2). Dozens of Fauntleroy neighbors participated in this process and we'll be meeting with city and state officials soon.

By being in touch and volunteering time with the FCA, you can make this kind of difference.

For instance, Nature Night, FCA's environmental/nature program, has a solid foundation for a beach education event in mid-May or June, but we need a lead volunteer. We have the tools, ideas, and contacts but need someone to "run with it."



This event has attracted scores of Fauntleroy neighbors, including children, and been highly acclaimed. Call Lynn Olson at **935-9738** (Lynn.Olson@juno.com) or Chuck Sawyer at **935-4576** if you can lend a hand.

This fall, FCA will play a larger role in sponsorship of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. The festival was a huge success last October and planning is already under way to do it again.

Hundreds of neighbors joined in the fun at the church/YMCA and the Hall at Fauntleroy and found synergy amongst the food, music, crafts, and other fun. What I liked most were the kids' activities and stories told by Fauntleroy folks who've lived here since the early 1900s. Talk about a relevant history lesson! Contact Deb Kerns at **937-6709** (dkerns@rei.com) or Lynn Olson if you'd like to help this year.

The FCA Website at **www.fauntleroy.net** has been continually improving. Webmaster Chris Nack provides us with a "hits report" (my non-techie term) showing which pages are visited most often. It has offered ideas for new links and additional information that Fauntleroy residents need to know.

Please get in touch with any FCA board member if you have a concern or idea that could make a difference in our neighborhood.

I invite you to attend FCA's *Think Globally, Eat Locally* annual meeting on Tuesday, May 6.

And if you're not a member, please join in and support your community with your membership.

FAUNTLEROY PILOTS NATURAL YARD CARE PROGRAM

By Judy Pickens

On April 8, Seattle Public Utilities and the Fauntleroy Watershed Council launched a trio of free classes for residents ready to get serious about having healthier, chemical-free yards.

In cooperation with King County, the city is piloting "Natural Yard Care Neighborhoods" here and in Magnolia to see if a neighbors-reinforcing-neighbors approach to improved gardening practices will be successful.

"We chose Fauntleroy because of its strong sense of community and because residents can readily see the connection between their gardening practices and the health of Fauntleroy Creek and

the cove," said Kathy Minsch, project coordinator for SPU. Mailings about the classes went to clusters of homes in the watershed.

The first class on natural lawn care and plant selection featured popular TV gardener Cisco Morris. Upcoming dates and topics are

April 22: Growing healthy soil and home composting with SPU specialists.

May 6: Natural pest control and smart watering with Washington Toxics Coalition scientist Philip Dickey and horticulturist Howard Stenn.

If you get would like to attend, register with Kathy (615-1441) on a space-available basis.

WATERSHED NEWS

VEGETATION, EROSION PLANS TARGET FAUNTLEROY PARK

By Judy Pickens

If you've walked through Fauntleroy Park this winter, you've probably noticed pink or orange flags here and there. Don't worry; they're not survey markers!

The flags temporarily identify plots where park vegetation is being inventoried as part of two projects in the park, one to develop a vegetation management plan and the other to check erosion into Fauntleroy Creek.

Seattle Parks has vegetation management plans for many parks throughout the city, including one developed recently for Lincoln Park. These plans provide valuable information about the abundance and diversity of plants and direct maintenance and revegetation projects.

Arborwise, LLC, is spearheading the vegetation planning process in Fauntleroy Park. At the same time, Sheldon & Associates is working with Seattle Public Utilities to identify how best to reduce erosion into creek tributaries in the park.

Sheldon is mapping and describing park wetlands and Arborwise is doing the same on dry land. Both firms have used bright flags to mark their study plots.

With information from these studies, together with citizen comments, Arborwise will draft its plan to preserve the native character of the park and enhance habitat, including areas of focus and priorities. Sheldon will do the same for erosion control and in-stream habitat.

The public involvement phase of these two planning efforts is coming up soon. Watch for announcements by mail, *West Seattle Herald*, FCA Website, and posters for opportunities to comment.

SPU hopes to start erosion-control work this summer. Much of it will be done by EarthCorps, an international training program for young adults. The total investment by the city and NOAA (through a grant to EarthCorps) will be some \$100,000 over the next two years.

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The FCA Board meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month in the conference room at the Fauntleroy schoolhouse, starting at **7 PM**. Any FCA member is welcome to attend. FCA's mailing address is **P.O. Box 46343, Seattle 98146-6343**. Web address is **www.fauntleroy.net**

Contact Newsletter Editor, Martha Callard, by email at **news@fauntleroy.net**

It's not too late to join in Seattle's SPRING CLEAN! Do you have a project in mind? Want to paint out graffiti? Plant? Improve habitat? Contact Marcella Wilson at 233-7187 or marcella.wilson@seattle.gov.

MEET OUR NEW RESTAURANT: ENDOLYNE JOE'S

By Martha Callard

There's a new kid coming to Fautleroy! Well, not exactly. Endolyne Joe's is a restaurant

Chow Foods' newest location will occupy the space vacated by the Saffron Cow. This new restaurant becomes the fifth under Chow Foods' management. The other four restaurants, all in Seattle neighborhoods, are the 5 Spot (Queen Anne), Atlas Foods (University Village), Jitterbug



The lower portion of the 20' mahogany bar being installed in Endolyne Joe's

(Wallingford), and Coastal Kitchen (Capitol Hill).

After searching for just the right West Seattle location for over seven years, owners Peter Levy and Jeremy Hardy are excited to be locating in our community. After a long permit process, they began construction in February and anticipate a mid-May opening.

This full-service restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week. The extensive menu lists everyday dishes and in addition will feature "food festivals" of regional foods from around the country and the world, much as they do at some of their other restaurants.

Why the name *Endolyne Joe's*? "Because the area in which we are located is 'Endolyne,'" said Jeremy.

"And Joe? Well, an article, actually a poem, was published in the P-I around 1920 written by a P-I columnist. While the poem lacks a bit in style and literary credibility, it does introduce a fellow who was a streetcar conductor and lady's man named - you guessed it, 'Joe.'

"Joe was a beloved streetcar operator on that line. Endolyne is the end of the old streetcar line and that's where the restaurant is located."

2003 STREETSIDE GARDEN CONTEST UNDER WAY

Once again, the City of Seattle, Seattle Tilth, and Northwest Garden News will recognize the city's streetside gardens. Whether in traffic circles, chicanes, curb bulbs, triangles and medians or business district-gateway plantings, these gardens give color and texture and beauty to our streets and parking lots for all to appreciate.

Gather your friends and neighbors for weeding and planting to help get your favorite streetside garden ready for this competition. Entries must be submitted by June 1; judging will be June 15 to 30. Awards presentation will take place on September 15. Applications are available at www.cityofseattle.net/transportation/trafficcircles.htm or contact Liz Ellis at **684-5008** or liz.ellis@seattle.gov.



The well-tended curb bulb at S.W. Wildwood and Fautleroy Way.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A HERO: YOU CAN SAVE NATURE NIGHT!

One of our most popular programs of the year is in danger of not taking place for lack of a coordinator. Plans are in place for the evening - a lowest low tide beach walk at Lincoln and Cove parks with a potluck supper following at a mid-June date to be determines. We need someone to volunteer to make final arrangements. Are you willing to take on this task? Phone Lynn Olson, 935-9738.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar and FCA's Website publicize events that are solely or primarily of a service nature, organized to enrich or entertain residents, improve the neighborhood, or enlist support for the needy. Submit information at any time to the editor.

FCA BOARD MEETINGS – The FCA Board will meet **Tuesday, May 13 and June 10**, starting at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Fauntleroy schoolhouse. Members are welcome. For details about the agenda, call President Bruce Butterfield at 932-2400.

HEAVY METALS REMEDIATION – A symposium on cleaning our soil of heavy metals will be **April 26**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Vashon Island's Chautauqua Elementary School multi-purpose room. Childcare will be available. Questions? Call 463-0974.

COVE PARK CLEANUP – Come One! Come All! It's spring, so it must be time to clean! Meet at Cove Park on **April 27**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and help beautify Fauntleroy while you meet your neighbors. Bring the kids, gardening tools, gloves, and friends. We supply bags, refreshments, and certificates of meritorious service to your community. Questions? Contact Mardi Clements, 932-3396

For the latest calendar listings, see FCA's Website at www.fauntleroy.net.

SOUTHWEST POLICE PRECINCT GRAND OPENING - Friday, **May 2**, 5-6:30 p.m. at the new precinct, Delridge Way S.W. and S.W. Webster Street. Details on page 1.

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - **May 6**, 6:30 p.m. at the Hall at Fauntleroy. Everyone is invited. Details on page 1.

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL - Join other residents concerned about Fauntleroy Park, creek, and other natural areas. Thursday, **May 8**, at 7 p.m. at Fauntleroy Church.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN TOUR AND RARE PLANT SALE - The West Seattle Master Gardener Clinic invites members and friends to tour the beautiful rhododendron garden at the home of Jack and Leila Pierce, 9343 Fauntleroy Way S.W., on Saturday, **May 10**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

SOUTH SOUND FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Open meeting hosted by Southworth on Tuesday, **May 13**. Contact Gary Dawson at 937-7163 or Bruce Butterfield at 932-2400 for time and location.

SEATTLE WORKS DAY - A community-wide day of service on **May 17**. Paint schools, remove graffiti, clean neighborhoods. For information, visit www.seattleworks.org.

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