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## FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING & FOOD FEST

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 – At The Hall at Fauntleroy

By Kim Petram

The popular Fauntleroy Food Fest is back for the 5th straight year, scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Why should you attend and invite your neighbors? Because the Fauntleroy Community Association works tirelessly to advocate for your neighborhood and it needs everyone's support. Besides, the evening will be fun! The event is two-fold: a celebration of community and Annual Meeting, and a membership drive for the FCA.



The celebration will include fabulous and generous food samplings from our many Fauntleroy eateries. These include Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, The Original Bakery, Abbondanza Pizzeria, Bird on a Wire Espresso and Endolyne Joe's. The FCA and the Hall at Fauntleroy sponsor this great evening. The event is FREE, except for the no-host bar. We are so lucky to live in an area that offers such varied and top-notch restaurants!



Many local environmental, community and public agencies that affect our daily lives will be on hand. Update yourself on what the FCA has been doing related to the proposed sale of Fauntleroy School, and see if anyone is working on that noxious gas wafting through our neighborhood in the summer. What do you know about the massive lane closures on I-5 near Spokane Street this summer? Sealth High School starts its new International Baccalaureate program this fall and Denny Middle School has great things underway, including plans for a new school.

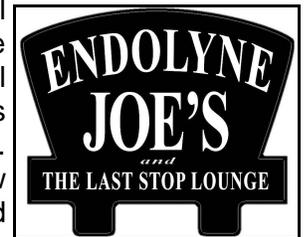
Wow, there's a lot to learn here!

An even greater celebration occurs in the form of the FCA's annual election of board members and officers. A celebration you say? Of course! Let's celebrate the fact that the Fauntleroy community is fortunate to have dedicated and determined neighbors



looking out for the community's best interest. See how you can be involved.

Examine the FCA Annual Report, (available first at the meeting) for substantial details of accomplishments this year by the association. Examples include a new pedestrian activated crosswalk signal on



Fauntleroy Way and continued work with the City to move the light to the highest use area for greater safety. Knowledge and guidance working with city agencies to help groups and neighbors seeking assistance, such as improving safety and function of the Cloverdale pathway leading from Fauntleroy Place SW to 46th toward Lincoln Park or guiding local schools toward sources of support for projects like the new playground at Gatewood School.

Having an effective and respected community association takes many hours of volunteer time and it takes money. Joining us in membership is one way to support the FCA, and it's only \$25 a year. Bring your friends to this year's Annual Meeting, Food Fest and Membership Drive to see your neighbors, meet board members and consider how you can help. See and sample the best of Fauntleroy!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FCA

**We have several ways in which you can help your community association.**

Occasional mailing parties take about an hour, help is always needed for set up/clean up for community meetings, welcome bag delivery happens three times a year and subsequent follow up phone calls only take a few minutes and of course volunteers are always needed for Fall Festival!

**Contact any board member (see Board Box) to see how you can help.**

## STATE TO FUND SEAWEED REMOVAL

By Judy Pickens

The biennial budget approved at the close of the legislative session includes the first state funding we've had since 2000 to reduce green tide (aka "the stench") in Fauntleroy Cove.

The state will provide \$150,000 for 2008 and a like sum for 2009 to remove the seaweed that forms huge mats in the cove during warm weather. The State Department of Ecology may spend up to \$25,000 of that amount each year for coordination and permitting. The funds are to be split equally for Fauntleroy Cove and for Dumas Bay in Federal Way.

In January, Sen. Erik Paulsen's office responded enthusiastically to FCA's request for funding and for assignment of this growing problem to an appropriate state agency. After a bill that included funding failed to reach the House by the cutoff, his staff worked with Federal Way's senator, Tracey Eide, to secure a line item in the budget.

While we got the funding, the problem is not yet situated with an agency for ongoing response and research toward a solution. With more than a dozen sites in central Puget Sound now affected by green tide, the likely destination is the newly created Puget Sound Partnership. As soon as staff assignments are made there, we'll start working with the Partnership to get green tide on its work plan.

Every summer since the early 1980s, hydrogen

sulfide gas from decaying seaweed has plagued the neighborhood, especially on the south side of the ferry pier. The toxic gas first appeared in Dumas Bay two years ago, and staff with the City of Federal Way began working with residents there to understand the problem. That effort surfaced more information and engaged representatives from several agencies. Together with Fauntleroy's history and advocacy, we were able, together, to speak to the Legislature with a strong voice.

So far, research on green tide has identified the process that goes on when excess nutrients from runoff and currents feed seaweed growth. On a hot summer day in our cove, as much as one and a half tons of new growth can occur. The only known response is to net it with a tug and tow it out to deep water. Our experience is that haulouts every four to five years can keep the air breathable for cove residents.

As soon as DOE assigns a coordinator, we'll begin the permitting process and decide how to use \$5,000 in county funds secured for us by Councilman Dow Constantine. Because environmental controls are tighter now than they were even years ago, we cannot assume that we'll get the necessary permits. If we're able to satisfy all requirements, though, we're looking at haulouts no sooner than summer 2008.

The stench is usually with us from early July to late September. To reduce your exposure: close windows on the cove side of your house at low tide; use a fan to blow out bedrooms at night and work or entertain outdoor activities when the tide is up.

## CRIME CONCERNS

Are you concerned about crime in your neighborhood? Benjamin Kinlow, Seattle Police Department's Crime Prevention Coordinator is available to set up a Block Watch meeting date, talk about ongoing crime problems and work with you to resolve them, or to set up a "Block Tour" so everyone understands the problems on your block and how to fix them. You can reach Benjamin at 684-7724 or by

email at [benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov](mailto:benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov).

If you're curious about what is going on in the Southwest Precinct, check out their web page at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/Southwest/default.htm>. SPD has crime statistics at <http://www.cityofseattle.net/police/crime/stats/pur170/200612y.htm>.

# STUDY DOCUMENTING COHO LEAVING CREEK

By Steev Ward

This is our fifth year of monitoring out-migration from the creek to the cove, and we are accumulating informative data about how well the creek supports juvenile salmon.

Together with fellow volunteer Tom Linde, we've recorded just over 20 coho smolts leaving this spring for saltwater. This comparatively low count could easily be blamed on the weather, since the flow



in the creek was extremely high at some points during the winter.

The fact that we recorded some good-sized smolts (up to 5") reflects well on the habitat. We're encouraged that we haven't found large numbers of newly released fry in the trap this year. We credit renovated in-stream habitat - both in the upper creek done by the city and in the lower creek supported by homeowners - as a major factor in retaining these small fish.

We can expect a few more smolts before we remove the trap from the fish ladder in early June.

# FAUNTLEROY FERRY UPDATE

By Gary Dawson

Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, Washington State Ferries fare structure increased by an average of 2.5%. The increase this year and some substantial increases in past years were mandated by the Legislature that WSF operations be funded by 80% from fare box revenue. This is far and above typical public transit fare box recovery, (METRO is reportedly in the 20% range) but with the passing of Initiative 695 removing operations funding for WSF, the fares have been raised accordingly.

As we are not a community of ferry commuters, the increase does not have a direct effect on most of us. Indirectly however, we can expect to see an increasing amount of parked cars in violation of Zone 3 ordinance on streets near the ferry dock. We can see them all over Fauntleroy and even in the Lincoln Park parking lots at night. In an attempt to avoid increased fares, many commuters would rather take a chance on getting parking tickets. Neighbors have tried to contact the Parking Enforcement unit of SPD, but with limited results. Others recommend calling the West Seattle precinct directly.

A consistent and sustained funding source for WSF still remains in question. The Legislature has authorized and completed a Ferry Finance Study but implementation seems politically difficult as any option would seem to include a tax revenue increase.

The WSF Long Range Plan is still ongoing however, and the Southworth reroute to

Downtown Colman Dock is still proposed for 2014. Once again, funding may be an issue as continuous funding for development, design, and construction for a required new Colman Terminal is yet to be approved in total.

As we have reported before, the Mayor's office is not in support of the planned reroute because of the additional amount of traffic that would be arrive directly downtown.

Many community and merchant groups in West Seattle have endorsed the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee's (FFAC) support of the reroute and letters to the Mayor's office have been sent to reflect that position.

At the FCA public meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis stated that the Mayor doesn't want that traffic through West Seattle either, but is asking WSF for other options. This dialogue will continue with WSF and the FFAC is involved.

WSF foot ferry service between Vashon and Colman will continue until another entity can resume this much needed operation. Naturally, the more walk-ons there are from Vashon, the fewer cars come through Fauntleroy.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> the King County Council approved ordinance 2007-0273 authorizing a regional ferry district that will provide, among other studies, foot ferry service at Vashon. Implementation dates are still pending but at least we can look forward to the service continuation.

## "MEET THE DEPUTY MAYOR" NIGHT REPORT

Nearly 100 neighbors came out to the FCA "Meet the Mayor" night which was to have featured Mayor Greg Nickels, who was called to Washington, DC at the last minute. In his stead, the March 1 meeting at The Hall at Fauntleroy featured Tim Ceis, Deputy Mayor.



The Deputy Mayor opened with a series of informational announcements on what the City is doing in the areas of public safety, affordable housing and homelessness. He also shared plans for Spokane Street Viaduct improvements.

FCA membership submitted over 30 questions prior to the meeting and attendees submitted many more as they arrived. Many fell into categories of the Spokane Street Viaduct, Elliott Bay Water Taxi and neighborhood draining issues, but pedestrian safety and road repair projects emerged as the areas of greatest concern.

In response to questions, we learned the Spokane Street Viaduct work will be finished before the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement begins. Planned improvements include wider lanes and a new 4th Avenue ramp that will connect to the E-3 Busway already in use along what was 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Spokane Street. A new westbound lane will serve Port of Seattle terminals and a few blocks north, a Lander Street overpass will span over railroad tracks between Occidental Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> South. Anticipating the various road projects, consideration is being given to expanding the Elliott Bay Water Taxi service, perhaps with a larger boat and more parking.

As for light rail coming to West Seattle, it won't happen any time soon, probably not until around 2025.

Several questions concerned the ferry line, i.e., signage asking ferry riders to turn off car engines while waiting, not blocking driveway access, and

somehow improve visibility and safety at the entrance-egress from Lincoln Park parking lots and the ever present problem of U-turns on Fauntleroy Way. Those matters will be referred to SDOT, (Seattle Dept. of Transportation).

Other road safety matters included the placement of the new pedestrian crossing light at Kenyon Street instead of where many families cross the busy traffic further north near the wading pool, cook shelters and north baseball diamond. Pedestrian safety overall was a big concern of the evening. Questions were raised about what ever happened to the 2002 FCA transportation study and recommendations for safety improvements at the busy triangle area formed by 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Brace Point Drive and Wildwood Place. Wayne Wentz, head of Traffic Engineering at SDOT, will get back to us on that issue.

Neighbors from the 10400 block of 47th Avenue SW and beyond turned out in numbers to question planned repairs of the road collapse which has rendered that already narrow stretch of road into a one-lane pass-through. The issue requires more "looking into" and we were promised follow up on the matter.

Gary Dawson summed up traffic safety issues on local streets, much of which is related to ferry traffic. A question about the possibility of moving the Southworth ferry traffic out of Fauntleroy and routing it directly downtown was posed with the response being the current difficulties of space limitations at Colman Dock and downtown traffic.

The meeting closed with a 20 minute Open Mike session with the Deputy Mayor taking questions from the floor. Questions on the proposed Boeing Field swap, viaduct planning, drainage issues, and truck backups at Terminals 5 and 18 were ably handled. All in all most residents came away from the meeting with a sense that our many areas of concern are being addressed or soon will be. The FCA will be following up with SDOT and other city offices.

## PUBLIC MEETING – HELP IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN CREEK

Like many other urban streams, Fauntleroy Creek has levels of fecal coliform bacteria beyond what the state allows in freshwater. What are fecal coliform bacteria? What can you do to help improve water quality?

The Washington State Department of Ecology is having a public meeting to review recent studies and seek input on plans to improve water quality in the creek. Come and share your ideas.

When: Tuesday, May 22nd, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Where: Southwest Public Library meeting room

(9010 35th Ave. S.W.)

DOE also requests your input on the Draft Fauntleroy Creek Fecal Coliform TMDL Water Quality Improvement Report at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0710037.html>. Comment at this meeting or send comments by June 11 to Sinang H. Lee, WA State Dept. of Ecology NWRO, 3190 160th Ave. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008.

For more information, contact Sinang at 425-649-7110 or [sile461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sile461@ecy.wa.gov).

# WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS WITH WELCOME BAGS

By Ann Dunbar

Do you have a new neighbor on your street? Have you been planning on dropping by to say hello and introduce yourself? Maybe you wanted to bring them a little welcome gift? Now is the time to go visit that neighbor and FCA will provide the welcome gift! Our welcome bags contain information about The FCA, area businesses, Fauntleroy Creek, and local public transportation. It also includes a home made gift, such as note cards, jars of jam/honey, or soap which are made by FCA members. All you need to do is contact Ann Dunbar at 933-5575 or [dunbar@zipcon.net](mailto:dunbar@zipcon.net) and ask for the welcome bag! What a great way to build up community and our association membership.



Some folks who recently received a welcome bag are Stephanie and Matt Berry. They bought their new

home last August, and have settled in and are enjoying their neighborhood. The Berry's were drawn to the West Seattle area because it gave them a small town feeling similar to the rural area they left in Idaho. They chose the Fauntleroy area because of the proximity to Fauntleroy and Lincoln Parks. Both provide good trails for walking their dog, Kenai.

West Seattle is also convenient for Stephanie's job, teaching Spanish at Alki Elementary. She enjoys building cultural awareness and tolerance with her students. Matt, who works for a Seattle based company, enjoys gardening and running with their dog in his free time. Welcome to the Berry's!

One last note....I'm always looking for volunteers to make simple home-made items to go inside the bags to give them a personal touch. Small jars of jam, note cards, and candles are just a few ideas. Please let me know if you have anything you would like to share.

## WSDOT ANNOUNCES MAJOR I-5 REHAB PROJECT IN SEATTLE

### Plan Ahead for I-5 Lane Closures and City Street Backups in August

The Washington State Department of Transportation will complete a major rehabilitation of the I-5 bridge between Spokane Street and the I-90 interchange this summer. This construction will significantly affect traffic near downtown Seattle, particularly during 19 continuous days of intense construction from Aug. 10-29 when crews will close several lanes of northbound I-5 at all times, including workdays, leaving only two or three lanes open to traffic.

The northbound I-5 lane closures will push traffic onto other routes, including city streets in Georgetown, SODO, Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill. WSDOT anticipates I-405 and State Route 99 will be popular freeway alternatives. Trucks will be encouraged to use I-405, East Marginal Way South and Airport Way South. Lengthy backups and significant delays are expected.

**To learn more about the project and what drivers can do to prepare, visit:**

**[www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/SpokaneStreetBridgeRepair](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/SpokaneStreetBridgeRepair)**

## IB PROGRAM AT SEALTH APPROVED

By The FCA Board of Directors

Congratulations to the staff at Chief Sealth High School on receiving full accreditation from the International Baccalaureate Organization. Starting next fall, juniors and seniors can take IB courses which will be recognized by higher education institutions for advanced college credit around the country and the world.

It has been a huge undertaking over the past few years to meet the stringent IB requirements, part of which was developing a rigorous "pre-IB" program for

current freshmen and sophomores. Only 14 other schools in the State of Washington offer this program.

As a part of the Sealth community, you can take pride in knowing your ongoing support of the IB program was a part of the commendations by the accreditation team.

We salute the IB Steering Committee on a job well done. Thank you Jennifer Cargal, Maria Groen, Larry Pierce, Molly Seaverns, Steve Sundquist and Denise Tabbutt

# PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

By Bruce Butterfield



With thanks to our vocal membership, the FCA hears of neighbor's priorities for addressing the traffic, transportation, and safety challenges we all face. FCA's relationships with city, county and state agencies assure our voices are heard and allow us to work toward solutions. A new City of Seattle grant program appears an ideal opportunity for Fauntleroy to submit proposals for solutions to parking, speeding, and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood.

- The intersection of SW Wildwood Pl and SW Brace Pt Dr is a very dangerous intersection because eastbound cars on at the Brace Point Dr-Wildwood stop sign cannot tell which way the Brace Point westbound cars are going, and cannot see them because of parked cars. We need to re-engineer the intersection with either one-way on Brace Point between 45th Ave SW and Wildwood or configure a turn lane for westbound traffic on Brace Point. No parking signs for the line-of-sight area.
- An old and broken sidewalk connects Fauntleroy Place and 46th SW at Cloverdale St. is well traveled by walkers going to Lincoln Park. The sidewalk needs repair for safety and to improve its' accommodation for people with physical challenges.
- Evaluate the need for traffic circles or speed bumps on residential streets being used as diversions around the ferry traffic.

- Re-evaluate the placement of the pedestrian crossing signal added last year on Fauntleroy at SW Kenyon St. SDOT, (Seattle Dept. of Transportation) placed the light according to their codes-not where the foot traffic is. The entrance to the park might be moved south to encourage people to use the light instead of crossing through the ferry traffic.

Gary Dawson, Chuck Sawyer, and I, serve as Fauntleroy's representatives on the South Sound Ferry Advisory Committee, working with the Washington State Ferry System, establishing our credibility and integrity when it comes to finding ways to mitigate traffic impacts. We worked with them and the City of Seattle to bring safety improvements and there are so many more needed.

In August of this year, The Washington State Dept. of Transportation's (WSDOT) major construction project on elevated sections of I-5 where we exit and enter the Spokane Street Viaduct will change our access to the rest of the city for weeks. WSDOT is working with us to spread the word on lane closures and the significance of this construction-we may want to take our vacations during the work to avoid the detours and congestion. No kidding! That's one of the strategies suggested. Learn more at the Food Fest and Annual Meeting May 23rd, by seeing the maps and meeting the project engineer from WSDOT.

Membership matters. Please keep those suggestions and ideas coming and if any of the above projects interest you, we'd love to have more help on the team. Call or write any of us.

**All neighbors are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Fauntleroy Community Association at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of the month (except August and December) in the meeting room of the Old Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Please feel free to join us!**

## REMINDERS

**Upcoming Events:** Check The Fauntleroy Community Association Website for Happenings in our Community – [www.Fauntleroy.net](http://www.Fauntleroy.net)

**Email your FCA:** [News@Fauntleroy.net](mailto:News@Fauntleroy.net)

**Streetlight Issues:** Are your street lights working properly? If not, note the number on the pole and contact City Light at (206) 684-7056 to report the malfunction.

**Seattle Night Out:** Seattle's Night Out Against Crime, Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 6:00-10:00 PM – More information contact: Benjamin Kinlow, 684-7724, email: [benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov](mailto:benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov)

# SPRING CLEANING

By Anne Dawson

Instead of sweating over income taxes this April 15<sup>th</sup> several



Fauntleroy neighbors did their sweating at Cove Park's "Spring Clean." Volunteers weeded, mulched, and trimmed so that the lovely park just north of the ferry dock is clean and green once more.

Each April, the city of Seattle hosts "Spring Clean," for



neighbors to gather and clean parks, streams, and other public spaces. Our group of ten worked about three hours and filled a pick up full of weeds and trash. The city helped by providing a free dump pass.

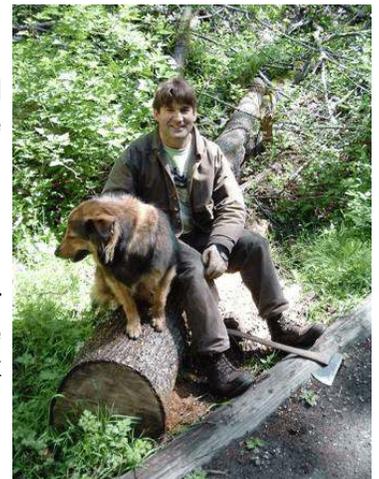
The best part of Spring Clean is a chance to visit with neighbors and get a good work out. If you missed the "Spring Clean", join us for the "Fall Clean." We're always looking for volunteers and would love your help. Call "Ann" at 937-7163.

# A SPECIAL NEIGHBOR

By Judy Pickens

Volunteer extraordinaire Steve Hodson and his trusty dog, Kodi, pull ivy, clear trails, and generally improve Fauntleroy Park for people, animals, and plants. The Arbor Heights resident has averaged an hour a day in the park for the past six years.

Your neighbors applaud your generosity.



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# YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT! PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

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Note: We do not release member information.

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I would like to contribute to support the Fauntleroy Fall Festival \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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