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MARCH 20 FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST SURE TO BE MID-WINTER TREAT

The FCA Board, local eateries, and exhibitors will be ready at **6 pm on Tuesday, March 20**, to welcome you to the 2012 Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting in The Hall at Fauntleroy.

Your first stop will be the membership table, where you may join FCA or renew for another year. Then you'll have your choice of free samples from eight vendors dishing and pouring to introduce you to their offerings. The West Seattle Fish House will be among them for the first time.

Sit with your food to chat with neighbors or browse the information tables rimming the room. Exhibitors will range from ArtsWest to Metro RapidRide, all ready to send you home more informed. Next comes a brief business meeting to elect FCA officers *and* the all-important drawing for door prizes.

Mark your calendar. Invite the neighbors. Bring the kids. It will be a great mid-winter gathering.



TUXEDOS AND TENNIS SHOES
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE; TRAIN TO HELP AT FAUNTLEROY'S DISASTER HUB

By Gordon Wiehler

Recent news that Seattle could be in for a bigger Big One than projected is even more reason to be prepared. Disaster preparedness in this vulnerable area may make the difference between doing okay or just barely getting through an area-wide emergency. West Seattle now has 11 communication hubs designated by the City of Seattle's Office of Emergency Management. In the wake of a disaster, these hubs will enable the city and our neighborhood to coordinate resources as quickly and efficiently as possible.

I am captain for our hub, which will be in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot if the building is not safe. After a major event that causes all other communications to be out, this hub will be where residents can get news and report a medical crisis or other situation needing a response.

It will be *the* neighborhood communication base for requesting city services. *All* contacts with the city will come through our hub if regular channels are inoperable.

Among other things, it will have a "needs" board and a "resource" board. Volunteers will use these boards to track who needs help, what kind, and where, in addition to resources other residents are offering. Find out more about communication hubs at <http://westseattlebeprepared.org>.

Like the proverb says, "Many

hands make light work." Please come to a practice drill. Staffing our hub will require many more Fauntleroy volunteers than we presently have and it doesn't take much training to become familiar with the various roles to be filled and practice them with us.

The next drill will be **Saturday, May 19**, 9 am - noon in the church parking lot. You will be asked to play the part of a citizen asking for some type of help. Children are welcome, too, if they won't get upset hearing rather gruesome scenarios in the drill script.

Email me at gmwinv@comcast.net for details about the drill. Also let me know you're coming so I can bring enough doughnuts!

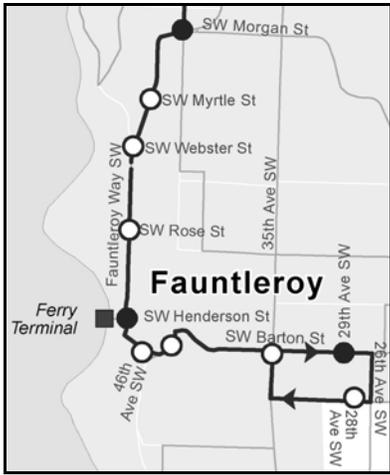
Your willingness to serve will make all the difference WHEN the time comes that we're faced with the worst.

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RAPID RIDE WORK UNDER WAY

Go up to Westwood or the Morgan Junction and you'll see evidence that "C Line" RapidRide service through this part of West Seattle is getting closer.

Contractor crews have been constructing seven new bus stops between Westwood and Morgan.



White dots are stops on this Metro map. Black dots are stations.

They are the simple ones - just an extension of the sidewalk to the curb, followed by installation of a shelter. Expect major construction, however, when work begins on RapidRide stations, especially at the ferry terminal.

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FAUNTLEROY PARK, CREEK HAVE NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATING

The Fauntleroy Watershed Council has a new website and the Fauntleroy Park forest stewards have a new email address.

Designed and maintained by council member Chris Nack, the website provides information about Fauntleroy Park, the Fauntleroy Creek system, and council activities. Newly posted is the 2011 watershed annual report.

If you're interested in knowing more about the natural amenities of the neighborhood or the council's education program, you'll find all that information at www.fauntleroywatershed.org.

Also new is an email address especially for residents with comments, concerns, or suggestions about Fauntleroy Park: fpark.steward@gmail.com. Use this address, as well, to get on the list for upcoming work parties.



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CONSIDER GOING BACK TO SCHOOL - AS A VOLUNTEER

By Judy Pickens

Judy Moody is a 10-year-old with an attitude and a pesky little brother named Stink. Real-life 10-year-olds devour their adventures, one book after another, as they hone their reading skills.

This series and others that are similarly rich with escapades (and new words) are aimed at third- and

BACK TO SCHOOL

fourth-graders. Many students in those grades aren't able to enjoy them, however, because they don't read well enough.

They are still reading

what I call "talking chicken" stories written for much younger children.

Reading tutors can do a lot to get such students up to speed. Especially for area public schools with a high percentage of low-income students, parents are often too busy with work or younger siblings to volunteer or they don't have a sufficient grasp of English. Consequently, students at these schools don't have tutors unless adults and older youth in the community volunteer.

Twenty minutes a week of listening to an individual student read can do wonders to advance reading skills, as evidenced by test scores. It's

enough to spark an interest in reading that's not been encouraged at home or to give recent immigrants the confidence that they can master a new language.

This small investment of volunteer time can also do much more.

Students benefit from the simple gift of one-on-one interaction. Such attention is hard for a teacher to give in a classroom with 25 or more students. A plus is that it's attention from someone other than the teacher they see every day.

Students also benefit from chat time with a volunteer before getting down to business. They can share something great that happened over the weekend - or perhaps something worrisome that the teacher needs to know about.

Since September, the *West Seattle Blog* has published a monthly list of volunteer needs at area elementary schools that are challenged to recruit enough volunteers. Reading tutors are always on the list, as are volunteers willing to support a particular teacher by doing whatever is asked for a few hours a week.

Special assignments also make the list. West Seattle Elementary, for instance, is currently in need of volunteers to help a food-composting program get off the ground. Periodic assignments are there, too, such as escorting students to and from health screenings.

Have a look on the *Blog*. If you miss when the list is posted, search for it at "school volunteers."

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION PARTNERS

These businesses and organizations are partnering with FCA to support a strong community:

Bruce Butterfield, Prudential Northwest Realty

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Endolyne Joe's Restaurant

Fauntleroy Church, United Church of Christ

Fauntleroy Community Service Agency & Fauntleroy Children's Center

Fauntleroy Massage

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PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THREE AREA WATER PROJECTS

BARTON PUMP STATION UPGRADE

Expect to see construction start early this summer on the Barton Street Pump Station adjacent to the ferry terminal. The station conveys waste- and stormwater down the line to the West Point Treatment Plant

Upgrades to electrical, heating, and ventilation systems, plus a new backup generator and odor control system, will increase the station's capacity. King County expects this investment will enable the station to do its job for the next 50 years.

The county is in the process of identifying potential construction impacts to the neighborhood and how to reduce them. They include traffic disruptions along Fauntleroy Way SW and at the ferry terminal, contractor parking and material storage, and temporary loss of access to Cove Park and the beach.

Volunteers organized a "Big Dig" at the park on March 4 to involve the community in preparing the site. Residents able to offer new homes to shrubs and small trees were invited to bring a shovel and take a relic of the park's original landscaping.

Visit www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Construction/Seattle/BartonSt or contact Doug Marsano (doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov or 684-1235) to follow the project.

BARTON BASIN CSO CONTROL

King County is getting closer to a design for green stormwater infrastructure in the Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighborhoods aimed at reducing combined-sewer overflows into Fauntleroy Cove (Barton basin). The project will consist of planted areas called bio-retention swales located



Pits like this one tested how quickly water soaked into the soil at shallow depths. Photo courtesy King County

between sidewalks and curbs to capture and hold stormwater until the soil can absorb it.

By using this natural process to reduce the volume of stormwater going into the drainage system up the hill, the project will reduce the chance of system overflows during heavy rain. Overflows from the combined sewage/stormwater system currently pollute the cove with an average of four million gallons of untreated sewage a year.

On Feb. 8, the project team shared information about recent field work with the community, including geotechnical studies and above-ground surveys. A computer model is using this data to help the team determine the number, design, and siting of bio-retention swales. In late March, another public meeting will identify which neighborhood blocks will receive swales and how the public can be involved in determining design details.

Visit www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Construction/Seattle/BartonCSO-GSI or contact Kristine Cramer (kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov or 263-3184) to keep up to date on the project.

MURRAY BASIN CSO CONTROL

Planning for control of combined-sewer overflows off of Lowman Beach (Murray basin) has reached the preliminary-design phase. The project team and a design advisory group are working toward significantly reducing system overflows, which now pollute Puget Sound with an average of five million gallons of untreated sewage a year.

In January, the team shared preliminary design concepts with the community. Those drawings attempted to translate common themes and elements developed during a design workshop in October into a functional design for safe, reliable operation of the facility. Feedback from the advisory group, the Morgan Community Association board, and readers of the *West Seattle Blog* was generally favorable and provided several additional considerations.

The project team came back to the advisory group in mid February with revised concepts. The group supported the team's direction and agreed to use the proposed site configuration as the foundation for continued discussion about architecture and landscaping. The team will include this site configuration in its preliminary design report to the State Department of Ecology, due in March.

Visit www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/Construction/Seattle/MurrayCSOStorage.aspx or contact Doug Marsano (doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov or 684-1235) to keep abreast of the project.



Amber Heinemann climbed the ladder from server to manager of Endolyne Joe's. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

WELCOME BAG PROGRAM CHANGES MANAGERS

After six years managing FCA's welcome-bag program, Ann Dunbar has passed it on to Susan Lantz-Dey.

Susan will be putting her own stamp on the program, which FCA initiated in 2000 to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. Each bag contains an assortment of worthwhile information about Fauntleroy and West Seattle, a gift certificate from a local business, and a homemade treat.

If you have new neighbors, contact Susan at SlantzDey@aol.com or 930-5219 with the address (you don't even need their name!) and she'll see that they're welcomed in style.

MEET NEW MANAGER AT JOE'S

When Amber Heinemann went out recently to research a new quarterly cuisine for Endolyne Joe's, she went WAY out. She and chef Mike McCarthy flew to Austin and made it their home base for tasting and talking about dishes distinctive to the Great State. Expect to experience the results starting in April, including what she promises will be "authentic" Texas barbeque.

Amber is the new general manager of Joe's, replacing Rich Gantner, who moved to another Chow Foods neighborhood eatery. She is not new to Fauntleroy, however.

She was a server when Joe's opened in 2003, then took time off to have a son (her family lives in Highland Park). She returned to the company in management, eventually landing back at Joe's as assistant manager. When offered the top job, she took the challenge.

Joe's strong involvement in the community drew Amber to this location and it's a quality she is determined to enhance. Notice a new bin near the door for ongoing donations to the White Center Food Bank, which Joe's is also supporting with a wine-tasting dinner on March 10 organized in partnership with a SOZO, a regional winery (7 pm, \$60).

Two percentage-of-proceeds fund-raisers are on the horizon as well, one for Pathfinder School and the other for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

"The cool thing about Joe's is the feeling of family here," she said. "Other restaurants in the company have it to some extent but I think it's unique here and it's not just with the employees. It's with the customers, too. It's what motivates us to do as much as we can with the community."



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WRITERS CONTEST

Chow Foods is having a "Once Upon A Restaurant" story-writing contest for kids aged 6 to 11. It will kick off at Endolyne Joe's March 6 fundraiser for Pathfinder School but parents and kids are welcome to stop by anytime for a packet.

Each child who submits a story by 5 pm on April 6 will receive a \$10 gift card to any Chow restaurant. The winner in each age group (6-7, 8-9, 10-11) will receive a prize package valued at over \$100.

Co-sponsoring businesses throughout the city include Curious KidStuff in the Alaska Junction.



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VARIETY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN NEIGHBORHOOD THIS SPRING



The Fauntleroy Children's Center will pull out all the stops for its 25th annual auction on **Saturday, March 24**, 6 pm at The Hall at Fauntleroy. "Carnival de FCC" is the theme, so come prepared for

a festive evening. Email fauntleroychildrenscenter@yahoo.com to ask a question, donate an auction item, or purchase tickets.

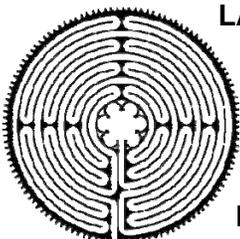
TOXIC-FREE KIDS FAIR

The Green Committee at Fauntleroy Church will partner with the Washington Toxics Coalition and others to host a free **Toxic-Free Kids Fair** for the whole community in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 11**, 11 am - 1 pm. Learn why choosing toxic-free toys and care products is important for growing bodies and how to do it. Bring a toy or product for instant assessment for lead and other toxins. Details at www.fauntleroyucc.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS. The FCA Board welcomes any resident to attend monthly business meetings on the second Tuesday. Upcoming dates are **March 13, April 10, and May 8**. To find out what's on the agenda or to suggest a topic, email BruceButterfield@pnwrealty.com. Meetings start at 7 pm in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

FOOD FEST. The 2012 Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 20**, 6 pm at The Hall at Fauntleroy. See Page 1 for details.



LABYRINTH WALK. Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering will roll out its labyrinth for the first quarterly community walk on **Tuesday, March 20**, 6:30 - 9 pm in the Vashon Room (lower level) at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Donation.

SHAKESPEARE. The Hall at Fauntleroy will re-sound with the agony of star-crossed lovers on **Friday, April 6**, when the Seattle Shakespeare Company and Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering bring **Romeo and Juliet** to West Seattle for one dinner theater performance. 6 pm; \$55/person, not including alcohol or gratuity. Details to come at www.tuxedosandtennisshoes.com.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

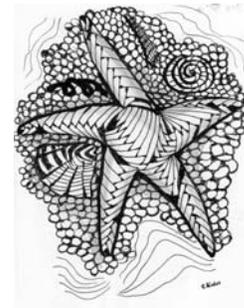
The Green Committee at Fauntleroy Church will sponsor its semi-annual free Recycle Roundup on **Sunday, April 29**, 9 am - 3 pm in the church parking lot. The crew from 1 Green Planet will be there to take tons of recyclables for responsible return to the resource stream. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for a list of what can be accepted and what can't.



MUSIC, MUSIC. Musician and composer Bronwyn Edwards will host another entertaining evening of music and dessert on **Friday, May 4**, 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. \$5 at the door. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.

EXPLORE THE BEACH. A beach naturalist will be at Lincoln Park on the following dates this spring for a free guided exploration at low tide:

- May 6, 10 am - 1:30 pm
- May 7, 10 am - 2 pm
- May 8, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
- May 20, 10:30 am - 1 pm
- June 2, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- June 3, 9:30 am - 1 pm
- June 4, 10 am - 1:30 pm
- June 5, 10 am - 2 pm
- June 6, 11 am - 2:30 pm



EMERGENCY DRILL. The next emergency-preparedness drill to help at the neighborhood's designated communication hub will be **Saturday, May 19**, 9 am - noon in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot. Email hub captain Gordon Wiehler at gmwinv@comcast.net for details and to say you plan to participate.

Follow local events on FCA's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FauntleroyCommunityAssociation.

WELCOME SPRING EQUINOX WITH LABYRINTH WALK IN FAUNTLEROY

Turning 50 is always cause for celebration - a big party, a special trip, a fancy dinner out.

As Meg Haggerty was about to turn 50, she didn't request any of those things. She wanted to do yoga and walk the labyrinth with friends and family.

At the same time she was thinking "labyrinth," her husband, David Haggerty, and his business partner, David Meckstroth, were talking "labyrinth" as an option for celebrations hosted by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering at The Hall at Fauntleroy.

To Meg, it had to be more than happenstance. She is an accredited master in both Healing Touch and Reiki - what she calls energy medicine. She helps people reclaim the possible after debilitating accident, illness, or trauma and move forward.

A labyrinth is an ancient tool for meditation, which could be in the form of prayer. To "walk the labyrinth" is to start on the periphery of a spiral path, slowly walk to the center, and return. The labyrinth prompts the walker to "clear the clutter" on the way in, be open to positive guidance at the center, and return with that gift.

The first "equinox" walk for the community will be during and after the Fauntleroy Food Fest on March 20. Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes will roll out its

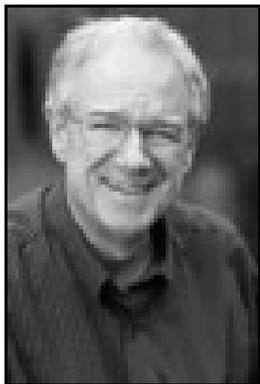
canvas labyrinth in the Vashon Room, 7 -9 pm, for all who want to experience it or simply check it out.

The "Fauntleroy labyrinth" is a replica of one laid in the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France around 1220. Other designs have developed over the centuries, including in Native American cultures.

This one is 40 feet in diameter, painted in deep purple on three pieces of canvas that hook together and come apart for storage. It was created at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1999 and found its way to Yakima. After using it for several years, the owner had several offers to buy it and decided it should come to Fauntleroy.

"The work we do at Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes is about ceremony, helping people celebrate life transitions," Meg said. "We hope couples getting married here will want to walk the labyrinth before their ceremony or loved ones here for a memorial service will walk it as a way of letting go."

Meg will be there on March 20 to answer questions. Expect instrumental music, candlelight, and chairs along the side for those who choose not to walk. Also expect to take off your shoes. A suggested donation of \$5/person or \$20/family will go to West Seattle charities.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

STORIES REINFORCE VALUE OF BEING NEIGHBORLY

When times get tough, neighbors get going. Isn't that more or less the adage?

We are certainly living in times when being involved with our neighbors and our neighborhood is especially important. Why?

We've all heard stories about people out of work, some having trouble making ends meet, some losing their homes. Against this background, it's downright heartwarming to hear stories about how we're able to help each other.

Picking up neighbors' mail and paper when they're gone is really a simple thing. Helping a neighborhood elder fix a leaky faucet, paint a hallway, or pick up the yard after a heavy wind home maintenance, painting or yard cleaning isn't so simple - but

when you think about it, it's not all that demanding.

We've been hearing stories lately of what we think is a spike in home break-ins, some in broad daylight. It's not unique to Fauntleroy; it's a problem city- and countywide. Such violations are often thwarted with someone who lives nearby notices a stranger or unfamiliar vehicle.

Police and block watch groups suggest that several pairs of watchful eyes are the best way to curb theft or vandalism in residential neighborhoods. And block watch comes with a bonus: We get to know our neighbors (and may even *like* them!). If you've been thinking of forming a block watch on your street, www.seattle.gov/police/blockwatch has all the information you'll need to start one.

In Fauntleroy, our annual Food Fest on March 20 is always a great way to reconnect with neighbors we've seen less of over the winter months and meet people new to the community. You don't have to organize anything; just come. Bring a few dollars for the no-host bar at The Hall at Fauntleroy; area eateries will provide tasty tidbits for dinner.

BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHO'S BEHIND THE CAMERA AT COMMUNITY EVENTS? IT'S GAIL ANN

Gail Ann Wodzin is that bubbly woman who takes pictures at the Fauntleroy Food Fest. Who photographs children on straw bales at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. And who shoots Halloween creatures at the Fauntleroy Children's Center.



Gail Ann Wodzin caught in a rare moment on the other side of the camera by Ingrid Pape-Sheldon

a space there became available in 2002, she fulfilled her dream of opening a photo gallery and studio.

She is also the creative poser of "angels" for the Angel Care Breast Cancer Foundation's annual fund-raising calendar.

She does this and more gratis work as her way of giving back and being involved in the community. To support her "habit," she is the talent behind Gail Ann Photography.

Gail Ann moved here in the late 1980s and soon fell in love with the old brick building at the center of the business district. When

By getting out and about with her camera, Gail Ann began developing that business, one special occasion at a time. She does photo shoots in the studio but more often on location - in homes, at anniversary parties, with a pet in the backyard, or at weddings.

"I consider myself a photographic artist, which means that my goal is to capture a truly creative image," she said. "I don't start shooting until I've established a high level of trust so that the client and I work together."

Gail Ann's approach to the most demanding special occasion - a wedding - is to reserve a generous amount of time for a low-stress shoot, listen to what the couple wants, and take both traditional and journalistic shots, including black and white.

As evidenced by her offerings at last fall's art show, the scope of Gail Ann's talent goes beyond artistically preserving occasions. With digital manipulation and other techniques, her photos can cross the line into fine art.

Stop by her gallery and studio (4507 SW Wildwood Pl.) or her website: www.gailannphotography.com. Better yet, see her at the Food Fest to say thanks for what she does for the community. She'll send you home with a business card that just might come in handy.

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