

FALL FESTIVAL A DAY OF SUN AND FUN

This year's Fauntleroy Fall Festival, attracted more than 1,000 adults and children with a wide variety of activities.

A new addition, the climbing wall, was a big hit, as were the pony rides, birdhouse and scarecrow building, story telling, giant bouncing toys, and stepping-stone making to name just a few of the attractions. Music, entertainment, nature walks, and information tables added to the festivities, and of course there were lots of good things to eat.

Heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors, Fauntleroy YMCA, Fauntleroy Church, Westside School, Westside Baby, The Hall at Fauntleroy, Tuxedos 'n' Tennis Shoes, and Fauntleroy Community Association, and to our many donors, Clowns Unlimited, Alki Lumber, Stagestruck, Endolyn Joe's, West Seattle Big Band and others.

This day of fun would not have been possible without a huge cadre of dedicated organizers and volunteers, Thank you, each and every one!



Fire Station #37 provided excitement for the younger set



A "sky high" challenge



For the creative, pumpkin and face painting,



Hundreds of festive helium balloons were given to eager children from the FCA information table adding to an already colorful day.



Event organizers: Deb Kerns, Jenny Mandt, Maria Groen, Dave Haggerty, David Kratz.
 Volunteers: Theresa Althausen, Laura Drake, Debbie Flajole, Judy Pickens, Phil Sweetland, Bob and Martha Callard, Martin Westerman, Joy Pakulak, Bruce Butterfield, Gary and Ann Dawson, Kathleen DellPlain, Lynn Sealey, Sheila Weaver, Chuck and Edna Sawyer, Kim and Jordan Petram, Maury King, Lisa Perry, Dicki Crumm, Kim Sheridan, Lynn Boettger, Dennis LaVoie, Tish Hesse, Marci Van Doren and others who gave generously of their time and effort.

To volunteer for this or other FCA affiliated activities, contact any board member. We have many opportunities to involve you!

You will notice a space has been added to the FCA renewal form for making a contribution to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. FCA, as fiscal agent for this annual community event, maintains a fund to be used for this purpose. City grant money was used for the first festival and generous donations from sponsors and donors made the second festival an even bigger and better success. We hope that by developing this fund we will have sufficient funds to hold the festival next fall. Your contributions will help make future festivals possible.

STUDENT RESEARCHERS HAVE EYES FOR PET WASTE

By Judy Pickens

Pet waste is a significant contributor to the high levels of fecal coliform bacteria consistently found in Fauntleroy Cove. When carried by rain into the creek and cove, these bacteria make the water unhealthy for people and aquatic life. Perhaps most noticeable to us, they also nourish the seaweed that causes our "summer stench."

Last spring, the Washington Foundation for the Environment funded a pioneering student study of pet waste in Fauntleroy Park. With help from the State Department of Ecology, we devised a simple protocol to count the deposits of fecal matter along a section of popular dog-walking trail.

Teams of sharp-eyed students from Kapka Cooperative Primary School have been doing this "poop survey" every two months, tracking their findings on a large map at school. In addition



to prevalence, the study is testing the effect of two possible ways to improve dog-owner behavior. Students collected plastic bags and milk jugs to create the "put and take" bag dispensers now available at each park entrance. And pet-waste advice attached to more recycled bags for the fall festival kicked off a public-information campaign.

The study will conclude in May with presentations to the watershed council, parents, and agency staff.

"We couldn't ask for better researchers to give us on-the-ground information," said Lisa Olson, water cleanup coordinator for State Ecology. "Whatever their findings, the students are making a valuable contribution to the environment."

ABOUT PET WASTE

Leaving dog poop in the bushes or on the curb is illegal for good reason. Runoff from one deposit in Fauntleroy Park can be potent enough to spike fecal coliform counts in the creek all the way downstream.

To manage your pet's waste responsibly,

- Always bring a bag when you walk the dog - and use it.
- Know where to scoop by keeping your dog on leash at all times during your walk.
- Dispose of used bags in the nearest trashcan.

Put used cat litter in a heavy paper grocery bag, fold over, wrap with masking tape, and dispose in the garbage.

FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGES YIELD BETTER SERVICE

By Gary Dawson

A look at the Washington State Ferries fall sailing schedule for the Vashon/Southworth/ Fauntleroy triangle route reflects some changes. To those of us who do not commute by ferry, these changes may not be apparent, but one change you may notice is an alleviation of congestion and shortening of the queue along Fauntleroy Way.

WSF established criteria aimed at increasing reliable service and on time performance, as well as reducing overtime costs on the triangle route. That called for a schedule revision.

To identify commuters' needs, WSF worked with members of the South Sound ferry advisory committees. Through public meetings and passenger surveys, data were obtained to work a schedule to fit the needs of all parties. Some compromises were needed, but both Vashon and Southworth

FACs advised that the first few weeks of the new schedule worked quite well. Minor changes are expected to be implemented at the start of the winter schedule in January.

WSF announced at the October 7th FAC meeting at Vashon that the agency's criteria were being met as well. At Fauntleroy, it's too early to notice any trends, but there seems to be some improvement in the length and flow of the queue.

The Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee is scheduled to host the next South Sound FAC meeting in February. It will be open to the public, with Vashon and Southworth commuters and WSF managers in attendance. Exact time and location will be posted on the FCA Website and at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON LOCAL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Although somewhat slow, we continue to make progress in our efforts to correct the traffic problems plaguing our community. The photos below illustrate the positive changes that can occur when a community comes together to work on a common problem.



Line of sight is greatly improved looking South on 45th Ave. SW from Brace Point Drive, thanks to the landscaping by caring neighbors.



Better enforcement of parking regulations eases traffic congestion on Fauntleroy Way

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 your information to the editor.

Seattle Marathon 2003, Sun., Nov. 30, 2003 starting at 5th Avenue and Harrison includes Half Marathon, Marathon Walk, Half Marathon Walk, Kids Marathon. Competitive and non-competitive events **Fri. and Sat., Nov. 28 and 29** at the Westin Hotel. Registration required. Info at www.seattlemarathon.org, register at www.ActiveUSA.com, or phone (206) 729-3660.

Monorail Station Area Planning Community Workshop for Avalon, Morgan & West Seattle Junction Stations Wed., Dec 3, 2003, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. West Seattle High School, 3000 California Ave SW. And **Monorail Station Area Planning Community Workshop for Delridge Station Wed., Dec 3, 2003, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Cooper School Auditorium, 1901 SW Genesee Street. Two workshops on how best to integrate the monorail into Seattle neighborhoods. For info, contact Michael Graubard at 684-5049 or michael.graubard@seattle.gov or for info about the City's role in Monorail planning visit www.seattle.gov/monorail.

Fauntleroy Watershed Council. Thurs., Jan. 8, 2004 at 7 p.m. Fauntleroy Church. Any residents interested in the natural areas of the watershed are welcome to attend. Info at 937-1410.

DID YOU KNOW . . . That lost items –glasses, keys, etc. really can (quite often) be found? Washington State Ferries, Metro, Sound Transit, Sea-Tac Airport, taxi companies, and many other goods and service providers have “Lost and Found” departments.

Mentally retrace your steps and phone the places you may have lost your item. My long lost keys came back to me by way of the grocery store key tag, but in the course of my search, I dug through boxes of keys that were found and remain unclaimed! It's worth the effort. *Editor*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

THE CHANGING FACES OF FAUNTLEROY

By President Bruce Butterfield

Fauntleroy is a community rich in nature, people, and history. We have natural prizes such as Fauntleroy Creek and our wonderful beaches. We have parks large and small named Cove, Endolyne, Fauntleroy, Kilbourne, Lincoln, and Lowman Beach.

Richness runs in a neighborhood's people, too. We can read about Fauntleroy families who have been here for about a century in Morey Skaret's new book, *Morey's Bench* (copies available at The Original Bakery) and Roy Morse's *Fauntleroy Legacy*. Living alongside long-time "Fauntlefolks" are some relative newcomers.

George and Martha Visk passed away about a year ago. They were early members of the Fauntleroy Environmental Association, as the FCA was known 20-plus years ago and their home on Fauntleroy Way at Trenton was notable. It sold this year to a young family who moved from another West Seattle neighborhood, Karl and Michelle Norsen. Michelle works at the Fauntleroy YMCA and enjoys the short commute to work.

Paul and Maureen Barton didn't want to leave Fauntleroy. They liked their lot on 46th, its view, and their neighbors, and childcare was close. So when their family outgrew the 750 square-foot house Maureen purchased a decade ago, they built a beautiful home in its place. They play and walk the



dog at Lincoln Park. Paul commutes to Bellevue, but they say it's worth it. Sounds like they'll be here a long while.

In the '50s and '60s, there were kids all over Fauntleroy. Fauntleroy Elementary School, the church, and YMCA were going strong. Many of those kids moved on as they grew up but some are choosing to come "home."

Susan Lantz-Dey grew up near the cove, then moved across the country. Now she's planning her comeback. A strong sense of community was an important criterion as she and her husband Mike searched for just the right waterfront home. She admits her bias toward Fauntleroy but says Mike grew up on Magnolia. He is the one most sold on the community in Fauntleroy. They have purchased a home on the beach a few doors away from her parents, Ruth and Ware Lantz. They will rent it out until their own retirement and homecoming, a couple years away.

Over 60 Fauntleroy homes have sold this year alone; another 27 are for sale now. We seem to be "trending" younger again. A look at the many little ones at the recent Fauntleroy Fall Festival tells us that the richness of community is important to many of us. Reach out to welcome our new neighbors and those returning and honor those who have made this their *home* for so many years.

FCA IN THE LARGER WEST SEATTLE COMMUNITY

By Vlad Oustimovitch

In addition to serving as a focus for the Fauntleroy neighborhood, FCA participates in the broader West Seattle community through representation on the Southwest District Council. One of 13 district councils in Seattle, it is part of a large and complex web of grassroots organizations across the city.

Each council meets monthly to discuss both specific issues confronting individual neighborhoods and, perhaps more importantly, to discuss larger issues that affect all of us. The Southwest District Council, which represents 15 community groups in West Seattle, has regular agenda items dealing with such major transportation issues such as the planned monorail and Alaskan Way viaduct reconstruction, as well city budget allocations for

neighborhood improvement. The role of the Southwest District Council is especially important in representing our interests in City Hall, where City Council members typically aren't from West Seattle. Recent concerns that have dominated the Southwest District Council have been ensuring that our neighborhoods have an active role in the planning of the monorail and that Alaskan Way viaduct traffic capacity be maintained. One plan for the virtual elimination of the viaduct is of great concern to us. I am glad to say that many other district councils, such as the one in Ballard, share this concern. We are working with them cooperatively to ensure that the City Council hears our points of view.

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In addition to serving as a voice for the many shared transportation concerns, the Southwest District Council has also been trying to ensure that the Department of Neighborhoods survives severe budget cuts in these lean economic years. The DON has long been the vehicle for channeling improvements in all of our communities, and has recently gone through some very hard times.

My hope is that a greater vertical integration of grassroots community efforts into broader city politics will happen in the coming months as the

gap between some of the issues affecting us in West Seattle becomes better known at City Hall. Please feel free to join us at one of our monthly meetings, which convene at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday at the President's Boardroom of the South Seattle Community College, or call me at 938-9670.

Vlad Oustimovitch is an FCA Board Member and Southwest District Council President

Help Wanted: ShoreWatch Pod Leader

Do you live on or near the Fauntleroy beach? ShoreWatch is creating a "Pod" (think orca pods) of friends and neighbors to get together in a spirit of fun, creativity and scientific inquiry to learn about the ecology of the Puget Sound shoreline.

ShoreWatch is an engaging way to get families learning about the ecosystem of Puget Sound. The group offers a fascinating array of programs, most combining an indoor presentation with an outdoor field trip.

If this sounds good to you, contact ShoreWatch Coordinator, Mary Beth Dols, 206-382-7007. MBDols@pugetsound.org. Visit their website at www.pugetsound.org/shorewatch

BACK IN TIME IN FAUNTLEROY

We have had many comments from our readers who miss Morey Skaret's stories about life in Fauntleroy before many of us arrived here. We are blessed with many long-time neighbors who have wonderful stories of their own to tell. We will begin publishing the stories gleaned from conversations with some of them, beginning with Liz Thomas at 9660 47th Avenue SW. We welcome your stories to share in future issues.

By Liz Thomas

In the fall of 1941, my parents were house hunting in Seattle, looking for a home with space around it for my older brother to release some of his energy. Using the light of several matches, the Realtor showed them a house where the electricity had been turned off after the renters moved out. My dad decided he'd really like to see it in the daylight and when he did, Dad bought the house I still live in at 9660 47th Avenue SW.

Our new house was surrounded by woods and was one of only three homes on the east side of 47th from Roxbury to the crest of the hill beyond 98th Street SW. The first, 9602 47th, built (and owned by Bert and Blanche Harris) in 1915, and later sold to Charlie and Claire Harris, the second, 9638 47th, built in 1925, belonged to Bert and Blanche Harris. Our house, built in 1923, had belonged to the Marble family, the Harris's sister, so our section of 47th became known as the Harris family residences.

The original house had a garage at street level

(it still exists) and stairs leading up to a small porch in the center. Although most of the house interior remains original, we added an attached garage with a driveway leading up to it. The second major change was to add a long front porch entrance and raise a dormer on the upper level to provide a sound and mountain view from the two upstairs bedrooms. Apparently views were not as sought after when the house was built!

Traffic on 47th moved much slower then and was infrequent. The Laurel Beach Sanitarium was at the end of the street and since many patients there were from Alaska, visitors were few. We knew most of the people walking along the street.

With the school, church, and YMCA, we had many activities from which to choose. If we kids got ourselves into trouble, news reached home ahead of us! I don't recall any "working moms." Fauntleroy was a wonderful place to grow up and remains a great place to live!

Do you have a story to tell? Contact Martha Callard, editor, at 932-3236, or mail your contribution to FCA Newsletter, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146, or by email to news@fauntleroy.net

ATTENTION BIRD LOVERS The Fauntleroy Watershed Council is seeking a volunteer interested in helping others enjoy our resident birds. The basic tasks are preparing an existing list of sightings for posting on the community Website, assessing reports of additional species, and updating the list. Doing more would be up to you. Contact Judy Pickens at 938-4203 or jpickens@gte.net to learn more about this opportunity

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