



FALL 2006

# Fauntleroy Fall Festival is Back!



By Kim Petram

After a year's hiatus, the Fauntleroy Fall Festival is back and is shaping up to be the best one yet! After very successful festivals in 2002, 2003 and 2004, the committee that organized this event needed a break. Now with fresh energy and renewed neighborhood spirit, the 2006 Fall Festival, scheduled for **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The festival will begin at 3 PM and finish around 7 PM with dancing to the West Seattle Big Band at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Local vendors will be offering delicious food items for sale as well as a more substantial evening meal at The Hall at Fauntleroy. There will be fun crafts and events for kids of all ages, including a special focus for teens with projects and games intended for older kids and young-at-heart adults.

If you have time to help volunteer on the day of the event or have time and talent to provide volunteer assistance with planning, please contact the festival organizers at [fallfestival@fauntleroy.net](mailto:fallfestival@fauntleroy.net).

Of note, event organizers are specifically looking for assistance from adults who can help lift children onto ponies and control traffic at the cross-walk. We are especially on the lookout for an out-going gregarious soul who can act as a roving announcer/festival crier.

# FCA "Welcome Bags" Program Has New Volunteer

By Ann Dunbar

My husband and I moved to Fauntleroy six years ago. For my husband, it was a return to the "Old Homestead". For me it was a new home in a warm and friendly area. We have had fun getting reacquainted with family and making new friends. Our two young children continue this process by greeting everyone they meet on their walks, old and young. I am very excited to become involved in the new neighbor **Welcome Bags** project because it is yet another way to connect with our neighbors and it is a great way to promote the **FCA** which is doing so much for our community.

I am excited to share the news that we have Welcome Bags available for distribution in our neighborhood. The bags include a welcome letter from the FCA President, a current FCA newsletter, info about Fauntleroy Watershed and West Seattle Businesses, as well as bus and ferry schedules. We also include items such as home made jam, apple butter, honey, dried bay leaves, and note cards. A simple way to be involved with this great project is to donate some of these home made items. Do you crochet pot holders? Make note cards? Make jam? Any non-perishable items are truly appreciated. Just let me know!



We will distribute bags 2-3 times/year, starting in early September. The bags are also available for individual delivery at any time. If you would like help with distribution, deliver one to your new neighbors or donate non-perishable items, please call Ann Dunbar at 206-933-5575 or e-mail, [dunbar@zipcon.net](mailto:dunbar@zipcon.net).

Stay informed on issues the FCA is working on your behalf. Back copies of "Neighbors" and minutes of the monthly business meetings are available on our website

[www.Fauntleroy.Net](http://www.Fauntleroy.Net)

# Service For Peace Project at Fauntleroy Park



←Volunteers put their backs to it during a July 18 work party involving some 15 youth and young adults with Service for Peace, an international organization that involves diverse groups and individuals in service-learning experiences to benefit communities. Park volunteer, Scott Dolfay coordinated with Seattle Parks staff and other Friends of Fauntleroy Park volunteers to host the day of service. It was aimed primarily at removing blackberries and other invasive plants near the Cambridge Street entrance to the park



Rita Asaoka collects beer cans in Fauntleroy Park →

## Community Calendar

**FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL** meets Thursday, September 14, at 7 PM at Fauntleroy Church. Anyone who is interested in Fauntleroy Creek or Fauntleroy Park is invited. For details, call 938-4203.

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL**, Sunday, October 15, 3:00 PM to 7 PM at the church parking lot. Games, rides, activities for all ages. Volunteers needed. Contact Kim Petram at [fallfestival@fauntleroy.net](mailto:fallfestival@fauntleroy.net).

The **ANNUAL SALMON DRUMMING** Sunday, October 22, at 5 PM at the fish ladder viewpoint (Fauntleroy Way S.W. and S.W. Director Street). Singing, storytelling, and spirited drumming, for all ages to call the fish home. For details, call 938-4203.

**A GUIDED COMMUNITY WALK IN FAUNTLEROY PARK** sponsored by MegaWatt Saturday, October 21, from 10:30 AM to 12:30, starting at the S.W. Barton Street entrance.

**SOUTH-SOUTHWEST SEATTLE SCHOOLS CELEBRATION** Saturday October 21, 2006, from 9 AM to 1 PM Chief Sealth High School, Denny Middle School, and Roxhill, Arbor Heights, Concord, Gatewood, Highland Park Elementary Schools plan a parade led by Sealth and Denny Bands, a reading promotion and support from Westwood Merchants. For more information, contact Chanda Oatis, house administrator, at Denny Middle School (206 252 8954 or [ceoatis@seattleschools.org](mailto:ceoatis@seattleschools.org)).

## Ongoing

**FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meets the **second Tuesday** of every month (except August and December) at 7 PM in the meeting room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse.

**All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to join the monthly business meetings of this, YOUR community association. We invite you to bring your concerns to the table. Please contact Bruce Butterfield, FCA president by email at [brucebutterfield@pnwrealty.com](mailto:brucebutterfield@pnwrealty.com) to have your matter placed on an upcoming meeting agenda.**

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL** meets the **first Wednesday** of the month at South Seattle Community College President's Board Room at 7 PM. Discussing topics relevant to West Seattle.

**FRIENDS OF FAUNTLEROY PARK** invites friends and neighbors of the park to monthly weeding parties on the **second Sunday** of each month, 1-3 PM. For information, call 938-1567.

**KAYAKING GROUP** Every Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Sign up with Marja van Peterson at [marjavanp@aol.com](mailto:marjavanp@aol.com) or phone 938-1480 for meeting location and information. You are responsible for your own gear and your own safety. If you are not a kayak owner, kayaks may be rented from Alki Kayak at a reduced rate for this gathering. Weather cancels!

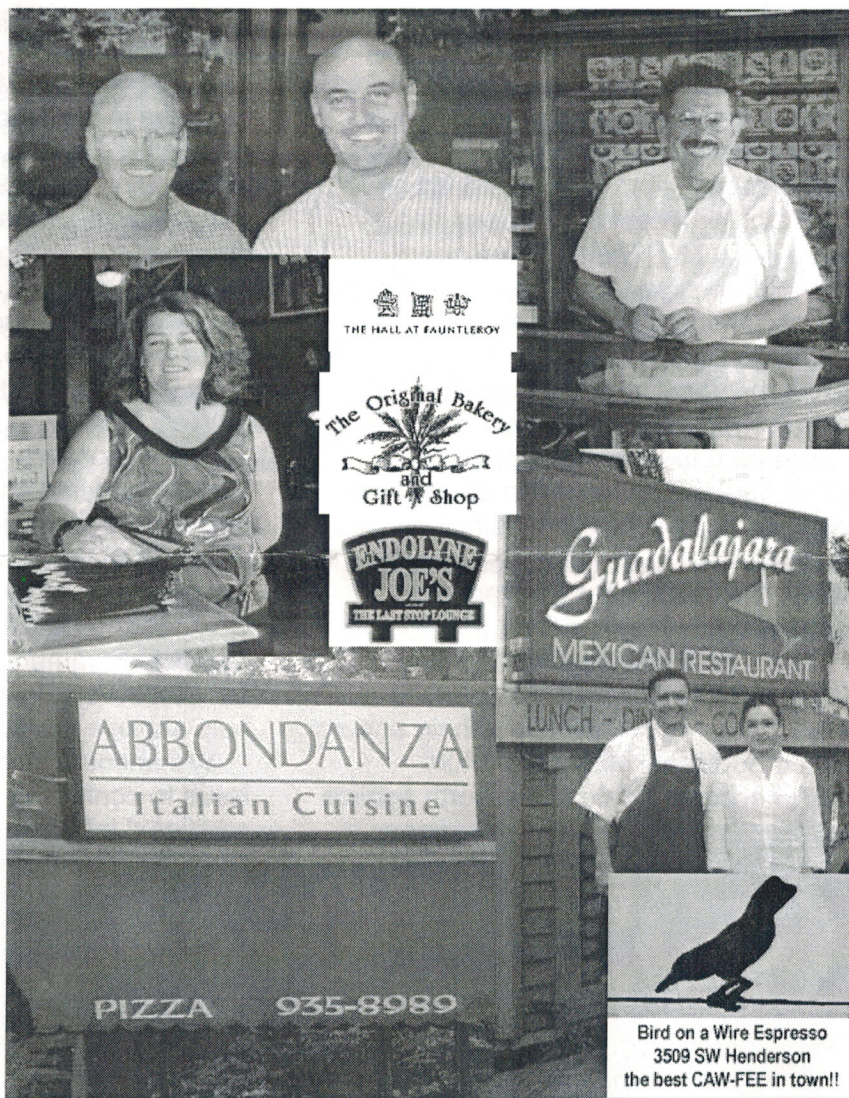
# And Good Time Was Had By All!

The May 17 **Food Fest and Annual Meeting** of the Fautleroy Community Association at The Hall At Fautleroy was a great success. Local eateries, Bird on a Wire Espresso, Endolyne Joe's, Guadalajara Restaurant, Original Bakery and, for the first time, Abbondanza Italian Cuisine provided food samples to all.

In accordance with the bylaws, election of officers and board members was held. Bruce Butterfield continues as president, Kim Petram, vice president, and Phil Sweetland, treasurer. At large members Martha Callard, Gary Dawson, Vlad Oustimovich, Kathleen Dellplain, Vicki Schmitz-Block, Mardi Clements and Martin Westrman remain on the board.

We are grateful to the support we receive from our local eateries and encourage you to visit them often!

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Left to Right: **The Hall at Fautleroy's** David Meckstroth and David Haggerty; **Original Bakery's** Bernie Alonzo; Dicki Crumm at **Endolyne Joe's** and Jose and Maria Prieto, owners of **Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant**.

# Ferry Advisory Committee

By Gary Dawson

Last April Washington State Ferries hosted an open house at the Fauntleroy School when Planning Director Ray Deardorf presented the WSF Draft Long Range Plan for community feedback. The full plan is available at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries).

The Final Plan, when approved and funded by the legislature, will implement terminal upgrades, vessel construction, and level of service on Puget Sound.

The portion of the plan that was of most interest to our community is the rerouting of Southworth auto service to downtown Seattle's Colman Dock.

The primary reason for this proposed action is obvious. The Fauntleroy terminal is operating at capacity, and by rule of a Seattle City Council resolution, cannot be expanded. Therefore, without capacity to accommodate population growth and increasing demand from Kitsap County, the choice is to route the service to Colman Dock.

Because of the reconstruction required at Colman, it could be 6 to 8 years before the rerouting would be in effect but when done, it will remove over a half million vehicles from West Seattle annually.

The importance of this potential dramatic reduction is the reason I applied for a position on the Seattle Ferry Terminal Project Citizens Advisory Group, and having been selected as a member of the CAG, my objective is to help ensure that the planned additional slip at the future Colman Dock to accommodate Southworth service will actually be implemented.

Resistance to that objective has appeared and it



is significant resistance at that. In September of last year, the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation submitted a letter to Mike Anderson, Director, WSF, stating that SDOT would not support that portion of the Long Range Plan. In addition, in July, a letter from the Mayor's office to Director Anderson requested that Southworth ferry service be maintained at Fauntleroy.

It seems certain that the offices of the Director of SDOT and the Mayor have concerns about an increase in the amount of vehicles downtown in and out of Colman.

However the 1999 WSF Travel Survey shows that over half of the Southworth ridership commutes to or through downtown Seattle daily.

Should WSF be unable to proceed with the planned reroute due to pressures from the City, this will be a lost opportunity of significant proportions to West Seattle.

The opportunity for reducing the amount of vehicles arriving and departing at the Fauntleroy terminal by approximately one third may not occur again. With that in mind, the Fauntleroy Community Association and the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee would like to invite resident and business communities of West Seattle to support our objective of working with WSF and the City to help achieve a solution of this complex problem.

We encourage anyone with concerns about this issue to contact us for comments, questions, or additional information. Your attention and participation is needed.

## "Membership Matters"

No doubt you have seen this slogan in this newsletter, on our brochures, or in connection with Welcome Bags. Your Fauntleroy Community Association membership *truly does* matter. A quick scan of previous newsletters chronicles the many ways in which we serve this, *YOUR* community.

We have tackled, among other matters, ferry issues, safety concerns, traffic, water and shoreline health and habitat, and we have provided a steady flow of information to you. In order to continue to serve the Fauntleroy community on matters of concern to all of us, we need your commitment to renew your membership or join now! Your dues support this newsletter and allow us to maintain contact with our elected officials and others on whom we depend for our safety and well being. We hope you'll find the annual membership fee of \$25 per household to be a good investment in our community. Simply complete the form on the back page, include your check, and mail it to P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146.

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# FALL FESTIVAL IS BACK AND CAN USE YOUR HELP!

The Fautleroy Fall Festival is on for **October 15, 2006!** To inquire how you can help, contact Kim Petram by email at [FallFestival@Fautleroy.Net](mailto:FallFestival@Fautleroy.Net)

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## There And Back Again

By Tyler Smith

Fautleroy Church recently completed a mission trip to a small town in southern Mexico. We went to help build a new church, replacing an old church that had been damaged by an earthquake a few years back. Our job was to lay the new foundation. This seemed like a straightforward task: fly down, dig a ditch, fly back again. Reality was much more complicated.

After several hours in the air, an overnight in Houston, and a 2 ½ hour bus ride into the mountains surrounding Oaxaca, Mexico, we finally arrived at San Jose Contrares, the town of about 500 where we would be staying. It must have been a curious sight for the town's residents: thirty Americans, speaking a language they did not understand, hauling luggage down a hill to the emptied-out classrooms that would serve as our lodgings.

Following a late dinner on the far side of the valley, we unpacked and settled in for sleep. In the morning it became clear that we had neglected to bring warm clothing and adequate bedding. When packing in Seattle, Mexico had seemed like an extremely hot

place. Who would need sweatshirts and thick sleeping bags? Nighttime temperatures cooled to 50 degrees. Brrrr. The classroom was lined with windows that did not shut and the rain leaked in.

After a superb breakfast and awesome coffee, the day's work began. One group had to literally move a mountain in order to make room for the foundation. The other group collected rocks for that foundation. In the coming days, our tasks would include digging, collecting sand, and even more digging. Soon, we had the materials in place and a trench ready to go.

Unfortunately, we would not see the foundation poured. We left San Jose Contraras tired but very happy with the new friends and significant progress we made during our stay.

*Editor's Note: Tyler Smith is a Senior at West Seattle High School and joined Fautleroy Church volunteers taking donations of clothing, materials, labor and love to help a small Mexican community.*

Photos courtesy of Joel Groen



*Volunteers dig to lay foundation for new church*



*Clothing is distributed to townspeople*

# FCA Takes Initiative To Address 'Fauntleroy Stench'

By Bruce Butterfield

In early July, "the stench" began to waft into homes along and near Fauntleroy Cove, prompting the FCA Board, once again, to initiate action with public officials and agencies to restore air quality in the neighborhood.

The noxious odor originates from a lettuce-like seaweed in the cove. As this seaweed decomposes on the beach, it sends off hydrogen sulfide, a colorless, toxic gas that is a health hazard to residents. Also, as it grows, the seaweed depletes oxygen in the water needed by juvenile salmon and other species that feed in the cove.

Working with public officials, FCA was able to get funding in 1990 and 1999-2000 to harvest rotting seaweed from the beach and haul out living seaweed from the water. These actions abruptly restored air quality around the cove. Eventually, though, excess nutrients in the water allowed the seaweed to flourish again, causing gas levels to rise.

The FCA Board asked Judy Pickens with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to take the lead in seeing what could be done. Contacts with environmental and health agencies confirmed that no one is currently in a position to "own" the problem. Then we looked to public officials.

Judy worked with David Anderson, an air-quality specialist familiar with this and similar episodes around Puget Sound, to write a "white paper" about the stench. We attached that background information to a funding request to public officials, starting with County Councilmember Dow Constantine, with copies to our state representatives and senator.

Many phone calls and e-mails later, I can report to you that both Dow and Senator Erik Paulsen are very much on the case. They've come up dry for any county or state funding for a haul out this year but are strategizing for next year.

As chair of the Senate's Water, Energy, and Environment Committee, Erik is in an ideal position to push for a response from the state. We have emphasized that the most helpful response would include not only haul-out funding for next summer but also a directive to an appropriate state agency to address the broader problem around the Sound.

Judy's background paper on the stench is posted on our website at [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net).

## What You Can Do To Live With The Stench...

Hydrogen sulfide is most often released at low tide on hot days. It can also be released when mats of seaweed are stirred, such as by the ferry backwash.

It is a heavy gas that settles in basements and windless corners of the garden. Documented health problems include throat irritation, headaches, and fatigue. To reduce your exposure,

- close windows and doors during low tide.
- use a fan to blow out the house, especially bedrooms at night.
- delay outdoor activities until the smell wanes.

Waterfront residents can help by never putting yard waste on the beach. Doing so is illegal because it adds nutrients and harmful chemicals to the cove and Sound.

## What One Neighbor Has to Say...

### "Changes"

By Bob Callard

Look around our community and you will see all the changes; new houses, tear downs, and remodels. All one has to do is to stop in at the Original Bakery, Endolyne Joe's, Gualadajara or Bird on the Wire and you will see the faces of our new neighbors. This is great for our community!

The Fauntleroy Community Association needs your help in reaching out to our new neighbors. The "newby's" may not know what a valuable asset they have in the Fauntleroy Community Association. So, let's talk it up and get our new neighbors to join and, more importantly, get them involved in efforts to continue moving our community forward.

*Editor's note.... Getting your neighbors involved may be as simple an act as passing this newsletter on to them. Let them know that our monthly meetings are open to all. And, if you have not renewed your membership as yet, please do so today! The date on your address label is your membership expiration.*

**Wondering about events at Cove Park?  
Check it out at [www.Fauntleroy.Net](http://www.Fauntleroy.Net)**

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## President's Notepad

By President, Bruce Butterfield

One of the many functions the Fautleroy Community Association serves is that of community conduit of information between residents and local governments and agencies.

We are considering adding a community forum, informational-type meeting or workshop to the annual FCA events. To plan an event we need to know what you would find of value and worthy of a couple hours of your time some winter evening. What issues, problems, solutions or ideas are important to *Fautleroy*, or should they be *West Seattle* issues?

Some ideas we've heard are: The Solid Waste Transfer Station King County, the Spokane Street Viaduct widening project, Metro bus service, some sort of (mass) transit option for West Seattle residents not wanting to take their cars into the city or across town. Other possibilities, housing issues and increasing density, pollution and possible solutions, the "Fautleroy stench" we experience in summer from seaweed gasses escaping into the air, how to deal with ferry traffic growth in Fautleroy, what should or should not be developed on city light substations property that will be sold in coming years; housing, parks or business use.

Let us know what you think about such a forum and what topics may be of interest to you.



## Future of Fautleroy School Building In Question

By Bruce Butterfield

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) recently informed the Fautleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA), a nonprofit organization that has leased Fautleroy School for more than two decades, of a potential policy change that could dramatically affect building use and our community. The FCSA leases the building to house Fautleroy Children's Center, a nationally accredited childcare program serving infants, toddlers, and pre-school aged children as well as elementary students before and after school. Other tenants, including the Hall at Fautleroy, pay market rate rents that help maintain the building.

The FCSA is designated as a Youth and Family Center under a School Board policy that allows closed buildings to be leased as such at sub-market rates. At the same time, the nonprofit is responsible for all building maintenance and improvements. SPS facilities staff recommends that the School Board change that policy in order to collect more rental income. If the Board approves it, the FCSA would have a very difficult time continuing current use. The future of Fautleroy Children's Center is at stake as well as a possible change in use of the whole building. The FCA, not to be confused with the FCSA opposes this change, as does West Seattle's School Board director, Irene Stewart. However, the issue is currently before the Board's Finance Committee (directors Michael DeBell, Mary Bass and Sally Soriano). If you would like to support Fautleroy Children's Center, send e-mail to [schoolboard@seattleschools.org](mailto:schoolboard@seattleschools.org). Ask the Superintendent and Board to maintain the current Closed Schools policy and its Youth and Family Center clause, which helps Fautleroy and programs like it to support learning in and out of school. Highest and best use of school buildings, open or closed, is to support the children, youth and families in our community who own our public schools.

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

**YES!**

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I wish to join as a new member

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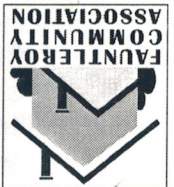
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**FCA Monthly Meeting : Tuesday, Sept 12, 7 PM , at the Fauntleroy School House Meeting Room. Please join us.**



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