

# NEIGHBORS

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## CELEBRATING 6 YEARS!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 2-6 PM

The Fauntleroy Fall Festival is celebrating its sixth year of providing a fun afternoon of community building with games, entertainment and delicious food. Your favorite activities will be back along with some new offerings geared for all ages.

In the spirit of offering a family craft each festival, this year will be special with an opportunity for Fauntleroy community members to join in the painting and design of our local Metro bus stop kiosks. Join your neighbors in painting distinctive Fauntleroy designs on the kiosk panels. Designs will be appropriate for all ages from toddler to adult. The wood working project this year will be a "flight" theme with airplane designs for all skill levels. Lost your Hydro from last year? Come build another along with a new airplane designed for flight. A special focus will be an Environmental Corner with projects



from MudUp, Camp Long's ethnobiologist and our own Fauntleroy Watershed Council. Snacks and food will be available again for nominal costs. Local Fauntleroy businesses including Tuxedo and Tennis Shoe's, Endolynne Joe's and Guadalajara will be providing an assortment of goodies. A bratwurst dinner will be served at The Hall at Fauntleroy and entertainment will be provided at The Hall by a new special guest band.

And, of course, all the favorites will be back this year including pony rides, the climbing wall, musical performances by local artists and many crafts and games for children of all ages.

Volunteers on the day of the event are still needed. If you can offer a two hour commitment before, during or after the festival please contact the planning committee at [kim@petram.org](mailto:kim@petram.org).

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE "BEND IN THE ROAD" IN THE HEART OF FAUNTLEROY**

## CHIEF SEALTH IB PROGRAM PROGRESS

By Molly Seavern

There is great news to report on the progress of the IB program at Chief Sealth High School. Students are excited about the program: over 60% of the current sophomore students selected IB courses for next year. This high participation rate reflects the positive word of mouth recommendations from current IB juniors and seniors, and a concerted effort by the IB Coordinator and counseling staff.

Chief Sealth Principal, John Boyd, reports that there is a high degree of enthusiasm on behalf of the IB teachers who like the expanded emphasis on critical thinking and integration of concepts. Having IB at the school is also providing a positive impact on teaching practices for 9th and 10th grade. Many of the 9th and 10th grade teachers received IB training, and there is a great deal of discussion in the professional learning communities on how to best prepare students for their first two years of high school.

If you would like more information, or to get involved with supporting the IB program, please let us know, or visit: <http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/chiefsealth/academics/ib/ib.htm>

**Our New Format**

This is the third issue of our revamped newsletter. We'd love to know what you think of it.

You may notice we do not have a book review in this issue. Without your contributions, we cannot include that feature!

Please email your reviews to [news@fauntleroy.net](mailto:news@fauntleroy.net) at any time for use in future issues.

Also, if you have an item of interest to the community and appropriate for this newsletter, please contact the editor, Martha Callard at 932 3236.

## RACCOON LATRINE DANGER

If you are seeing more raccoons being more aggressive than usual, you are not alone. Raccoons are cuter than rats, but they present a serious public health hazard since most of them have a parasite called raccoon roundworm, a biohazard. Infected raccoons excrete roundworm eggs and larvae, and if ingested, the resulting infection can cause severe disease and even death. There is no known cure. Particularly at risk are young children and pets.

Raccoon latrines (no, they don't build outhouses, they just establish a communal spot for this purpose) are being reported here in Fauntleroy. The FCA contacted the Seattle City Council and asked that they take appropriate action regarding this serious public health issue. As it stands now, there is no department that will offer assistance. Animal Control responds to problems with dogs or cats but not wildlife. The State Department of

Wildlife will not respond, but will recommend names of professional trappers. The Department of Public Health recognizes the health danger, but currently does not have a regulation allowing it to respond. We've been given the following recommendations:

To discourage raccoons from your area, DO NOT feed wildlife because they become dependent on it; DO NOT feed feral cats, both the food and the cats are a food source for raccoons; DO NOT feed your pets outside except when supervised, then remove bowls and spills; DO NOT put out bird seed, this is also a food source for raccoons, instead, feed birds by planting bird-friendly vegetation.

Prevent raccoons from entering your home through pet doors by securing them;

Compost wisely because food waste attracts raccoons.

Sadly, once a raccoon loses its

instinctual fear of humans, the only removal option is euthanasia. This is an outcome we can all prevent by ensuring that we do not leave food out, whether for wildlife or pets. And if you do find a raccoon latrine on your property, contact the State Wildlife Department, a professional trapper or the Internet for instructions on safe removal.



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## WLD ANIMAL DANGER

By Bob Callard

Besides feral cats and rats, a coyote has also been reported in the Fauntleroy area. What brings coyotes to our area? Food! Since



their habitat has been encroached upon, they have adjusted. More and more coyotes are choosing to hunt for food sources in residential areas. Coyote behavior is changing

and they are eating garbage, fruit and accessible pet food; all readily available in our neighborhoods.

Coyotes have a natural fear of humans but may become defensive and may attack if they are protecting their food or a den. In cases of coyote attacks on people, it usually involves a pet that is being fed by humans who leave food outside. Experts agree that coyotes will steer clear of humans until they learn that people are a source of food. It is our actions that can encourage coyotes to challenge us.

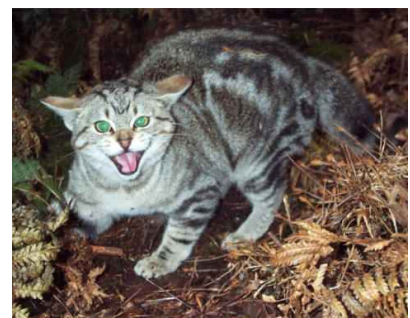
If you have a neighbor that is leaving food outside for their pets, please contact them ask them feed their pets inside as they could be creating an unseen danger in our neighborhood. Leaving food out-

side also attracts rats, raccoons, feral cats and other stray animals.

**These are not "cute" animals and should be considered a danger to your yard.**

For information:

- [www.feralcat.com/acarafc.html](http://www.feralcat.com/acarafc.html)
- [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol9no12/03-0039.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol9no12/03-0039.htm)
- [www.aaanimalcontrol.com/ratdiseases.htm](http://www.aaanimalcontrol.com/ratdiseases.htm)



# MOTORCYCLE PARK 'N RIDE IN FAUNTLEROY?

By Bruce Butterfield

Seattle's Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) Program is a critical parking management tool that helps neighborhoods ease residential parking congestion created by non-residents. Established in 1979, the RPZ program now includes 27 zones in the city with over 17,000 permits issued.

Fauntleroy is ZONE 3 which exhibits that our parking woes go back well over 30 years. Our over parking problem is mainly at night and that's why our restriction is "**No Parking 2-5 AM, without a ZONE 3 permit.**"

The Seattle Department of Transportation, (SDOT) is proposing major changes to the program and is seeking your input. The comment period ends October 20th.

Key *Draft* recommendations involve changes in the number of permits per household, how guest passes are handled, fees and enforcement. One recommendation exempts motorcycles from restrictions, which creates images of clusters of cycles parked at various spots in the neighborhood. If it isn't irritating enough to hear Harleys

screaming by at 5:40 AM, from the morning ferries, imagine cycles parked in front of your home, starting up, warming up, revving engines with the same amount of courtesy for neighbors that they exhibit now when they blast up Barton, the 45th hill and Marine View Drive or up Fauntleroy.

Zone 3 is one of the few with overnight restricted hours, which make enforcement difficult. All the enforcement officers work day shifts so one of your comments could be....."get some enforcement during restricted hours."

To view the complete list of draft recommendations, visit: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz\\_policy\\_review.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz_policy_review.htm) It is a great site to learn more about the program and add some of your ideas to the mix.

If your street seems overcrowded and you think some of the vehicle's owners don't live here, you may want to propose an expansion of the zone to cover your block. Procedures for that can be found on the same website or by calling 206-684-8110.

This issue will also be discussed at the Tuesday, Oct 14th FCA Business Meeting, at 7pm in the Board Room at the old Fauntleroy School. One of the consultants for the program will be at that meeting to hear concerns and answer questions. It's part of our monthly FCA Board Business meeting, which is open to all residents. Please come and weigh in on this important issue.

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## SPEAK UP AND BE HEARD!

From the FCA Board

The FCA speaks up for neighbors and gets results. Now there are even more ways we can all raise our voices on issues of concern. Whether it is trying to quiet the roar of motorcycles leaving the morning ferries; enhancing pedestrian safety; protecting Fauntleroy Creek; or spreading the word about crime or vandalism, we can all make our voices heard.

This newsletter is a collective voice on local issues. Take a look at the article in this issue about the

possible changes to the RPZ program. If you have a Zone 3 permit, did you respond to the postcard sent out by the Seattle Department of Transportation? Neighbors attend monthly FCA meetings to ask for direction on how to get attention from the city, county, or state. The FCA also maintains a website ([www.Fauntleroy.net](http://www.Fauntleroy.net)) to keep community news accessible and provide links to more help and information. Please check it out, spread the word, and let us know what else you'd like to see there.

## ECO GUY

By Martin Westerman

As we approach fall, I think of three bases for today's environmental movements: healing the world, making no waste, and being kind to living things. As we are known by our actions, let's act in ways that honor these environmental traditions:

Food events, pot lucks, picnics, meetings, weddings, etc. can easily be made waste free. The City of Seattle Waste Characterization Study shows that 60% of everything we throw away is organic, that is, potentially recyclable into compost, which we can put back in soil to grow more food and organic products. Remember, Mother Nature's equation is waste = food.

FCA's annual meeting in March will again run waste-free. Our vendors will use plates, napkins and cups that are biodegradable. You can get the napkins and Chinet plates for your activities at Costco or Cash 'n' Carry and through on-line sources, which also sell the compostable paper and plastic cups and flatware, or through Service Paper in south Renton, near IKEA. Inform your caterers about no-waste serving, so they can help Mother



**It's the many little things we do that add up into big ones. So this year, let's think small.**

Nature, too.

In your car: switch it off if you'll sit for any more than 30 seconds -- waiting for bridge openings and

trains, long stop lights, ferry lines, etc. Idling longer burns more gas than it takes to restart the engine.

Idling accounts for nearly 40% of U.S. vehicular fuel consumption, wasting about three billion gallons of

gas a year -- enough to supply 600,000 cars for life. Car drivers inhale up to 30% more carcinogenic benzene, volatile organic compounds and asthma-inducing nitrogen oxides than people on bicycles and foot. Imagine using your car to clear the air.

In the store -- take your own reusable bag. Americans take about 40 billion bags home from stores every year -- 30 billion plastic and 10 billion paper, or about 200 to 600 bags per person. Cutting trees for bags releases CO<sub>2</sub>, reduces oxygen production & CO<sub>2</sub> absorption, promotes soil erosion, damages fisheries, eliminates animal habitat, erases water filtration for aquifers and cuts barriers to heavy storms. Plastic bag production depletes petroleum, damages land, water and air, and promotes our dependence on foreign oil.

## CRIME COMES TO FAUNTLEROY

A most unwelcome spate of criminal-type events has found its way to our neighborhood. The 9200 block of 47th Avenue SW suffered the theft of a ladder (which had been secured with a stout chain) and some jewelry cleaning equipment was taken from the bed of a pick-up truck. The Block Watch phone tree alerted all the neighbors to these occurrences. About the same time, neighbors on 45th and 47th Avenues north of Roxbury reported prowler activities in the early morning hours on at least two occasions. An email alert went out throughout the area. Let this serve as a reminder to all to be aware of unusual activity, whether daytime or nighttime. At the very least, keep your outdoor lights on or install motion detector lights and keep your parked car locked at all times. Lastly, do not hesitate to call 911 if something seems amiss.

## COOL SUMMER FOILS SEA LETTUCE REMOVAL

By Judy Pickens

The State Department of Ecology and contractor Blue Marble Energy Corp. were ready by late July to start removing sea lettuce from Fauntleroy Cove, but the perennial "stench" failed to develop.

Cooler weather than normal, plus the occasional rain, keep seaweed growth and the resulting emission of noxious hydrogen-sulfide gas below levels that would have triggered harvesting, according to Alice Kelly, DOE regional planner coordinating the project. Of the \$150,000 state allocation secured by FCA for seaweed response, half was spent planning

and permitting the work; to date, none has been spent harvesting from Fauntleroy Cove.

"That fact should not obscure the value of the considerable groundwork we laid with regulatory agencies," she said. And we will test the removal technique in Dumas Bay in Federal Way and learn whether or not the basic approach is sound."

Blue Marble sought the removal contract as a way to improve water quality and at the same time stockpile tons of biomass for conversion to "green" energy and other products.

# NOVEMBER 7 - 8 ART SHOW

## CAPS CHURCH'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

By Judy Pickens

The celebration by Fauntleroy Church of its "Century of Light" will end in early November with a show by artists from throughout the West Seattle area.

Slated for the weekend of November 7-8, the event is expected to draw at least two dozen artists, according to chief organizer Peg Jones. Applications to participate are due October 1.

"We hope to attract artists working in a variety of media, from watercolor to fiber art to sculpture," she said. "Some will be familiar to long-time residents and others are just beginning to make their mark."

The show will also include work by well-known West Seattle artists of the past, including Bob Durham, Frank Evans, Ruth Lantz, and Barbara Hill.

Artists may exhibit for free; those wishing to sell are asked to contribute a portion of their proceeds to defray expenses. Application forms are available at the church office (9140 California Ave. S.W.), at ArtsWest, or at [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org).

Show hours will be 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

In anticipation of the show, the church is duplicating a sampling of art by the late Moe Beerman. Anyone willing to loan one of his unique cartoons (birthday card? poster?) for scanning and immediate return should call the church office (932-5600).

### What a Party!

The whole neighborhood got in on the centennial celebration at Fauntleroy Church:

- Scores of individuals and families took a turn ringing the church bell during the 100 days leading up to the anniversary date.
- Scores more came to a community bean feed, reprising a wildly popular event from decades' past.
- Past residents and ministers returned to the neighborhood to reconnect and retell stories.
- The church published a lively centennial book that also documents development and growth of the community.

Archives at the church grew to include many new tidbits about area history and, for the first time, a comprehensive list of church members since 1908.

## SAFETY ON OUR STREETS

Did you know that the speed limit on 45th Ave SW and Marine View Drive is 30 MPH and south of Roxbury Street on 47th Ave SW the speed limit is 20 MPH and north of Roxbury Street, is 25 MPH?



You may have noticed the portable speed control in 9300 Block of 47th Ave SW. Many neighbors on Marine View Drive, 45th Ave SW and 47th Ave SW have voiced their concern to the FCA of excessive speed traveling north down the hills. After several near misses, City of Seattle Traffic Control became involved on 47th Ave SW. Speeds were clocked up to 57 MPH between 9800 Block of 47th Ave SW and Brace Point Drive.



City of Seattle Traffic Control put the radar reminder to alert drivers to their speed. When this is done, it is usually followed up by Traffic Control providing speeders with an expensive reminder in the form of a speeding ticket. Expect to see radar periodically in the next several months.

**Do you have new neighbors? Welcome them with a Fauntleroy Community Association Welcome Bag full of information and gifts. To arrange for pickup or delivery, call Ann Dunbar (206) 933-5575 (or [dunbar@zipcon.net](mailto:dunbar@zipcon.net)) with your new neighbor's information.**



**Upcoming...**

**FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL**

The Fauntleroy Watershed Council meets on the second Thursday of every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Fauntleroy Church and is open to all watershed residents. For more information contact Judy Pickens at judy\_pickens@msn.net

**CALLING THE SALMON HOME**

The annual calling the salmon home will be at the fish ladder viewpoint (S.W. Director and upper Fauntleroy Way S.W.) on Sunday, October 26, 5 p.m. Call the spawners into Fauntleroy Creek with singing, storytelling, & drumming. Bring a drum (or an oatmeal box and wooden spoon!).

**10TH ANNUAL SALMON WATCH**

Take a turn (or 3 or 4) to document coho as they come into Fauntleroy Creek to spawn between Oct. 27 and Nov. 27 at the fish ladder. Scheduling will start Oct. 19. Visit [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net) for details or call 938-4203.

**FAUNTLEROY ART SHOW (see page 5)**

The Fauntleroy Art Show will be Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Come see the cream of current West Seattle artists, as well as artists from our past. Come to enjoy or come to buy. Artist applications are due October 1. Call 932-5600 or visit [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) for details.

**Ongoing...**

**FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meets the second Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7 PM in the meeting room of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to join the monthly business meetings of this, your community association.

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

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

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All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to attend. Our mailing address is FCA, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146

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**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS—NOT A MEMBER?**

**JOIN TODAY!**

All memberships are due in January. If you have not renewed for 2008 as yet, please do so now.

Annual membership is \$25. To join, complete the membership form below and mail it with your check to FCA Treasurer, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146-6346. Thank You!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please put my name on your e-mail calendar list to alert me to upcoming important dates and events.

## 'FAUNTLEROY STORY'

### DOCUMENTARY

If you missed the premiere — DVDs will be available starting Sept. 25 at The Original Bakery, church office, and Loghouse Museum gift shop. The next local screening will be during the



## THE WEST SEATTLE BLOG

. . . is a great resource that covers community news and events 365 days a year. You can share your news, photos, and concerns via e-mail at [westseattleblog@yahoo.com](mailto:westseattleblog@yahoo.com) or by calling (206) 293-6302. More than 5,400 homes and businesses visit [westseattleblog.com](http://westseattleblog.com) each day and there are forums on the site for contributions and comments on local issues

## SEATTLE NIGHT OUT — 2008

Each year the 9200 block of 47th Avenue SW looks forward to closing down the street and having a safe car-free night of socializing with neighbors. Almost every year there are new neighbors to meet or old neighbors who you don't see much during the winter months. John & Christi Hall volunteered to host this year's gathering in their yard. John brought out his grill and they supplied the hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings, while the rest of the neighbors brought salads, sides and desserts. During the Block Watch event, one police officer drove through passing out stickers to the children and later another pair of police officers walked down to introduce themselves.



Photos by Megan C. Simmons

Sherry Richardson writes

## THANK YOU FCA!

Thanks to the support of the Fauntleroy Community Association and City Council President Richard Conlin there have been three signs posted along Fauntleroy Way. The signs are directed at drivers in the ferry waiting line, reminding them to turn off their engines to avoid polluting and save gas as well.



Thanks for the support of the FCA!

## THE FUTURE OF THE VIADUCT

In case you missed the Central waterfront public scoping open houses on September 16th at Fauntleroy Church, you can visit [alaskanwayviaduct.org](http://alaskanwayviaduct.org) or email [viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov) for more information.

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### CHURCH REFRAMES VIEW

Workers ease a section of frame into place during the early-September replacement of the sanctuary window at Fautleroy Church. Sidewalk superintendents were able to watch the lifting of the heavy metal framing over the roof and into the narrow slot between sanctuary and woods. The project was the first step in a \$2 million upgrade of the building. *Photo: Howard S. Wright Construction*

### BUS STOP — NEW FAUTLEROY ACTIVITY

Don't miss your opportunity to help paint distinctive Fautleroy designs on our bus stop kiosk panels. Come to the Fautleroy Fall Festival Sunday October 19th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, rain or shine.



What will the bus kiosk look like on Oct. 20th?

**KIDS AND GROWN-UPS TOO — RECOMMEND YOUR FAVORITE BOOK LIKE OPRAH DOES. SUBMIT YOUR BOOK REVIEW TO NEWS@FAUTLEROY.NET**