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FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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FALL FESTIVAL 2009 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

By Kim Petram

Yes, it's that time of year again: the Fauntleroy Fall Festival is Back!

This year the festival will be held Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009 from 2pm to 6pm. The festival will take full advantage of the community space available and will have attractions from the fields behind the Fauntleroy School, throughout the school space itself to the Fauntleroy UCC church and YMCA.

Live entertainment will be offered throughout the afternoon including many local performance groups. Crafts, games, pumpkin painting, pony rides, a petting farm and a special woodworking

project are just a few of the many activities planned.



Food and beverages will be offered throughout the venue for a small charge and a full dinner will be available at The Hall at Fauntleroy offered by Tuxedo's and Tennis Shoes catering.

This is the sixth year of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival and community support and engagement is what allows this free event to be possible. We look forward to seeing you and your family again this year!

For questions or to volunteer, please contact kim@petram.org.

FAUNTLEROY AND THE RACE FOR KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE

By Bruce Butterfield

Fauntleroy Community Association does not endorse candidates or issues. But many neighborhood issues are political, and there is a current political issue that is too important to Fauntleroy not to mention in this newsletter: Passenger-only Ferries and Water Taxis.

Please learn about the candidates for King County Executive. Consider the information in their brochures and on their Web sites. One candidate for King County Executive supports passenger boats on our waterways and the other does not.

How does that affect Fauntleroy? If the passenger-only ferry from Vashon to downtown Seattle ceases to operate, about 1,300 daily passengers will look for other ways to commute. Some will walk onto the Vashon-Fauntleroy ferry and look for a bus at the end of our dock. Metro has no funding for the extra busses needed to meet extra passengers on three (or more) boats each morning and return them to the dock in the afternoon.

Current passenger ferry riders are likely to hop in their cars and drive onto the ferry to Fauntleroy. In addition to increased traffic on the one-lane Fauntleroy Way and Barton Street, new ferry traffic

will add hundreds of cars to the West Seattle Bridge and congestion where Spokane Street merges with I-5 and the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

In addition to the Vashon to Downtown passenger ferry, learn about the candidates' plans for the Water Taxi that connects West Seattle to Downtown. If eliminated, hundreds of daily commuters would drive their cars downtown, further adding to congestion and pollution.

Again, the FCA does not endorse candidates for office. The FCA does encourage neighbors to research positions and know where candidates stand on issues affecting traffic flow, safety and property values in Fauntleroy.

The King County Executive candidates' Web sites are www.dowconstantine.com and www.susanhutchinson.com.

If you have no Internet access, drop by the Southwest Library, keep an eye open for newspaper coverage, or call the candidates' campaign offices. The outcome of this election will have an impact on the Fauntleroy community.

FERRY DOCK EXPANSION — OUT OF LONG RANGE PLAN

By Gary Dawson

Washington State Ferries (WSF) proposed expansion of the Fauntleroy ferry dock was withdrawn from the June 2009 Long Range Plan (LRP) prior to submission to the Legislature. Although there will be no foreseeable attempt to resubmit a Fauntleroy ferry dock expansion plan, the capacity dilemma of the Fauntleroy terminal still remains.

In reviewing growth projections of Kitsap County's increased passenger traffic from 2009–2030, increases of 23 percent on the Vashon run and 41 percent on the Southworth run are projected.

The Fauntleroy terminal does not have the capacity to handle this projected future growth. WSF proposed changing the Southworth route to go directly to downtown Seattle. The proposed change was celebrated by many Fauntleroy and West Seattle residents. Without sufficient funding from the Legislature for more vessels, the rerouting is years from reality.



In an effort to provide a more efficient vehicle and passenger flow at Fauntleroy, the LRP includes other proposed enhancements. These enhancements include improved coordination with METRO and Sound Transit for bus and ferry schedule connections; improved local facilities to include better vehicle and pedestrian staging and access; and a widened and covered walkway on the dock. Much of these enhancement efforts will require coordination and support from both City and County departments as well as funding approval.

The Fauntleroy Community Association will also have a very strong voice during the public feedback process, and as always the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee (FFCA) continually meets with WSF and stays current with all appropriate events. The FFCA welcomes questions and comments regarding ferry issues.

The LRP can be found in it's entirety at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

FAUNTLEROY SCHOOL PURCHASE STATUS

By Kevin Wooley

Many thanks to the combined efforts of the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA), the Fauntleroy community, and the West Seattle representatives, the FCSA is in final negotiations with the City of Seattle and the State of Washington on release of the funding to purchase the Fauntleroy School Building, parking lot and a portion of the current playground area. This should conclude prior to the end of October 2009, if all goes according to plan. The FCSA also believes funding has been secured for additional playground space as well.

The FCSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the community and families of the greater West Seattle area. The mission of the FCSA is to "provide a home and support for the

Fauntleroy Children's Center; preserve the Fauntleroy School Building; and to foster community by leasing space to neighborhood-friendly tenants and offering additional space for neighbors to gather for meetings and events."

The FCSA is forming a Building and Site Development Advisory Board to oversee the Fauntleroy School Building development and operations within the context of this mission. The FCSA is looking for community members with some of the following skills and expertise to form the Advisory Board.

- Real estate development
- Property management
- Real Estate Negotiations
- Public and private financing options
- Familiarity with three political entities: City, State and School District
- Connections to local community groups
- Building renovation and construction

If you are interested in more information about the Advisory Board, please contact Kevin Wooley, FCSA President at 206-933-6410





NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME —

ANOTHER SUCCESS THIS SUMMER

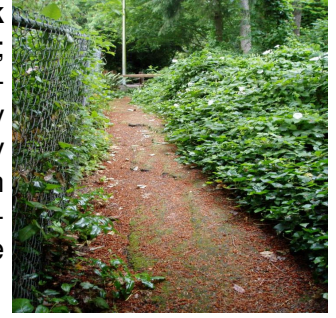
The Southwest Precinct registered 250 block parties for 2009, an increase of over 50 parties from the year before. Here are snapshots of some in Fauntleroy neighborhoods.

SAVE THE DATE for next year, Tuesday, August 3, 2010



NEW ... AT SOUTH BRACE POINT

SOUTH BRACE POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Spokesperson **Mark Johnson** told FCA leaders this new group formed during the summer of 2009; seven members came to FCA's September meeting to get acquainted. Mark acknowledged that although Brace Point is part of the greater Fauntleroy area, they want to advocate for certain neighborhood-specific issues, such as traffic safety along 50th SW and the part-private/part-public pedestrian trail connecting 50th and Fauntleroy. The group is researching whether to make the path more uniformly accessible, and also looking into possible improvements to some of the neighborhood staircases. This photo is taken at the upper portion of the "trail".



HELP US DESIGN A NEW NEWSLETTER MASTHEAD

Submit your entries to News@Fauntleroy.net.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE GOING STRONG AT CHIEF SEALTH HIGH SCHOOL

By Janet Hillier, Chief Sealth PTSA

Since its introduction in April 2007, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at Chief Sealth High School has grown each year. The program enables high school juniors and seniors to earn college credits and a diploma recognized by colleges and universities around the world.

The IB Diploma Program prepares students for university, encouraging them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, and develop a strong sense of their own identity as well as the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.

School faculty views IB as central to the experience of every student attending Chief Sealth. The school continues to make the program available to all interested students.

Last school year (2008-2009) was the first year that seniors graduated with the IB diploma. In May 2009, 57 sen-

iors registered for 190 exams. Of those, 14 students attempted to earn the full diploma. Of the 14, five earned an IB diploma.

With the start of the current school year, there are 84 students in the senior class (2010) who are on track to take one or more of the examinations in May 2010. Twelve students are attempting the full diploma. In addition, there are more than 100 juniors (class of 2011) who are enrolled in one or more IB classes and approximately 25 are on track for the full diploma.

Sixteen dedicated Sealth teachers share responsibility for courses in 13 subjects. Their IB training is thanks in great part to the support of the IB Parent Association, which provided about \$20,000 for training.

To learn more about IB, contact Laura Robb, International Baccalaureate Coordinator, Sealth High School, at lkrobb@seattleschools.org or 206-252-8684.

WHAT IS IB?

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) offers high quality programs of international education to a worldwide community of schools. Three programs for students aged 3 to 19 help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. There are more than 753,000 IB students at 2,731 schools in 138 countries. The Diploma Program for students aged 16 to 19 is a demanding two-year curriculum leading to final examinations and a qualification that is welcomed by leading universities around the world. **LEARN MORE** at www.ibo.org

"A Night of Music Magic"

The 1st Annual Seahawk Spirit Dinner & Auction.

An evening of music, fun and fundraising for Chief Sealth students and music program **Thursday, Nov. 12th at The Hall at Fauntleroy** 5:30 Silent Auction, Appetizers, Beverages, 7:00 Buffet Dinner, 8:00 Live Auction For information, tickets or to donate auction items contact Dick Lee [@rjlee@seattleschools.org](mailto:drjlee@seattleschools.org) or 206-252-0476. Sponsored by Chief Sealth PTSA & Chief Sealth Performing Arts

"SLEEPING POLICEMEN" FINALLY ARRIVE ON 47H AVENUE SW

By Martin Westerman & Bob Callard

In mid-July, the City of Seattle installed three 3-inch high speed humps, also known as "Sleeping Policemen", on 47th Avenue SW, between SW Roxbury and 98th SW. The installation occurred 14 years after Martin Westerman and Sandy Fukumoto contacted the City Engineering Department (now SDOT) about "calming" the traffic speeds on 47th Ave SW.



100th favored installment, SDOT agreed to put them in but did not actually install them until July 2009. As of September 2009, calming effects along Fautleroy Way and 45th are still works in progress.

Last winter, after high-level prodding, SDOT held a neighborhood meeting at Fautleroy Church. Many long-time 47th Ave. residents asserted that they'd been trying to get traffic slowed

The two neighbors' 14-year campaign included tracking cars with radar during drive times, getting SDOT to do a speed study (results clocked median speed at 32 mph and highest speed at 57 mph), asking neighbors to join with them in hand-delivering "Please slow down" letters to 300 residents of 47th Avenue, getting police to issue speeding tickets, and changing parking along 47th Ave.

These efforts culminated in an FCA-sponsored community meeting in 2002 that brought the neighborhood together to discuss traffic concerns throughout Fautleroy. Speed humps were the chosen option for 47th Avenue. When 83 percent of neighbors between Brace Point and



down on 47th Avenue for 30 years. SDOT vacillated for five months about installation before being pressured into action by probing inquiries from the *West Seattle Blog*, and continued pressure from Mssrs. Westerman, Bob Callard, and others.

The three traffic calming devices have slowed traffic on 47th Avenue to recommended speeds of 20-25 mph without impeding emergency vehicles, and increased safety for children and walkers on the sidewalk-free roadway. Ms. Fukumoto, whose family moved away from the neighborhood in 2008, celebrates in absentia.

We would like to thank Jane Rebelowski and her SDOT colleagues for their patience and assistance.

COMBATING WINTER STORM SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

By Bruce Butterfield

Winter storms sometimes bring unpleasant results in our cove and surrounding water. King County Wastewater Treatment Division wants to bring you up-to-date on their work on this issue.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) is the term used to describe the result of heavy rains that overburden the sewer and storm water system, resulting in overflows. When that occurs, untreated sewage and storm water runoff overflows through a pipe near the outbound end of the ferry dock. King County is required by the Washington State Department of Ecology to control the number of overflows to one per year per outfall.

King County Wastewater Treatment Division will hold a public meeting to discuss the CSO project on **Thursday, October 8, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Hall of Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW**. This meeting is designed to explain the problem they are trying to solve and the approach they are taking to solve it. The open house format will include an opportunity to ask questions of the project manager and engineering staff.

For more information, contact Martha Tuttle at martha.tuttle@kingcounty.gov or 206-684-1207.

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'COMMUNITY' FORUM BOOKLET AVAILABLE

If you missed the spring forum series on "community" hosted by Fauntleroy Church, featuring presentations by a diverse line-up of speakers, a summary booklet is available at no cost at the church office. Topics and speakers were as follows:

- "Leadership and Values That Make Community Possible" by Bill Grace, leadership consultant
- "The Impact of Media on Our Sense of Belonging" by Tracy Record and Patrick Sand, West Seattle Blog co-publishers
- "The Interplay Of Environment and Community" by Dianne Shiner, former executive director, Whidbey Institute
- "The Nuts and Bolts of Creating and Sustaining Community" by Jim Diers, neighborhood specialist, consultant, and author
- "The Promise and Pain of Diversity in Shaping of Community" by Michael Ramos, executive director, Church Council of Greater Seattle

**'FAUNTLEROY STORY'
TO BE INCLUDED IN WELCOME BAGS**

Thanks to the generosity of project sponsors and strong sales of DVDs, new Fauntleroy residents will receive a copy of *The Fauntleroy Story: 100 Years of Community* in FCA's "Welcome!" bags.

If you don't yet have your DVD, you can get one locally at The Original Bakery or the Fauntleroy Church office (suggested \$10 donation).

Documentary proceeds and records are turned over to the Southwest Seattle Historical Society, which holds the copyright and will administer sales and use permissions over the long term.

If you have a new neighbor who needs a welcome bag, contact Ann Dunbar at Dunbar@zipcon.net.

Residential Parking Zone Changes

Questions? Visit ...

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/
rpz_policy_review.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/rpz_policy_review.htm)

... for up-to-date information.

FROM THE FCA OFFICERS AND BOARD

We again extend our gratitude to those local businesses that support the Fauntleroy Community Association. We encourage our neighbors to continue to support *The Original Bakery and Gift Shop; Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering and The Hall at Fauntleroy; Bird on a Wire Espresso; Endolyne Joe's; and Giannoni's Pizzeria.*

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

KING COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT will be hosting an Open House at the Hall at Fauntleroy, **Thursday, October 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** to discuss the proposed alternatives for Combined Sewer Overflow (“CSO”) control for the Barton basin.

FRIENDS OF COVE PARK will have a fall clean up work party **Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 am to noon**. Now that rains have started—the weeds are back. If you can lend a hand for even a short while it would be a big help. Bring your gloves, favorite tools and encourage friends and neighbors to help out. Refreshments provide the energy.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL will be held on **Sunday, October 18**. See the article on page one of this newsletter for more information.

WEST SEATTLE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL meets the third Tuesday of the month (except July and December). The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** at the South-west Police Precinct. For more information contact westseattlecpc@gmail.com

SALMON DRUMMING at the fish-ladder viewpoint (SW Director and upper Fauntleroy Way SW) on **Sunday, October 25, beginning at 5:00 pm**. Join the fun as we call in the spawners to Fauntleroy Creek with song, story, and spirited drumming. Bring a drum and the whole family. For more information call (206) 938-4203.

COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE The first "Sweet, Sweet Music" coffeehouse in July was so successful that Fauntleroy musicians are doing it again! **Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. \$5 will get you an evening of music AND a luscious dessert. Singer Sarah Ackers and guitarist/singer Betsy Boyer will be joined by Bronwyn Edwards-Cryer, at her red piano, and an eclectic assortment of other musicians. Info at www.fauntleroyucc.org

PACIFIC STANDARD TIME returns **November 1**. Remember to change smoke detector batteries.

FRIENDS OF LINCOLN PARK and the Green Seattle Partnership get together the first Saturday each month to save the forest from invasive species. The next gathering will be **Saturday, November 7, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm** at the kiosk in the north parking lot across Fauntleroy Way from Rose Street. For more information contact Sharon Baker at sbaker@u.washington.edu

FRIENDS OF FAUNTLEROY PARK will be holding weeding parties in Fauntleroy Park on the second Sunday of the month. The next weeding will be **Sunday, November 8, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm** at the entrance on Southwest Barton Street. For more information contact Karen Farnsworth at clairee9@earthlink.net

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION has its business meeting the second Tuesday of the month (except August and December). The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 pm** in the former Fauntleroy School and is open to all community residents. For more information contact Bruce Butterfield at BruceButterfield@pnwrealty.com

FAUNTLEROY ART SHOW at Fauntleroy Church, **November 20–22**. Free admission to this show and sale. The show will be featuring work in a variety of media by more than a dozen West Seattle artists. For more information call (206) 932-5600 or (206) 241-2966.

WEBSITE Visit our website at www.Fauntleroy.net frequently for more information on ongoing projects and events. Learn more about the FCA, the Fall Festival, Cove Park, Fauntleroy Creek, the Fauntleroy Watershed, Fauntleroy Park, and more.

This calendar publicizes events that are primarily of a service nature, organized to enrich or entertain residents, improve the neighborhood, or enlist support for neighbors in need.

Submit information at anytime to NeighborhoodNews@Fauntleroy.net

FCA WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR GUEST EDITOR KRISTINE ILGENFRITZ

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Not a member? Join today!

All memberships renew on March 1. If you have not renewed for 2009 as yet, please do so now! Your dues allow FCA to publish this newsletter and serve the community in many ways. Check your mailing label for your dues "paid to" date.

Annual membership is \$25. To join or renew, complete the form below and mail with your check to FCA Treasurer, PO Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146-6346. Thank you!

YES!

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\$10 Seniors "Living Lightly" \$ _____

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

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and friends at the*

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Details inside!**