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FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL KEEPS GETTING BETTER

If you've thought the annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival couldn't get any better, wait until you experience it on Sunday, Oct. 16! The steering committee has been working for months to make it THE community event for all ages. It will be a mix of favorites and newcomers. Here's a preview:

The Fauntleroy Salon will be braiding hair. We'll have a cake-decorating contest and old-fashioned cake walk. Young film-maker Thomas Lavoie will screen "Sherlock Holmes 2," his feature-length movie supported by several West Seattle businesses. Many other new activities are pending. A full list will be posted just price

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See page 2 for profiles of three of the many participants who will make this year's festival happen.

STATE ASKS COMMUNITY HOW TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT TERMINAL

By Gary Dawson

In July the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee received notice that legislative budget cuts includes funding for Washington State Patrol officers to manage traffic at the ferry terminal.

The top priority for the officers was to expedite vessel turnaround - unload and load vehicles in the quickest and most efficient manner. When a boat was unloading, the officer stopped traffic on Fauntleroy Way until all vehicles had exited the dock. Prior to loading, the officer moves the queue along, separating Vashon- from Southworth-bound vehicles for proper staging on the dock.

For example, Washington State Ferries reserves 30% to 40% of boat capacity for Southworth. If Vashon vehicles dominate the front of the queue and fill the dock, Southworth vehicles can't get off the street and onto the dock to load. Consequently, the ferry departs less than full, leaving vehicles on the street.

In the weeks since patrol service ceased, ferries management had been attempting to do the job with current staff. Some work positions are

being shifted to provide a few hours of traffic control during afternoon commute periods. However, ferry employees are not allowed to stop traffic on Fauntleroy Way or move along the queue to ask drivers where they're headed.

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As a result, the ferry system reports some schedule delays. Overall, though, efficiency has not been significantly reduced.

A major concern for both State Ferries and the Fauntleroy community with the absence of officers is pedestrian and vehicle safety. Years of having an officer stopping traffic on Fauntleroy Way has put drivers in the habit of zipping off the dock and right onto the arterial. Now, they seem to be daring Fauntleroy Way traffic to let them through. This situation is especially dangerous for pedestrians using the crosswalk.

Recognizing these safety hazards, ferry officials have asked the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee for community input about additional signage or traffic lights at the intersection. State Ferries has demonstrated over the past several years that it respects what we have to say and factors it into decisions that affect us.

This request provides us with a good opportunity, then, to help solve the problem. We don't expect reinstatement of a State Patrol officer or assignment of a Seattle Police officer. The solution will have to be something else.

If you have an idea that you think might work, in this time of small budgets, let me know: 937-7163 or *garyann@quidnunc.net*.

MEET FIRST-TIME, RETURNING FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

SEATTLE FARM CO-OP

The Seattle Farm Co-op dates from 2009 when area "urban farmers" banded together to promote the benefits and values of sustainable living and save money through cooperative buying.

In addition to participating in such community events as the Fall Festival, co-op volunteers staff a warehouse in the SoDo district where members can purchase organic feeds, many types of equipment, straw, and other supplies.

The co-op also resells member items on consignment and locally, hand-made products on commission. Read more about this group at www. seattlefarmcoop.com and visit the fall festival's environmental corner in the church parking lot to explore the possibility of chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, and/or bees in your backyard.



Children can chat with lamancha goats at the festival while parents chat with experts about keeping goats as backyard milk producers. Photo courtesy Seattle Farm Co-op

CHRONOS SECURITY SERVICES

No one walks more during the festival than Brandon Shafer - and certainly no one does so with a keener eye.

The owner of Chronos Security Services was the event's first guard four years ago and has been back ever since. Even though he could assign an employee to the festival, he works the event himself because, as a West Seattle resident and businessman, he knows the value of positive community relations.

Brandon visits festival venues multiple times during the four-hour event, looking for anything that stands out from the norm - someone who looks nervous, for instance, or appears to be checking out parked cars.

"A lot of times it's innocent," he said, "but I address each situation for safety's sake." With upwards of 2,000 festival-goers, he has had several occasions to apply his 23 years of security experience.

Brandon has one more job at the festival: He's the one who estimates attendance.



Brandon Shafer will again have his eye on safety during the festival. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

WEST SEATTLE NURSERY

Ever notice those beautiful, healthy potted plants that add to the fall, outdoorsy atmosphere of the festival? Credit the West Seattle Nursery.

Several years ago, nursery owner Mark Smith said yes to loaning plants to position around festival activities. The nursery's storage yard is behind the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center, so the tie to the neighborhood was already there, ready to be strengthened. Festival planners now count on the nursery's enthusiastic participation every year.

The nursery will loan four to five dozen native shrubs and trees this year, plus Japanese maples in all their fall glory. Look for them throughout the church parking lot and, after the festival, back at the nursery.



Manager Marcia Bruno shows the sign to look for in each potted shrub and tree that the West Seattle Nursery will loan to the festival again this year. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

Join your neighbors at the PANCAKE BREAKFAST fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 17, 9-11 AM, at The Hall at Fauntleroy to help keep the festival free!

SW HENDERSON NEIGHBORS TAKE INITIATIVE TO PREPARE

By Ann Dawson

For several years, the city has had a program aimed at getting neighborhoods equipped for major disaster. It's currently called SNAP (Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare).

The key word is "actively" - neighborhoods must take the initiative to move from theory to action. In Fauntleroy, residents of lower SW Henderson have made that move.

Kristi Wulf and I took a class at the Seattle Public Library, brought home materials, and met with interested neighbors to pass along what we learned. Now a cluster of households is prepared.

It would be natural to panic. If you have a plan, though, panic gives way to following the steps you made in advance to protect yourself and others.

In the Puget Sound area could have a variety of disasters, from weather-related power outages to "the big one" - a major earthquake. Normal lives could be severely disrupted, with limited utilities, phone communication, transportation, and emergency responders.

Kristi and I helped our neighbors learn how to prepare a family disaster plan, build a supply kit, arrange for an out-of-area contact, and organize to help others. We also shared three websites:

- www.seattle.gov/emergency/programs/snap/
- www.seattle.gov/emergency
- http://video.kcts9.org/video/1737194182

Our community can be strong in the event of disaster if we are prepared. SNAP is a simple and flexible way to do that. All it takes is your initiative.

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COVE PARK TO BE REBUILT WITH STRONG SALMON THEME

By Mardi Clements

A stunning display of multiple new pieces of salmon-themed art created by noted sculptor Tom Jay will arrive at Cove Park in about three years. First they have to leap through turbulent procedural waters, and their exact number, size, and placement are yet to be determined.

The plan is at the 90% approval phase for permitting restoration of the park after construction of the new underground Barton Street pump station due north of the ferry terminal. The neighborhood developed the street end years ago as a pocket park, but now, much of it needs to be displaced or demolished for that construction.

At press time, multiple city and county officials, the Public Art Advisory Committee, and the Seattle Design Committee were still tweaking the last 10% of the plan. Nearly every design element that our Cove Park Committee approved has changed.

Look forward to "Salmon Home Run," a cascade of 18 - 24 silvery aluminum fish swimming in a landscape of native plants. Sockeye, chum, steelhead, chinook, and cutthroat profiles will seem to be headed towards a kiosk at the park entrance off of Fauntleroy Way SW. Each fish will be painted and pierced by plasma torch.

Pause to sit or climb on a "Salmon Bench" of cast bronze depicting a coho digging a redd in "the river of time." She will be installed with her tail touching a faux concrete rock carved with

petroglyphs inspired by images of salmon from around the world. Additional benches and a sitting wall will face the Olympics.

A tie-up for small boats along the southern boundary at the beach will feature a silhouette of Native Americans paddling hard in a traditional canoe. The existing replica of a native canoe, story rocks, and the raven tree will form the northern boundary next to a new rain garden.

All asphalt will be eliminated, and the entire walkway will become meandering concrete paving imbedded with smooth rocks - a new continuation of Tom's "Stream Echo" across the street at the fish-ladder viewpoint.

Two bollards will prevent cars from entering the park but will allow handicapped access and hand launching of small boats. Current parking will be eliminated, including atop the new pump station.

Officials are still contemplating a proposed section of "green roof." A simple wire railing will replace all fencing.

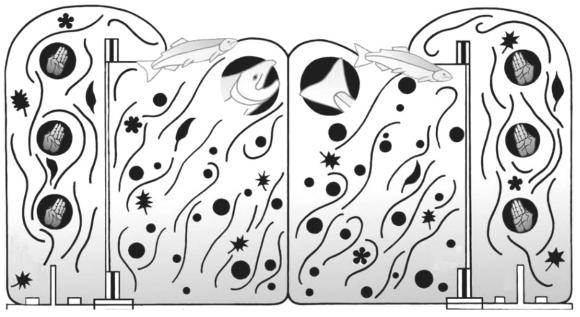
A 15' aluminum gate with decorative piercing, plus landscaping, will partially screen a bulky new transformer and concrete firewall in the northeast corner of the park. Cast aluminum hands molded from community volunteers will adorn the gate.

Our Cove Park Committee welcomes help finding new homes for all plants currently in the park. The "Big Dig" of plants will occur in March 2012. If you're interested in having a few of the plants or have a place to suggest, e-mail mardiclements @comcast.net.

(Above) Paddlers in a Coast Salish canoe will dominate a tie-up for small boats.

(Left) The gate to screen and provide access to above-ground utilities will feature salmon, piercings, and hands molded from community volunteers.

All art courtesy Tom Jay; simplification by Phil Sweetland



TRAILS MAP THE PERFECT INCENTIVE TO WALK

By FCA President Bruce Butterfield

Around Fauntleroy, I easily spot those who touch and experience our community in depth. They are the ones who get around by foot.

I see lone walkers, speed walkers, dog walkers, and those walking for companionship and conversation. The enclosed *West Seattle Trails* map newly published by Feet First challenges us to step it up a notch.

With map in hand, you'll discover a world that many long-time Fauntleroy folks haven't. We all appreciate how special Lincoln Park is but I know people who drive by Fauntleroy Park and have yet to walk in it. The map will take you there, as well as to Camp Long, Puget Park, and Schmitz Park. (Wear sturdy shoes and leave the stroller at home until you are familiar with the trails.)

If walking your dog is a daily ritual, you probably know about Westcrest Park east of Westwood. Loaded with trails, it has an off-leash area so pooches can run and socialize.

If you're mobility challenged, try Lincoln Park, Alki beach, or Hiawatha Park; all are wheelchair friendly and have nearby parking. The point is that everyone can use the map to try something new.

For walking with a tangible purpose, hoof it to the grocery store, Junction, or Westwood Village for a little shopping. Or check out the former site of Denny Middle School and go on to the new combined Denny/Sealth International campus.

Here's my challenge: Choose a destination on the *West Seattle Trails* map that's new to you. Walk there or get there by other means and then walk to enjoy the experience. I bet you'll get

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hooked and want to walk places year round. If you don't have the gear for fall and winter walking, a local retailer would be happy to outfit you.

See you on the trail! And how about posting your experiences on FCA's Facebook wall?



SCHOOLHOUSE WELCOMES NEW NAME, TENANTS, CARETAKER

The former Fauntleroy Grade School has a new, official name - Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center - more rental spaces, an additional tenant, and a caretaker since last issue.

Property Manager Denise Wallace reports that the largest rooms have been divided into intimate spaces. Anyone interested in a personal work space or class location may contact her at 425-445-4064 or fauntleroyschoolhouse @yahoo.com.

The room being renovated for Pamela Phillips-Blevins netted a surprise: a blackboard hidden since 1939. She will open Pilates at Fauntleroy this month but don't expect to see the blackboard; it's preserved now in photos only.

The newest tenant as of late August is Blooming Wild Yoga owned by Nicole Miller.

The man trimming hedges and watering grass is the new caretaker, Charlie Smith.

SALMON WATCH NEEDS WATCHERS

Spawning season is almost here, and salmon watchers will be needed late October to late November to document spawners in Fauntleroy Creek. The vigor of this year's watch will depend on regional predictions about the vigor of the coho run, as ocean conditions and other factors affect how many spawners may come in.

Check www.fauntleroy.net/aboutcreek.htm in October for details about being a watcher.



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FALL NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR A BLOCKBUSTER

With an exceptional lineup of major events on the fall neighborhood calendar, just a few words about each won't do. Here are details about several.

LIFT A FORK FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The Fauntleroy Fall Festival steering committee will host a pancake breakfast on **Saturday**, **Sept. 17, 9 - 11 AM** at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Tickets at the door are \$5/person or \$18/family (4).

The event is a fund-raiser to top off the festival's \$6,000 budget. Proceeds, together with those from the spring fund-raiser at Endolyne Joe's, corporate and institutional donations, and individual gifts, keep the event free for all.

Be on the lookout at the Oct. 16 festival for a chance to donate. Whether a few dollars or a substantial check, it all makes a great annual community event possible.

SALE SURE TO HAVE JUST THE THING

Fauntleroy Church's 2nd Time Sale shares **Saturday, Sept. 17**, with the pancake breakfast and is conveniently just across the street.

This annual **9 AM - 3 PM** community sale is in its 17th year. Officially in Fellowship Hall, it always



spills onto the veranda and into the lobby and narthex.

Donated items are sorted, clean, complete, and in working order. New and classic items are grouped in a "Cut Above" corner, and baked goods will be on offer at the check out.

Proceeds benefit church ministries, and sale leftovers benefit several local charities.

RECYCLE

The fall Recycle Roundup in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot will be **Sunday**, **Oct. 9**, **9 AM** - **3 PM**, and 1 Green Planet will take almost anything, for free.

This semi-annual event lightens West Seattle households of several tons of recyclables for responsible disassembly and quick return to the resource stream. See www.fauntleroyucc.org for the long list of acceptable items and short list of unacceptable items.

AMA TRIO COMING TO FAUNTLEROY

The Ama Trio's award-winning musicians will perform a lively concert for all ages here on **Sunday, Sept. 25, 6 PM** in the Fauntleroy Church sanctuary.

Amy Denio sings in four octaves and plays accordion and clarinet. Madeleine

Sosin and Abel Rocha sing harmony



and play percussive and string instruments from around the world in a blend of Latin American, Sephardic, Afro, Eastern European, Gypsy, circus, and chamber styles.

Tickets are on sale in the church office or can be purchased at the door; \$20/adult, \$15/senior, and \$10/student for festival seating.

'THE FOREIGNER' TO BRING BACK COMMUNITY THEATER

The newly reconstituted Fauntleroy Community Players (dating from pre-WWI) will be on the boards **Nov. 4-6** in *The Foreigner*, a comedy by Larry Shue.

Directed by cast member Kevin Finney, the twoact play melds a stormy night, a fishing lodge in Georgia, assorted guests, and twists and turns sure to entertain all ages.

Evening performances will be Nov. 4 and 5 at 7:00; matinees will be Nov. 5 and 6 at 2:00. Tickets (available in October) will be \$15/adult, \$10/seniors/students, and \$30/family. All performances will be in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church.

DEADLINE SOON FOR ART SHOW

The deadline for West Seattle artists and artistic crafters is soon: Sept. 30.

Organized in 2008 on the occasion of the Fauntleroy Church centennial, Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Fair has been staged every fall since to showcase local talents.

The fair will be the weekend of **Nov. 18 - 20**. At least a dozen artists and crafters will fill Fellowship Hall with work "approachably" priced.

Application details are available in the church office or at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

SPECIAL 'FAMILY MATTERS' WEEK

West Seattle families will have an exceptional opportunity in October to soak up practical information aimed at improving family life.

Fauntleroy Church, the Y, Little Pilgrim School, and many community partners will offer "Family Matters" week from **Saturday, Oct. 22, through Saturday, Oct. 29**, at the church.

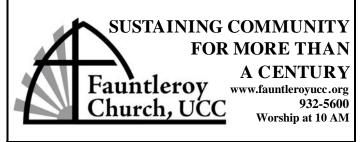
The week will kick off with a day-long resource fair, followed by seminars on subsequent evenings, all addressing facets and challenges of family life.

The resource fair will offer a potpourri of information tables, including local childcare resources and the Y's program for obese children. Seminar topics through the week will include

- Preventing and addressing bullying: effective ways to keep youth out of trouble.
- Family disaster preparedness: how families can be ready for "the big one."
- Talking with kids about sex: tools for ageappropriate discussion beyond the mechanics.
- Family Love Letter: a technique for helping individuals and families prepare for death or other major life transition.
- Technology and safety: tools for building trust with children drawn to technology that parents find worrisome or downright scary.
- Healthy cooking: techniques for preparing and eating wholesome meals in a family-friendly way.
- Parents caring for parents: resources for those in the "sandwich" generation.

Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details as all the pieces for "Family Matters" fall into place.





UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Thursday, Sept 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 7 PM in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Bruce Butterfield (brucebutterfield @PNWrealty. com) to bring an agenda topic to his attention.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 - 11 AM at The Hall at Fauntleroy. A fundraiser for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Tickets at the door; \$5/person; \$18/family (4).

2ND TIME SALE: Also on **Saturday, Sept. 17**, **9 AM - 3 PM** in and around Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church.

AMA TRIO CONCERT: Sunday, Sept. 25, 6 PM, Fauntleroy Church sanctuary, featuring folkstyle music from exotic places for all ages. Tickets at the church office or at the door; \$20 adult, \$15 senior, \$10 student.

ARTIST DEADLINE: Thursday, Sept. 30, to participate in the 2011 Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Fair in November. Application and details for West Seattle artists and artistic crafters are at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: Sunday, Oct. 9, 9 AM - 3 PM in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot. Details about this free recycling opportunity will be at *www.fauntleroyucc.org*.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Sunday, Oct. 16, 2 - 6 PM at the schoolhouse, YMCA, and church. Look for the activity list a few days prior at *www.fauntleroy.net*.

FAMILY MATTERS WEEK: Saturday, Oct. 22 - Saturday, Oct. 29, at Fauntleroy Church. Details will be at *www.fauntleroyucc.org*.

SALMON DRUMMING: Sunday, Oct. 23, 5 PM at the fish-ladder viewpoint. Bring a drum of any kind and your singing voice to call in coho spawners. Details will be at *www.fauntleroy.net*.

COMMUNITY PLAY: The weekend of **Nov. 4-6** at Fauntleroy Church; four performances of *The Foreigner*, a comedy for all ages. Tickets in October at church office or at the door: \$15/adult, \$10/seniors/students, and \$30/family Details will be at *www.fauntleroyucc.org*.

FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR: Nov. 18 - 20 at Fauntleroy Church. West Seattle artists and artistic crafters. Details will be at *www.fauntleroyucc.org*.

METRO TO EXPAND #54 SERVICE IN RUN-UP TO RAPID RIDE

By Susan Lantz-Dey

Metro Transit's West Seattle RapidRide line is coming ever closer to Fauntleroy.

Low-floor, 3-door RapidRide busses for this route will not be delivered until late spring 2012 but additional service using regular busses will be added to Route 54. That expansion will be just in time to help ease traffic when the Alaskan Way Viaduct closes for nine days in late October.

Early next year, Route 54 busses will be equipped with GPS to communicate with eight enhanced traffic lights along the route. Each light will stay green five seconds longer to get a nearby bus through the intersection and turn green five

seconds sooner to get a stopped bus on its way.

The two RapidRide stations at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal are awaiting permits. Metro expects to have those and a construction contract in hand by early October. Because of the viaduct work then, however, they will hold off construction here until the first of November.

(Current digging and the missing bus shelter at the ferry terminal are not related to RapidRide but rather are part of upgrading the Barton Street pump station. The shelter will be back in place until construction of the new bus stations begins.)

Expect significant traffic disruption at the ferry terminal during construction. The contractor will be responsible for managing traffic flow and safety in the midst of large equipment, ferry traffic, local traffic, and pedestrians. How it plays out will be determined when the contractor is on board.

"Rest assured," said Paul Roybal, RapidRide planner. "We do this in critically

congested areas all over the county and know how important it is to keep things moving."

Metro will mark temporary bus stop locations during the expected six to eight weeks of construction. The southbound

stop will be just around the corner on Wildwood (where a Metro stop used to be). The only choice northbound is the next stop north, at SW Concord.

"We know this is an inconvenience for some users," said Paul. "We will strive to limit disruption and provide signage and information directing patrons to the appropriate location."

Bus-stop trash cans will not be relocated, however. Walkers can help keep the stops from looking trashy by picking up what others have left.

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