

# NEIGHBORS

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## RESIDENTS SECURE TWO CITY GRANTS

By Mardi Clements

Two Fauntleroy residents were both successful with grant applications to the 2013 Neighborhood Park and Street Fund.

The sixth time was the charm for Leon Harman. His persistence won a \$39,000 grant to improve the sidewalk at SW Cloverdale between Fauntleroy Place SW and 46th Ave. SW.

I teamed with the Lincoln Park Players, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and tennis teams from West Seattle and Sealth high schools to net a \$63,000 grant to repair and repave the Bob Booth Memorial tennis courts in the Lincoln Park Annex, on Fauntleroy Way SW.

Long-time friends and community activists, Leon and I competed with each other and with the rest of the city for scant funds. They filed applications in the spring and advocated before the Southwest District Council, which gave the projects a do pass.

From there, the departments of Transportation and Parks did their review, made adjustments for feasibility, and sent them on for approval by the mayor. The city will assign project managers in early spring, with work to be completed in 2013.

Anyone may apply for a Neighborhood Park and Street Fund grant through the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Curbs, crosswalks, ramps, multi-use paths, picnic shelters, and signal installations are examples of projects funded citywide this year.

First, read about the fund at [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npsf](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npsf), then run your idea by our neighborhood district coordinator, Yun Pitre, at [yun.pitre@seattle.gov](mailto:yun.pitre@seattle.gov). Download a grant application from the website or request a form in writing from Director Bernie Matsuno, Department of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 94649, Seattle 98124-4649.

## FOCUS ON LINCOLN PARK

The FCA Board is planning a community meeting in late January or early February to focus on Lincoln Park.

The meeting's goals are to celebrate keeping the high-rope course out of the park, learn more about the park's flora and fauna, discuss on-leash/off-leash concerns there, and outline the community's vision for one of the greatest parks in the city.

Watch [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net) or FCA's Facebook page for details when they are finalized.

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## DANCERS AT HOME IN FAUNTLEROY

The Croatians have landed in Fauntleroy! Well, 35 Croatian-heritage young people did a few weeks ago, coming on Sunday afternoons to rehearse in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

The Junior Tamburitzans specialize in folk dances of Eastern and Central Europe. Artistic Director John Morovich chose to rent space here from Dance! West Seattle because many of the members live in the area and the studio is "a great facility."

"We've had a long history of Croatian music in West Seattle, starting in 1920," he said. "This is the oldest group west of the Mississippi."

The name comes from the tamburica, a stringed instrument similar to a mandolin or guitar. Members range in age from 5 to 18.

*Photo courtesy John Morovich*

# SPAWNING SEASON ONE FOR RECORD BOOK

By Judy Pickens

Starting in September, fishers on the beach off of Colman Pool began catching a lot of coho - and some sizable ones. That's when we began to realize that this could be a good year for spawners in Fautleroy Creek.

My, oh, my! "Good" was way too mild a word!

The first of 274 coho spawners entered the creek on Oct. 24 and the last came on Nov. 17. The number handily surpassed the previous high of 167 recorded in 2001. (Reliable records have been kept since 2000.)



Two coho choose gravel next to a carcass for their redd.

Photo courtesy Jamie Finney

The salmon-watch area (fish ladder and several yards upstream) is divided into 14 segments to aid in pinpointing fish and avoid double counting. They were coming so fast and furious the first week of November that veteran watcher Dennis Hinton saw at least two fish in each segment in one afternoon.

Most of the spawners were 20"-22" long, with a few even bigger. River otter killed the first seven fish near the beach, after which the spawners vigorously came through the culvert under Fautleroy Way SW intent on heading up toward 45th Ave. SW to spawn.

Watchers documented that the fish appeared healthy and that they came in pairs, ready to do what nature dictated. Visitors saw many digging redds and those who were really lucky saw them lay eggs.

Thanks to raccoons dragging away carcasses in the night, volunteer fish biologist Steev Ward was not able to check more than a few to see if the fish had spawned (many don't in urban creeks). He and other watchers were able to see that almost all were hatchery fish, not fish hatched here through natural spawning or released in Fautleroy Park as fry by

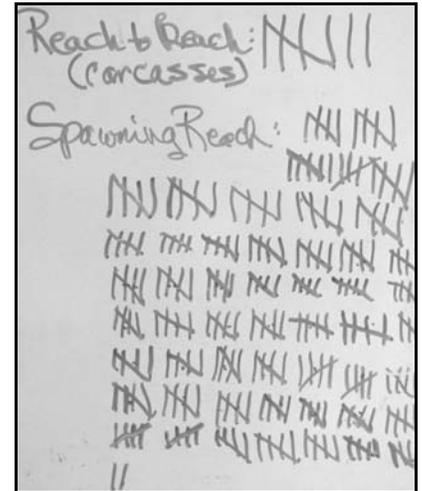
area students in the Salmon in the Schools program.

Because hatchery fish don't imprint on a creek or river, they sniff out a healthy place to come in to spawn. The fact that so many chose Fautleroy

Creek is a testament to the benefits of habitat restoration begun in 1990.

In addition to leaving thousands of eggs, the spawners brought valuable nutrients that are now fertilizing plants near the creek and nourishing the aquatic insects that juvenile salmon will need to eat during their year-plus in fresh water.

The flood of spawners brought an estimated 290 visitors to the creek, including five school groups. It also drew several new salmon watchers and gave watchers accustomed to seeing just a few fish every year quite the reward.



This tally gave watchers and visitors a visual sense of the record spawning season.

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## FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL

# NEITHER RAIN NOR RAIN . . .

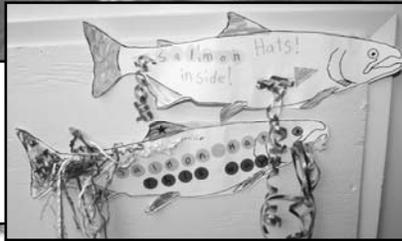
As a swarm of volunteers set up for the 10th annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival on Oct. 14, all eyes watched the sky, hoping the rain that was forecast would hold off.

So much for hoping. It started with a sprinkle and soon became a downpour. Fortunately, the threatened high wind did not come with it.

An estimated 700 to 800 people took the admonition "dress for the weather" to heart and came anyway. Folks poured over the church parking lot, the school playground, and every interior space at the schoolhouse, church, and YMCA that could provide cover for an activity, information table, or food vendor.

Nearly everything went on as planned by the festival steering committee. Led by retiring coordinator Jenny Mandt, the group worked for months to organize the event *and* bring in enough money from fund-raising, grants, and donations to keep it free.

The consensus of planners and attendees? Let's do it again next year!



**Photos from left: Kimberly Brown with Animate Objects Physical Theater added a perky umbrella to her stilt-walker costume. Salmon pointed to one of many activities moved indoors. Dry under the big tent, John Seidelmann helped children assemble birdhouses. Jacqueline Gross danced in a scene from Dance! West Seattle's Christmas production.**

All photos courtesy Cindy Hegland



# THREE AREA 'PLUMBING' PROJECTS ON SCHEDULE

Three projects related to wastewater and stormwater "plumbing" in the Fautleroy area are moving along as scheduled.

## Barton Street Pump Station

Construction of the Barton Street Pump Station upgrade is proceeding apace, with no surprises.

In November, contactors for King County Wastewater began jet grouting - injecting a cement slurry mix to stabilize the soil so that crews can safely work underground.

This stabilization method was chosen, in part, to reduce impacts to the neighborhood. Jet grouting is quieter and produces less vibration than other techniques, plus it does not require moving existing utilities.

The silos and water tanks needed for jet grouting will remain onsite until completion of this phase, expected in February. Work hours will typically be 7 AM. to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

To learn more about this project to enlarge and upgrade the pump station, visit [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) and search for "Barton Pump Station" or contact Kristine Cramer, [kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov) or 206-263-3184.

## Barton Combined Sewer Overflow

In October, King County unveiled an updated design for the Barton CSO control project that reduces the number of blocks to have bio retention swales, from 31 to 19. In response to community input, the design also reflects fewer curb bulbs and greater protection of the existing tree canopy.

The design applies to streets in Sunrise Heights

Heavy flow from rains just before Thanksgiving caused an estimated 1.8 million gallons of combined sewage and stormwater to flow into Fautleroy Cove. It was the second such overflow this year.

and Westwood, where retention of much more rainwater where it falls will reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into Fautleroy Cove.

The updated plan also introduces RainWise, a voluntary incentive program, that will be available throughout the Barton basin in early 2013. RainWise provides rebates that cover up to 100 percent of the cost of installing cisterns and/or rain gardens on eligible properties in CSO basins.

Visit [www.rainwise.seattle.gov](http://www.rainwise.seattle.gov) to learn more about the program. To learn more about the overall project, visit [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) and search for "Barton CSO" or contact Kristine Cramer, [kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov) or 206-263-3184.

## Murray Combined Sewer Overflow

The Murray CSO project team is finalizing design details and project specifications for submission to the State Department of Ecology at year's end.

In September, the project's design advisory group reviewed updated designs and public art plans and discussed landscaping plans and site security details. Based on recommendations then, the project team added a stepped parapet along the top of the facility.

The landscaping plan now includes protection of many of the most significant healthy trees on the site, plus plantings typical of an alpine meadow for the facility's green roof. These plantings are consistent with the project's art theme of water's journey from mountains to sea. A rain garden has been integrated into the art along the public walkway.

The site security plan emphasizes lighting along the public walkway and view platform, a gate across the Murray Ave. right-of-way south of the facility, and clear sight lines from Beach Drive SW to ease policing.

The last Murray CSO advisory group meeting of 2012 will be Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Fautleroy Church. Topics will include interpretive signage and final designs to be submitted to the state. All are welcome to attend.

To learn more about the project, visit [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) and search for "Murray CSO Tank" or contact Doug Marsano [doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov](mailto:doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov) or 206-684-1235.

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## FAIR SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT

Glass artist Marja Huhta assists a customer at the fifth annual Fine Art & Holiday Gift Fair at Fauntleroy Church in mid November. It drew 16 talented participants from West Seattle and a steady stream of lookers and shoppers. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

## 300+ ENJOY THANKSGIVING MEAL

They came and they came to the 14th annual free community Thanksgiving meal at the Hall at Fauntleroy hosted by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering. Well over 300 guests enjoyed traditional dishes created by Chef Mike Chase, followed by an array of desserts donated by the community.

Preparations began weeks before with getting the invitation out to those who needed a great meal *and* to those who might be alone or unable to cook. Youngsters from the Fauntleroy Children's Center and neighborhood decorated placemats, and volunteers filled the schedule. Several guests said they started planning early, too, coordinating with friends to rendezvous at the meal.

"It truly was another year of community, new and old friends, and fantastic volunteers," said Meg Haggerty, who with co-owners David Haggerty and David Meckstroth hosted the feast.

The Hall at Fauntleroy will open its doors again, on **Dec. 31, 6:00-8:00 PM**, to anyone who would like to walk the labyrinth to mark year's end. See details at [www.tuxedosandtennisshoescatering.com](http://www.tuxedosandtennisshoescatering.com).



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## SERVICES SUPPORT CAREGIVERS

Irene Stewart, Aging and Disability Services, Seattle/King County

Fauntleroy is home to a number of elders and others who require extra support from another adult for such things as transportation, meal preparation, bill paying, and medication organizing.

If you are an unpaid caregiver for an older person or an adult with a disability, you know a lot about stress. Between doing what you do as a caregiver and keeping your own life in order, you can easily become overwhelmed. Add dealing with challenging behaviors often associated with care situations, and you may feel that your life is unraveling.

How do you balance work, caregiving, other responsibilities, and personal time? And when major decisions must be made, such as selecting a home-care agency or assisted-living facility, keeping a clear head can be really difficult.

Fortunately, help is available, for free, through the King County Caregiver Support Network.

Unpaid caregivers may consult with a caregiver specialist from any one of nine agencies in the network. Free consultations, advice, and coaching are available to help you maintain your own well-being and provide even more effective care for a loved one.

You may also schedule respite care to give yourself a break. Respite services in the network bill on a sliding-scale basis.

The King County Caregiver Support Network is sponsored by Aging and Disability Services, the area agency on aging for Seattle-King County. For more information, visit [www.kccaregiver.org](http://www.kccaregiver.org), call toll-free 1-888-4ELDERS, or e-mail [info@seniorservices.org](mailto:info@seniorservices.org).



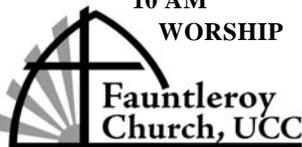
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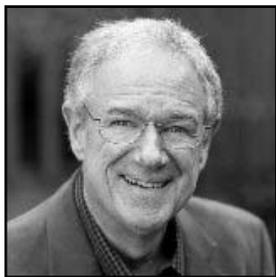
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# SMART 911 SERVICE IS SMART CHOICE FOR FAUNTLEROY

By Bruce Butterfield

It's unfortunate, but we hear sirens in Fauntleroy almost every day. And whether it's a fire truck or a medic van, in an emergency, seconds count.



Recently I learned that King County has subscribed to a service called Smart911 to augment our existing regional 9-1-1 telephone system. The benefits of what the county is calling "E-911" (for "enhanced 911") can help each one of us.

Smart911 is a supplemental data service that allows residents to create a personal safety profile in a secure database. This information assists 9-1-1 dispatchers and responders in the field, even allowing dispatchers to pinpoint the location of a cell phone caller and send help more efficiently.

The service is free. Registration is voluntary but I highly recommend it. Not only might it save your life but also help our neighborhood be better served.

When a caller reaches 9-1-1 from a Smart911-registered phone, the additional information is displayed for the 9-1-1 dispatcher, as well as for medics, firefighters, and/or police officers responding to the emergency.

King County is in the process of implementing this program (it should be ready to roll by the end of the year) but you can register your information NOW. Go to [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com) (it's a secure website) and click on "Create Your Safety Profile."

You may enter phone numbers and address; medical, disability, allergy, or other important health information; location of utility shutoff valves; and more - all of which is useful to emergency personnel. You may even add photos to aid in identification.

Smart911 can even help you when you travel. As 9-1-1 centers across the country subscribe to the same program, you will be able to call 9-1-1 from a hotel or relative's house, for instance, and local emergency responders will get your vital health information.

We've all heard stories in the media or from those we know who were affected by Hurricane Sandy in the Northeast. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we know someday we'll be hit by an earthquake with equally devastating consequences.

After such an event is not the best time to get concerned about your wellbeing. Smart911 is an

easy, pro-active step that can help you, your loved ones, and even your pets.

Read more about the national service, watch the video, and register at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com). For details about King County's E-911 program, visit [www.kingcounty.gov/911](http://www.kingcounty.gov/911).

## LOVE STORY ON THE BOARDS FOR VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

The Fauntleroy Players will return to the Fellowship Hall stage at Fauntleroy Church for Valentine's weekend with a production of "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney.

The story traces the life-long correspondence of staid, dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and lively, unstable artist Melissa Gardner. Their bittersweet relationship gradually unfolds from what is written and what is left unsaid in their letters.

West Seattle's Connie Murray will play Melissa and Kevin Finney will play Andrew and direct.

The Players have partnered with Locöl Restaurant at 35th Ave. SW and SW Kenyon to promote production and offer the option of tickets for both dinner and the show. Watch for details at [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org).

Bring your sweetie Feb. 14, 15, or 16 and enjoy a different kind of love story.

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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Tuesday, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and March 12, 7 PM in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. E-mail [brucebutterfield@pnwrealty.com](mailto:brucebutterfield@pnwrealty.com) to propose an agenda item.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Fauntleroy Church Christmas concert will be Sunday, Dec. 16, 4 PM on the sanctuary performance stage. Bronwyn Edwards will direct choir, brass, and percussion in a medley of modern and traditional music of the season. The afternoon will include carol singing and a reception. Free. Elevator access from parking lot.

**WORK PARTIES:** Join other lovers of Lincoln Park 9 AM – noon on Sun., Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17 or Sat., Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot (SW Rose and Fauntleroy Way SW). Bring gloves, clippers, and water. Details from Sharon Baker at [sabaker41@gmail.com](mailto:sabaker41@gmail.com) or call 464-1068.

**FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL:** Any watershed resident is invited to participate on Thursday, Jan. 10 and March 14, 7 PM at Fauntleroy Church. Contact Judy Pickens, 938-4203 or [judy\\_pickens@msn.com](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com).

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** The first annual chili cook-off at Fauntleroy Church proved to be such a hot affair that the second annual chili cook-off will be open to the community, Saturday evening, Jan. 12. Watch [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) for details about competing or simply coming to eat.

**FAUNTLEROY PLAYERS:** Performances of "Love Letters" in Fellowship Hall, Fauntleroy Church, 7:30 PM Feb. 14, 15, and 16 and 2 PM Feb. 17. Tickets at the door.

**FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST 2013:** This popular evening of food sampling, chatting, checking out information tables, and taking care of FCA business will be March 19 at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Watch [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net) for details.



## BLESSING BEFORE RETIRING

David Kratz peers into Josie Yoncee's carrier to have a word with Pepper, her dwarf hamster, during the first blessing of the animals at Fauntleroy Church in October. After four decades in parish ministry, Rev. Kratz will retire at the end of January. His 27 years with the congregation here featured active involvement in the community, including being a co-founder of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

## AD DOLLARS BENEFIT COMMUNITY

FCA partners with area businesses and organizations to bring in advertising dollars that benefit the community. Four levels are available, ranging from \$50 to \$300. Depending on level, advertisers receive

- listings in this newsletter, on FCA's Facebook page, and in new-neighbor welcome bags
- a link on FCA's website
- the opportunity to have a table at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival
- a "business card" ad in this newsletter
- an ad/link on FCA's "Fauntleroy Flash" email listserv.

Contact Mike Dey at [msday50@aol.com](mailto:msday50@aol.com) or David Haggerty at [dh@tuxedosandtennishoes.com](mailto:dh@tuxedosandtennishoes.com) for more information.



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# FAUNTLEROY LISTSERV JOINS ONGOING NEIGHBORHOOD MEDIA

Irene Stewart, FCA webmaster

The Fauntleroy Community Association recently launched a new electronic mailing list called a listserv. It will be used primarily to distribute the *Fauntleroy Flash*, a periodic email about neighborhood news and events.

The listserv could also be deployed in an emergency or disaster situation when multiple means of communication are very important.

The Fauntleroy listserv is one of hundreds hosted by the City of Seattle. Subscribing is free and easy by visiting <http://talk2.seattle.gov/scripts/wa.exe> and searching for Fauntleroy. Click on "subscribe" and you're set!

You may unsubscribe the same way. Each listserv message you receive will include a subscribe/unsubscribe link.

Although initial listserv settings included a discussion feature that allowed recipients to respond to messages, that is no longer the case. Only the

listserv administrators (currently the FCA president and webmaster) are able to post messages.

The new listserv - with just over 400 subscribers - complements *Neighbors* (which you are reading now), [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net), and [www.facebook.com/FauntleroyCommunityAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/FauntleroyCommunityAssociation).

If you have any questions, email me at [FCAcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:FCAcommunications@gmail.com).

## ENJOY WONDERETTES, FOR LESS

Doesn't an evening with friends and neighbors at the ArtsWest holiday show, *The Winter Wonderettes*, sound like fun?

The theater has offered Fauntleroy residents a 40 percent discount for the **Wednesday, Dec. 12**, show, at 7:30 PM. Just ask for the discount when you call the box office (938-0339) to reserve seats for this nostalgic romp through music of the late '50s and early '60s.

KEEP UP TO DATE ON FAUNTLEROY EVENTS AT [www.facebook.com/fauntleroycommunityassociation](http://www.facebook.com/fauntleroycommunityassociation)

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# FRENCH DOORS WEAK LINK IN NEAR HOME BURGLARY

Who doesn't enjoy having French doors open to the patio or deck? Along with the pleasure of wide access and a wide view, the doors come with a downside: enhanced vulnerability to break-in.

A spate of home break-ins in the area several months ago included attempted entry through French doors on the back of a house. Fortunately, someone next door saw the would-be intruders and called the police in time to nab the culprits.

Tips on securing standard exterior doors are readily available (see [www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/neighborhood](http://www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/neighborhood)) but French doors are made differently. Here are techniques to consider to make them less vulnerable to break-in:

- Install a deadbolt that locks with a key from outside or inside. A burglar who breaks the glass cannot simply reach in and unlock the doors. As with any deadbolt, keep the key handy for emergency exit and make sure everyone in the household (including guests) knows where it is.
- Install slide (flush) bolts to lock doors into the floor, thus giving them more than each other to lock to. Choose slide bolts that lock - and make a habit of locking them!
- Install security film, a clear flexible sheeting that affixes to the inside of the glass, making cutting a hole in the glass virtually impossible. Or consider replacing panes with laminated glass.
- Add sensors to your alarm system to alert you if the glass is broken.

The best protection, though, is being well enough known to your neighbors that they recognize suspicious people or behavior.