



# NEIGHBORS

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## COVE PARK TO REOPEN, WITH MUCH FANFARE, ON JULY 18

The big news from area infrastructure projects is that Cove Park will reopen, with great fanfare, on **July 18!**

The event next to the ferry terminal will get under way at **2:00 pm** with a ribbon cutting and feature remarks from community, county, and artist perspectives. Also expect refreshments and tours until 4:00 pm of the upgraded and expanded Barton Street Pump Station.

A special treat will be music written and composed for the occasion. Seattle-based singer, instrumentalist, songwriter, and producer Tomo Nakayama set lyrics



Founding Cove Park volunteer Leon Harman recently displayed one of Tom Jay's colorful metal salmon for the park. It will be in a school of fish reflecting all the Pacific salmon species. Photo courtesy Mardi Clements

written by Fauntleroy's own Mardi Clements to music. Their song celebrates how people acting together in community can change the future.

The three-year King County construction project required dismantling of Cove Park, a pocket park created by the community in 1999 as a place to enjoy artwork, explore a segment of beach, or launch a kayak. By mid July, it will be fully restored and enhanced with more art and more native landscaping.

The pump station conveys wastewater from area homes and businesses on toward the West Point Treatment Plant. The enlarged station will have more capacity for a growing population, upgraded systems, more odor control, and a new backup generator to keep it operational during power outages.

Artists Tom Jay and Sara Johani have created many new salmon-themed pieces to carry out the county's commitment to public art at its facilities. Tom began installation in late April, which will include returning familiar pieces, such as the canoe and Raven, to the park.

Watch your mail and the *West Seattle Blog* for details as July 18 approaches.

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## FERRY-RELATED TRAFFIC CONCERNS BACK ON FRONT BURNER

By Gary Dawson

In the March issue of *Neighbors*, we reported on efforts to encourage the Legislature to fund a traffic-control officer at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal. According to 34th District Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, the House transportation budget includes funding for the next two years. The Senate, however, has not yet approved its version of a budget during the special session, so the final status of the funding is unclear as of this writing.

On another concern, you wouldn't expect a car-sharing company to be related to ferry traffic, but in the case of Car2Go, it is - again.

Two years ago the City Council revised Seattle's restricted parking zone (RPZ) ordinance to permit the company's clients to park any time in RPZs citywide. Soon, we started noticing Car2Go's Smart cars parked overnight on residential streets here in substantial numbers. A little monitoring revealed that ferry

commuters were using this convenient service to bypass the RPZ restrictions that FCA had fought so hard to get many years ago.

After negotiations among representatives of Car2Go, FCA, the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee, and the Fauntleroy Community Service Association (FCSA - owner of the schoolhouse), Car2Go agreed in late 2013 to reserve parking of its vehicles in the schoolhouse lot, at the company's expense.

This arrangement was a win-win and worked very well until recently, when Car2Go advised FCSA that it intended to cancel its parking agreement. Discussions are under way but, at press time, the outcome is uncertain.

Another parking issue, however, seems to be improving. Washington State Ferries has negotiated with FCSA to pay for employee parking in the schoolhouse lot. Many thanks to Denise Wallace, FCSA's event/ property manager, for her efforts during both of these negotiations.



An SDOT crew and contractor prepared another segment of Marine View Drive SW for guardrail installation. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

# SDOT WORKING ON LIST OF TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

As announced in the March issue of *Neighbors*, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) agreed to make several traffic improvements in Fauntleroy. One is under way and the others are on the drawing board.

FCA worked with residents and City Councilman Tom Rasmussen to gain SDOT's approval to add a guardrail on the west side of Marine View Drive SW and allow installation of a convex mirror where Marine View intersects with SW Roxbury, alter traffic flow in the Endolyne triangle and eliminate selected parking spaces to improve driver sight lines, and move the Kenyon traffic light on Fauntleroy Way SW to better serve people needing to cross for the bus and Lincoln Park.

According to FCA Board member Marty Westerman, SDOT expected the guardrail to be finished by the end of May, after a delay to improve its engineering.

"We look forward to the guardrail's eliminating the kind of roll-over accident and fire that occurred there in recent years," Marty said.

Work on changing traffic flow and the location of the traffic light is moving more slowly. Further SDOT review raised concerns about cost, which had to be resolved.

"We are awaiting word on the go-ahead for this work," Marty said, "Completion is still slated for late this summer. Watch local media for progress reports."

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## UP-CLOSE LESSON

After their May 20 salmon release in Fauntleroy Creek, sixth-grade science students from Our Lady of Guadalupe School got an orientation to the Kilbourne ravine project. EarthCorps trainees Hannah Supplee from Virginia and Alan Weber from Washington described the challenges of the multi-year project to restore natural habitat in the steep ravine and also how they plan to use their training. Expect to see work going on periodically in the ravine through the summer. Photo courtesy Roderick Percival



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# COMMENTS, PLEASE, ON MICRO COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN FOR FAUNTLEROY

By Judy Pickens

In 2014, the Seattle Police Department (SPD) began drafting micro community policing plans to enable police to put energy and resources into addressing crimes that most concern each neighborhood in the city.

SPD released the draft plan for Fauntleroy this spring and began collecting comments to refine it. The goal is a plan that evolves with local public-safety needs.

Drafting of Fauntleroy's plan began with crime statistics – what's been going on where. The plan that SPD is now reviewing with residents and business owners identifies three priorities and strategies to address what data on criminal activity indicate:

## Motorcycle noise from early-morning ferry commuters

- improve police presence and enforcement of traffic violations not related to noise
- work with the city attorney to draft new noise legislation that will allow for better enforcement.

## Lincoln Park issues, including underage drinking and car prowls

- equip officers patrolling the park on third watch with keys to be sure gates are locked
- reach out to local businesses to stop under-age sale of alcohol and conduct occasional purchase "stings" to ensure compliance.



## Property crimes, including car theft, burglaries, and car prowls

- equip all patrol units with professional-quality evidence kits
- make weekly property-crime reports accessible to all officers
- develop a persistent-offender database accessible to all officers and work with detectives to locate and arrest these offenders
- loan engravers for residents to mark valuables.

At the May 12 FCA business meeting, board members served as a focus group for researchers from Seattle University's Criminal Justice Department, who are tracking community policing plans for SPD.

"How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?" was a key question. Most respondents said they felt very safe. They did itemize concerns, however:

- lots of transitory traffic through the neighborhood
- empty houses and drug houses
- Lincoln Park at night
- burglaries and other small thefts

Direct experience with SPD officers has, by and large, been positive. Although officers are polite, board members said, they can have an "it's your fault" attitude with burglaries. Also, response to traffic issues is slow, with an underlying suggestion that somehow residents should be solving the ongoing traffic problems here.

In terms of safety improvements, board members itemized more street lights and more resources for police to improve traffic enforcement.

When asked to pick one issue for SPD to focus on in Fauntleroy, board members chose better education about what residents can do to prevent crimes and blue emergency phones inside Lincoln Park and in the parking lots, backed by video cameras.

SPD invites any Fauntleroy resident to comment on the micro community policing plan. Contact Jennifer Burbridge, the Seattle University graduate research assistant stationed at the Southwest Precinct: 206-684-4138 or [jennifer.burbridge@seattle.gov](mailto:jennifer.burbridge@seattle.gov).

"I look forward to speaking with residents about specific crime concerns, this micro community policing plan, or how the Southwest Precinct is doing," she said. "Also contact me about participating in a focus group."



Fauntleroy School alumni Chris Bath and Nancy McPhee reminisced during the May 17 open house to raise money for the building's 2017 centennial celebration. Chris was among more than a dozen local artists who donated pieces to the effort. Attendees included families with ties to both the elementary school and the Fauntleroy Children's Center in the building's north wing. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

# NATURAL-AREAS DEBATE COULD HAVE LOCAL IMPLICATIONS

By Judy Pickens

For a few months, Seattle Parks and Recreation has been engaged in a "conversation" aimed at developing supplemental use guidelines for natural areas and greenbelts. Although it sounds like pretty heady stuff, the outcome could affect the Fautleroy community for many years to come.

By definition, natural areas in city parks and in designated greenbelts have been just that: natural and green. No ball fields, tennis courts, or bike paths – just trees and other natural habitat for wildlife and for visitors wanting to walk the dog or simply enjoy the beauty and freshness of nature.

In recent years, however, Seattle has experienced marked population growth, a trend that is expected to bring 120,000 more residents here by 2035. This trend is no more apparent than in West Seattle, where development of new housing appears to be non-stop.

The pressure is especially acute on city parks. Per-capita park space is already low for a city of this size and some 85% of that space is "designed," meaning developed for picnic areas, golf courses, and other active uses. Just 15% is in a natural state.

## Drafting of new guidelines

Now Seattle Parks is responding to pressure for more recreational opportunities. Public input (online, forums, a summit) is aimed at drafting use guidelines that will "minimize the adverse impacts of proposed uses in natural areas and greenbelts and their surrounding environment while providing access, opportunity, and sustainability." The guidelines are to be a "transparent tool" for evaluating use proposals.

To lovers of Lincoln Park, this language may have a familiar ring to it. Three years ago when the idea surfaced for a commercial zip line in a forested area of the park,

FCA quickly organized a standing-room-only forum to air public opinion. A bloodied Seattle Parks got the message and withdrew the idea the next day.

This time, the spark is a plan – moving forward with grant and corporate funding – to pilot a mountain-bike course in Cheasty Greenspace, on the east slope of Beacon Hill. The course is to be built by volunteers, along with a pedestrian trail to open the natural area to "users of all ages and abilities."

The zip line threat at Lincoln Park was the impetus for like-minded advocates to form what is now known as the Seattle Nature Alliance. Co-director Mark Ahlness briefed the Fautleroy Watershed Council in May on the Seattle Parks process, specifically if existing natural areas in the neighborhood might be opened to active sports.

## Contentious debate

"The alliance is an advocacy group aimed at preserving natural areas for all people and not just specialized-use groups," he explained. "The citywide discussion about supplemental uses has been very contentious and people have very strong opinions on both sides."

Lincoln and Seattle's other large parks already have mixed use and are not currently included in the debate. Fautleroy Park is, however.

Most of the natural areas and green spaces under discussion are in West Seattle and along the Duwamish River corridor. Unlike spaces along the river, West Seattle has neighborhoods that can speak out.

"I think that's an important factor," Mark said. "Not every park is like Lincoln with the Fautleroy Community Association to speak for it."

He added: "Pedestrians are by far the highest users of parks but they are just regular folks; they haven't organized yet like, say, bikers have. Now as this public process pulls in more people, low-impact park users are beginning to come together to have a fair voice at the table."

## Concern about Fautleroy Park

Mark cautioned that the outcome of the process could be a very big deal for natural areas, including in Fautleroy.

"If a new policy goes through as many of us fear, we could see mountain bikes, a zip line, a paintball course, or the latest sport de jour in natural areas such as Fautleroy Park," he said.

If any such use were proposed, it would be evaluated using the final version of the supplemental use guidelines, then be subject to public comment.

Draft use guidelines are to go to the Board of Park Commissioners on June 10. That board is to issue its recommendations by June 25, followed by more public input. On Sept. 10, the topic will be on the Fautleroy Watershed Council agenda again.

Stay in touch about this issue at [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) (search for "supplemental use guidelines") and at <http://seattlenaturealliance.org>.



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# FAUNTLEROY LIBRARY SERVICE COMES FULL CIRCLE, IN SMALL WAY



Katarina Anderson took a break from serving at Endolyne Joe's to check out the selection in the Little Lending Library. Mark Silver crafted the box for Joe's in the likeness of a trolley. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

## EXPECT BUSY SUMMER AT MURRAY CSO PROJECT

This spring, King County's contractor for the Murray Combined-Sewer Overflow Control Project finished the facility's underground storage tank. Crews are now working above the tank, where the tipping buckets will be.

Large tipping buckets are used to clean the tank, which is walled off into sections. Clean water fills the bucket above each section of tank and, when its full, the bucket tips over naturally, washing away any waste remaining in that section of tank.

Summer will be a very busy time on streets near the project site. New sewer and water pipes will be installed along Beach Dr. SW. New storm drains will go in along 48th Ave SW, Lincoln Park Way, and in the intersection with Beach Drive SW.

Later, Seattle Public Utilities will install a new sewer pipe in the access road south of the park. Finally, utilities will be installed under Beach Dr. SW to connect the tank and the Murray Pump Station in Lowman Beach Park.

All of this work will change normal traffic patterns. King County will provide details before each change.

For more information, search "Murray Tank" at [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov) or call the 24-hour project hotline at 206-205-9186.

The Little Lending Library outside of Endolyne Joe's brings library service in Fauntleroy full circle.

Toward the end of World War II, the Seattle Public Library began establishing "book stations" in areas not convenient to branch libraries. The "Fauntleroy Station" opened in March 1945 at 4505 SW Wildwood Place as a way to serve residents in the growing neighborhood. At the time, the closest library was the West Seattle branch.

Fauntleroy Station was open two afternoons a week and, according to HistoryLink, was such a hit that patrons petitioned for a bookmobile to supplement books on hand. By 1957, circulation averaged more than 350 books a day.

A bond issue passed in 1956 funded three new branches, including Southwest on 35th Ave. SW. As its construction neared completion, residents again petitioned, this time unsuccessfully, wanting to keep Fauntleroy Station open because of a lack of public transportation up the hill. The station closed in July 1961 when Southwest opened, having served Fauntleroy readers for just over 16 years.

Remember that Little Lending Libraries work only if you bring a book to replace the one you take. This put-and-take concept using little boxes dates from 2009 and has spread throughout the country, promoting literacy and a love of reading while building community.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS NOTE

After much remodeling of a former garage, Jude Sharp's "The Unsweetened Tooth" will open in early July near 45th Ave. SW on SW Wildwood Place. The artisan bakery will offer no-sugar-added and traditional brownies, cheesecakes, cookies, and confections, all to order. [www.unsweetenedtooth.com](http://www.unsweetenedtooth.com) or 408-234-5493



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## DONATIONS FUEL FESTIVAL BUDGET

Singles, couples, families, and groups kept coming through the door of Endolyne Joe's on May 5 for the annual fund-raiser in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, scheduled for Oct. 11. The result was a good time had by all and \$1,831.02 toward the festival budget.

Joe's donated a percent of sales - \$910.02 - during the five-hour event, bringing the restaurant's total festival donations since 2012 to \$3,917. Raffle baskets made possible by many donors brought in the remaining \$921.

## REBATES FOR RAIN GARDENS, CISTERNS SAVING RESIDENTS \$

On May 1, the city/county RainWise program process its 200th rebate for rain gardens and cisterns. The program is active in 16 drainage basins in Seattle, including the Barton basin, which drains rain that falls in Fauntleroy. Here, 52 rain gardens are finished and another 72 are in process.

These gardens will control the runoff from nearly 106,000 square feet of roof area. When all are completed, their owners will have received \$241,000 in rebates.

RainWise has two information sessions on the calendar: June 24, 3-4 pm at the Southwest Library, and June 30, 9:30-11 am at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

To check if your property is eligible for the rebate program, visit <https://rainwise.seattle.gov>.



## OFF FOR A SAFE SALMON RELEASE

The Satellites (in salmon hats) took advantage of new handrails at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center's main entrance as they headed out to release the coho they had reared from eggs in Fauntleroy Creek. FCA, the Taproot School, and Kathleen Dellplain contributed toward the custom-made rails to improve building access.

Members of the release party included volunteers Dennis Hinton (top) and Pete Droughon (with bucket of fish) and parent Ingrid Grosz. In May, Dennis and Pete escorted a record 800 children from 16 schools into Fauntleroy Park for 20 salmon releases.



Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

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# SUMMERTIME HAPPENINGS

**LINCOLN LOVERS:** Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining **Friends of Lincoln Park** for work parties on the first Saturday (**June 6, July 4, Aug. 1, Sept. 5**) and/or third Sunday (**June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20**). Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Contact Sharon Baker at [sabaker41@gmail.com](mailto:sabaker41@gmail.com) or 206-464-1068.

## SUMMER ON THE BEACH

A beach naturalist with the Seattle Aquarium will be at Lincoln Park for a free guided exploration at low tide on these dates:

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 6: 12:30-3:30 pm     | July 4: 11:45 am-3 pm     |
| June 7: 1:45-4:15 pm      | July 5: 12:45-3:15 pm     |
| June 15: 9:30 am-1 pm     | July 14: 9:30 am-noon     |
| June 16: 9:30 am-1:30 pm  | July 15: 10 am-12:45 pm   |
| June 17: 10:30 am-1:45 pm | July 30: 9:45 am-12:15 pm |
| June 18: 11:15 am-2:15 pm | July 31: 10 am-1:15 pm    |
| July 1: 9:45 am-1 pm      | Aug. 1: 10:45 am-1:45 pm  |
| July 2: 10 am-1:30 pm     | Aug. 2: 11:45 am-2:15 pm  |
| July 3: 10:45 am-2:15 pm  |                           |

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS:** The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting on second Tuesdays (**June 9, July 14, Sept. 8**) at **7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Mike Dey about the agenda at [msdey50@aol.com](mailto:msdey50@aol.com) or 206-661-0673.

**RAIN GARDENS:** The city/county RainWise program will host two sessions in June to present information and answer individual questions about rain gardens, cisterns, and the rebate program that is supporting them in this neighborhood. The first will be **Wednesday, June 24, 3-4 pm** at the Southwest Library. The second will be **Tuesday, June 30, 9:30-11 am** at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. See p.6 for more.



**SEATTLE NIGHT OUT:** This year's "Night Out Against Crime," sponsored by the Seattle Police Department, will be **Tuesday, Aug. 4**. Get your street closed for a "Night Out" block party by registering at [www.seattle.gov/police/nightout](http://www.seattle.gov/police/nightout).

## SALE WELCOMES DONATIONS

If you have things you no longer want but that are too good to bring to the Sept. 27 Recycle Roundup, consider donating them to the 2nd Time Sale at Fauntleroy Church (Sept. 19-20).

Gently used, tax-deductible donations will be welcomed starting Sept. 7. See the list of what sale organizers cannot take at [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) or call the church office at 206-932-5600.

## FAUNTLEROY SWINGS!

The Hall at Fauntleroy will rock on **Friday evening, June 19**, when the West Seattle Big Band hosts the **Second Annual Fauntleroy Swing Dance**. Other sponsors are the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCAs, Fauntleroy Church, and the Fauntleroy Community Association.

Tickets (\$15) are available through [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) ("Fauntleroy Swing") or in the church office. Dance lessons start at 6:30 pm; dancing, listening, and watching start at 7:00.

Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering will offer food and drink concessions. Child care will be free, by request, at 206-932-5600 or [jackie@fauntleroyucc.org](mailto:jackie@fauntleroyucc.org).

Get your tickets NOW as last year's swing dance sold out!



Last year, David and Kathy Beery were among the 200+ people who had a great time at the Fauntleroy Swing Dance and plan to do it again. on June 19.

Photo courtesy Ben Ackers

**WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP:** After the summer off, the **Fauntleroy Watershed Council** will resume its bi-monthly meetings on **Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Any watershed resident is welcome to participate in stewarding the community's natural areas. Information at [judy\\_pickens@msn.com](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com) or 206-938-4203.

**BIG SALE:** The much-anticipated annual **2nd Time Sale** – the 21st this year – staged by Fauntleroy Church will be **Saturday, Sept. 19 (9 am-3 pm)**, and **Sunday, Sept. 20 (11 am-1 pm)**, in and around Fellowship Hall. Watch [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) for details.

**2nd Time Sale**



**RECYCLE ROUNDUP**

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Green Planet will host their fall Recycle Roundup on **Sunday, Sept. 27, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. Details will be on the *West Seattle Blog* and at [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org).

**FROM FCA PRESIDENT MIKE DEY**

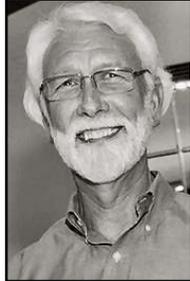
## **SURVEY MINES QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OFFERS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD**

The FCA Board began 2015 with many projects in the works, from the serious (traffic-related issues, concerns about new Car2Go parking policies) to the fun (planning the June 19 Swing Into Summer dance and the October 11 Fall Festival). All of these projects are the result of your input.

Two years ago we did a community survey to find out what was important to you. Because it was so helpful, we asked again in March for your input.

We use survey responses to focus our efforts and also to assess whether or not what we're doing about your top issues is enough.

Your answers to survey questions enable us to go to city agencies knowing that what we're after has strong community support. They also prompt us to put on our



thinking caps to determine how best to bring your ideas or desires to life.

I am very proud of what we have accomplished as an all-volunteer organization but I continue to be amazed when I encounter Fauntleroy residents who have never heard about the FCA. That tells me we need to put more marketing on our to-do list.

That list is always a long one, and ticking off each item requires continual recruitment of individuals who have a little time to give to improve their neighborhood. The survey is one way we do that and a key way for you to say, "I'm ready to give a hand."

Your answers to survey questions will help us make our community all we want it to be. The survey continues until June 30. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to respond. You'll find the survey at our website: [www.fautleroy.net](http://www.fautleroy.net). Just click on "FCA Survey" to start.

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