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TRAFFIC CHANGES IMPROVE SAFETY, ADD PARKING IN RETAIL CORE

Traffic safety improvements at and near the Endolyne triangle set in motion in November 2014 at an FCA forum may be done by the end of the year.

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has been contacting affected businesses about proposed changes around the triangle in Fauntleroy's retail core. Weather permitting, the work could happen in December.

In January, city officials (including Councilman Tom Rasmussen and SDOT Chief Policy Advisor Bill LaBorde), FCA leaders, and residents did a walk-around to visualize the suggested changes. One improvement – a guardrail along a segment of Marine View Dr. SW – was finished in May. Shortly thereafter FCA installed a convex safety mirror where SW Roxbury intersects Marine View Dr. SW.

Traffic changes that could be made in December include making the segment of SW Brace Point Dr. between 45th Ave. SW and SW Wildwood Pl. one way eastbound, with 11 back-in parking spaces in the former westbound lane (see diagram).

Where SW Brace Point Dr. meets SW Wildwood Pl., SDOT will create a pedestrian safety plaza, move the stop sign several feet east, and add a "Do Not Enter" sign to alert drivers to the one-way street. Planter boxes are planned to help define the arc of the plaza.

More community-maintained boxes may define the southwest corner of the triangle; a bench is under consideration there, as well. Locations for wheelchair ramps around the triangle are yet to be determined.

To improve driver sight lines at 45th, SDOT will eliminate one or two parking spaces on 45th in front of

Endolyne Joe's, north of the parking lot entrance. Again on 45th across Brace Point at the point of the ill-defined corner, the city will install wheel stops to define the curb and move the stop sign a few feet east.

East of the business area, SDOT will improve driver sight lines by eliminating one parking space on either side of California Dr. SW where it meets SW Brace Point Dr.

RAINWISE ANNOUNCES DEADLINE

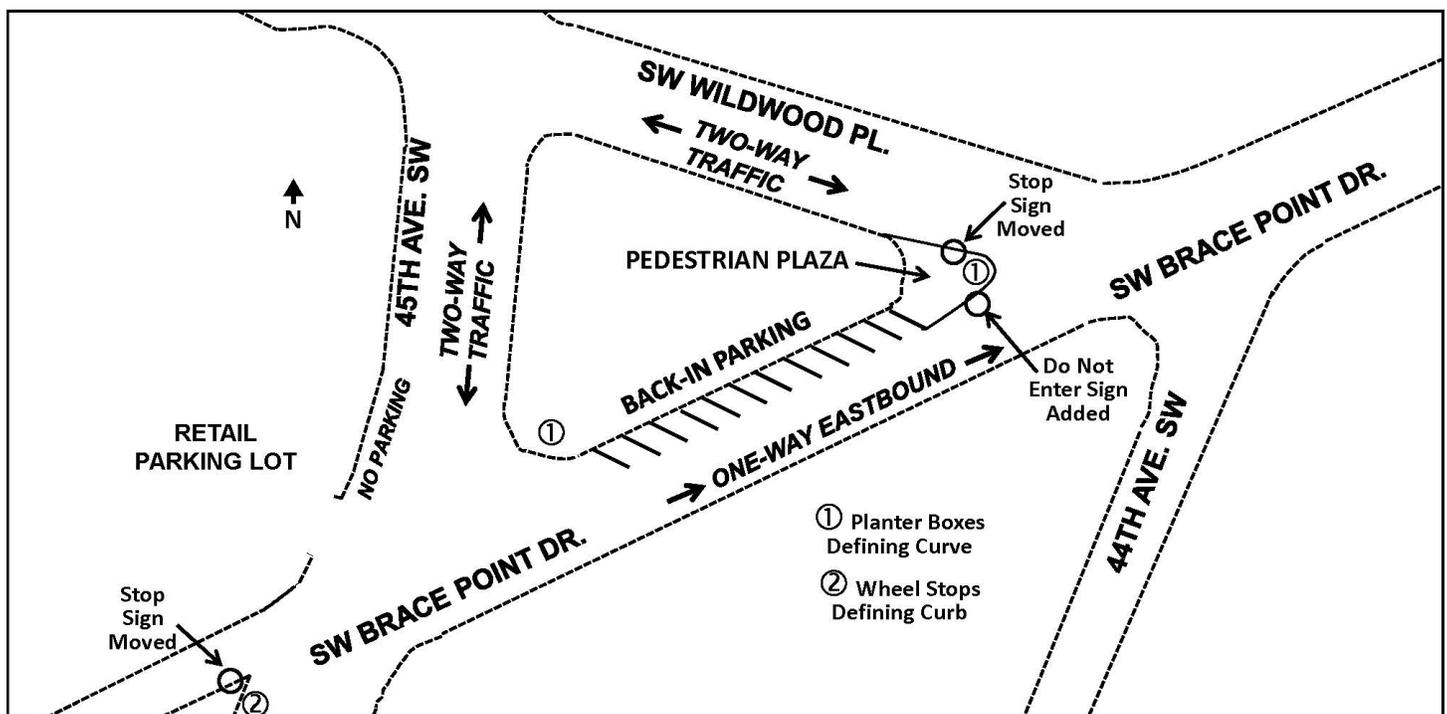
Rebates for the RainWise program will end for area residents Dec. 31, 2016, which means projects to install rain gardens or cisterns must be under way by June.

The city/county program encourages homeowners to retain more stormwater where it falls, using it to irrigate gardens or letting it soak in to recharge groundwater. RainWise rebates up to \$3.50 for every square foot of roof runoff controlled by a rain garden or cistern.

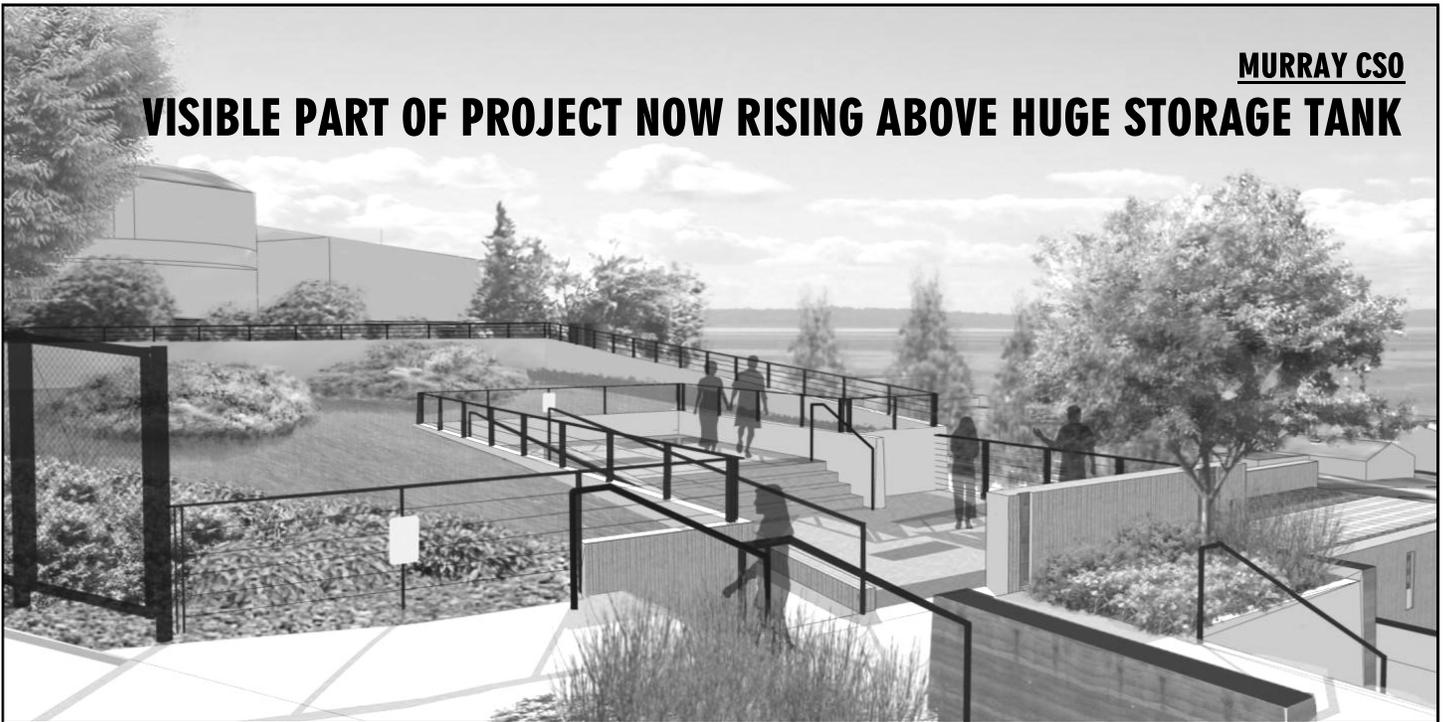
The program recently enlarged its pool of trained contractors who are ready this rainy season to work with residents to scope out projects. To check eligibility and find out more, visit www.rainwise.seattle.gov.

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VISIBLE PART OF PROJECT NOW RISING ABOVE HUGE STORAGE TANK



Landscaped public space atop the Murray CSO Control Facility will offer visitors spectacular views across Puget Sound.
Rendering courtesy EnviroIssues.

This fall, King County's contractor for the Murray Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Project finished construction of the million-gallon underground storage tank and odor control room. Building the tank required some of the most intense activity to date on the site. King County and its contractor expressed appreciation for the community's patience while crews built the tank.

The contractor is now working above ground to construct the building that will house the mechanical and electrical equipment needed to operate the tank. The building will be 20' tall at its highest point and the roofline will mirror the slope of Lincoln Park Way SW. This work is expected to continue into summer 2016.

Street work on Beach Drive SW is also under way and will continue into early 2016. The contractor is installing a 5'-diameter pipe and other underground utilities needed to connect the tank to the Lowman Beach Pump Station and the existing sewer system.

This work is sequenced so that one lane of Beach Drive SW will remain open at all times, but increased congestion and traffic delays of up to 15 minutes are expected. Parking restrictions and pedestrian detours are in place on the 7000 block of Beach Drive SW during this

work. To stay safe, follow directions given by flaggers and posted on signage.

When complete, the Murray CSO Control Facility will collect up to one million gallons of sewage and polluted stormwater that would otherwise overflow into Puget Sound during heavy rains. The underground storage tank will collect excess flows during storms and return flows back into the sewer system after the storm has passed to be transported to the county's wastewater treatment plant in Magnolia.

For more information, call the 24-hour project hotline at 206-205-9186 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/MurrayTank.

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FERRY SYSTEM DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT TO COMMUNICATION

By Gary Dawson

In late October, I represented the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee at all-day workshop hosted by Lynne Griffith, assistant secretary of transportation, ferries division, for members of advisory committees from throughout Puget Sound.

Other members of our committee are Charles Sawyer and Alan Mendel.

After introducing recently appointed director-level managers, she highlighted ferry news, including the Legislature's increasing funding for ferry operations. The state budget does not cover the cost of new or replacement vessels; a separate budget will be needed if the system is to have the second 144-car ferry on its wish list.

Also much discussed were service disruptions caused by unplanned maintenance and other events. Fauntleroy residents know how long the queue on Fauntleroy Way can be when emergency work goes on elsewhere on the triangle route. Assistant Secretary Griffith and members of the operations staff reviewed the complicated process required when vessels and crews must be moved during unplanned events.

Every ferry advisory committee provided a community perspective on ferry service and challenges related to their areas. I chose to highlight traffic, motorcycle noise, and general disruption in our neighborhood. I made a point of thanking ferry-system staff for supporting restoration of traffic management here by a Seattle police officer.

What was most valuable to me about the workshop was getting to know key managers, which will serve this community well when two-way communication is required.

A good example is a project to replace pilings under the terminal's deck. A terminal-maintenance engineer informed me of the project in early October and asked specifically about salmon spawning season on Fauntleroy Creek. I provided that information and emphasized that no jackhammering or pile driving should happen at night. The daytime work is scheduled for mid December.

Years ago, we would have learned about the project as it happened, in the dead of night. Instead, it was an amicable exchange that enabled us to affect when the work is done. Watch for any "Ferry Alert Bulletin" related to this work on the ferry system's home page: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.



INSECTS APLENTY BUT NO FISH

During the annual sampling in mid October, sixth-grade science students from Our Lady of Guadalupe School had the patience to find dozens of aquatic insects in Fauntleroy Creek - critters that are essential food for juvenile salmon. They will live another year, however, as no coho came into the creek this fall to spawn. It was the first shut-out for salmon watchers since 2010. Photo courtesy Nathan Franck



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EVENTS FOR RAINY SEASON

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: The combined choirs of Fauntleroy Church UCC and Peace Lutheran Church will get you in the Christmas spirit for sure with two free concerts: **Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 pm**, and **Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 pm**, in the Fauntleroy sanctuary. Elevator access from the parking lot.

FCA BUSINESS: Regular monthly meetings will be **Tuesday, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 8, at 7 pm** in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda details or information about FCA, contact FCA President Mike Dey at msdey50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

WATERSHED ACTION: The **Fauntleroy Watershed Council** will meet **Thursday, Jan. 14 and March 10, at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. For agenda details or information about current projects, contact Judy Pickens at judy_pickens@msn.com or 206-938-4203.



HOT STUFF: The fifth annual **Fauntleroy Chili Cook-Off** will be **Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.

DONATIONS KEY TO FCA'S FREE MEDICAL LENDING LIBRARY

Why should Fauntleroy residents have to pay to rent medical equipment that could easily be borrowed?

That's the premise of FCA's lending library for wheelchairs, walkers, and other durable medical equipment. It's one of the ways your association is responding to residents' interest in having more services available here for elders.

The library will help those who find themselves in a variety of situations. Some may temporarily need assistive equipment following surgery. Others may need equipment that helps them stay mobile. Families caring for an aging parent or dying relative at home may need assistive devices to keep rooms accessible and comfortable.



Synergy Home Care (an FCA business partner) is managing the library out of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Clean donations in good working order are needed to increase the variety of equipment available. We are seeking a wheelchair, walkers of any kind, canes, crutches, bath bench/shower chair, toilet-side rails and lift seats, bedside commode, medi-sets (for organizing medications), room ("baby") monitors, and alarmed cushions.

We also welcome medical supplies, such as Attends and Chux (mattress protectors), that you no longer need. **To donate or borrow equipment**, contact Synergy Home Care at 206-420-4934.



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As part of its micro community policing program, the Seattle Police Department has a website where you can find crime statistics by neighborhood, going back to 2008.

At www.seattle.gov/seattle-police-department/crime-data/crime-dashboard, click "Fauntleroy SW" on the menu of MCPP neighborhoods and select a year. The site will give you number of crimes by month in table form and also in graph form.

The micro community policing plan for Fauntleroy, drafted this past spring with input from FCA, emphasizes motorcycle noise from early-morning ferry commuters, Lincoln Park (under-age drinking and car prowls), and property crimes (car theft, burglaries, and car prowls).



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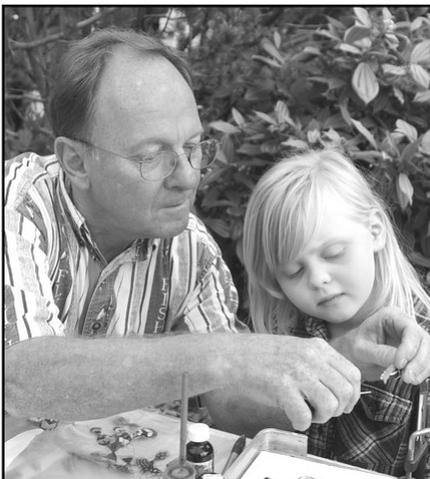
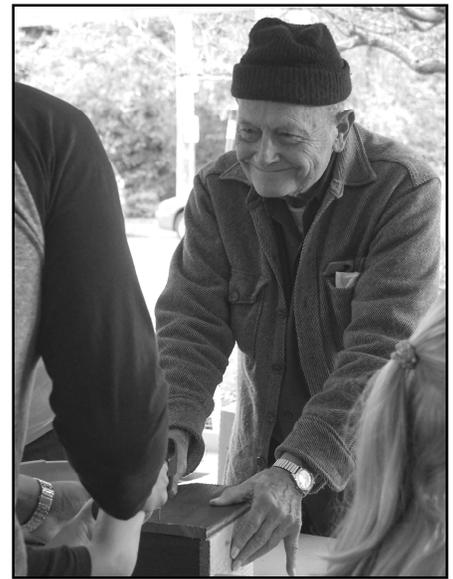
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THE FESTIVAL THAT WAS

The annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival drew an estimated crowd of 1,500 people of all ages to the heart of the community on Oct. 11 for an afternoon of fun activities and visiting with neighbors.



Clockwise from top left: Many feet took a chance on winning during the cake walk. Dick Finnie helped small hands build birdhouses. What is more pet-able than a baby goat? Pete Draughon helped Katie Ackers tie a fishing fly. Fly tying photo courtesy Ben Ackers; others courtesy Cindy Hegland

FUNGI TO HELP PLANTS WEATHER DROUGHT

Conservation trainees with EarthCorps recently wrapped up restoration work in the Kilbourne ravine for the rainy season. They grubbed out more blackberry and clematis vines, put in 50 osier dogwood stakes, and installed more than 300 other plants.

New plants on the north slope below the schoolhouse wall got a treatment of natural fungi, a technique that EarthCorps has used at other sites to help seedlings survive a summer without rain. The fungi form a network of filaments within each plant's root structure, increasing its ability to utilize water and nutrients in the soil.



Also this fall, Seattle Public Utilities did emergency work at the culvert that carries creek flow under 45th Ave. SW. The crew was able to dislodge a large tree branch that was causing backups during heavy rains.

Still concerning are big chunks of concrete in the pipe and the culvert's general condition. Specialists are working with members of the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to better understand fish passage and community needs as they determine a long-term course of action.

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WE'RE DOING THINGS COLLECTIVELY WE COULD NOT DO INDIVIDUALLY

By FCA President Mike Dey

The city often requests citizen input on proposals that can affect what our community looks like or how it is used. But somehow the business of daily living gets in the way of our individual responses. We forget to take the online survey. We miss the public meeting. Or the request breezes right by.

Enter your community association. In 2015, the City of Seattle and the Seattle Port Authority asked for FCA's input on public safety, changes to traffic flow around Fauntleroy's retail triangle, changing use of natural areas and greenbelts, Cove Park rules and design, off-leash dog parks and off-leash dogs, future use of Terminal 5, and disposition of City Light's surplus substation properties.

We learned of these proposals through our community network and the *West Seattle Blog's* comprehensive reporting. As we became aware of them, we passed them on to you and always had someone in attendance at public meetings to learn about them in detail. Your FCA was there to provide input on proposals that had the potential to affect the quality of life in our community.

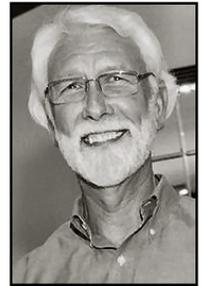
Such civic engagement is critical to shaping our community in ways we want. If we aren't engaged, we

can easily find ourselves living with changes supported by downtown to the detriment of quality of life at the neighborhood level.

Local traffic is a case in point. Individual residents had been trying, sometimes for years, to get the Seattle Department of Transportation to remedy known hazards in the Endolyne area, including around our retail triangle. Because FCA has earned the respect of public officials as ably representing the whole community, we were able to move these hazards onto the front burner. Then we went back and forth with SDOT to refine a plan that will work, not just on paper but on the ground.

Thank you for being an FCA member this year and for speaking up when you see an opportunity for this association to amplify your voice. As the new year approaches, I encourage you to resolve to acquaint just one neighbor with some of what FCA is doing and get that neighbor to join.

Time and time again, we do collectively what we cannot do individually.



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