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ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONS LINGER AFTER CHANGES TO RPZ PARKING

By Vice President Catherine Bailey

A recent change by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to its residential parking zone (RPZ) program has raised many questions from Fauntleroy residents about enforcement and the program's value.

Started almost 50 years ago, it was intended to reserve overnight parking for residents near the ferry terminal by prohibiting parking except by residential Zone 3 permit between 2 am and 5 am.

In the past, a window sticker identified vehicles with



year-round permits and a hang tag identified residents' visitors. Parking enforcement officers could ticket violators, and residents could report violations directly to the Seattle Police Department (SPD) or through the Find it Fix it app. If an unauthorized vehicle has been parked for an extended period. residents may use the city's Find It Fix It app to report it.

In January, SDOT discontinued issuing RPZ stickers in Zone 3, began registering residents' license-plate numbers instead, and increased the permit fee. SPD remains responsible for enforcement.

At the Southwest Precinct Crime Prevention Council meeting on May 11, SPD confirmed, however, that it does not have license-plate scanners to check for RPZ compliance. Also, a representative from the City Attorney's office noted that another legal review is likely required to expand plate-reading capability as it is currently limited to checking for stolen vehicles.

Other factors that complicate enforcement are continued staffing shortages within SPD, including among parking enforcement officers. That function is under new leadership as it transitions back to SPD's jurisdiction.

FCA will continue to communicate with both SDOT and SPD about the issue, and residents within RPZ 3 should as well. We will also continue to work on scheduling a meeting with SDOT officials to follow up on issues that we brought to Director Greg Spotts' attention during his visit here last December.

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TIME TO PRESS **SEATTLE PARKS TO BUILD LONG-DELAYED SOUTH** PLAY AREA **By Bill Wellington**

For nearly 2,200 days, the south play area at Lincoln Park has been a

quiet place. No rhythmic squeaking of swings. No playful shrieking of the more than 1,600 children who for each of the last six years could have called this play area their own.

In 2016, Seattle Parks removed the zipline/tire swing, then a year later removed the play structure, citing safety issues with both. Children lined up to take their turn on the remaining four swings.

Over the ensuing months, Seattle Parks made commitments, solicited community input, and proposed replacements. By late 2017, the department projected that construction would start "next spring." It did not.

By January, construction was forecast to start "this summer." It did not. More than a year later, in April 2019, Seattle Parks said it would begin that coming summer. It did not. In September, the city promised it would begin in fall 2020. It did not.

In November 2019. Seattle Parks announced that. with renovations of more than six play (continued on p. 6)

LEARNING ABOUT AQUATIC INSECTS PART OF SALMON-RELEASE FIELDTRIPS

While fellow volunteer **Dennis Hinton (left)** dipped fish, Pete **Draughon showed** Louisa Boren fourth graders examples of the aquatic insects that their coho fry will be eating during their year in Fauntleroy Creek. Some of the 650 students that came to Fauntleroy Park this spring also got to see one of the 40 coho smolts that monitors recorded leaving for saltwater. Photo by Tom Trulin



UNBLOCKING 45TH CREEK CULVERT BRINGS END TO 'FAUNTLEROY POND'



Removing the partial culvert blockage under 45th Ave. SW required a lot of hard labor and, yes, a boat to navigate in "Fauntleroy Pond." Photos courtesy Tom Trulin

While planning to replace two culverts that convey Fauntleroy Creek through the neighborhood, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) had an immediate concern in mid April when residents reported that a pond was forming upstream of the city's culvert under 45th Ave. SW.

According to SPU engineer Shanti Colwell, relieving the blockage required multiple steps, starting with draining water from the pond to assess and address the blockage. After manual attempts, the crew succeeded by using pumps, coffer dams, hoses, and a temporary bypass to channel flow over the roadway.

Local volunteers assisted SPU in keeping an eye on the pond's level between attempts. The city crew looked out for salmon, netting 11 coho smolts abiding in the pond in their attempt to reach saltwater.

Once crew members could inspect the culvert, they removed a significant amount of debris, including chunks of concrete that appeared to be from slurry material.

"We assessed the culvert's condition and determined that no immediate work is needed," Shanti said, noting that SPU is working toward replacing the culvert in 2026.

"Until then, we will visually inspect the culvert monthly and do CCTV inspections in the spring and fall," she said. "If these inspections indicate that more work is needed, we will brief the community on next steps."

For details about culvert replacements, visit <u>https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/fauntleroy-creek-culverts</u>.





DINE OUT BENEFITS FALL FESTIVAL

April's eat-out fundraiser at Endolyne Joe's raised \$2,700 toward keeping the Fauntleroy Fall Festival a free community event. The restaurant donated \$1,500 as a percentage of sales, and a raffle of gift baskets netted \$1,200.

The festival will be Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15. Donate anytime at <u>https://www.fauntleroy.net/fall-festival/donations/</u> to keep it free.

FLIP WORK PARTIES HAPPENING AGAIN

Friends of Lincoln Park has recovered from the theft last fall of resoration tools and is again hosting monthly and special work parties.

"Volunteers are back doing good work to restore and maintain healthy habitat in the park," said forest steward Lisa McGinty. Contact her directly at 248-506-7155 or *flip98136@gmail.com* about a volunteer event for your group and find dates of regular work parties at https://www.seattle.greencitypartnerships.org/event/map/.



EGG HUNT DRAWS YOUNG CROWD

By Candace Blue

Oh, did everyone have fun! After filling and hiding 300 eggs for young ones to find, we had to refill eggs already returned for recycling because so many children - an estimated 200 - came.

Many thanks to the Fauntleroy Children's Center for opening its play area for the April 1 hunt. The grass, bushes, and pathways were great hiding places, and nearby picnic tables enabled parents to visit while their children hunted.

Based on this year's experience, we will amend the format next year to give the smallest children at least a half-hour head start, then let everyone else loose at the same time.

Thanks to everyone who stuffed and hid the eggs and helped in other ways. All in all, it was a glorious event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 'POWER DOWN' EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

By Chris Jaramillo and Cindi Barker

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, emergency communication hub volunteers from throughout the city will be practicing how to support their neighbors if all power and normal communications suddenly go down

POWER Down...

across Seattle. The practice hub for

Fauntleroy residents will

be at Hope Lutheran Church (4456 42nd Ave. SW). We need as many people as possible to come for 30 minutes to give our volunteers practice in helping a large number of neighbors with a variety of needs.

For details about what is involved and to sign up, visit <u>http://seattleemergencyhubs.org/.</u>







Greg Aramaki (left) and Brock Arzesen were among several volunteers to credit for the Fauntleroy Watershed Council's new native-plant walk in Fauntleroy Park.

A marker in English, Latin, and Lushootseed identifies each of the 12 species of trees and shrubs along main trails. A QR code links smartphone users to details on the council's website about species



identification, its symbiotic relationship with wildlife, and its importance to Coast Salish nations.

Council member Lindsey Conrad coordinated the project (and took the photo), with funding from the West Seattle Garden Tour.



FROM PAST TO PRESENT COLMAN POOL: A FAUNTLEROY FAMILY'S GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

By Judy Pickens

The opening of Colman Pool for another season of open swims, lessons, and meets seems an opportune time to share more about the pool and also its first lifeguards.

On Nov. 13, 1940, Kenneth B. Colman wrote to Seattle's Board of Park Commissioners offering to fund and build a modern swimming pool in Lincoln Park as a memorial to his father, Laurence J. Colman. His plans were well advanced and the board accepted just two days later, suggesting that he had been strategizing this offer for some time. The family settled on a pool because of the elder Colman's keen interest in nurturing young people, especially those growing up in Fauntleroy.

Since 1925, West Seattle residents had been swimming in a saltwater lagoon at Pt. Williams, fed at high tide by water from the sound. Despite not living in Fauntleroy, Edward C. Kilbourne was a long-time fixture in the neighborhood. In a 1936 letter to the Park Board, he described the lagoon as having "considerable mud on the bottom and other objectionable features."

Before Ken Colman offered to replace the lagoon with

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INITIAL POOL STAFFING, FEES

Planning for Colman Pool called for it to be operated by a director, maintenance men, dressingroom matrons, a beach manager/swim instructor, and lifeguards. Hourly pay ranged from \$1.20 to \$2.85. Maintenance men would earn \$300/month for the threemonth season.

Adults, teens, and children would pay a quarter per swim, which would include a suit, towel, and locker. An evening swim would cost a dime, as would the loan of a cap for the ladies. Those serving in the military would swim for free.

a state-of-the-art saltwater facility, he engaged noted architect Arthur Loveless to do a preliminary sketch and decided on the General Construction Company as prime contractor. Neither selection was negotiable because the elder Colman had had long associations with both. The family accepted that the sketch was a starting point, subject to input from Park Board engineers.

In reply, the chief clerk of the board wrote: "Needless to say, the Park Board members were very much interested in the matter." After all, they were looking at a \$150,000 gift to the city (\$3.25 million today); the exact cost was not made public.

With the grand opening set for July 4, the project moved as quickly as pre-war resources allowed. (Defense projects had priority on materials and workers.) As long as the contractor could finish the pool itself and locker and shower rooms, the facility could open on time.

Specifications for the Olympic-size pool called for a concrete structure measuring 165' long and 60' wide. Depth would range from 3' to 12', giving it a capacity of 414,000 gallons. Saltwater would pass through a gravity sand filter and be heated by crude oil.

The bath house would include men's and women's dressing rooms, with living quarters above for a year-round maintenance engineer. Swimming season would be mid June to Sept. 1.

Just 120 days after work began, a throng gathered on a sunny July 4 to dedicate Colman Pool and watch the first swimmers and divers give it a try. In contrast to the military parade he had witnessed that morning, Acting Mayor David Levine declared that the pool was dedicated to peace and a better way of living. He also applauded the wholesome recreational interests of the pool's namesake as depicted in the lobby mural, "Youth and Freedom," by Ernest Norling.

Ken Colman said a few words about his father and introduced the rest of the family, including his widowed mother, Ida May Burwell Colman. His sister, Isabel Colman Pierce, christened the pool with water from the Atlantic Ocean, a reference to the family's voyage to the States from Scotland in the mid 1800s.

Sources: Documents collected and maintained by Mark Sears

LIFEGUARDING AN 'AWESOME PRIVILEGE'

The 75th anniversary of Colman Pool, in 2016, included hearing from "old timers," including one of the pool's first lifeguards, Rolfe W. Eckmann (1920-2018). Retired pool manager Mark Sears saved (and corrected) the letter the senior lifeguard wrote about those idyllic early days.

I had the awesome privilege of being the first manager and senior lifeguard at Colman Pool in 1941....It was the pride of Seattle, and the Parks Department dressed the lifeguards accordingly in distinctive white uniforms.

Norman Sears was the first maintenance/engineer. The next season, he and his young family moved into the apartment facility upstairs. I knew Norman's wee son, Larry, then a cute, dynamite blond kid, the pet of the whole pool community. [His younger son, Mark,] later followed his father to run the maintenance/engineering show at Colman.

Those were heady times. Lifeguard duties started when school was out in the spring and quit in time to get a little hiking in before fall quarter.

By living at home in the University District at the family trough and commuting miles across town to West Seattle, then to Colman Pool by streetcar, and using other modest resources, I saved enough to handle the tuition costs for an in-state University of Washington student. It was austere but it worked.

Then the war came along. Of the four lifeguards in the Kodak photograph I took, all survived the war. [Earl McKinney became co-owner of the Olympic View Swim Club in Normandy Park and Arnie Hagen frequented Lincoln Park well into the 1990s.] I lost track of the other lifeguard but I remember seeing him after the war.

When I went off to pilot training at the end of the 1942 season, I just wanted to get the war over with and come



The first lifeguards at Colman Pool (Rolfe Eckmann, Arnie Hagen, Earl McKinney, and unknown) were proud of their distinctive white uniforms and their \$1.40 hourly pay. Photo courtesy Mark Sears

back to living life as a lifeguard, rescuing pretty girls. I was in the thick of things down in the South Pacific as a naval aviator.

I survived all that and came back not to a life of getting a sun tan and saving pretty people. I was forced into a more realistic investment of my time in fathering six of the greatest kids, building houses, a few entrepreneurial enterprises, and aviation and military obligations.

My awesome adult life all started with the best guy ever: the head honcho at Colman Pool - having fun keeping people safe while they were having fun.



PLAY AREA (continued from p. 1)

areas going on across the city, "we've had to make some adjustments in our scheduling to ensure that all these projects can keep making progress."

When COVID hit in March 2020, the city taped off play areas and swings across the city but not at the south end of Lincoln Park. There it removed the four swings and this once-vibrant play area has been silent ever since. Nearby picnic tables and shelters have fallen into disrepair and are not at all attractive for a family picnic.

Find the timeline documenting all these promises made but not met at

<u>http://whereisourplayground.org/parks/lincoln-park-south/</u>. Extend your research and you'll see that work on other play areas has also been delayed or canceled.

I have reached out to Seattle Parks several times since 2017, most recently in February, and each time heard nothing, then I used the *seattle.gov* portal to submit a request for public documents. My reply arrived on the very last day before the legal deadline, stating that I could not expect the documents until May 30.

My kids were in early elementary school when they attended the first public meeting to provide community input about the south play area. The older one is now going into eighth grade. It's time to make noise!

• Ask Shannon Glass at Seattle Parks for a full accounting of project delays and an update on when construction will start (*shannon.glass@seattle.gov;* 206-733-9313).

■ Ask key City Council members Lisa Herbold (*lisa.herbold@seattle.gov*; 206-684-8801), Teresa Mosqueda (*teresa.mosqueda@seattle.gov*; 206-664-8808), and Sara Nelson (*sara.nelson@seattle.gov*; 206-664-8809) to exert pressure on Seattle Parks to finish the job or provide an honest explanation to the public about why it has not met its commitments.



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MUSEUM ACCEPTING PHOTOS, ARTIFACTS

If you have old photos or artifacts you'd like to get into caring hands, consider donating them to the Southwest Seattle Historical Society's Loghouse Museum. The society cares for materials that help tell stories of



the people and communities of the Duwamish Peninsula. Because it commits to hold items in perpetuity,

however, it must carefully evaluate what it accepts. For details and to make an appointment to discuss what you have, call 206-350-0999 or complete the form at

http://loghousemuseum.org/donation-request/.

THREE FERRIES BACK ON ROUTE AS CREW SHORTAGE HAMPERS SERVICE

By Frank Immel, Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee

Three things related to service at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal are worth noting:

The M/V Cathlamet is back on the route after repair of damage sustained when it collided in July 2022 with one of the dolphins. Settling back into a three-boat schedule has been challenging because having adequate crew remains a problem. Progress is being made, however, on replacing retirees and those affected by COVID.

Washington State Ferries has begun its spring, routespecific presentations to engage and inform the communities it serves. The online session for the triangle route, (Vashon, Fauntleroy, and Southworth), plus Pt. Defiance-Tahlequah, will be Wednesday, June 7, at 6:00 pm. Go to <u>http://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-stateferries</u> and search for community participation to register for the Zoom link.

Lastly, with the usual summer increase in traffic and congestion at the terminal, please pay attention and bring extra patience.





FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Any resident is welcome to attend FCA business meetings on Tuesday, June 13, July 11, and Sept. 12, starting at 7 pm on Zoom or in person at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Email FCA President Mike Dey (*msdey50@aol.com*) to receive the Zoom link.

FERRY INFORMATION SESSION: Washington State Ferries will host an online session to engage and inform communities served by the triangle route on Wednesday, June 7, at 6:00 pm. Search for community participation at <u>http://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries</u> to register for the Zoom link.

WEST SEATTLE GARDEN TOUR: This popular tour of gardens on the Duwamish peninsula will be back for the 27th year on Sunday, June 25, 9 am - 5 pm. Tickets are available at <u>http://westseattlegardentour.org/tickets</u> or selected retail locations.

2ND TIME SALE: Fauntleroy Church's huge annual community sale will be Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17. For details about how to donate quality items, visit <u>http://fauntleroyucc.org/2nd-time-sale</u>.

ART SHOW INVITES CREATIVE TALENT

Artists and artistic crafters from West Seattle and Vashon are invited to apply **by Aug. 31** for the Nov. 2-5 Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show.

in 2008 as CALL TO ARTISTS

part of Fauntleroy Church's centennial celebration, the show displays a wide variety of creative expression. For details and to apply, visit <u>http://fauntleroyucc.org/art-show</u>.



RAINWISE REBATES STILL AVAILABLE

King County and the City of Seattle are again promoting practical and effective ways to manage rain water where it falls, complete with rebates.

Between 2010 and 2017, the

RainWise program helped 143 owners in the "Barton basin" retain more rain water in their property, rather than let it collect pollution on its way to Puget Sound and add to the stormwater load on pump stations.

The rain gardens and above-ground cisterns they installed captured rainfall from approximately 200,000 square feet of roof area for slow release into the groundwater. RainWise supported their investment with \$600,000 in rebates.

To find out if you are eligible and get specifics, visit <u>http://rainwise.seattle.gov</u>.

FCA'S POSITION ON REPLACEMENT OF FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL

While members of the ferry system's community advisory group for replacing the terminal await resumption of meetings, here's a reminder of FCA's stance:

YES to pre-ticketing and automated toll collection.

- YES to promoting transit alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.
- **YES** to improving seismic stability, elevating for sea-level rise, and installing non-toxic piling.
- **NO** to expanding over-water coverage to enlarge the trestle or add a second slip.



CITY AGAIN OFFERING FREE TREES

Seattle's Trees for Neighborhoods program will be accepting applications July 10 - Aug. 7 for up to three free trees per household. Those who apply will receive a list of species from which to select. The package includes assistance with

- selecting the right tree and planting location
- planting and care, plus ongoing reminders
- applying for a permit to plant your trees along the

street, plus two annual evaluations of how they are doing. You'll also receive a watering bag and mulch for each

tree. If you are physically limited, someone will plant your trees for you.

Go to <u>http://seattle.gov/trees/planting-and-care/trees-</u> <u>for-neighborhoods</u> for details and to apply.

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If you prefer to receive this newsletter and/or periodic notifications from FCA by email, update your email communication preferences by using the form at *fauntleroy.net/flash*. If you check "Neighbors Newsletter," you will start receiving it by email, NOT by mail.



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WE'RE BEEFING UP OUR BOARD WITH TALENT, ENTHUSIASM

By Mike Dey, president

During the FCA Annual Meeting and Food Fest in March, I invited anyone interested in joining our board to contact me about a couple of vacancies.

Meredith Sciarrio soon did, and I'm delighted to announce that she has joined the FCA Board with responsibility for residential membership.

She grew up in New Hampshire and came to Seattle to attend the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. With an MBA in hand, she began working in healthcare program management and consulting.

She and her husband met in graduate school and moved to West Seattle, initially in the Junction area. They soon relocated to Fauntleroy and she realized that many of their neighbors were also new to this community. Focusing on residential membership will be a great fit for her - and for us.

We are also fortunate to have another person interested in managing business memberships. I'll say more about that appointment when it's official.

The remaining vacancy is for treasurer. While someone with an accounting background would be able to slide right in, it is not a high-finance job. It involves tracking income and expenses much the way we all do with our personal finances. Dues and donations come in by check or PayPal and expenses are almost all paid directly by our bank. As a board, we work together on an annual budget and on completing simple tax forms. I estimate the job will average about five hours per week, with some times of year busier than others.



If you might be interested, please let me know at *msdey50*@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

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