

PARTNERING FOR THE COMMUNITY



FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

PUBLIC MEETINGS ENSURE ALL ARE IN THE KNOW

Sensing the need for more communication on "hot topics," FCA hosted a community meeting on February 18, at which some 40 residents had a chance to question speakers about the future of the Fauntleroy schoolhouse, proposed expansion of the ferry terminal, and the city's disaster-preparedness program as it applies to Fauntleroy. Information tables provided handouts and a chance to chat about other concerns.

Information presented about expansion of The Kenney Home built on a community meeting in December 2008, co-sponsored by FCA and the Morgan Community Association.

By summer, planning for expansion of King County Wastewater's pump station next to the ferry terminal had progressed to the public-outreach phase, and FCA readily signed on as a partner to involve the community in key decisions about enlarging the facility. FCA will be helping publicize a public meeting about the project in spring 2010.

Partnering is a theme running through this summary of Fauntleroy Community Association activities during 2009 - partnering to create events, partnering to improve the natural environment, partnering to maintain and add community amenities.

Our ability to make connections that amplify the good we can accomplish and that leave partners eager to work with us again gives us much to celebrate!



NO REST FOR COMMUNITY WITH FERRY AS NEIGHBOR

Fauntleroy started the year with good news: The ferry pier would not be widened to increase the number of vehicles that could wait there.

Withdrawal of the expansion proposal came after a well-attended January 21 hearing in Fauntleroy on a draft long-range plan proposed by Washington State Ferries. The Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee, chaired by FCA director Gary Dawson, arranged the hearing and led the neighborhood's opposition.

The community cannot rest, however. The final long-range plan approved by the Legislature contains an as-yet unfunded proposal to build a covered passenger walkway from the street to the vessel loading area.

The vehicle reservation system announced by State Ferries in the fall is not scheduled to be used at Fauntleroy or Vashon. Like the long-range plan before it, the reservation-system plan reiterated the need to shift Southworth vehicle traffic downtown.



FOOD FEST FOCUS ON BENEFITS OF FCA MEMBERSHIP

The Hall at Fauntleroy was humming on March 24 when scores of residents came out for the Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA annual meeting, this year with an emphasis on the benefits of belonging to FCA.

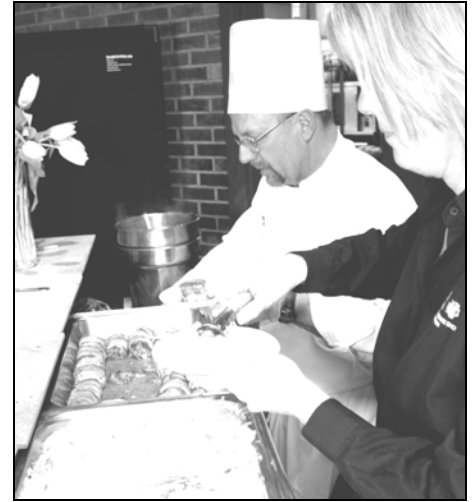
While board members did a brisk business in new and renewing memberships, attendees eagerly lined up to try samples from local eateries. To reduce waste, each person received a fork to use throughout the evening, and all plates and cups were biodegradable.

Samples got eaten while browsing the many information tables that rimmed the room and overflowed to the stage or while catching up with neighbors.

FCA President Bruce Butterfield reviewed the many reasons for joining



(Above) Stan Lock, neighborhood district coordinator for the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, and Debbie Goetz, emergency preparedness training specialist with the city's Office of Emergency Management, answer a variety of questions from constituents.



(Right top) Executive chef Michael Chase and server Theresa Althauser with Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering dish it up.



(Right bottom) Young Fauntleroy residents assist Ann Dunbar and Martha Callard with drawing for door prizes generously contributed by area businesses. Photos courtesy Gail Ann Photography

FCA and presented the slate of officers and directors for the next year, all of whom were duly elected.



SCHOOLHOUSE EFFORT MAKES IMPRESSIVE HEADWAY, EXPANDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

By year's end, the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA) had made impressive headway on securing the property from the Seattle School

District for community use.

FCSA was in the final stage of procuring the building, lot, parking area, and about two thirds of the back playground. The board is continuing to seek more funding, a challenge in the current economy.

FCA initiated a joint board meeting with

FCSA, on April 21, to underscore broad community interest in the future of the property. The FCSA board now includes FCA director Vicki Schmitz and member George Suyama. More residents are expected to be involved on the building advisory board being formed to help guide property management.

FCSA's first challenge in the new year, according to President Kevin Wooley, is to make much-needed repairs, including reroofing, that have been on the back burner during the push to gain ownership.



FALL FESTIVAL SHOWS WHAT COMMUNITY CAN DO, BE

Fauntleroy residents who look forward to the annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival were - again - not disappointed. The four-hour Sunday-afternoon event drew an estimated 1,000-1,250 people to "Fauntleroy Center" (the church/YMCA/ schoolhouse triangle) for a variety of activities for tots, teens, elders and everyone in between.

Planter boxes were built, pumpkins were painted, tunes were danced to, and 400 pretzels were consumed.

The steering committee worked for months, not only planning the October 18 event but also raising the funds necessary to keep it free to all comers. The income side of the ledger included just over \$1,000 raised in April when Endolyne Joe's restaurant hosted a "portion of proceeds" evening fund-raiser. Also, thankful festival-goers chose to drop another \$600 into the pot during the event.

In addition to FCA, festival partners were Fauntleroy Church, Fauntleroy YMCA, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, Fauntleroy Children's Center, and the many other organizations, eateries, businesses, and individuals that provided activities, muscle, creativity, and enthusiasm.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

In 2009, FCA had income of \$5,298, all but \$23 from dues. After expenses of \$3,718.05, Treasurer Phil Sweetland reported a year-end balance of \$9,551.01.

As of December 31, FCA had 250 member households or businesses/ institutions. The Board established a "Seniors Living Lightly" dues category for residents hard-hit by the economy. Also, by pro-rating dues, January became the month for all to renew.

Ann Dunbar assembled 26 welcome bags for new neighbors, each chockfull of information about the community, plus a homemade gift and *The Fauntleroy Story* DVD documentary.



Sinang Lee with the State Department of Ecology's regional water-quality team entices one of scores of festival attendees to consider practical ways to keep pollutants out of storm drains. Her interactive display was one of many at the event. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

NEW MEDIA JOIN THE MIX

FCA members received three issues of the *Neighbors* newsletter during the year, plus an annual report and a monthly e-calendar. Webmaster Chris Nack continued to maintain www.fauntleroy.net.

A new medium, started in fall 2008, gained traction: "Upcoming Community Events" published as take-home slips for patrons of Endolyne Joe's restaurant and as a table tent for folks at the Original Bakery.

FCA's Facebook page debuted in March to promote events and many other topics. The number of "fans" reached 100 by early January 2010. Have a look!

KIOSKS TO AID WALKERS

FCA partnered with Feet First to begin creating three pedestrian wayfinding kiosks for the neighborhood as part of a citywide project to promote walkable communities. The kiosks will include walks, nearby attractions, and an historic timeline.

Ron Richardson put many hours into drafting text and tracking down photos, then Judy Pickens filled gaps and refined the text. Final details are being worked out.



TWO WATERSHED COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



(Top) Gatewood students collected monthly water samples along Fauntleroy Creek and, after testing by State Ecology, to interpret the data. Their research aided outreach to reduce harmful fecal coliform bacteria in the water. Photo courtesy Sinang Lee

(Bottom) Ann Samenfink, Chris Nack, and Jack Lawless helped clear logs for 18 coho spawners to enter the creek. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens



STEWARDS MAINTAIN COVE PARK



Ann Dawson organized spring and fall work parties at Cove Park, with 17 and 11 volunteers, respectively. In addition to cleaning, weeding, and mulching, they removed damaged fencing and began removing shrubs that proved not to be drought tolerant. Photo courtesy Ware Lantz

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