

The Fauntleroy Community Association – and the community we are privileged to represent, advocate for, and bring together for decades – had a productive 2012. We proved, once again, that, when united, Fauntleroy has a great capacity to act in a highly professional and productive way to protect and improve this neighborhood in the southwest corner of West Seattle.

ADVOCACY

FCA's Big Boast for 2012 was being a major force behind putting the comma in Go, Ape – *Go, just go. The community doesn't want you in Lincoln Park.*

In late June, the possibility that Go Ape, a private contractor, would install a high-ropes/zip line course in Lincoln Park came to light. The proposal under consideration by Seattle Parks and Recreation as a way to raise revenue was news to Fauntleroy.



FCA quickly transformed its scheduled July business session into a public meeting that drew upwards of 300 people to The Hall at Fauntleroy. After a sometimes contentious evening of presentations and public comment, Seattle Parks quickly backed off the idea and expressed a desire to work more closely with FCA and other advocates toward a common vision for the park.

Not as dramatic but also important this year was advocacy to

- nip unneighborly behavior by parents picking up children returning from school on Vashon. Problems noted by residents on upper Fauntleroy Way SW were promptly resolved, at FCA's request, after the intercession of Vashon school staff.
- prompt Seattle Police to monitor after-hours partying in Lincoln Park.
- reposition the school-zone light near Gatewood School to be more visible to drivers not intending to exceed the speed limit.
- initiate "Fauntleroy Night" at ArtsWest Theater so that area residents could enjoy performances together and have discounted seats.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY



FCA was again a prime sponsor of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, on Oct. 14, and served as the event's fiscal agent. Vice President David Haggerty and Director Kim Petram represented FCA on the steering committee. We supported sale of a 10th anniversary sweatshirt to mark the milestone. Given the threat of rain, venues were quickly shuffled to bring as many activities as possible under cover.



The heavens opened but an estimated 700-800 people braved the rain to enjoy the festival.

Rain photo courtesy Cindy Hegland; sweatshirt photo courtesy West Seattle Blog



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FCA's annual Fauntleroy Food Fest and Membership Meeting drew more than 100 residents of all ages on March 20. Eight area eateries offered free samples during the "green" event, hosted by The Hall at Fauntleroy. Area organizations and agencies supported the Fest with information tables.



FCA President Bruce Butterfield greets long-time Fauntleroy resident Betty Aronson at the Food Fest. Photo courtesy GailAnn Photography

In May, FCA Director Gordon Wiehler led a second emergency-preparedness drill, this one following a terrorist-attack scenario, in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot to increase the number of residents trained to step in if a major emergency were to occur. The drill familiarized participants with how to set up a communications hub, track problem reports from the neighborhood, and communicate with the outside world.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Long-time Cove Park volunteer Mardi Clements coordinated a "big dig" on March 3 to give away plants before King County began demolishing the park for construction of an expanded underground wastewater pump station. The event drew 40 people eager to take home plants. Special stones and art were transferred to storage until they can be incorporated into new art to grace the site. Mardi continues to represent community interests in finalizing plans for extensive art by sculptor Tom Jay at the revitalized park.

In the fall, the city announced grants for two neighborhood projects, both advanced by two FCA members and both from the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund. A \$63,000 grant will repair and repave the tennis courts at the Lincoln Park Annex; Mardi Clements worked with several partners to propose the project. A \$39,000 grant will improve the sidewalk at SW Cloverdale between Fauntleroy Place SW and 46th Ave. SW; Leon Harmon advocated this project several times, and 2012 proved to be its year.



Susan Lantz-Dey took responsibility for assembling new-neighbor welcome bags and seeing that they got delivered. As of the end of the year, 13 had been distributed, with more scheduled. The bags included coupons from two area businesses: Guadalajara Restaurant and The Original Bakery.



Julie Huff and her daughter, Zoe, plant one of several trees that Fauntleroy Church added to enhance habitat in Fenton Glen. Photo courtesy Ben Ackers

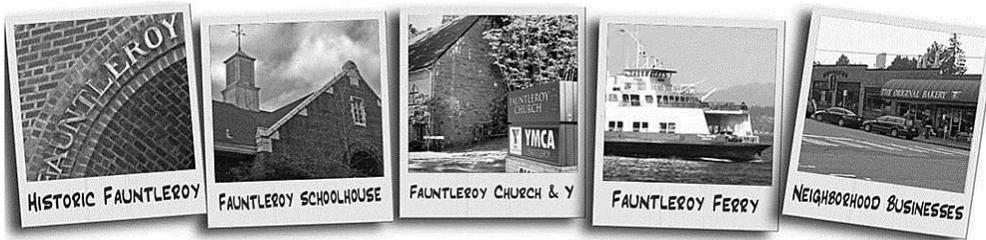
After many projects over 23 years, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council achieved a major milestone this year - completing instream restoration of Fauntleroy Creek. The last grant for the \$51,850 Fenton Glen project on Fauntleroy Church property expired December 31.

In the fall, the council sought (and won) nearly \$50,000 in funding to restore the Kilbourne ravine (between California Ave. SW and 45th Ave. SW). Invasive plants, especially wild clematis, have choked trees and shrubs and seeded into the neighborhood. As a 501(c)4, FCA will be fiscal agent for the project.

Volunteer forest stewards Steve Hodson and Peggy Cummings supported four work parties in Fauntleroy Park during the year, where removal of invasive plants continues to be a priority.

COMMUNICATION

Volunteer webmaster Irene Stewart redesigned FCA's website (www.fauntleroy.net), giving it a lively, easy-to-use format featuring Fauntleroy history and neighborhood issues and projects. She posts news and calendar events on the website as well as on Facebook and encourages all Fauntleroy friends to share information and photos of neighborhood there. Also, Irene initiated a listserv (*Fauntleroy Flash*) for residents wishing to receive brief information by email.



FCA continued to communicate in print, as well. With the help of many contributors, editor Judy Pickens published four quarterly issues of our *Neighbors* newsletter, our *2011 Annual Report*, and frequent "Community Events" table tents for patrons of The Original Bakery. Through the newsletter, we became more purposeful in reporting

news about Lincoln Park and helped keep the community abreast of major stormwater and wastewater projects that will affect the neighborhood for many years to come.

IN THE MEDIA

The *West Seattle Blog* covered business meetings and other FCA news throughout the year. No story generated more comments about FCA than the *Blog's* report of our community meeting about a high ropes/zip line course at Lincoln Park. Several of the scores of people who commented directed a kind word to FCA:

"Thanks, West Seattle Blog! Thanks, Fauntleroy Community Association! Thanks to all that showed up to squash the butchering of Lincoln Park."

"Excellent work; the FCA presentation was perfect!"

"Thank you, West Seattle Blog and Fauntleroy Community Association, for spearheading the community to respond and voice our opposition to zip lining in Lincoln Park. Last night's meeting was democracy at work and our city government actually listened."

"Thanks, Fauntleroy Community Association, for hosting such a great forum last night."

"Many thanks to the Fauntleroy Community Association for hosting last night's public meeting! Way to go, West Seattle, keeping our public parks open to the PUBLIC!"

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Membership

As of Dec. 31, membership stood at 320. Of this total, nine are lifetime.

Board Activities

The FCA Board met on the second Thursday evening every month during 2012 at the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. All meetings were open to community residents.

In addition, the Board went on retreat in April to discuss goals and budget priorities. Carol Ann Sherman facilitated the day-long planning session. Officers and directors identified several areas of opportunity and gave priority to developing an on-line survey (now in process) for community-wide input.

In August, long-time Lincoln Park advocate Trileigh Tucker became the 15th member of the FCA Board.

Financial Matters

FCA opened the year with \$13,290.45 in our bank account. After income of \$6,900 and expenditures of \$4,606.06 (including a \$500 donation to the Fautleroy Fall Festival), we closed the year with a balance of \$15,584.39. Items of note:

- Advertising in our *Neighbors* newsletter by business partners brought in \$1,093 to add to an opening balance of \$1,900. This account paid for two community-betterment expenses: \$536.21 for pedestrian safety flags for the crosswalk between Fautleroy Church and the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center and another \$500 for the 2012 Fautleroy Fall Festival. The closing balance in this account was \$1,956.79.
- During 2012, FCA was fiscal agent for four community projects (with closing balances): Fautleroy Fall Festival (\$1,969), Cove Park (\$1,955.47), the Fautleroy documentary (\$41.50), and Fautleroy Watershed Council (\$0).

THANKS!

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Fautleroy Food Fest Vendors

Bird on the Wire, Endolyne Joe's, Giannoni's Pizzeria, Guadalajara Restaurant, The Kenney, The Original Bakery, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, West Seattle Fish House

