

FAUNTLEROY'S BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN 30 YEARS

By Bruce Butterfield

This could become our neighborhood's biggest challenge in three decades. Read that sentence again to let it sink in.

Now envision a second level pedestrian walkway above the ferry dock's sidewalk running the length of the dock, loading passengers directly onto the second deck of the ferry. It's similar to what they have in Bremerton, Anacortes and other terminals. Then picture the dock two lanes wider to hold more vehicles. This doesn't mean fewer cars lined up on Fauntleroy, because Kitsap County growth projections add about 60% to the volume of traffic through West Seattle in the next two decades.



Until recently, Washington State Ferries had a vision of routing Southworth/Kitsap County commuters directly downtown, where WSF's "origin-destination" surveys show a majority of them want to go. But their plans are changing, (see Gary Dawson's article on page 3 for details).

No other Seattle residential neighborhood has a major ferry dock bringing thousands of vehicles through community streets each week. This is not just a Fauntleroy issue. The flush of vehicles is noticeable when you're trying to go east on the West Seattle bridge in the morning—you can tell after each boat lands by the wave of traffic flowing to the city.

Similar expansion was proposed in 1979. This sparked the birth of the Fauntleroy Environmental Association to advocate for quality of life issues. The collective voice of the Fauntleroy Community Association sprouted from those not-so-humble beginnings.

After legal wrangling and voicing our concerns, we successfully discouraged the State from doing the project. In the 90's we achieved a city council resolution reversing the State's intention to make Fauntleroy Way SW a state highway.

Thanks to our neighborhood membership, we are actively writing letters, e-mails and attending community meetings to effect change and improve pedestrian safety, slow traffic, and care for our natural resources. It was a grassroots effort in our early days and here we are a few decades later faced with similar challenges.

Stay tuned, watch our website: www.Fauntleroy.net and check the WestSeattle-Blog.com, The Herald and its Website and your mailbox for more updates. Talk to your neighbors. We WILL need your help, persistence and support. If we don't have your email to alert you of changing developments and meetings, please send it to us at News@Fauntleroy.net.

BE INFORMED

Among the many roles the FCA fills in our community is that of keeping our neighborhood strong and informed on issues that affect our quality of life and retain the strength and vitality of Fauntleroy. With many critical matters looming before us, we invite you to attend an information night at the **Fauntleroy Church Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.** Among the topics to be covered are the Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) program, an update on the proposed expansion of the Fauntleroy ferry dock, and a status report on the future of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Representatives of SDOT will be on hand regarding the upcoming single lane configuration on Fauntleroy Way, Rapid Ride and The Kenney Home expansion project.



SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BLOTTER



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Citizens often wonder what is happening when they see police carrying out their responsibilities in the neighborhood. There is an easy way to satisfy your curiosity and get the information you seek in a timely manner. The Seattle Police Department has launched the SPD Blotter!

It provides a near real-time recap of significant crime events.

You can review events from all over the city, or look specifically for those in our police precinct area. You can choose events that happened last night or over the week-end. And, the archive feature allows access to previous events in the SPD Blotter.

There are three ways to get the SPD Blotter:

You can go to the SPD website

and view the latest entries on the SPD home page.

www.seattle.gov/police OR, you can access the Blotter directly at <http://spdblitter.seattle.gov/>.

You can subscribe to the Blotter so that it automatically arrives via email. Go to <http://feeds.feedburner.com/spdblitter> to sign up for this feature.

We all get a primordial thrill out of seeing bright lights in the darkness of winter. It's no wonder our ancestors celebrated it in festivals of lights -- like Christmas, Hanukkah, Bhodi, the St. Lucia festival, Kwanza, the solstice and others.

The festivals of burning oil and candles of the olden days, however, have become a festival of lights that run 24 / 7, across the developed world. Before the invention of electric lighting, you could see the Milky Way from Manhattan. Today, our lights are visible from space.

The International Dark Sky Association (IDA) reckons we're now wasting 800 billion kilowatt-hours (KwH), or \$76 billion dollars worth of energy (at 9.5 cents/KwH), on the sky, and if we want to reduce our waste and our greenhouse gases, not to mention see the Milky Way over our cities again, we need to change that. Briefly, the IDA recommends better lighting policies, designs and efficiencies. But for a fuller story, check IDA's website, and November's National Geographic magazine.

The point is, if you're standing in Seattle at dusk looking for stars to tell you evening has fallen, the city's light pollution will already have blocked many before you see any streaking stars bright enough to break through. In short, you're seeing many fewer falling stars than are actually there.

ECO GUY
By Martin Westerman



It's the many little things we do that add up into big ones. So this year, let's think small.

Let's go indoors a moment. At this time of year, everyone loves to light candles, but most are made from paraffin, a petroleum product. Lighting them indoors, according to the "HealthMad" site, is like running a small diesel engine on your table -- and generating the same noxious greenhouse gases. What to do about this unhealthy situation? Use beeswax candles. They smell sweet, they're smokeless and drip-less and they burn more slowly so last longer than ordinary candles. Use them all year round. Yes, they're more expensive. Treat yourself to the gift of better indoor air quality.

Back outdoors, look at the lighting around your house, and your neighborhood, look at the sky. If you can't see the stars, think about where your and your neighbors' lights are shining. How can you shift or shade them to put light where you need it, and keep light away from where you don't? How can you get together with your neighbors to approach City Light, and encourage them to reduce unneeded (and wasteful, costly) lighting, and invest instead in targeted, shaded, economical instruments?

It's a quality of life thing. Now that the holiday season is over, re-dedicate yourself to improving your personal environment. It's a wonderful gift you can give yourself and others.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

By Gary Dawson

By the end of January, Washington State Ferries will have presented their Long Range Plan for growth to the Legislature. The plan projects out as far as the year 2030 and includes options for service, fares, terminal and vessel replacements, and costs.

The portion of the plan that refers to the Vashon/Southworth/Fauntleroy route, also called the triangle, contains a serious blow to local merchants and residents that need to transport goods and services or commute in and out of West Seattle.

After a number of years of a WSF proposal to re-route the Southworth ferry traffic directly to the Colman terminal downtown, the final LRP will continue to route Southworth traffic through the Fauntleroy dock indefinitely.

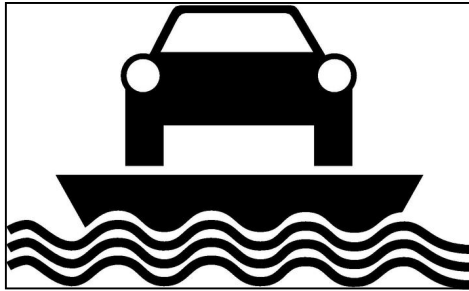
With the Fauntleroy terminal already operating at capacity in terms of the number of vessel arrivals and departures, the resulting projected growth in traffic from Southworth will only add to the already congested West Seattle avenues and streets.

The reason behind this dramatic shift in the plan is unclear, but it can be assumed that funding needed for ferry terminal upgrades will not be provided by the Legislature.

The Colman terminal at downtown Seattle requires a fourth ferry slip be added to accommodate the Southworth route and this addition is not included in the Plan.

Although WSF traffic statistics for 2008 are not yet available, it is estimated that approximately 600,000 vehicles traversed through West Seattle to and from Southworth last year.

Population growth projections for the Puget Sound region used by WSF seem to vary, but at this time the Plan shows Southworth vehicle traffic to increase by over 40% with Vashon growth to increase by 23%. The end result will be to have West Seattle annually suffer about 2.2 million vehicles in and out of the Fauntleroy terminal and community.



The WSF plan for managing that amount of traffic at Fauntleroy is twofold. The first is to enlarge the dock with an additional two lanes to provide enough vehicle holding space for one vessel. In addition, an overhead passenger loading ramp would be constructed on the dock to expedite vessel loading and unloading.

Secondly, WSF proposes to initiate a reservation system that in theory will reduce loading time as well as the queue along Fauntleroy Way.

Although many Southworth riders have expressed a strong desire to commute directly to downtown, some as walk on passengers, the fact remains that West Seattle will still be impacted by nearly 800,000 vehicles a year just from Southworth.

This is a large congestion increase and a major environmental concern as the amount of exhaust emissions from that many vehicles seriously degrades the air quality on West Seattle.

Stay on top of this very important issue affecting our community and quality of life in Fauntleroy and West Seattle through the West Seattle Blog at <http://WestSeattleBlog.com/blog/?p=12373>. It includes a direct link to the WSF webpage and the LRP. Pages 16 and 27 have the Fauntleroy mention.

'FAUNTLEROY STORY' BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

By Judy Pickens

Since it premiered in September, *The Fauntleroy Story: 100 Years of Community* has won enthusiastic viewers, both near and far. Sales of the DVD through the end of the year were brisk, such that we recently ordered another 200 copies.

Residents have given copies to their kids who grew up in Fauntleroy, to out-of-town relatives, and to friends who used to live here. Kids have also purchased copies for parents as a trip down memory lane.

Local DVD sales continue at The Original Bakery, the Fauntleroy Church office, and the Log House Museum (suggested \$10 donation). The Seattle Channel (channel 21) has begun airing a slightly shorter version.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL

By Kim Petram, Chair

The October 2008 Fall Festival was another community success. Participants enjoyed new venues and the kids really loved the new petting farm. Once again, community leaders stepped up and put on a fabulous event that would not have been successful without the support of our volunteer staff and business owners. As so many of you know already, the Fall Festival started as a seedling of an idea to celebrate the Fauntleroy community we live in. We have learned tremendously and are now in the growth phase. The Fall Festival will continue to explore the idea of community and what that really means to Fauntleroy. I invite you to attend the seminars presented by Fauntleroy UCC this Spring to join this exploration of community spirit (see story P.8).





MORE FALL FESTIVAL PHOTOS

The traffic calming meeting held November 4 at Fauntleroy Church addressed concerns of residents along 47th Ave. SW, where the Seattle Department of Transportation had promised to install speed humps in 2003, but never did. Nearly 50 local residents, from 47th, 46th and Fauntleroy Way attended. SDOT representatives Jane Rebelowski and Jim Curtin spoke with the group. Several neighbors expressed concerns about the noise and traffic diversion they worried the humps would cause, and they sought other remedies to calm vehicle traffic in the area. Some attendees have worked on traffic issues for years, but have seen little progress other than the traffic circle installed at the intersection

TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING

By Martin Westerman



of 47th Ave. SW and SW Brace Point Drive.

The goal of neighbors is to slow traffic and SDOT has committed to doing just that in the next several months on 47th SW between Brace Point Dr. and SW 98th St. with the installation of the long promised speed humps. However, neighbors south of

98th, and neighbors on 46th are worried that traffic slowed by speed humps on 47th would divert to, and increase speed down their streets, prompting them to request calming devices there as well.

Neighbors on 47th Ave SW north of Brace Point Dr. reported that cars rounding the circle at the intersection already speed up on their long block, and they want traffic calmed there, too.

The concerns on that block and those of neighbors south of SW 98th are yet to be addressed but the idea of installing chicanes, rather than speed humps, was suggested. A series of petitions for approval may be required to proceed with that possibility.

FUN, FOOD AND NEIGHBORS

The FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST features free tastings of our favorite eateries in our neighborhood. Mark the date Tuesday, March 24th to join us at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Endolyne Joe's, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, the Original Bakery, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, Bird on a Wire Espresso and Abbonanza Pizzeria bring samples of their delicious offerings. This is also our annual meeting and membership drive. We keep the meeting and officer elections short and the fun long. There's a no host bar but the food and fun are free!



NEAR SHUT-OUT FOR SPAWNERS

For the second year since 1994, spawning season was a non-event on Fauntleroy Creek. Volunteer watchers documented only one Coho (code named "Hillary") in the fish ladder and she waited in vain for a mate.

Seventeen watchers brought enthusiasm to the watch, as did more than 60 community residents of all ages who participated in the annual drumming in late October to call in the spawners.

The 2008 Coho return was sparse in all city creeks. As hap-

pened two years ago, warm water off the coast (which reduces food and oxygen) is thought to have killed a high percentage of Coho from this region.

The seven public and two private schools that raise salmon for spring release in the creek received a boost this winter from the Fauntleroy Watershed Council for aquarium upgrades. Thanks to a very generous Fauntleroy resident, each school received funds for a larger filter, test kits, and other supplies to help teachers

and students do a better (and less frustrating) job of rearing their Coho to release size.

"Over the last couple of years, the city, school district, and state have been hard pressed to support Salmon in the Classroom," said council member Judy Pickens. "We took the initiative to aid these schools because their fish are valuable for the creek and the experience is so valuable for the hundreds of students involved."

SNAP TO IT!

By Gordon Wiehler

SNAP stands for Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare but what does it mean? SNAP is a simple and flexible process designed to help neighborhoods create plans that are specific to the neighborhood to "Get Ready, Get Connected and Get Strong for any potential emergency."

Fellow Fauntleroy neighbor and City of Seattle SNAP training coordinator, Debbie Goetz, has graciously volunteered to give a SNAP training course later this spring. More details will be announced at the public meeting on February 18 and on the FCA email calendar.

GATEWOOD STUDENTS AIDING STATE RESEARCH

For the second year, two fourth/fifth-grade classes at Gatewood Elementary are helping add to the body of knowledge about Fauntleroy Creek.

Last spring they completed a study of aquatic insects in the reach to the beach, comparing an undisturbed section with a completely rebuilt channel. (See www.fauntleroy.net/creek/resporsand studies for their findings.)

This school year, they are aiding the State Department of Ecology in its study of fecal coliform levels in creek water. Teams of students will be collecting water samples every month at four locations

along the creek for testing in a state lab. Watershed resident Jed Moore is working with Sinang Lee, water cleanup coordinator for Ecology, and school staff to make the project happen, with an emphasis on helping students develop scientific discipline and chart and interpret test results.

"We're excited about engaging these bright students in fieldwork that teaches them how we use science and math to understand real-world environmental problems," she said. "But most important, we hope they learn how to be good stewards of this watershed and then teach others to do the same."

KUDOS TO ALL THE ARTISTS AT THE FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL

By Martha Callard

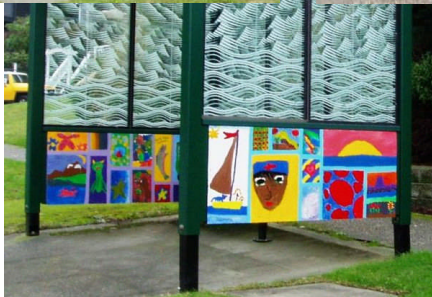
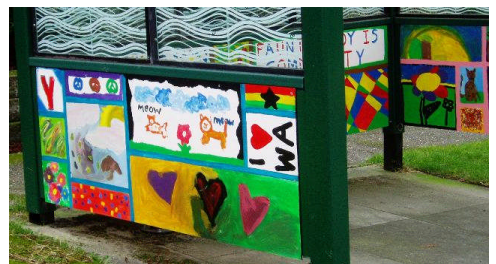
From plain to fancy!

The Fauntleroy bus stops are now ablaze with colorful and imaginative artwork thanks to the efforts of our neighborhood volunteer artists at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. Your creations have certainly brightened the neighborhood on these gray winter days.

Before ↓



After ↓



FORUM SERIES TO EXAMINE 'COMMUNITY'

By Judy Pickens

The subject of "community" often comes up in Fauntleroy in the form of questions: What is it? Where does it come from? How do we keep it from slipping away?

Starting in late February, Fauntleroy Church will host a series of Wednesday evening forums to examine several facets of community, especially how residents, businesses, and institutions might cultivate a better sense of belonging and the common good.

"Recreating Community in Our Day" will kick off on Feb. 25 with a showing of the documentary, "The Fauntleroy Story: 100 Years of Community," to highlight the values instilled by neighborhood founders and present-day challenges as Fauntleroy and the city grow and change.

Then for the next several weeks, speakers will provide perspectives and spark discussion. They will include

- Bill Grace, leadership consultant, on values that

help and hinder creation of community.

- Diane Shiner, former executive director of the Whidbey Institute, on the interchange between community and environment.
- Jim Diers, consultant, author, and former head of the Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods, on shaping community in an urban setting.
- Michael Ramos, executive director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, on the problems and promises of diversity.

"Our goal is to get people talking and looking at possibilities," said forum organizer Rev. David Kratz. "We're excited about having broad community participation in the conversation and seeing where it leads."

Each forum in the free series will start at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Watch for details at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR YOU

Seattle Police Department's SW Crime Prevention Coordinator, Benjamin Kinlow (206 684-7724) posts timely and useful safety hints at the SPD website, <http://www9.seattle.gov/police/precincts/southwest/prevention.htm>. A quick sampling of recent postings includes safety for the home, preventing burglaries, traffic safety and dealing with "nuisance houses." Check it out

PROPOSED KENNEY REDEVELOPMENT

By Cindi Barker

The second meeting for The Kenney's Early Design Review Guidance on Jan. 8 was a lengthy meeting. For an extensive description of the meeting, please refer to the West Seattle Blog at <http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?p=13385>. At the FCA newsletter deadline, coverage by the West Seattle Herald had not been published and minutes taken by the Morgan Community Association were not yet transcribed and posted, please watch for those if you are following this project. MoCA's Website is <http://www.morganjunction.org/>



It is important for people to stay informed of both proposed design revisions and of the processes involved. We are not sure of the timing of the MUP application to be submitted by the Kenney, but we can use this interim period to seek clarification on the processes involved, especially since there seemed to be contradictory information given at the Jan 8th meeting. If you have concerns, please communicate those to the FCA board, who will continue to work with the Morgan Community Association to determine next steps for the community. And if anyone would like to form a sub-committee to help work on this significant and complicated project, please let the board know as well.

The Design Review Board has concluded this Early Design Review phase and the project is now moving forward into the Master Use Permit process.

THE FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Upcoming...

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; Wednesday, February 18, 7 PM at the Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. This important informational meeting will bring you up to date on what's going on in our neighborhood.

'RECREATING COMMUNITY IN OUR DAY', a five-week forum series starting Wednesday, March 4, 7 PM in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Details at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL, Thursday, March 12, 7 PM at Fauntleroy Church. Watershed residents interested in Fauntleroy Park and/or the Fauntleroy Creek system are encouraged to attend. Details at 938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com.

FAUNTLEROY FOOD FEST and annual membership drive. Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 PM at the Hall at Fauntleroy. All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to attend.

Ongoing...

FAUNTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meets the second Tuesday of every month (except August and December) at 7 PM in the meeting room of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to join the monthly business meetings of this, your community association.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL meets the first Wednesday of the month at South Seattle Community College President's Board Room at 7 PM.

FRIENDS OF FAUNTLEROY PARK invites friends and neighbors to monthly weeding parties on the second Sunday of each month, 1-3 PM. For information, call 938-1567.

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The FCA Board meets on the **second Tuesday of the month** (except August and December) at the **Fauntleroy Schoolhouse** starting at 7 p.m.

All Fauntleroy neighbors are invited to attend. Our mailing address is FCA, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS NOT A MEMBER? -- JOIN TODAY!

All memberships are due in January. If you have not renewed for 2009 as yet, please do so now.

Annual membership is \$25. To join, complete the membership form below and mail it with your check to FCA Treasurer, P. O. Box 46343, Seattle, WA 98146-6346. Thank You!

Name _____

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- Please put my name on your e-mail calendar list to alert me to upcoming important dates and events.
 Please send **Neighbors** Newsletter to me via email.

Do you have new neighbors?
Welcome them with a Fautleroy
Community Association Welcome
Bag full of information and gifts.
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call Ann Dunbar (206) 933-5575 (or
dunbar@zipcon.net) with your new
neighbor's information.



All Fautleroy neighbors are invited
to attend the monthly FCA board
meetings held at 7:00 P.M. the
second Tuesday of each month at
the meeting room of the Fautleroy
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IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL

Please excuse what may seem like an impersonal mailing label. For years the FCA has utilized bulk mail to send the *Neighbors* newsletter and other mail to keep mailing costs affordable. Occasionally the Post Office changes requirements and we must comply.

You may have noticed this change on other "Bulk" mail in your box. The addresses must now contain the words "OR CURRENT RESIDENT" on the line below your name. If we forget that line, it may be returned to us (for a fee) or routed first class at a higher cost. Please don't take this line to mean we don't know who you are, we're just following the new rule.

If the person named on the label has moved, kindly let us know and we'll make the change. Write to Newsletter@Fautleroy.Net or call 206 932 2400.

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For supporting the Fautleroy Community Association by making their bulk mail service available to us over the years and helping keep our costs down.

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Mark your calendar

Feb. 18, Neighborhood Information Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Fautleroy Church Fellowship Hall

March 24, Fautleroy Food Fest and Annual Meeting at the Hall at Fautleroy

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