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'DRUM CAFÉ' FOR TEENS AMONG NEW FEATURES OF FALL FESTIVAL

Attention middle and high schoolers: Mark your calendars to come jam with your peers at this year's Fautleroy Fall Festival.

The free **Oct. 20** event will inaugurate a "drum café" open throughout the festival to youth 12 to 18 years old. The creation-and-jam session will have special guests, including percussion professionals, and a variety of drums on hand. It will be geared to teens new to drumming as well as those who are experienced.



This addition to the festival will also be a great opportunity for teens to volunteer and gain community service hours. If you are able to volunteer an hour during the event, talk with your school counselor and let organizers know at fautleroyfallfestival@gmail.com.

A \$1,200 grant from the City of Seattle's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs is underwriting the café. In her grant proposal, FCA Director Kim Petram emphasized the key role that arts and culture play in achieving the festival's community-building objective.

Pick up a festival guide when you arrive for a full list of activities and venues, including the café.

Several other new activities will join the many

festival favorites due back this year. They will include a Zumba dance clinic, music while waiting for pony rides, and Cub Scouts helping with festival recycling.

The festival will run **2-6 pm** in the "triangle" - Fautleroy Church, Fautleroy YMCA, and the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

WEIGH IN ABOUT MOTORCYCLE NOISE

By Gordon Wiehler

This spring, an FCA member came to our monthly business meeting with a request for help in dealing with the loud motorcycles that daily race up Fautleroy Way and Barton after getting off the ferry. The woman and her neighbors have small children and the noise wakes them several times between 5 am and 7 am.

Many of us in Fautleroy have put up with this excessive motorcycle noise for years and some of us have called the police only to be discouraged by their unwillingness to follow through. When they get one or two calls every now and then, the problem simply doesn't rise to the level needed to make it a priority.

A number of times over the years, FCA has tried to mitigate motorcycle noise, to no avail. At one point, we convinced Washington State Ferries to try loading motorcycles toward the back of its boats, so they wouldn't disembark in a noisy pack at the head of the line, but the change made loading too inefficient.

Now, several members of FCA have come together to see if something can be done. Over the past few months, they have been documenting the noise on video and with sound meters, then compiling the data.

Part of the police decision not to make this problem a priority may be that not enough people are faithfully reporting it. Let's try impressing them with numbers - both noise data and how many residents are affected - at FCA's Sept. 26 community-safety meeting.

If you have been affected by motorcycle noise and wish to add your voice to the cause, email me at gmwinv@comcast.net so we can count you in. Our success depends on our speaking as one.

COMMUNITY SAFETY, ICE CREAM PAIR UP FOR SEPT. 26 MEETING

In response to interest expressed by residents in the recent neighborhood survey, FCA will host a forum on **Sept. 26** devoted to community safety. The free event will be **7-8:30 pm** at **The Hall at Fautleroy** in the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

Plan to come at **6:30**, though, for an ice-cream social made possible by the community businesses and institutions that advertise in this newsletter.



The first half of the meeting will be presentations about neighborhood safety by officers from the Southwest Precinct. During the second half, they will respond to any and all audience questions.

Area Block Watches have been invited to staff information tables to give residents not yet enrolled in a Block Watch a feel for how they operate.

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ARTERIAL TO GET MORE TREES

By Claudia Levi

This fall, the Seattle Department of Transportation is planning to plant up to 80 trees along the east side of Fauntleroy Way SW between SW Trenton and SW Holly streets. With plans by Seattle Parks and Recreation to add trees in that area along Lincoln Park, the result should be impressive.

Homeowners will be notified for approval and given a choice of tree species on a first-come, first-served basis: Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood, City Sprite Zelkova, Fragrant Snowbell, and *Parrotia Persica*.

Tree selection and location have been carefully considered to keep from obstructing any views. The trees are small, with a mature height of about 25 feet.

Trees have many valuable qualities that will add to the comfort and livability of living on this busy arterial. They will lower air and noise pollution, help manage rainfall, and add to the experience of walking along the sidewalks. A row of mature trees has even been known to lower the overall speed of cars as they pass.

The street trees along the residential side Fauntleroy Way will be in planting strips and the city will care for them. However, homeowners will be expected to water the saplings during their critical first two years.

If you have general questions, contact me at fauntleroytrees@gmail.com. I am keeping a list of my fellow homeowners interested in having a tree or wanting to opt out. All those who participate will be notified at the end of September to select their trees. Planting is scheduled for the first week of November.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FALL BRINGS COLOR, EVENTS

By David Haggerty

As I prepare for upcoming community gatherings in the neighborhood, it's hard not to have autumn on my mind. The arachnid explosion is here and I have walked through my fair share of webs out in the garden or on my evening strolls.

It is only a matter of time before the grand ol' oak tree in front of Fauntleroy Church begins its "show." I never know what to expect year after year. Will it be the intense bursts of color or the more subdued hues of our westerly outlooks? What will Mother Nature offer this year?



Similarly, what will our dedicated volunteers bring to the 11th annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival? We have been trained to expect pony rides, pumpkins (with wet paint), and entertaining music. Our hunger will be satiated by neighborhood eateries and the teen bake sale.

What other bursts of color will we experience at this great community event? Come find out at the bend in the road on Barton/California Ave., Oct. 20, 2-6:00 pm!

Also not to be missed will be our community safety meeting on Sept. 26. You asked FCA for it and now you get it! Come connect with our local police precinct and hear how you can make your home and this neighborhood safer.

Many thanks to the FCA board and other community volunteers working hard to produce these gatherings. If you'd like to give a hand, too, let me know at 206-932-1059 or dh@tuxedosandtennishoes.com. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining warm sun, the earth's bounty, and those pesky spiders.

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SERVICE AWARD TO FAUNTLEROY VOLUNTEER

American Legion Post 160 honored Judy Pickens with its 2013 award for community service. With it came a ride in the Hi-Yu Parade, which Orville Rummel initiated in 1934. Cecelia Dunbar (middle) and Paloma Gulassa (right) handed out salmon stickers along the route. Judy volunteers with Salmon in the Schools, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, West Seattle Elementary, Fauntleroy Church, and FCA. Photo courtesy Ann Dunbar

CHANGE IN SPONSORSHIP COMING AT THE KENNEY

By Judy Pickens

Change is in the wind at The Kenney but it's expected to be a gentle breeze, not a gale.

After more than a century of being rooted in the Presbyterian Church, the continuing-care retirement community is seeking new sponsorship.

"Sponsorship" or "affiliation" is the appropriate term, explained interim CEO Ed Mawe, because The Kenney is a non-profit corporation. Were it a for-profit business, "acquisition" or "merger" would describe the change that's coming.

Incorporated in 1901, the Samuel and Jessie Kenney Presbyterian Retirement Home welcomed its first residents in 1909. The Kenney grew into the only full-service, continuing-care facility in West Seattle, housed in a cluster of buildings along Fauntleroy Way SW, just north of Lincoln Park.

Plans for further expansion stalled in 2011 because the recession choked off potential financing, prospective residents were having trouble selling their homes, and neighbors voiced concern about the size of proposed structures. The Kenney's do-able alternative was to create a memory-care unit in existing space and upgrade its nursing and rehabilitation unit.

"Expansion is on hold until we get through this affiliation process," Ed said. "The long-term viability of The Kenney, though, depends on master planning."

Wesley Homes tops the list of prospective sponsors. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Wesley provides continuing elder care at its original campus in

Des Moines and on Lea Hill in Auburn.

"We started with a list of 16 or so potential sponsors and narrowed it to four. Wesley ended up being the most interested," Ed

explained. "Everyone on the list was a faith-based non-profit because the board wanted to make sure that The Kenney's new sponsor would be a good fit for our mission here."

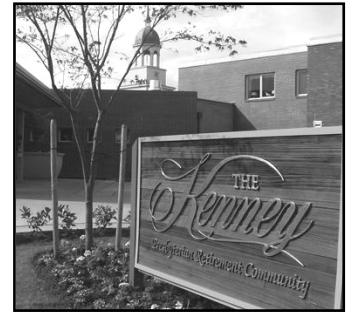
Since June, Wesley has been doing due diligence to see if sponsoring The Kenney would be a good fit from a business standpoint.

As far as The Kenney's residents are concerned, a change in sponsorship should cause hardly a ripple. Ed has been hosting regular coffees with residents throughout the process and has been keeping the staff up to date, as well.

As far as the neighborhood is concerned, Ed expects any non-profit sponsor to be sensitive to its place in the community. The only visible change may see is the new sponsor's tagline on The Kenney sign.

Internally, though, affiliating with a larger organization should bring positive changes, including savings through bulk purchasing, improved access to capital, and more staffing flexibility.

Assuming Wesley and The Kenney decide to go forward, Ed said they hope to wrap up the affiliation by the end of the year.



SCHOOLHOUSE INVITES ALUMNI TO HELP WITH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

By Denise Wallace

In 2017, the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse will celebrate 100 years of serving our community. Many alumni recall with great fondness the joy of growing up in Fauntleroy and the integral role that the school played in their lives. Are you among them?

A small group of volunteers has begun planning a centennial celebration and is looking for others to join them in this stroll down memory lane.

Frances Gifford and Susan Lantz-Dey are reaching out to area alumni who would like to participate in some way, big or small. The event itself is still being defined but the one thing we know is that it will be worthy of the schoolhouse's legacy.

If you would like to help or simply be kept informed, contact Frances at bfrancesg@yahoo.com or Susan at slantzdey@aol.com. Or call me at 425-0445-4064.

The sounds of children - whether from the Fauntleroy Children's Center, Dance! West Seattle, Lincoln Park Cooperative Preschool, or Taproot School - are evidence that the building's legacy and core mission are firmly in place. The building is also used by a number of

community-minded businesses, most notably Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering.

As property manager, I continue to find new programs and services to add to the mix, including senior strength and fitness, Pilates, music and movement for kids, youth and adult Aikido, and senior caregiver services.

A recent addition is the art gallery in the main hall, showcasing local artists. Enjoy it anytime the building is open or consider a purchase for your collection.

As we approach the centennial, the leadership of the schoolhouse has engaged in conversations with some in the community about its future. Responses have been thoughtful, positive, and visionary.

The Fauntleroy Community Service Agency will be considering this input as it creates a statement to guide its work moving forward. Fund-raising efforts for the Raise the Roof Campaign continue, especially as fall means the return of the rainy season.

To learn more about the campaign, contact Kim Sheridan at fauntleroysschoolhouse@yahoo.com. To learn more about tenant businesses and services or upcoming programs, contact me at 425-445-4064 or www.fauntleroysschoolhouse.org.

FCA WORKING SOLUTION FOR CAR2GO PARKING IN FAUNTLEROY

By Gary Dawson

At the July 9 Seattle City Council Transportation Committee meeting, I provided testimony about the impact of Ordinance 124063, which allows the car-sharing company, Car2Go, to have unrestricted parking city-wide, including Fauntleroy's resident-only parking zone (RPZ#3).

Committee Chairman Tom Rasmussen responded that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) had asked Car2Go to provide data about use in our neighborhood, including how frequently and for how long its vehicles are parking on streets near the ferry terminal.



The following day, SDOT replied to our May 1 letter stating the same scenario and asking Car2Go to provide data by the end of July on its parking in Fauntleroy. After receiving that data, SDOT would do an analysis to see if revising the Car2Go permit for RPZ#3 is warranted. As of press time, we had not received any information about that analysis.

On July 11, Car2Go staff requested a meeting with FCA President David Haggerty and me. At that discussion a few days later, we recounted the history of ferry commuters' parking here, our successful effort to get RPZ#3, and subsequent vigilance and enforcement. We also described the community's sense of unfairness that the new ordinance has, in effect, provided convenient parking for ferry commuters near the

ACTIVE TIME TO WELCOME NEWCOMERS TO NEIGHBORHOOD

With the active housing market now, a house on your street or around the corner may have new owners.

FCA Director Susan Lantz-Dey will gladly bring you a welcome bag to pass along to your new neighbors or deliver it directly. The bag contains lots of information about Fauntleroy, plus gift certificates from area businesses and a homemade treat. Email her at slantzdey@aol.com or call 206-930-5219.

terminal while residents still must purchase RPZ#3 permits to park on the street by their homes.

Car2Go requested that we poll the community for opinions about the number of its parked cars that would be acceptable. In an unofficial poll of residents, we learned that any number of cars parked in front of homes by ferry commuters is unacceptable. The only Car2Go vehicles that would be okay are those being used by who live in RPZ#3.

FCA remains engaged in this issue and will continue to stay in contact with the Transportation Committee for a final resolution that will best serve our community.

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FCA'S COMMUNITY SURVEY NETS VALUABLE INFORMATION

By Mike Dey

Last fall, FCA initiated a survey of community residents and businesses to identify things of importance to the neighborhood. The survey ended in April, with the following the results:

- 10% of addresses responded, for a total of 272.
- 66% of respondents (180) were aware of FCA.
- 28% of respondents (76) were FCA members.
- 50% of respondents (136) were in households where the average age was 50 or older; current FCA members tended to be somewhat older.

Crime topped the list of concerns important to respondents, followed by changes in **bus service and access** and **vehicle parking and congestion**. Other topics noted were Fauntleroy Creek, Fauntleroy Park, pedestrian safety, and emergency preparedness.

Respondents enthusiastically supported FCA's engaging in family-oriented activities in the neighborhood with **other West Seattle non-profits**. The second most important type of activity was meeting with **civil servants**, such as (police, fire, transit, and Seattle Parks).

Respondents indicated a clear desire for FCA to work on **services for neighborhood elders**, such as a lending center for medical equipment, and viewed the **Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center** as an important asset to support.

The majority of all respondents get neighborhood information online, through the **West Seattle Blog**, **emails**, and the **FCA website**.

In addition to the community-safety meeting on the calendar for Sept. 26, the FCA Board plans to organize a public meeting in the new year on transit-related issues. The board is also exploring ways to enhance services for home-bound residents and expand joint activities with other area non-profits.

FCA directors are responding directly to residents who posed specific questions on their survey form. Questions of broad interest will be addressed on FCA's website and in the new "Since You Asked..." column in this newsletter.

SINCE YOU ASKED ...

Respondents to FCA's recent community survey raised many questions, and those of broad interest are grist for this new column. FCA Director Gary Dawson takes on a basic question about capacity:

Why isn't the FCA board responding directly to everyone who asked a question when completing to the survey? Isn't that important?

Yes, providing individual replies is important. It's just not always possible.

While sorting the 272 survey responses into categories and priorities, we realized that we could respond individually to people who asked very specific questions but that we simply didn't have the capacity to do that with general questions.

Like all community groups, FCA is a team of volunteers, each contributing time and effort so that, collectively, we can protect and improve the neighborhood. I'm proud to say that much hard work has earned FCA respect and credibility in West Seattle and beyond.

How much FCA can do and how well we can do it is limited by how many people are willing to volunteer, to take on specific projects long enough to answer specific questions about them authoritatively.

If you want to see FCA address a particular concern, here's how to guarantee action: Contact any officer or board member (see the list on p. 2), get your topic on the agenda at a monthly business meeting (see the events list on p. 7), and actively engage with the board to help solve the problem.

FCA's capacity to act, whether hosting a community meeting or taking on traffic concerns, depends on our members. If you're not a member, join. And if you are a member and are able, give a hand.



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COMMUNITY ACTION AVERTS MORE NUTRIENTS FOR 'STENCH' ALGAE

The announcement in April by Seattle Public Utilities that it planned to flush a stormwater outfall pipe discharging toward the south end of Fauntleroy Cove was in the nature of a "just letting you know" notice.

Not to the community, though.

Since the early 1980s, Fauntleroy has been plagued many summers by "the stench" – hydrogen sulfide gas emanating from rotting algae on the beach. Nutrients in the water, paired with summer heat, fuel excessive an algal bloom in the cove and, when the algae washes onto the beach, the resulting stench wafts into homes and backyards at high tide.

As the Fauntleroy Watershed Council reasoned, the worst area of growth is in the vicinity of that outfall pipe. Flushing debris from the pipe in July, as proposed, would pump more nutrients into the water right when the algae could benefit.

The council alerted the FCA Board and a joint objection went out, asking the city to delay flushing the pipe until past the algae's peak growing season. A noted algae researcher at Seattle Pacific University familiar with the cove advised that the work be rescheduled for early October.

Within days, the city proposed a compromise timeframe acceptable to all parties. The work will be done in early September, past the algal bloom's peak but in time for the contractor to make any pipe repairs *and* operate safely in the cove before the storm season.

"It was effective community action at its best," said FCA President David Haggerty. "We had key people who recognized a possible problem, knew an expert to consult, and made a compelling case. We not only got what we wanted but we also informed more people at the city about the 'stench' problem here."

The project is expected to flush about 30 cubic yards of sediment and organic debris from a flat section of the 740-foot, 27" diameter pipe. Once it's cleaned, the city will video the pipe to document condition and serviceability. The work will involve a barge in the cove and support at the street end.

FERRY CAR CAPACITY LIKELY TO INCREASE AT FAUNTLEROY

By Gary Dawson

As we reported in the June issue, the Legislature has provided funding for Washington State Ferries (WSF) to procure two 144-car ferries to be known as the "Olympic" class. We also stated that the first vessel, available next spring, would be put in service on the Fauntleroy/ Vashon/Southworth triangle route.

Now the WSF website says that the route assignment is yet to be determined.

Discussions with WSF's Triangle Route Schedule Rewrite Committee suggest that the new vessel will likely be assigned somewhere in central Puget Sound and that another Issaquah-class (133-car) vessel will replace an aging 87-car vessel at Fauntleroy.

Whether the replacement vessel has a 133- or 144-car capacity, the overall affect for Fauntleroy and West Seattle is about the same: a larger cluster of cars on Fauntleroy Way.

On another ferry- related topic, comments on FCA's community survey earlier this year formed a familiar wish list: reduce the number of daily sailings to Fauntleroy, solve the problem of traffic and congestion at the dock, and initiate passenger- only service from here to downtown.

In response, I can say that ferry service on Puget Sound is determined by demand and, even more, by funding from the Legislature. If the demand exists, the Legislature will direct WSF to satisfy it.

The Legislature has not, however, funded traffic control and monitoring at the dock on Fauntleroy Way by police or patrol officers. This lack is a safety concern of WSF and the community, and WSF is working to have the Legislature refund the service.

The idea of passenger-only service was scrubbed by the Legislature a few years ago, and renewing it isn't on the horizon. King County's Water Taxi is the only passenger-only service for West Seattle residents (and commuters from Vashon) to downtown.

The Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee will continue to participate on the schedule committee until its conclusion at the end of this year. As always, we welcome community input on this or all issues related to ferries. Contact me at garyann@quidnunc.net.



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FALL BRINGING MANY EVENTS

This fall will be another busy one for community events, as follows:

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Tuesday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 at 7 PM in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda details, contact FCA President David Haggerty at dh@tuxedosandtennisshoes.com or 206-932-1059.



2ND TIME SALE:
Sept. 14-15 at Fauntleroy Church. Expect bargains galore on an amazing assortment of culled,

clean, and organized items. **Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM** and **Sunday 11 AM - 1 PM**. Bake sale on Saturday. Cash or check only.

LINCOLN PARK STEWARDSHIP: Sunday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7. **9 AM - noon** starting at the kiosk in the north parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. Details from Sharon Baker at sabaker41@gmail.com or call 206-464-1068.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: Sunday, Sept. 22, 9 AM - 3 PM in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot, sponsored by the church's green committee and 1 Green Planet. See the long list of what will be accepted and short list of what will not at www.fauntleroyucc.org or on the *West Seattle Blog* as the date approaches. Free; donation optional.

ARTIST DEADLINE: West Seattle artists and artistic crafters must apply for the annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Gift Show** (Nov. 15-17) by **Sept. 30**. For details about the show hosted by Fauntleroy Church and the application form, visit www.fauntleroyucc.org or call the church office at 206-932-5600.

SWEET, SWEET MUSIC:

Friday, Oct. 11 at Fauntleroy Church featuring the popular local bluegrass band, Pickled Okra. **7:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. \$10 at the door gets you dessert and an evening of great music; kids free.



FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Sunday, Oct. 20 in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. **2 - 6 PM** with free activities for all ages, plus food vendors.

SALMON DRUMMING: Sunday, Oct. 27, at the fish-ladder viewpoint (SW Director and upper Fauntleroy Way SW). Arrive by **5 PM** with whatever you consider a drum for music, readings, and calling in the spawners. An all-ages, free event.

FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW: Nov. 15-17 at Fauntleroy Church featuring West Seattle artists and artisans. **Friday 5 - 8 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM, Sunday 11 AM - 2 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Watch for details at www.fauntleroyucc.org. Free.

PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS DELAY WORK IN RAVINE

The \$50,000, six-year project to restore native vegetation to the Kilbourne ravine has been delayed a year by unanticipated city permitting requirements.

"Department of Planning and Development staff are doing their job, following provisions of the city's critical-areas ordinance," explained Judy Pickens, project coordinator for the Fauntleroy Watershed Council.

"Unfortunately, for projects over 1,500 square feet,

the ordinance does not distinguish between a restoration project and a construction project, so we're having to jump through all the hoops."

The project aims to rid the ravine between 45th Ave. SW and California Ave. SW of invasive plants, especially the wild clematis that has for years been seeding the neighborhood. New native plants will improve wildlife habitat and filtration of stormwater before it enters the middle reach of Fauntleroy Creek at the base of the ravine.

Expect to see city signage this fall on the site, inviting public comment. If all goes well, on-the-ground work will start in the spring.





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THREE AREA CSO PROJECTS MOVING INTO CONSTRUCTION PHASE

As summer wraps up, so does demolition work on the old **wastewater pump station** adjacent to the Fautleroy Ferry Terminal. If you noticed an increase in jackhammering this August, you were hearing the old roof slab being broken up for recycling.

Activities this fall will be all about new construction, including the odor control/generator building, the valve vault, and the new pump room. The new facility will part of the solution to reducing combined-sewer overflows (CSOs) into Fautleroy Cove.

Neighbors will notice trucks entering and leaving the site to deliver materials, as well as familiar construction, including heavy machinery, noise, and crews on site between 7 am and 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday. For any questions, call the project hotline at 206-296-2999 or email kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov.

The site for the Murray CSO control facility across from Lowman Park is being cleared of structures. Crews have removed hazardous materials from the wood-frame buildings and salvaged reusable materials. They are removing the remaining materials and filling building foundations with soil to ensure that the site remains safe and stable until construction starts. This work will continue through September.

King County is finishing its review of bids from prospective contractors for construction of the facility, which is expected to start late this year.



The RainWise rebate program is up and running in Fautleroy as part of efforts to reduce CSOs here in the Barton basin. The workers above installed the first rain garden in July, at California Ave. SW and SW 102nd. RainWise rebates cover most or all of the cost of installing rain gardens and cisterns on private property in the basin. Check eligibility and get details at www.rainwise.seattle.gov. Photo courtesy King County

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