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FAUTLEROY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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TIME TO WELCOME SPRING WITH FEST FOR ALL AGES

This year's FCA Annual Meeting and Food Fest is shaping up to be the event we've all been looking for through the worst of the pandemic - and it will be

on the first full day of spring!

The Hall at Fautleroy will be a beehive of activity on **Tuesday, March 21, 6:00-8:00 pm**. Come for a free, all-ages evening of reconnecting with neighbors while you sample what local eateries have to offer, browse information tables, and vote on FCA leadership.

It will also be a good time to join FCA or renew your membership, so be sure to bring your checkbook or card.

In addition to the eateries shown, representatives will be staffing several information tables to chat with you about playful, artistic, civic-minded, caring, and outdoorsy projects and programs in this area.

Public-health protocols in place at the time of this event will apply.



WSF AIMING TO SELECT PREFERRED TERMINAL ALTERNATIVE THIS YEAR

Submitted by Washington State Ferries

Washington State Ferries (WSF) has narrowed its options for replacing the Fautleroy Ferry Terminal to two alternatives:

- 1) Retain the terminal's current footprint or
- 2) Expand the terminal to improve operations by providing more on-dock holding capacity for vehicles.

To avoid or minimize permanent impacts to nearshore habitat and recreational areas, including Cove Park, WSF is no longer considering the idea of widening the dock to accommodate 186 vehicles.

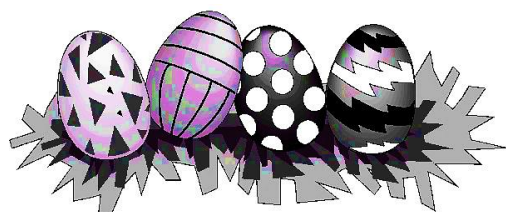
In the coming months, WSF will meet with agency partners, analyze traffic conditions at and near the terminal, develop cost estimates for alternatives, and finalize its feasibility study for implementing *Good To Go!* or advance ticketing. The project team will also identify improvements to make the terminal work more efficiently and improve safety for those who walk, bike, or roll onto the ferry and connect to transit.

This work, along with more input *(continued on p. 2)*



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FCA PRESENTS 2023 SPRING EGG HUNT

The price of eggs at the supermarket is way up but the eggs in this hunt will be down to earth!

Back by popular demand, FCA's free annual egg hunt will be **one day in one location**:

Saturday, April 1, 1:00-4:00 pm
Fautleroy Schoolhouse playground

Bring the kids and a basket for each, then stand back as they search for eggs with treasures (not candy) inside.

Add a bit more fun by joining coordinator Candace Blue and Scott Wiesemann at a stuffing party or help hide the eggs. Email her at leeblue2@hotmail.com for specifics and to volunteer.

FCA'S POSITION ON TERMINAL REPLACEMENT

- 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.



FCA President Mike Dey, board member Marty Westerman, aide Emily Reardon, and board member Diana Spence hit the streets with SDOT Director Greg Spotts (center) for the December tour. Photo by West Seattle Blog

TOUR OF SAFETY PROBLEM AREAS GETS SDOT DIRECTOR'S ATTENTION

For the past eight years, traffic and pedestrian safety have been the No. 1 or No. 2 concerns Fauntleroy residents have prioritized on FCA's bi-annual surveys, and they go back much further.

Shortly after Greg Spotts was confirmed to head the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), the Board invited him to come see firsthand the most concerning problem areas.

On Dec. 19, four FCA Board members escorted him to key trouble spots: the pedestrian crossing near Lincoln Park's north parking lot, traffic on Fauntleroy Way SW during ferry loading and unloading, vehicle speed at the intersection at 45th Ave. SW and SW Wildwood Place, and the crosswalk on California Ave. SW between the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse and Fauntleroy Church.

Along the way, board members thanked him for the traffic-calming methods that his department implemented during the high-bridge closure and emphasized that improvements are still needed to assure that the neighborhood is as safe as possible for pedestrians.

The director spoke highly of the neighborhood and its relative walkability and asked to return to see traffic conditions during a typical afternoon commute for ferry users. FCA will be getting a date on the calendar.

FERRY TERMINAL (continued)

from project advisory groups, community members, and users of the triangle route, will help the team select its preferred alternative.

WSF expects to host community meetings later this year. Until then, check the project website for updates: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/sr-160-fauntleroy-terminal-trestle-transfer-span-replacement. That's where you'll also find the full report on what options are currently being considered, plus recordings of all meetings of project advisory groups.

To submit a comment or question or ask to be put on the project listserv to get updates directly, email FauntleroyTermProj@wsdot.wa.gov.

FCA MATCHING INTEREST WITH WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO NEIGHBORHOOD

By Vice President Catherine Bailey

Are you interested in making our small corner of the world a better, more positive place?

FCA stands ready to connect you with opportunities that will give your skills and interests a chance to flourish while working alongside other like-minded neighbors.

If you have just an hour or two, you might help with this year's spring egg hunt or take a turn at watering our planter boxes on summer days.

If you have more time and energy, the FCA Board is seeking new members.

➡ Our long-time treasurer, Alexis Zolner, recently stepped down and we need someone to pick up the financial responsibilities that she so ably managed.

➡ We need someone at the board level to focus on membership development - building connections among our members, from new residents to established business partners.

To learn more, email contact@fauntleroy.net and we'll be in touch to talk.



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ASSURING A COLORFUL SPRING

In late January, a dozen volunteers (including photographer Frank Immel) freshed all 23 planter boxes in the Endolyne business area and planted bulbs for a spring show of tulips and daffodils. They also returned a few boxes to where they belong after a driver apparently moved them to create a parking space!

Email Kim Frost Immel at kmfrost1965@comcast.net to be notified of the next work party, on a Saturday in May.

Also email her if you could use a free, gorgeous evergreen (or two) for your yard. Both are healthy but need more space to stretch their legs. A small donation toward replacement plants would be welcome.

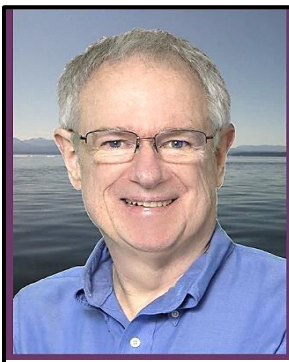
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REPAIR WORK DELAYED UNTIL JULY

By Frank Immel, Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee

The repair to the damaged dolphin on the south end of the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal's trestle was delayed last fall by a fabrication issue with the top component. It has been rescheduled for July, when the fish window for in-water work will be open. At that time, expect a crane barge in the cove and activity over a few days.

The route will continue on a two-boat schedule for the next few months. The ferry system intends to return to three boats as soon as crew and boat availability allow. We'll post an update on FCA's website (fauntleroy.net).

In the meantime, please be mindful of more congestion around the terminal as ridership increases with spring.



PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO OPENS IN SCHOOLHOUSE

Photographer Holli Margell has opened a studio in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. She has been renting space there for special events but now is transforming a classroom into Native Light Studio.

Holli specializes in branding and corporate photography for websites, social media, and the many uses for creative portraits. She also offers custom and online classes. Find details and many examples of her work at nativelightphoto.com.

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FROM PAST TO PRESENT

ADAMS BUILDING FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ENDOLYNE BUSINESS AREA

By Judy Pickens

The end of The Original Bakery's 88-year run in this neighborhood prompted me to learn more about the building that housed it for so long. As with any historical research, some sources proved to be more reliable than others, so details here may differ from what you may have seen elsewhere.

The Adams Building is the centerpiece of Fautleroy's Endolyne business area. As such, it has housed many tenants over its 97 years, the Original Bakery that just closed being the longest-lived by far.

After doing a brisk business outfitting for the Klondike Gold Rush, John Adams used his profits to buy 300 acres

property's slope, it steps down to the north and west. An office space in the basement is now storage.

So that he could maximize rental income from his new building, Adams re-established his real-estate office across Wildwood facing 45th. A grocery store and small restaurant (the Hawthorne Inn, then the Trolley Stop Café) were early tenants.

In what the *West Seattle Herald* described it as "a distinctive step in the development of the Fautleroy district," George Henrikson opened his Fautleroy Pharmacy in 1928, occupying the north end of the building. The 1935 opening of The Original Bakery next door proved to be popular as well, serving residents over nearly five decades.



When this photo was taken, in 1937, the Adams Building had a small wood-frame addition on the south side, where the parking lot is now. John Adams's real-estate building is visible at far right, across SW Wildwood Place. From *West Side Story*

of woodland in what was already named Fautleroy. He came here in 1904 and opened a real-estate office the following year to promote the residential development he was counting on when a trolley line from the Junction reached the southern city limits at SW Roxbury. Like others with money to make money, he helped pay for laying the tracks. In 1907, the line arrived, giving him a lot of attractive lots to sell.

BUILDING OWNERSHIP

Shortly before his death, in 1954, John Adams sold his building to Ray and Rose Dias and Milton in partnership with Frances Forman. They sold it in the 1960s to Jack and Ellen Cromer, who sold it in 1980 to family-owned Stevens Developments, Inc., which continues to manage it.

As more and more houses dotted the landscape, the prospect of shopping close to home prompted Adams to build a wood-frame "trading post" on the southwest corner of 45th Ave. SW and SW Wildwood Place. He moved his real-estate office in, and a Mr. Seavey operated a general store there

until fire destroyed the building in 1925.

The following year, Adams completed the 14,830 sq. ft. brick building that stands there today. Because of the

The grocery store eventually lost business to supermarkets up the hill and that space became a convenience store, followed by a restaurant (the Saffron Cow, then Endolyne Joe's since 2003). Along the way, resizing created the two retail spaces that face Wildwood. One of them housed the Seattle Public Library's Fautleroy Station from 1945 until the Southwest Branch opened in 1961.

With tenants tweaking their spaces over the years, John Adams would hardly have recognized the interior of his building. According to the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, The Original Bakery's space remained the most intact.

The name of the bakery's founder is lost to history but Bill Latta, who grew up in the community, owned it from the 1940s into the 1960s. Florian Dunbar took over from Latta and ran it until Bernie Alonzo got the keys in 1975. Upon his retirement in 2023, the bakery closed after 48 years under his watch.

Sources: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods; *West Side Story* edited by Clay Eals; *Fautleroy Legacy* by Roy W. Morse and E. Richard Brown; the Alonzo family; the Stevens family

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ON THE CALENDAR

FAUNTLEROY CHILDREN'S CENTER AUCTION: The center is getting "All Jazzed Up" for its 36th annual auction to raise \$50,000 for scholarships, staff development, and outdoor play structures. The silent auction will run online **March 12 - 18**, then a cocktail live auction in the Hall at Fauntleroy will follow on **Saturday, March 18**. The center's 33 staff members serve more than 120 children ages 1 month to 13 years. Find details at fauntleroycc.schoolauction.net/auction2023/register/ticket_sales.

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Any resident is welcome to attend FCA business meetings on Tuesday, **March 14**, **April 11**, and **May 9**, 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.

FCA ANNUAL MEETING AND FOOD FEST: Bring your appetite for food, information, and reconnecting to the Hall at Fauntleroy at **6 pm** on **Tuesday, March 21**. Not an FCA member? Join during this free all-ages event.

SPRING EGG HUNT: Bring a basket to join in FCA's free one-day, one-location hunt on **Saturday, April 1, 1:00-4:00 pm** at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse playground.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: The spring roundup will be **Saturday, April 22, 9 am - 3 pm** in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for an updated list of what you may bring for free, responsible recycling.



**NEW WAY
TO EXPLORE
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PARK COMING**

If you've ever been curious about the tree species that have existed in the Pacific Northwest for thousands of years and especially those living beside us in Fauntleroy, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council is about to unveil just the resource for you.

In an effort to deepen local knowledge about many roles native trees and shrubs play here, Lindsey Conrad is leading the team of volunteers planning to unveil a self-guided walk in Fauntleroy Park this May.

Thanks to a grant from the West Seattle Garden Tour, you'll be able to find your way to 12 markers at the foot of native trees and shrubs along well-maintained trails in the park. A side benefit is that the walk may take you to safely accessible areas in the park you might not have explored.

By using your smart phone and the QR code on each marker, you'll get to photos and a profile of each species on the council's website. Each well-researched profile will include features that distinguish the species, its ecological impacts on the watershed, and how Coast Salish peoples valued it over centuries.

Visit the council's information table at FCA's Annual Meeting and Food Fest on March 21 to find out more and watch the *West Seattle Blog* for an announcement when the walk is live.

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THIS AND THAT WORTH NOTING

By Vice President Catherine Bailey

Glimpses of spring and more hours of sunlight are spurring your FCA Board and other volunteers to continue projects begun last year (see the enclosed 2022 annual report), as well as seize new opportunities for improving the neighborhood.

Our December walkaround with Greg Spotts, the city's new transportation director, opened the door for a second visit. It also generated an updated list of public-safety priorities we'd like to see accomplished (see p. 2).

Several weeks ago, the work party led by Kim Frost Immel to spruce up the planter boxes in the Endolyne business area (see p. 2) included an incident worth mentioning. A neighbor driving by noticed graffiti on the boxes and, knowing he had solvents in his trunk, stopped to help - a simple act that affirmed just how much residents of this community care. Thank you!

The FCA Board currently has two opportunities to demonstrate such caring, as noted on p. 2:

- Someone to take the baton from retiring treasurer Alexis Zolner.
 - Someone to take on the membership-development role initiated by Sydney Hammerquist.
- I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting and Food

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Fest on March 21 (see p. 1). It will be a great opportunity to chat with neighbors, enjoy free samples from local eateries, and get information about local projects and programs. A short business meeting at 7:00 will recognize volunteers and elect FCA leaders.

You are also welcome at our monthly business meetings, either in person or online. Find details in the "On the Calendar" list on p. 5.

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