

ANNUAL MEETING AND FOOD FESTIVAL ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESS

The Fauntleroy Community Association celebrated its twenty-fourth year of service with our third annual Food Fest and Annual Meeting May 12 at The Hall at Fauntleroy. Over 200 people attended, including board members, local politicians and representatives from area groups.

Food samples ranging from soup to carrot cake, satay, tacos, and much more served by local eateries, Endolyne Joe's, Bird on a Wire Espresso, Guadalajara Restaurant, Tuxedo and Tennis Shoes Catering, On-Safari Foods and The Original Bakery were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A highlight of the evening was the assortment of door prizes generously provided by local businesses.

Information tables staffed by the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, Seattle Police Department, Morgan Community Organization, Nature Consortium, Adams Community Association, Fauntleroy YMCA, Flex Car, American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) and Northwest Hope and Healing offered insights into a variety of local resources and their upcoming events.

During the course of the evening, attendees were invited to complete a 'priorities survey' listing some of the activities in which the FCA is involved. The purpose of the survey was to get an idea of what is important to you, the Fauntleroy neighborhood. (See "Priorities Survey Results," page 2)

The official business of the annual meeting consisted of election of the Officers and Board Members for the following year. All nominees were unanimously approved with Bruce Butterfield continuing to serve as President; Kim Petram, Vice President and Secretary; Phil Sweetland, Treasurer. At Large Board Members are Gary Dawson, Martha Callard, Renee Chatalas, Vlad Oustimovitch, Vicki Schmitz-Block, Kathleen Dellplain, Martin Westerman, Charles Sawyer, and Mardi Clements.

Photos courtesy of Gail Ann Studio and Gallery



We thank our food providers

Endolyne Joe's
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Priorities Survey Results: "Ferry Related Issues" the Top Priority

It came as no surprise that issues surrounding the Ferry were the top concern when the Priorities Survey responses were counted from the annual meeting submissions and returned email. Respondents were asked to rank some or all of 11 different issues or insert their own comments in "other."

Of the 60+ surveys returned, 44 respondents marked "Ferry Related Issues" among their concerns, with 27 of those giving it the number one priority. Salmon Habitat preservation was the number two concern with 38 responses, followed by Lincoln Park security issues and FCA's Annual Nature Event (35 responses each), tied for the third highest priority. In descending order, "Fall Festival"

(32), "Neighbors Newsletter" (32), and "Other Traffic Concerns" (29), "Providing a Forum for Meeting With Elected Officials" (29), "Neighborhood Night Out Events" (28), "On-street Parking Concerns" (26), "Cove Park Clean-up" (24), and "Liaison With Other Community Groups" (22) were marked. Most respondents rated only their top three or four concerns.

Among the comments in "Other" were noxious weeds, crime near 35th Avenue, Block Watch, toxic runoff from non-point sources (lawns, patios, driveways, streets), and there was a request for "concerts/music/block party," and one for "concert in Lincoln Park." A full report on the survey will be presented in the next issue of *Neighbors*.

Community Calendar

June 21 to 23 – Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project "Keeping You Moving During Construction; Reconnecting You to the Waterfront" Come learn about constructing a replacement for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall and what will happen on the waterfront when construction is over. Info at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct or E-mail viaduct@wsdot.wa.gov

June 21 – Benaroya Hall 4 – 7:30 PM (enter at 3rd Avenue & Union Street.

June 22 – Interbay, National Guard Armory Drill Room, 1606 Armory Way, 5-7:30 PM

June 23 – West Seattle High School Commons 3000 California Ave. SW, 5– 7:30 PM

June 30 – Ferry Advisory Committee open house at the Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California Avenue, 6:00 PM. Washington State Ferries will present their 10 year plan for growth to view and discuss levels of service on the triangle route Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth including options for both auto and passenger-only service. This is the second phase for public input. Good participation and feedback is encouraged.

July 10 – Weeding Party, Friends of Fauntleroy Park 2 - 4 PM. Meet at the Barton St entrance (at 40th Ave. SW) to the park. We will train new volunteers and supply gloves as necessary. Questions? Call Luli Weatherwax at 206 624-5808.

July 15 to 17 – West Seattle Junction Festival

Information at www.wsjunctionfestival.com

July 16 – Fauntleroy Church Parking Lot Sale 9 AM to 3 PM. Come early for the best buys! Community groups or individuals interested in renting table space contact Liz Thomas, 937-1824.

July 17 – The Art of Gardening, Eleventh Annual WS Garden Tour 9 AM – 5 PM \$15 per person, tickets available at ArtsWest, WS Nursery, and Junction True Value Hardware. Information at www.westseattlegardentour.org

July 31 – West Side Baby's 5th annual "Stuff the Bus with Diapers" from 10 AM – 2 PM at the West Seattle Farmers Market.

August 2 – Seattle Night Out 2005 – Street Closure permit request deadline is **July 26**. Organize your neighborhood for this annual crime prevention and get to know your neighbors event. Check online for street closure application and information at www.seattle.gov/police.

September 8 – Fauntleroy Watershed Council regular meeting 7 PM at Fauntleroy Church– Any resident interested in Fauntleroy Park and/or Fauntleroy Creek is encouraged to get involved!

September 11 – West Seattle Farmers Market Fund Raiser combines specialty crops of area farmers with the talents of local celebrity chefs. Watch for advance publicity and ticketing information as the date draws near.

Register YOUR neighborhood's NIGHT OUT activity with Benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov (684-7724) and send an email to news@fauntleroy.net describing your event so we can report in the next issue of *Neighbors* on Fauntleroy participation in this annual crime prevention effort.

Ferry Advisory Committee Report

By Gary Dawson

For many years the Fauntleroy Community Association and the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee have strenuously lobbied for increased passenger-only ferry service from Vashon and Southworth to downtown Seattle. We have met with Seattle Mayors, past and present, City and County Council Members, Legislative members, Washington State Ferries, Ferry Advisory committees and commuter groups from Vashon and Southworth, and many more.

The general consensus of everyone that we have worked with is that there is a substantial demand for increased passenger-only service for agreed upon reasons that it is quicker, costs less, and takes peoples directly where they want to go, downtown.

Neighborhood concerns are closer to home. Almost 1.8 million vehicles traversed West Seattle to and from the Fauntleroy Ferry dock in 2004, and a large number of those commuters would prefer not to drive through West Seattle and onto the Spokane St. and Alaskan Way viaducts. Providing passenger-only service for those commuters would most certainly help reduce traffic congestion and more importantly, reduce exhaust emissions for a cleaner environment. One passenger-only vessel can eliminate hundreds of vehicles from our streets on each departure.

Although the State operated limited service between Vashon and Seattle was recently funded for another two years, long term funding is needed to initiate and sustain increased service. During the

recent concluding legislative session, there was a difference of philosophy within the Legislature as to whether passenger-only ferry service on Puget Sound should be State operated or provided solely by private enterprise. However, understanding that there is substantial interest for passenger-only service on Puget Sound, whether public or private, the Legislature is establishing a Joint Transportation Committee to study needs and resources for passenger-only ferry service.

The Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee has submitted an application for a position on this panel and is waiting for the appointment announcement regarding acceptance of that application.

A more current event now taking place is a series of public meetings conducted by Washington State Ferries. Last year the Legislature instructed WSF to construct a ten year plan for growth, and a pre-draft plan is now being presented in the public meetings throughout the Puget Sound region. The purpose of the meetings is to present options on different levels of service and to obtain public feedback on these options.

An open house to view and discuss levels of service at the triangle route of Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth will be held at the Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California Avenue, on **June 30th at 6:00 PM.**

It is important that Fauntleroy residents participate. WSF CEO and Director, Mike Anderson, urges Fauntleroy and West Seattle to have strong input in the triangle route structure decisions.

Community Comes Together for the "Spring Clean"

By Ann Dawson

On a (thankfully!) rain-free Sunday last April, at least 15 neighbors got together at Cove Park north of the ferry dock for a "spring clean." The age of the helpers ranged from the preschool set to the post-retirement crowd. A young mother with her two little boys dropped by and said, "We enjoy this park and we'd like to help clean too," and they did. Passersby

watching from the ferry lines must have wondered what all the people hunched over buckets were doing. Volunteers weeded, mulched, and swept so that the park looks clean and green once more. Watch for signs at the park or [visit www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net) to sign on to help with the next park clean-up.

Did you know – You Can 'Adopt' a Metro Transit Bus Stop ?

The program is aimed at reducing litter at and around unsheltered King County Metro Transit bus stops and establishes a partnership between volunteers and Metro. In exchange for maintaining the area around the adopted stop, Metro provides

free litter bags and offers volunteers ten round trip bus tickets per month and other incentives. For full information on the program, go to <http://transit.metrokc.gov/prog/aas/about.html>.

Progress Report on Traffic Issues

Speed on our local streets, motorcycle noise, ferry traffic in general, and pedestrian safety are of grave concern to all of us. Rest assured, we are working on these important safety issues. Each of the issues we identified takes a great deal of time, not to mention money, in the city transportation budget, before we will see any results.

Kim Petram has been working diligently on improving safety for pedestrians crossing Fautleroy Way in order to gain safe access to the athletic fields and playgrounds at the north end of Lincoln park. Her most recent effort was a letter to Megan Hoyt, Pedestrian Safety Engineer.

Dear Megan,

I read in the *Seattle Times* today about the renewed push for pedestrian safety by SDOT and the city. Brian's (Brian Kemper, SDOT's acting City Traffic Engineer) last message to me was that we are on the application list for a potential pedestrian activated crosswalk light as well as for a permanent speed indicator sign that the city is trialing.

I would like to make sure that Fautleroy will be allocated some of the new pedestrian safety signs that are discussed in the article, the one that says "Drive Carefully, Think of the impact you could make". We could certainly use these, at least one in each North/South direction along Fautleroy Way SW.

Also, the one crosswalk we do have that leads



toward Lincoln Park is in dire need of repainting. It is barely visible. If, in fact, we are eligible for an upgrade, as mentioned in the article, then we would like the crosswalk repaved so that it looks different from the regular road pavement. And, as always, we are still advocating for additional crosswalks to be painted on Fautleroy at each street end that intersects Fautleroy and Lincoln Park

Thank you Megan, this has been a long process but we remain optimistic that the city understands the safety issues impacting the Fautleroy community!

(signed) Kim Petram, Vice President, Fautleroy Community Association

You don't have to be a member of the FCA to let city officials know about your traffic safety concerns. Contact Megan (megan.hoyt@seattle.gov) or Brian (brian.kemper@seattle.gov) by email and express your concerns. All too often we are quick to complain, and then expect others to pick up the ball and run with it. Your voice, added to those of the FCA as we continue to pursue these issues, can help to get the solutions we so badly need.

Note: This hardly constitutes official notification of one aspect of progress, but Bruce Butterfield recently reported "I ran into Richard Conlin at a WS Chamber breakfast this morning and talked to him about the potential crosswalk light [north end of Lincoln Park on Fautleroy Way SW]. He said the list is 13 long, so we are one of 13 citywide. He says he is looking for funding to help us out but matching funds is a most likely source. I told him we will work toward the grants and thanked him for the support."

Neighborhood Night Out 2005 – Tuesday August 2nd

Registration Deadline Tuesday, July 26

Tuesday, August 2, is designated **Seattle's Neighborhood Night Out**. "Fautleroy Pot Luck - Neighborhood Night Out" was a high priority to many on our recent priority survey so we expect to see several Fautleroy's neighborhoods celebrate this annual event aimed at crime prevention. Be the organizer on your block to bring your neighbors together!

The city has a broad list of suggestions for neighborhood events. Have a lawn party, pet show, host a potluck or barbeque, make some music, play some games, have an ice cream sundae party, hold a parade, and perhaps most important, discuss disaster preparedness with your neighbors and decide who will call Benjamin Kinlow, Crime

Prevention Coordinator at SW Precinct (phone 684-7724 or email Benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov) to set up the initial meeting ("Emergency Procedures" page 6).

However you choose to celebrate Neighborhood Night Out, organize and register your block with the city if you require street closure. Applications are available through Benjamin Kinlow.

Neighbors newsletter would like to do a follow up article in our next edition reporting on the number and type of **Night Out** activities that took place in Fautleroy. Email your block's report, organizer's name and contact information, events, and number attending to news@fautleroy.net. We'd love to hear from you!

News from Fautleroy Creek

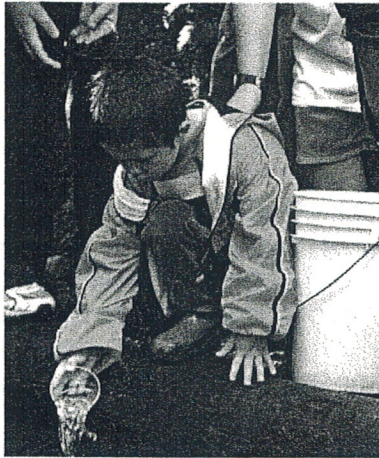
'Logging' First Step in Restoring Reach below 45th

By Judy Pickens

In cooperation with homeowners along the ravine, on-the-ground work is set to begin soon to improve coho rearing habitat in Fautleroy Creek below 45th Ave. SW. The fully permitted project is funded by a Community Salmon Fund grant being matched by volunteer hours, donated supplies, and in-kind services.

The first activity will be "logging" the creek - adding logs and root wads in the channel to slow flow, create more pools and hiding places for juveniles, and meter the silt that washes down from upstream.

A crew from EarthCorps, an international training program headquartered in Seattle, will spend a week in mid July doing the installation. Later in the summer, area residents will have a chance to "get down and dirty" to remove invasive plants and



Alex Kaye takes his turn at releasing coho fry raised by kindergarten and fifth-grade students at Arbor Heights Elementary. The nearly 1,200 fry released in Fautleroy Creek this spring by seven schools joined the "home hatch" to spend a year growing in fresh water. *Photo courtesy Steev Ward*

revegetate with native plants along the creek corridor.

Two years ago, the city and NOAA Fisheries invested in similar work throughout Fautleroy Park and along the mainstem to 45th. Follow-up monitoring of the reach below that point will complement data being collected now by Seattle Public Utilities to document project effectiveness.

Grant funding has also enabled development of a general plan for the "reach to the beach" - the last unrestored section of the creek. Partners include Seattle Public Utilities, EarthCorps, Natural Systems Design, Coastal Geologic Systems, Jones and Jones Landscape Architects, and the state departments of Ecology and Fish and Wildlife. Pending additional grant funding and permits, installation there is scheduled for summer 2006.

Many of our traffic complaints would be resolved if we would all just SLOW DOWN to the posted speed limit and respect pedestrian right of way

Diapers: A Hunger Issue?

By Donna Pierce

Who would have thought that diapers are actually part of the hunger issue? Low-income families can get assistance to put food in their young children's mouths...but no assistance for, well, what comes out the other end. If you want to help a local low-income family, do it with diapers!

In 2004, Westside Baby, which collects and distributes items such as children's clothing, bedding, diapers, toys, books, and baby equipment to local families in need, distributed over \$20,000 worth of diapers...our most requested item and an absolutely basic but expensive necessity. How can you help? Join Westside Baby's Birthday Club and give a pack of diapers on your birthday. Some donors even give a package of diapers for every year of their age! Just contact Westside Baby with the month and day of your birthday. We will send

you a postcard during your birthday month to remind you to celebrate by giving to others who need your help.

Don't miss our 5th annual "Stuff the Bus with Diapers" July 31 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the West Seattle Farmers Market. Hold a diaper drive at your business, civic organization, church, book club, or neighborhood group. Then bring the diapers to help Stuff the Bus on July 31st! Our goal is to raise \$7,000 worth of diapers, doubling last year's collection and keeping us in diapers for up to six months.

Posters, flyers, and tip sheets on running a diaper drive are available. Email us info@westsidebaby.org or call 767-1662 with questions or requests. Thank you for your compassion and participation!

Don't Miss This Important Meeting!

THE FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE OUTLINING WASHINGTON STATE FERRY'S TEN YEAR PLAN.
DATE & TIME: THURSDAY JUNE 30TH AT 6:00 PM AT THE HALL AT FAUNTLEROY, 9131 CALIFORNIA AVENUE.

Emergency Preparedness

SDART • Seattle Disaster Aid & Response Teams

Benjamin Kinlow, Crime Prevention Coordinator, SW Precinct, staffed an information table at the FCA Annual Meeting not only to encourage participation in Neighborhood Night Out 2005 but also to educate neighborhoods how to organize for disaster preparedness. Among the potential disasters we are subject to in this area are earthquakes, tsunamis, windstorms, winter storms, and landslides, to name a few. SDART is a neighborhood-oriented approach to disaster preparedness based on a cooperative effort between the City and its citizens.

Major disasters stretch City resources to their limits. It is estimated that regular emergency services will be unable to respond to most calls during the first 72 hours following a major disaster. The number of people who will need help, and the inaccessibility of many neighborhoods due to damage and debris, may prevent aid from reaching you immediately, creating a need for responsiveness

at the neighborhood level.

Advance preparation for such an emergency provides a plan for neighbors to mutually assist each other during those critical hours when City resources are stretched. SDART's overall purpose is to enable Seattle neighborhoods to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a major disaster by providing the motivation and materials citizens need to prepare themselves at home for disasters. It helps residents organize their neighborhood into disaster response teams: communications, damage assessment, first aid, and safety and security, each of which plays an integral part in getting through those first hours and days following a disaster.

Ben, an expert in disaster planning, will be happy to assist your neighborhood with disaster preparedness. Please phone (684-7724) or email him at benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov to arrange a meeting.

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The FCA Board meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse, starting at **7 PM**. Any FCA member is welcome to attend.

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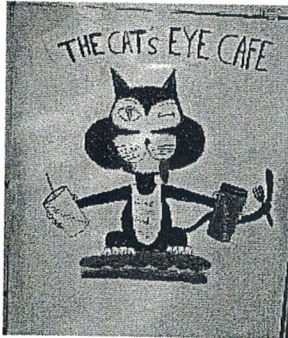
More Than Meets the (Cat's) Eye!

By Martha Callard

Noticeable changes have taken place in the 19 months since Penny and Neal Ratliff took over the Cat's Eye Café, and not just in the appearance. Penny and her chef sister, Rose, change their menu in response to customer preferences. Your ideas and recipes are welcome!

The café, located at SW Othello/Bainbridge Place SW and Fauntleroy Way, is open from 6 AM to 6 PM every day. More changes are in store as the exterior will soon be painted in calico cat colors, remaining faithful to the cat décor and menu theme!

Penny describes Cat's Eye clientele as "mixed," with neighborhood people, park-goers, ferry passengers, and even some customers who once owned property in the area returning from distant places "just to see if the Cat's Eye is still around." The menu, as varied as the clientele, features the Cat's Eye specialty, Fruit Smoothies



(now 24 ounces), Café Umbria coffee, Bigelow tea, fresh squeezed lemonade, and an assortment of juices on their beverage menu. Or you can enjoy more hearty fare, omelettes, soups, vegetarian chili, and their "Cat-alog" of sandwich choices. All baked goods served at the Cat's Eye are made from scratch on the premises. Servings are large and the atmosphere invites you to sit down and relax, providing a pleasant place to enjoy coffee and conversation, a good book, a tasty snack or meal, or just watch the world go by as you enjoy a seat at the counter in front of the large windows.

In a rush? Phone your order, 935-2229, and it will be ready for pickup when you arrive.

The Cat's Eye was originally named for Kat Allen, the building owner and no, in spite of recent rumors, the Cat's Eye is not for sale!

Editor's Note: Neal Ratliff recently returned home safely from a tour of duty in Iraq. On his return, Ed Timms wrote a touching poem in his honor. Stop in at the Cat's Eye and check out the wall display commemorating his service and read Ed's poem.

The Fourth Annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival cannot happen without you! We need volunteers now to lead and work this increasingly important event. Interested? Call Jenny Mandt at 937-1000 before June 30th to indicate that you will assist with the event.



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