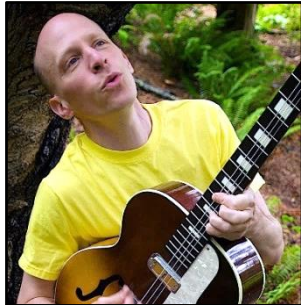




## CASPAR BABYPANTS TOP OF BILL!



The very young, their parents, and grands will want to head to the Vashon Room in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse **an hour ahead** of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival's official 2 pm start on Oct. 27. That's where Caspar Babypants will perform starting at **1 pm**.

His free, lively performance will not only "cut the ribbon" on the festival but also preview the "Kindi Music Fest," a rainy-season series that the schoolhouse will host through early March.

Devised by Kindiependent, a collective of people passionate about cultivating a vibrant music scene for kids in the Pacific Northwest, the fest will tap Kindiependent's network of innovative, family friendly artists and organizations. Other dates and performers will be

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| Nov. 10 - The Not-Its       | Jan. 12 - Harmonica Pocket |
| Nov. 24 - Recess Monkey     | Jan. 26 - The Not-Its      |
| Dec. 8 - Johnny Bregar      | Feb. 9 - Recess Monkey     |
| Dec. 29 - Brian Vogan & Gbs | Feb. 23 - Eli Rosenblatt   |
| March 8 - Caspar Babypants  |                            |

All the above shows will start at **10:30 am** and last about an hour. Those who buy tickets in advance at [www.brownpaper tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper tickets.com) will have priority seating.

Parking will be in the schoolhouse lot; please do not park in the Fauntleroy Church lot.

## FALL FESTIVAL COMING OCT. 27

**Sunday, Oct. 27**, will be the day when Fauntleroy comes out to play at the 17th annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival. This wildly popular community event will start at **2 pm**, rain or shine, and run full tilt until **5 pm** in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle.

Expect free activities for all ages, including but certainly not limited to pony rides, a cake walk, salmon-hat decorating, toe-tapping music, a climbing rock, information tables, a bake sale, and animal and musical-instrument petting zoos. And when you run low on energy, food and beverage vendors will be there to serve you.

Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for festival details right before the big day.



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## DOCK REPLACEMENT PROMPTS PUSH TO INCREASE FCA MEMBERSHIP

By FCA President Mike Dey

With Washington State Ferries now engaged in planning for replacement of the Fauntleroy ferry dock, a committee of the FCA Board began work over our beautiful summer to boost membership among residents and business partners.

While we can certainly use more financial support from dues to do more for the community, our primary goal is to involve and represent more people. More voices are especially important now so we have greater input about forthcoming options for replacing the dock.

Change will certainly happen at the terminal, as previewed in the June issue of this newsletter. The question is what options should planners explore as they look at expanding and lengthening the dock, changing it in other ways, and modifying toll booths.

The committee is charged with getting community

## Membership Matters



input so we can best represent you in discussions with the state. Planners already have wish lists from Vashon and Southworth ferry users; they don't yet have ours because the Board does not want to express opinions without first hearing from the membership.

So please, talk with your neighbors about joining FCA. Details are posted at [www.fauntleroy.net/membership](http://www.fauntleroy.net/membership).

If they are new to Fauntleroy, let us know so we can give them a new neighbor bag (see box), a warm welcome, and encouragement to join. Now more than ever, membership matters.



To request a new neighbor bag full of information about the neighborhood and FCA, contact Susan Lantz-Dey at [slantzdey@aol.com](mailto:slantzdey@aol.com) or 206-930-5219 when newcomers move into a house or apartment near you.

# FCA WINS OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS TIED TO FERRY

In late June, FCA leaders celebrated a parking win for the community which City Councilwoman Lisa Herbold helped cement. Concerned about the lack of available on-street parking resulting from ferry traffic and changes in upzoning legislation, the FCA Board asked for help in protecting existing on-street parking



In spring 2018, the councilwoman was able to add Fauntleroy to an ordinance affecting residential neighborhoods with public attractions that draw large numbers of vehicles.

The ordinance requires that new developments within 1/4 mile (1,320 feet) of the ferry terminal continue to provide one off-street parking space per dwelling unit or one space for every two small accessory dwelling units. Units intended for tenants at or below 80 percent of the median income are exempt.

Recent upzoning legislation would have eliminated these parking requirements but passage of the amendment keeps current requirements in place.

The legislation as drafted would also have increased to 1/4 mile the distance away from a multi-unit building that off-street parking could count as parking for that building's tenants. Passage of the amendment means the current distance of 800 feet remains in effect instead of the 1/4 mile proposed.

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# GRANT IN HAND FROM SELL-OUT GARDEN TOUR



The Fauntleroy Watershed Stewardship Fund is \$4,000 to the good, thanks to June's sell-out West Seattle Garden Tour. The event raised \$25,000 for six beneficiaries.

The money will enable Taproot School students and forest steward Peggy Cummings to create a native-plant demonstration garden at the east end of the Kilbourne ravine. Updated signage will provide a key to the species in the garden. The bulk of the grant will support continued annual maintenance by EarthCorps of restored native habitat in the ravine.

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# FIRE OR EMERGENCY IN LINCOLN PARK? FIREFIGHTERS ARE READY

By Judy Pickens

As Fautleroy residents know, a walk, jog, or roll in Lincoln Park is enjoyable any season but especially in summer when the trees lower the temperature.

Notice, though, that dry conditions in one of the most heavily used parks in the city are cause for concern. If a fire were to break out or if someone needs rescuing somewhere in the 130-acre park or along its beaches, how would the Seattle Fire Department respond?

"There's not an emergency situation that we've not either trained for or planned for," said Helen Fitzpatrick, executive director of administration for the department.

Fire preparedness starts with prevention, she emphasized. Outreach in summer months focuses on preventing brush fires and grill burns wherever they might occur, including in Seattle's parks (see sidebar).

Should someone walking, picnicking, or playing in Lincoln Park report a fire, the department would lead a response that's far more evident. Its strategy in the event of a fire in a wildland/urban interface such as the park is to address life safety and protect structures.

If a fire were to threaten structures, the department would dispatch four engines, three ladder trucks, a medic unit, an air unit, a safety officer, and three chiefs. Firefighters would unlock bollards to drive trucks into the park at the north or south entrance. A relay pumping system would link engines within the park to engines hooked up to fire hydrants along Fautleroy Way SW.



For many years, the Seattle Fire Department has been responding to water rescues off Lincoln Park. The West Seattle Blog captured this action in 2012.

Because they respond to water rescues there throughout the year, crews at nearby fire stations are familiar with Lincoln Park's acreage and trails.

The closest is Fire Station 37, on 35th Ave. SW. Other units in West Seattle, including Fire Station 11 in Highland Park and Fire Station 32 in the Alaska Junction, could be called in and, as with any significant fire in the city, neighboring districts could be tapped for assistance.

The department is highly reliant on citizens to report what they see. Call 911 immediately if you witness a fire or other emergency developing in Lincoln Park.



## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Even small steps can help prevent brush fires from occurring in hot, dry conditions:

- Douse smoking materials in water before putting them in a disposal canister. Remember that smoking is not allowed in Seattle parks.
- Remove tall grass, weeds, or anything else that can burn from around buildings, including limbs that touch or hang near the roof.
- To prevent a fire in landscape mulch, keep beds moist and clear at least 18" between mulched beds and any combustible material.
- Call 911 immediately if a fire gets out of control.

Whether you grill at home or in a park,

- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from your grill or firepit.
- When using a charcoal grill, cool your coals, then place them in a metal can and close the lid.

## CITY PREPARING CULVERT DESIGN OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Seattle Public Utilities has been continuing its analysis of replacement options for culverts that carry Fautleroy Creek under 45th Ave. SW and California Ave. SW. Project manager Cody Nelson reports that the city and its consultants have

- completed an environmental characterization of the creek and upper watershed, which identified most of the creek's mainstem as suitable salmon habitat.
- evaluated cost effectiveness, impacts, risks, and community and environmental benefits and recommended design options for both sites accordingly.
- developed early construction cost estimates for each option.
- started investigating potential funding sources, including federal grant opportunities.

The utility plans to present its recommended design options for the culverts to the community this fall and to identify final preferred options by the end of the year.

For more information about this project, visit: [www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/FautleroyCreekCulvertsReplacement/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/FautleroyCreekCulvertsReplacement/).

To receive project updates by email, including notice of upcoming events, sign up by emailing [spu\\_fauntleroy\\_creekculvert-subscribe-request@talk2.seattle.gov](mailto:spu_fauntleroy_creekculvert-subscribe-request@talk2.seattle.gov) and follow the instructions in the confirmation email.



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## FROM PAST TO PRESENT

# NEW DEAL WAS BIG DEAL FOR THE LINCOLN PARK WE ENJOY TODAY

By Judy Pickens

*Our ability to stroll the beach promenade at Lincoln Park is thanks to relief programs during the Great Depression and the men who, grateful for any steady job, put their backs to building the seawall and other features of the park.*

For centuries, the beach around what became known as Fauntleroy Cove gently sloped from thick woods to the water - perfect for indigenous people to land canoes when they came to harvest clams, fish, and other natural bounty. Sentries at the cove's two points protected their seasonal camps from surprise attack.

In 1841 when Lt. Charles Wilkes and his schooner crew "discovered" the cove during their survey of Puget Sound, he named those promontories "Brace Point" (south) and "Point Williams" (north). Seventy years later as white immigrants were putting down roots here, Fauntleroy leaders petitioned the city to acquire 130 acres at Point Williams for a park. The city finally took possession of the property in 1922 and began establishing Lincoln Park as a major public amenity.

Clearing timber and grubbing brush soon progressed enough for the first picnic shelter to open, followed by a parking area and, in 1929, by a tide-fed swimming lagoon (predecessor to Colman Pool). Park development began to push out the 23 private cottages that lined the beaches before the property became a park; owners of those used as year-round homes finally moved out in 1931.

At the time and for decades later, the accepted technique for protecting beachfront property was to build a seawall to take the brunt of forceful waves. The beaches on either side of Point Williams - especially the south beach fully exposed to prevailing winds - were no exception but construction of a seawall went on hold as the Great Depression cut into tax revenue.

In 1931, the city was able to provide an "unemployed fund" for park improvements and other projects to get some people back to work while Congress debated how to respond to the national emergency. According to *West Side Story*, that's when 75 men went to work in Lincoln Park on the south seawall and pathways to the beach.



Two years later, Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal created the Civil Works Administration, funded primarily by the states to provide short-term relief over the winter of 1933-34. By January, more than 17,000 had jobs on CWA projects throughout King County. Follow-on programs (the Public Works Administration and the Works Progress Administration) provided longer-term jobs. The *Don Sherwood Parks History Collection* lists trails, tennis courts, and fireplaces among the PWA projects in Lincoln Park; the Southwest Seattle Historical Society credits the Civilian Conservation Corps as also playing a role.

Long-time Fauntleroy resident, the late Morey Skaret, immigrated as a boy from Canada in 1924 so his father



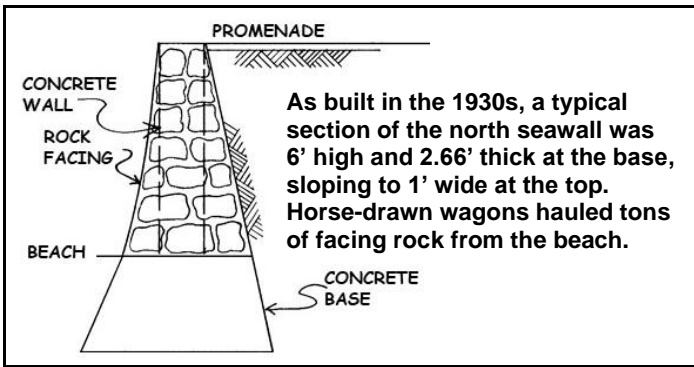
**Fauntleroy Cove's natural beach was a great place to explore in about 1910.** Courtesy Southwest Seattle Historical Society, #2010.3



**(Above) Strong backs, augmented by horsepower, had the seawall well under way in 1934. (Below) Two years later, construction was nearing Point Williams.** Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, #29742, #29700



could find work to support the family. When the seawall project started, his dad joined the crew - setting the 740.5 linear feet of forms called for in the plans, hefting beach rocks to face the wall, and mortaring them into place.



Workers started at the east end of the south beach and continued westward. Around the point, the wall became less substantial as it headed north to the park boundary.

Within 20 years, the south wall's ability to withstand powerful waves proved inadequate. Wear and tear compelled the city to build replacement sections with a wider base and reinforce the toe with more concrete. Starting in the 1980s, the city implemented a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plan to deposit tons of rock and sand at the foot of the wall to "renourish" the beach.



**Storm damage in 1951 seriously damaged the south seawall and promenade.** Courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives, #42581

This technique, most recently repeated in 2010, extended the wall's life so that tens of thousands of people can continue to enjoy walking the promenade. Only time will tell if it has thwarted Mother Nature's efforts to restore the cove's naturally sloping beach.

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 Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation drawings, courtesy David Graves

# COMMUNITY POLICING PLAN PROMPTS SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

When the Seattle Police Department initiated its micro community policing program a few years ago, the concept was simple: Determine public-safety concerns at the community level and give those concerns extra focus.

The department's first micro plan for Fauntleroy dates from 2015, when crime statistics and input from residents and business owners pointed to three priorities: early-morning motorcycle noise from ferry commuters, property crimes (burglaries, car thefts, etc.), and issues associated with Lincoln Park (underage drinking, car prowls, etc.).

To keep the plan current, the department does annual online focus groups (just completed) and a micro community policing survey; data have shown similar priorities over time. In response, the Southwest Precinct has used both traditional and innovative emphases.

The precinct's operations commander, Lt. Steve Strand, is a regular guest at FCA's monthly business meetings and in July he reported two enforcement strategies used this summer.

One was additional patrolling as early-morning commuters exited the ferry terminal. Officers assertively ticketed 2- and 4-wheeled offenders speeding along Fauntleroy's arterials.

The other was beefed up evening patrolling of Lincoln Park over the long 4th of July weekend. Officers used an all-terrain utility vehicle borrowed from another precinct to go where patrol cars could not. Equipped with lights and a loudspeaker, they monitored trails and the beach and broadcast the park's closing time.

A new advanced reporting system now enabled precincts to compare local crime trends over the last month and check year-to-date data for seasonal concerns. Earlier this year, for instance, data identified focal points for a spree of street robberies in West Seattle and the Southwest Precinct responded accordingly.

"Area crime has been down in all categories except auto thefts and car-prowls," Lt. Strand said. Monitor crime data for yourself at [www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard](http://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard) and select Fauntleroy.

To take the annual micro community policing survey, go to [www.publicsafetysurvey.org](http://www.publicsafetysurvey.org) between mid October and the end of November.

If you have a specific public-safety concern, the FCA Board wants to hear about it at one of its monthly business meetings; see page 8 for upcoming dates.

# DOGS COULD BE FACTOR IN LOW SMOLT SURVIVAL IN FAUNTLEROY PARK

By Judy Pickens

For 16 years, volunteers with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council have been counting coho smolts leaving the creek for saltwater. Since 2011, having one net trap as flow exits Fauntleroy Park and another near the beach has enabled these citizen researchers to pinpoint how many smolts survive in the upper reach and how many survive in the middle and lower reaches.

While this research is interesting, checking the traps twice daily, rain or shine, from mid March to late May is a major commitment in hopes of a payoff. Persistence did, indeed, pay off this year when volunteers counted only four smolts leaving the park.

A high percentage of juvenile salmon don't survive the perils of life in the wild but only four survivors out of some 2,000 released by students in the upper creek raised a flag. The 18 smolts documented leaving middle and lower reaches this spring were typical. In 2018, the total count for the whole system was 44.

excellent condition. "Whatever the community is doing to help keep it that way," their summary states, "SPU applauds your efforts."

Regarding the current concern about low survival of coho released in the park, the specialists said that extreme temperatures and/or flows could be a factor, as could lethal pollutants in stormwater runoff or low genetic resistance to a disease or pathogen.

Topping the list is predation by wild or domesticated animals (raccoons, dogs). Volunteer Pete Draughon has witnessed just how lethal one dog in the water can be.

"Fry can stay for weeks or months in shallow pools near the big bridge where they were released," he said. "If you let your dog off leash there to drink and splash around, it can easily kill a dozen fish in seconds."

The watershed council will work with Seattle Parks on outreach to emphasize that the creek is full of life all year round and not a place to let dogs frolic.



Steve Damm and Josh Meidav document their first observation point as they prepare to walk the mainstem of Fauntleroy Creek downstream of the salmon-release bridge. Photo courtesy Dennis Hinton

To try to understand what happened during the year that 2018 release fry grew into smolts in the park, the council asked environmental analysts Josh Meidav and Steve Damm with Seattle Public Utilities to have a look.

"We especially wanted to know if vegetation growing in the channel may have trapped our smolts," said volunteer Dennis Hinton. "Conditions vary all the time in the woods, of course, but we were concerned that changes in rainfall, especially summer droughts, might be affecting the creek's viability as juvenile habitat."

What the specialists found in late July suggested other factors that could be at play.

They mapped a few potential natural barriers that might limit adult spawners and advised addressing those barriers, if still necessary, only after replacement culverts give spawners access to the upper reach. They also observed native vegetation's being a significant positive contributor to creek habitat.

Overall, they concluded that the upper creek is in

## ABOUT DOGS & NATURAL HABITAT

Seattle Parks and Recreation has three "musts" for enjoying city parks with your dog, including the natural habitat of Fauntleroy Park:

- Your dog must be on leash and you must be in control of your animal at all times.
- You must carry what you need to scoop the poop (and use it!).
- You must keep your dog out of the water.

For a comprehensive list of regulations pertaining to dogs in parks, visit [www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/rules-and-regulations#dogs](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/rules-and-regulations#dogs).



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# AS USUAL, FALL WILL BRING A FULL BUSHEL OF LOCAL EVENTS

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS:** The FCA Board welcomes residents at its monthly business meetings on second Tuesdays (**Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12**) at **7:00 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Call President Mike Dey at 206-661-0673 to inquire about the agenda.

**LINCOLN LOVERS:** Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining Friends of Lincoln Park for work parties on **first Saturdays (Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7)** and/or **third Sundays (Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17)**. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9:00 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Contact Sharon Baker at 206-464-1068 or [sabaker41@gmail.com](mailto:sabaker41@gmail.com).

**FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL:** Residents wanting to steward natural areas are welcome **Thursday, Sept. 12, and Nov. 14 at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Ask Judy Pickens about the agenda: 206-938-4203.

## 25TH ANNUAL 2ND TIME SALE:

Come to browse this popular community sale and leave with a treasure **Sept. 14-15** at Fauntleroy Church. Bargain pricing on almost anything you might need or want, all clean, culled, and organized. **Saturday 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday 11:30 am - 2 pm**. Bake sale, too. Cash or check only.



## SCHOOLHOUSE TO HOST WORKSHOPS

The Fauntleroy Schoolhouse has two workshops on the calendar aimed at leaving past trauma behind.

On **Friday, Sept. 20, and Saturday, Sept. 21**, acupuncturist, sound healer, and intuitive coach **Ellen Newhouse** will lead two sessions of her "Nothing Ever Goes On Here" workshop, **7 - 9 pm** in Room 4.

Based on her memoir, each workshop will help participants find their own path from trauma to healing. Limited enrollment. Details from Denise Wallace at 206-932-6304 or [denise@fauntleroysschoolhouse.org](mailto:denise@fauntleroysschoolhouse.org).

Then over three weekends this fall, author and licensed independent social worker **Rob Spiegel** will lead "Emotional Intelligence 101." Billed as an opportunity to discover, release, and reclaim, the series is limited to 10 participants. Sessions will run **9 am - 5 pm** on **Oct. 12-13, Nov. 9-10, and Dec. 7-8**.

For details and to register, call 855-333-5569 or visit [www.speigeltherapy.com/events](http://www.speigeltherapy.com/events).

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Fauntleroy Church and 1 Green Planet will host the fall Recycle Roundup on **Sunday, Sept. 22, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. See the long list of what to bring and the short list of what not to at [www.fauntleroyucc.org/events/](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org/events/) or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

**SALMON DRUMMING:** The Fauntleroy Watershed Council's annual drumming to call in coho spawners to Fauntleroy Creek will be **Sunday, Oct. 20, 5 pm**, rain or shine, at the creek level (4539 SW Director Place). Bring whatever you consider a drum for drumming, singing, and free fun for all-ages.

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL:** Don't miss this annual fun-for-all community party on **Sunday, Oct. 27, 2 - 5 pm** in the church/ YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. Free activities for everyone, plus food vendors. Come rain or shine.

**FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW:** A wide variety of area artists and creative crafters will show, sell, and discuss their work during this 11th annual event **Nov. 9 - 11** hosted by Fauntleroy Church in Fellowship Hall. **Friday 5 - 8 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 11 am - 2 pm**. Watch [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) or the *West Seattle Blog* for details.

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# UPDATE OF LINCOLN PARK'S SOUTH PLAY AREA BACK ON CALENDAR

Two years ago, Seattle Parks and Recreation sought public input on a \$600,000 renovation of the south play area at Lincoln Park. The update will make the site and play equipment more accessible to children of all ages and physical abilities.

Unforeseen delays stalled putting the project out to bid but that's finally scheduled to happen this fall, with construction to follow over the winter.

The south play space was developed in 1998 with a dragon theme. According to Senior Landscape Architect Karen O'Connor, the site continues to be appealing because of its forested location, proximity to the south parking lot, and view of Fauntleroy Cove.

A marine theme will include the 800-pound cast-iron anchor that Mark Sherman salvaged from Fauntleroy Cove and donated to the project.

Plans are to link the play space to the parking lot, picnic shelters, and restrooms with accessible paths and to improve pedestrian circulation. Very young children will have their own play equipment, separate from play equipment designed for older children.

To stay up to date on the project visit [www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/lincoln-park-south-play-area-renovation](http://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/lincoln-park-south-play-area-renovation).



(Left) Play structure for older children.  
(Right) Choices for younger children.



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