

FALL 2004

## IT'S FALL FESTIVAL TIME!

Don't miss the 3rd annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival** to be held on **Sunday, October 17, 3-7 PM.**

This annual event was created for all ages to celebrate the Fauntleroy community and its history during our beautiful harvest season. The festival is sponsored by Fauntleroy Church UCC and Little Pilgrim Preschool, Fauntleroy YMCA, Fauntleroy Community Association, Fauntleroy Children's Center, Tuxedos 'n Tennis Shoes Catering, Alexander's Rentals, Endolyne Joe's Restaurant, the Port of Seattle and NUCOR Steel. All activities are free, but there will be a modest charge for food and drink items.

Last year approximately 1,200 people enjoyed this neighborhood gathering. To accommodate a large turnout again this year, many of last year's activities will be back--but bigger and better -- the rock climbing wall, two big blow-up toys, pony rides, pumpkin painting, planter box building, as well as the very popular scarecrow building area.



In addition, **Fauntleroy Fall Festival 2004** will offer even more fun for the whole family. Do you like music? Performances? Local musicians and groups will delight children and adults alike. Don't miss the newly located pony rides, two craft projects, and family photographer Gail Ann behind the Fauntleroy Children's Center. Everyone will enjoy the Fellowship Hall Coffee House (food and drinks provided by Endolyne Joe's Restaurant and Café Vita), complete with an updated power point presentation about the Fauntleroy neighborhood with its historical photos. And to top off the festivities, Tuxedos'n Tennis Shoes Catering will offer a harvest dinner in the Hall at Fauntleroy and West Seattle Big Band will have everyone swinging and dancing.

This is a fun festival for everyone in the community! Bring your family and friends and come experience this wonderful neighborhood event.

**See article on page 3 for volunteer opportunities at the Fall Festival!**

## FAUNTLEROY WAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPDATE

On August 16, 2004, community members met again with City of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) employees to further discuss the ongoing issues of pedestrian safety on Fauntleroy Way, specifically in accessing Lincoln Park.

Brian Kemper, acting City Traffic Engineer attended this meeting, and for the first time, heard our concerns directly. Past recommendations from the city have been related to ideas in changing the layout of Fauntleroy Way in order to slow traffic, which would indirectly allow safer pedestrian access across the street. However, the FCA is looking for direct

pedestrian access to Lincoln Park and is wary of solutions that would minimize parking on the East side of Fauntleroy. The primary request is for additional crosswalks with pavement demarcations at each bisecting street to Lincoln Park, plus a pedestrian activated crosswalk light at the Northern end of the Park.

The FCA is currently waiting to hear back from SDOT with their official response and recommendation. If you have concerns, questions or wish to be included in the next meeting contact Kim Petram, FCA Board Member at [kim@petram.org](mailto:kim@petram.org)

## BE PART OF 2004 SALMON WATCH

Preparations are under way for the annual salmon watch to document coho returning to spawn in Fauntleroy Creek.

A few watchers are already on duty, looking for spawners schooling in the cove. The main watch will start the third week of October and, depending on the return, extend to late November.

Watchers take half-hour daytime shifts to count fish and record spawning activity. Volunteers of all ages are welcome; children 12 and under should plan to watch with an adult. High school students can apply watch hours toward their community-service requirement.

To learn more about the watch, including streamside training times for new watchers, contact Sherry Richardson at 935-8981 or [ron.richardson@comcast.net](mailto:ron.richardson@comcast.net)

## CHECK OUT NEW WATERSHED BROCHURE

The fourth edition of the Fauntleroy Creek watershed brochure has something for almost everyone, including an updated nature walk in Fauntleroy Park, a new map of park trails, and a bird-sighting checklist.

Just published by the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, the brochure also has information about restoration activities and tips for responsible stewardship. Seattle Public Utilities and the Washington Foundation for the Environment provided funding for the project.

Copies are available at the fish-ladder viewpoint, the park kiosk at S.W. Barton Street, Fauntleroy Church, and Endolyne Joe's - or view and download individual components at [www.fauntleroy.net](http://www.fauntleroy.net)

## BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER, "BAG IT!"

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

*By President Bruce Butterfield*

Should the new monorail be extended from Morgan Street down Fauntleroy to the ferry dock or does it irk you that anyone even considers a notion of Seattle tax dollars going to ease the commute for non-city residents? OR, should the ferry system route all cross-sound boats straight downtown and close the Fauntleroy dock? Or just send some sailings to town and leave the rest here? Or send Southworth to downtown and Vashon to Fauntleroy? Or leave it as it is today?

These are options being discussed by the Monorail Project and Washington State Ferries. The two discussions and decisions are not tied together but are independently being evaluated by both agencies through the end of the year. We think you should know. We think you should have a voice. And we hope you will let us know.

Included in this issue of NEIGHBORS is a survey we hope will be the first in a series asking for your input on issues and ideas we hear about through our

contacts in governing bodies, agencies and from neighbors like you.

FCA board members meet monthly to discuss issues, plan events and work on projects we hope will make the neighborhood better. No one is a better judge than you of what is most important to spend energies on so here is your chance to let us know. What IS important to the neighborhood?

You will find web links to more information on both topics and ways to write directly to them with your ideas. If you want more room to vent your thoughts than the surveys, send us a Letter to the Editor and we can share it with others. And, if this leads you to think of other survey questions we should ask, please pass them on to us. We will also publish the survey on [www.Fauntleroy.net](http://www.Fauntleroy.net) so you can tell your neighbors where to look for more info.



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**Fauntleroy Community Association Board meetings are open to members. We meet in the board room at the old Fauntleroy Schoolhouse at 7:00 PM the second Tuesday of the month (possible change for December. Please call us).**

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## ▶ FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

It's the biggest fall event this side of the Duwamish and we invite you to become a **volunteer** to help with the festival. We expect over 1,000 visitors and **we need help setting up, managing child and adult activities and crowds, and packing up at the end of the day.**

We look for a minimum one-hour commitment from volunteers, but we expect you'll enjoy yourselves so much, you'll stay longer than that. Specific jobs include...

- **set up (various tasks)** ▪ **climbing wall and big toy spotting** ▪ **activity assistance**
- **crosswalk policing** ▪ **information** ▪ **tear down**

Setup begins at noon Sunday, October 17, on the grounds and in the buildings of the Fauntleroy Church & YMCA, and The Hall at Fauntleroy, 9260 California Ave. S.W., about six blocks due east of the Fauntleroy Ferry Dock. The festival opens to the public at 3:00 pm, and runs until 7:00 pm, when tear-down commences.

Festival activities include kid crafts, salmon habitat tours, big toys, a climbing wall, pony rides, musical and dramatic entertainment, story-telling, food vendors, a coffee house, full dinner serenaded by the West Seattle Big Band, and exhibitors. Do your volunteer stint, then go play with your family.

To sign up for volunteer slots or to ask questions, please call Martin Westerman at 206-938-3847

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*This calendar and FCA's Website publicize events that are solely or primarily of a service nature, organized to enrich or entertain residents, improve the neighborhood, or enlist support for the needy. Submit information at any time to the Editor by email to [news@fauntleroy.net](mailto:news@fauntleroy.net).*

**COVE PARK CLEANUP.** **Sunday, Oct. 10** 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at Cove Park just north of the Ferry dock. No experience necessary. All hands are welcome for any period of time. Call Ann Dawson 206 937-7163.

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL.** **Sunday, Oct. 17** 3:00 – 7:00 PM at the Fauntleroy Community Church parking lot. Volunteer to help (Martin Westerman , 938-3847) or attend this popular (free) event.

**DRUMMING.** Everyone is invited to the annual drumming to call the salmon home, sponsored by the Fauntleroy Watershed Council. Bring a drum if you have one to the fish-ladder viewpoint on **Sunday, Oct. 24**, at 6 p.m.

**WATERSHED COUNCIL.** The Fauntleroy Watershed Council will meet **Thursday, Nov. 4**, at 7 p.m. at Fauntleroy Church. Agenda items include the regional plan for restoring salmon habitat and the mayor's comprehensive strategy for restoring and enhancing creeks and nearshore habitat.

**WEEDING PARTIES.** Friends of Fauntleroy Park coordinates monthly weeding parties on **second Sundays**, 1 - 3 p.m. For details, call Karen Farnsworth at 935-5313.

## COVE PARK CLEAN-UP PARTY

### (Why do yoga?)

We all know the benefits of yoga: a good stretch, a fine workout, and a sense of well being. But you can have the same benefits from the FALL chickweed pulling party at Fauntleroy Cove Park! Plus you'll feel a sense of wonderful accomplishment. There is nothing better than taking out your aggressions on a clump of weeds. The fall rains came early and our lovely park is lush with new weeds. Let's get them before they take over.

***FCA Welcome Bags are a great way to greet your new neighbor. Call Barbara Burgess at 935-9167 to arrange to pick one up.***

If you're interested in this free opportunity for physical and spiritual fitness call Ann (206-937-7163 or email [garyann@quidnunc.net](mailto:garyann@quidnunc.net)) for details or just show up with gloves and your favorite tools.

WHERE: COVE PARK (just north of the ferry dock)

WHEN: OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup>- 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

(No need to stay the whole time-even a half hour helps!)

# CAMBRIDGE STREET PARK ENTRANCE TO REOPEN

Residents along the east side of Fauntleroy Park can soon resume using the entrance at S.W. Cambridge Street. The trailhead was closed a couple of years ago because runoff from the street had severely eroded the trail, making it unsafe.

The plan devised by Seattle Public Utilities, with input from the community, calls for relocating a portion of the trail, adding rocks to slow the water, and rerouting the flow to filter through vegetation.

Installation by the Seattle Conservation Corps will in-

clude building timber steps in steep areas and surfacing the trail with crushed rock.

When the trailhead is reopened, Seattle Parks will install a put-and-take bag dispenser there for dog walkers. Another dispenser will be added at the west (alley) entrance off the church parking lot. A student study of pet waste in the park recommended these additions to encourage more dog walkers to "scoop the poop," a major contributor of fecal coliform bacteria to Fauntleroy Creek and cove.

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The FCA Board meets on the **second Tuesday** of the month at the conference room at the Fauntleroy school-house, starting at **7 PM**. Any FCA member is welcome to attend. FCA's mailing address is **P.O. Box 47343, Seattle, WA 98146-6343**. Web address is **www.fauntleroy.net** Contact *Neighbors* Editor, Martha Callard by email at **news@fauntleroy.net**

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