

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL TO RETURN IN 2006...

The Fauntleroy Fall Festival has been extremely popular over its brief history, but only a



We will see scenes like this in 2006

few people attended the organizational meeting in July. It will be back next October. We are pleased to announce that Kim Petram has generously offered to chair the 2006 Fall Festival. Event organizers are grateful to FFF supporters David Katz, David Haggerty, Debbie Flajole, Kim Petram and Dicki Crumm, all of whom attended

the organizational meeting and concluded that a 2005 Festival is not possible as neither the funds nor leadership are in place.

Planners understand that this decision might disappoint some and the event might lose momentum, but they have scheduled two events in support of next year's Fall Festival.

On Sunday, October 16, Endolyne Joe's will host an Hors d'oeuvres and Wine Party to thank previous volunteers and donors and raise a bit of money for the 2006 Festival. Watch for announcements of this fun event.

A second gathering, Fall Festival Night at Endolyne Joe's, is scheduled for April 25, 2006. Friends, family and neighbors are invited to come and enjoy a great meal. Any monies brought in over and above Joe's "normal take" for the night will be donated to the '06 Festival.

Your attendance at these two events and especially your involvement in the planning and execution of the 2006 Fauntleroy Fall Festival is essential to bringing this fun and popular celebration back to life! If you would like to volunteer to help with the Festival, please contact Kim Petram at fallfestival@fauntleroy.net.

FAUNTLEROY FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Gary Dawson

As many of our neighbors and FCA members have known and acknowledged, FCA has always been a strong advocate for passenger-only ferry service to downtown from Vashon and Southworth.

The main reason for this advocacy is obvious, the potential for reducing the number of vehicles arriving and departing at Fauntleroy daily.

FCA has not, however, distinguished between private or public ferry operations. Washington State Ferries is the sole provider of passenger-only service at Vashon. State funding for this service is provided on a two-year basis and is currently funded until June 2007, although at a considerably reduced level of service than initially planned.

At the end of the recent Legislative session, the Legislature's Joint Transportation Committee established an 18 member Joint Task Force to study passenger-only service on Puget Sound. By November 30, the Task Force is due to make a recommendation to the Legislature with strategies for providing passen

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ger-only ferry service in the most reliable and cost effective manner possible. Six seats on the Task Force were assigned to representatives of ferry user communities. (A complete list of members is available at [www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?press release](http://www.governor.wa.gov/news/news-view.asp?press%20release)).

The Task Force met for the first time on August 29 and will continue meeting through October and November.

On a related topic, recently the Vashon/Maury Island Community Council, VMICC, passed a resolution requesting that Monorail Phase II planning extend the Green-Line (or light rail or other efficient mass transit systems being considered) to the Fauntleroy-Endolyne vicinity.

In coming to this conclusion, VMICC chose this course of strategy without extending the courtesy of inviting input or dialogue from the Fauntleroy community, even though a transit

system of the types proposed would have dramatic effects on the neighborhood. This implies that VMICC is not interested in the Fauntleroy community's needs or concerns. This is unfortunate, as we have an excellent working relationship with the Vashon Ferry Advisory Committee, and will continue to work to maintain that relationship

It must be noted, however, that an FCA public meeting last March, the Monorail Public Information Manager stated that extending the Green-Line to Fauntleroy is not likely to be included in future planning.

Gary Dawson is available for discussion on this topic with VMICC and would like to hear your ideas or thoughts on either subject by E-mail, phone, or in person.

Editor's Note: The FCA is pleased to announce that Gary Dawson, long time FCA board member and Chair of the FFAC was named one of the six members of the Joint Task Force.

Westside Babies is a non-profit organization that collects new and used clothing, toys and other baby gear and distributes them free of charge to needy families in SW King County. Please come by to donate clean, usable baby gear to help get the little ones ready for the fall/winter season. All donations will be accepted at the Cat's Eye Café at the corner of Fauntleroy and Othello streets and at the second floor office of the Fauntleroy Church. Your donation of diapers, clean, undamaged, out-grown clothes, car seats or cash are much appreciated and will be put to good use!

SEATTLE NIGHT OUT EVENT REPORTS

National Night Out Against Crime is usually held on the first Tuesday in August, when neighborhoods show their active involvement in Block Watch and Crime Prevention by turning on their porch lights early in the evening, getting together as a block or neighborhood, and possibly even have a picnic, pot-lucks, barbecue or old fashion block party. This is a fun way to keep the block going and meet your new neighbors at the same time. Benjamin Kinlow, Crime Prevention Coordinator at the SW Police Precinct, is eager to meet with neighbors to set up a Block Watch or disaster preparedness meeting. Contact Benjamin by email at benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov.

Here are reports from some of Fauntleroy's Night Out events:

A potluck picnic at Gayle Jost's home in the **9300 block of 46th Ave SW** brought many longtime residents and new neighbors together, including more of the under age five set than in

past years. In fact, we had to keep adding tables and chairs to accommodate everyone. The huge serving table was burdened with great amounts of food. Drink was plentiful. You can tell where our palettes rest - there was probably an equal amount of desserts as side dishes, with an emphasis on brownies. We also had a much appreciated visit by two police officers who were stopping at as many neighborhood gatherings as possible. A good time was had by all. *(Sheila Weaver reporting)*

Lower Barton Street (from the Fauntleroy Park's Barton entrance to Fauntleroy church) neighbors celebrated "Night Out" with an alley barbecue. Many new neighbors attended and all agreed that starting a Block Watch group was a great idea. The neighborly conversation under cedar trees concluded with chocolate cupcakes. If any non-attending residents along lower Barton are interested in joining this Block Watch group, please contact Chris Nack at

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cnack@seanet.net. (Chris Nack reporting)

Seattle Night Out was a big hit on **Henderson Street between 45th and Fauntleroy**. Neighbors from surrounding streets (Concord and Director) gathered and shared good food and company on the city's annual block party night. The highlight of the evening was a chance to celebrate our neighbor, Morey Skaret's, 92nd birthday. Neighbors had a chance to meet many new faces, trade babysitter notes, and just enjoy a gorgeous summer evening together. (Gary

Dawson reporting)

Over 40 neighbors gathered at Tornow's play court in the **9600 block of 47th Avenue SW** to mark this year's Night Out celebration. The setting, food, conversation, campfire, s'mores, and of course the weather, all combined to create a fun evening. A brief presentation on the upcoming Disaster Preparedness meeting to be held in October piqued the interest of many neighbors. We all appreciated the SDART material and neighbor contact information that was passed out. (Martha Callard reporting)

SIGNS OF PROGRESS ON FAUNTLEROY WAY SW

By Kim Petram

Are you wondering what the metal post located just south of Fauntleroy Place is about? Coming soon will be a speed indicator sign.



This will electronically post the speed a car is traveling as it approaches the sign. It is being

installed in response to the continuing efforts the FCA is making with the City of Seattle regarding the traffic issues on Fauntleroy Way SW.

The FCA continues to work with the city in alleviating speeding and pedestrian risk along the one mile stretch between the ferry dock and The Kenney Home. The process of acquiring pedestrian activated crosswalk light at the North end of Lincoln Park is still in the works. Currently the Fauntleroy community is on a list for potential funding that will be decided upon in early December. If you have ideas or concerns regarding Fauntleroy safety or pedestrian issues please contact Kim@Petram.org. In our ongoing efforts to improve traffic safety along this well traveled roadway, we anxiously await the speed indicator sign and are pleased to see that the new "Think of the Impact You Could Make" signs have been placed both north and southbound on Fauntleroy Way SW!

RED TIDE, GREEN TIDE

By Kathleen Dellplain

In case you're wondering what all that "stuff" in the Sound is, it is nature in action creating what we know of as Red Tide. The new term for Red Tide is Harmful Algae Bloom. It can be the Florescent Pink bloom of late May, the paralytic shellfish poisoning of Alexandrium spp, or the floating green algae of summer we all know and smell.

Red Tide starts as cysts under the sand. When the light and temperature are right, it germinates and multiplies like crazy. Its not

always noticeable, but it can be fatal. Call the red tide hotline at 1-800-562 5632 before clam digging or swimming.

Also troublesome to the area is Green Tide, an explosion of free floating green algae. A small amount is always in the water. Green algae produces oxygen like any other green plant, however, mats of algae trapped in the cove die and have non-lethal effects from noxious odors to air borne allergens. My grandmother had us rake up some (Con't on Page 4)

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seaweed to dry for mixing into the garden soil. It made good compost.

To study Harmful Algae Bloom in more

detail go to www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/hab or www.who.edu/redtide.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER!

An important message from Tom Linde

You may know that the lower stretch of the Fauntleroy Creek, the main spawning area above the fish ladder, has been undergoing some important rehabilitation this summer. Half of the project is complete. EarthCorps installed numerous logs and did a wonderful job improving the fish habitat. Now it's our turn!



We need to finish this great start by removing the invasives and replanting with the good stuff. That's where you come in. September 10 was invasive removal

and planting preparation. The second step, planting and final cleanup, takes place Saturday, September 24th from 9:30 am to 2 p.m.. We need your help. Bob Keller of EarthCorps will have his crew there both days to give us guidance on what to pull and how to prepare for planting.

Assemble at 9:30 at the Fish Ladder overlook right across from the ferry dock. Bring your work gloves and a rake, hoe or similar implement.

Please invite your friends, neighbors, or anyone who wants to do something good for their planet and have some fun doing it! Refreshments provided. Please sign up by email (lindet@comcast.net) or phone Tom Linde 206-933-0846 or 206-406-7703.

PITBULLS ON THE LOOSE

By Kim Suyama

Shortly after 5:00 P.M. Friday, August 26 two roaming chestnut pitbulls hunted down and killed a neighborhood cat. Animal Control has not yet located the animals. Animal Control advised that another cat has been killed and the dogs' description matches. These dogs appear to be killing for sport, so caution is advised. Call Animal Control at 386-7387 Ext 2 or 386-4285 to report off-leash dogs.

LEASH LAW VIOLATORS CITED AT LINCOLN PARK

By Kim Petram

Are you concerned about the volume of unleashed dogs in Lincoln Park? The City of Seattle's Animal Control Department will respond to your concerns and dispatch officers based on the number of phone calls with complaints to a certain area. Therefore, if concerned Fauntleroy citizens call the department with the date and times that they witness offleash dogs in the park, the department will catalog those complaints and respond if the volume

dictates. Call Animal Control at 386-7387 Ext 2 or 386-4285

On August 25th, two animal control officers bicycled throughout the park for two hours and issued six tickets to violators.

The City of Seattle has designated off-leash areas, one is Westcrest Park, 8806 8th Ave SW. For additional information, see www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/WestcrestPark/dog.htm

PRESIDENT'S NOTEPAD

By Bruce Butterfield, FCA President



Fauntleroy is ripe with tradition and history as even newcomers will learn in a short time. Many of us have been here decades, even generations of families in the same home or moving around the neighborhood. You may meet someone who attended Fauntleroy or Gatewood schools, spent summers cooling off in Colman Pool and winters in YMCA programs.

We are a changing neighborhood having experienced great growth in the 50s and 60s. Now, with so many for sale signs, we see younger families moving in with new life, vitality and visions for the future.

The FCA has for over two decades been made up of neighbors working to be good stewards of this historic part of Seattle. One of the most persistent and regularly visible benefits of FCA membership, the *Neighbors* newsletter, is a primary tool to get the word out, providing information about topics of interest and sources residents could access if they wanted more.

We see as a newsletter mission the premise that we should be reporting news, events, and opportunities specific to Fauntleroy. Information not directly affecting neighborhood residents we leave to the West Seattle Herald and other media that cover a wider area.

I feel strongly that *Neighbors* continues to fulfill this mission by keeping a sharp focus on

Fauntleroy.

We try to include "social service" articles of value to residents, for instance, how to obtain free street trees or state assistance paying for day care and traffic issues but always with a Fauntleroy angle. We've run fund-raising events in the calendar that support the church and day care when they invite participation by the wider Fauntleroy community. Stories are often about things residents see in the neighborhood, FCA events, advocacy news (i.e., ferry, traffic). We follow up on events, such as work parties and public meetings. We've done features on Fauntleroy businesses to help us all get to know them and their role as high-profile members of the community.

In our changing neighborhood, we invite your feedback on the newsletter and the role you'd like *Neighbors* to play in life in Fauntleroy. Letters to the editor or stories about why you came to Fauntleroy are welcome (send to news@fauntleroy.net). I especially love and welcome remembrances, stories or pictures of decades past from our elders in the area. Those memories are precious. Write, call or email to give us your input about what you'd welcome in your neighborhood newsletter. Help us provide more of what you want in your neighborhood association. And please join us and get involved.

ACCIDENTS ON FAUNTLEROY

This photo of an accident on Fauntleroy Way SW last spring occurred a block north of the ferry dock. Mid block U-turns into the ferry queue, speeding and a general lack of regard for others causes an increasing amount of accidents each month. We also get reports of problems, accidents or near-misses on SW Barton, 45th SW and Marine View Drive, Lincoln Park Way and perhaps most alarmingly around the child care facilities at the old Fauntleroy School building and Church/YMCA. When we contact the city or Police Department, they often don't have enough "records" of issues in a particular area to make it the priority that it is for us. So, **HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:** When you see an accident call 911 to be sure it is "of record". All 911 calls go on a log of activity so if we need statistics on incidents on Barton in 2005, there will be a way to track them. Then, please send us a note and/or photos of what you see so we can compile our own files for the FCA. Note dates and times and as much or little info as you'd like and send them to our PO Box 46343, 98146 or email to info@Fauntleroy.net At least four young children and several senior citizens live within a hundred feet of this shattered fence.



Photo by Michelle Norsen

MOREY'S BENCH

by Phil Sweetland

Remember the many stories in this newsletter from Morey's Bench based on the story telling of Morey Skaret? The actual bench is located in Captain's Park on the bluff above the ferry terminal.



Morey Skaret enjoying the view from the new bench

Sometime during the early morning hours

this past June, unknown vandals cut the chain and dragged the fish ladder garbage can to Morey's Bench to fuel a fire that destroyed the bench. The bench was burned beyond repair but "rescuer" Brian Scatena crafted a new "Morey's Bench" along the lines of the original, replete with a replica of Morey Skaret's carved name and 1936 date. Visit and admire the new bench when you are out for your walk about the neighborhood!

SPEAKING OF WALKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD . . .

As some of us have commented to each other, there are numerous sidewalks obstructed by overhanging branches, overgrown hedges or other plantings which encroach



on the walkway. Now that fall is close, it would be a good time to check for plants or moss encroaching on your sidewalk. On your next yard clean-up, please check the area and clear it of any obstructions or low overhanging branches or blackberry vines for the safety of all. Your walking neighbors will be grateful.

CREEK 'LOGGED' OVER SUMMER

By Judy Pickens

In July, EarthCorps installed 43 logs to improve habitat for juvenile salmon along 500 feet of Fautleroy Creek below 45th Ave. S.W. With cooperation from 11 property owners along the



Photo by Carl Sweetland

reach, the crew, including trainees from three states, Honduras, and Uzbekistan - did the work in just four days. Donations of logs by arborist Mark Harman and the staff at Lincoln Park went a long way toward the Fautleroy Watershed Council's obligation to match grant funding with local effort.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 24 – 9:30 A.M. Fautleroy Creek Planting and Final Cleanup: Assemble at the fish ladder viewpoint across from the ferry dock to complete the restoration project on this important salmon spawning stream. Bring work gloves and tools.

October 6 – 7 P.M. – Southwest District Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at South Seattle Community College, President's Board Room, public invited. Topics relevant to West Seattle.

October 9 – 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Cove Park

Cleanup: Come and help with fall cleaning of our newest neighborhood park.

October 23 – 6 P.M. Salmon Homecoming: Honor the salmon's journey home with song, story and drumming at the fish ladder viewpoint on Fautleroy Creek. Sponsored by the Watershed Council. Details at 938-4203

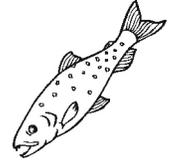
November 10 – 7 P.M. Watershed Council: The Fautleroy Watershed Council will meet at Fautleroy Church. Agenda items will include an update on reach-to-the-beach restoration.

Camp Long has several programs of interest to the community check our website www.fautleroy.net for a complete listing

SALMON WATCH AHOY!

By Judy Pickens

The annual salmon watch on Fautleroy Creek will ease out of the gate in early October, when volunteers will begin monitoring the cove for schooling fish. "With warm ocean conditions affecting food supply for returning coho, we are cautious in our optimism about a robust return," said veteran watcher Judy Pickens. "As a result, we'll look to experienced volunteers to get the watch started and then enlist more help as warranted."



To learn more about the watch or to volunteer, contact Sherry Richardson, 935-8981 or ron.richardson@comcast.net.

BARTON (COVE PARK) PUMP STATION DESIGN UPGRADE

by Martha Tuttle

As you know, King County has been working conceptually on the design for the upgrades of both the Barton and Murray Pump Stations. Emergency generators need to be installed, the electrical systems are outdated and in need of modernization and the county intends to improve the odor control systems at both pump stations.

We would like to work with the FCA to make sure that during the design phase, your neighborhood is informed, involved and has many opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns. We would like the FCA to appoint several people to work with us on the design of the Barton Pump Station upgrade. The Morgan Community Association has appointed 3 people and our thought was that if your organization

would also select 3 individuals, we could keep in close touch with the community association as the design progresses. The volunteers would be required to attend 3 or 4 meetings to review the 30%, 60% and 90% design of the plans and then be prepared to relay the information to the community group. We would like to get started working with volunteers this September, so that we can stay close to the schedule. Please respond with any questions or concerns. If you are interested in volunteering in the capacity described, contact Martha Tuttle, Community Relations/Public Involvement, Wastewater Division (206) 684-1207 or phone Gary Dawson at 937-7163 to indicate your interest.

Are you receiving our monthly email calendar notices? If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the mailing list, please email neighborhoodnews@fautleroy.net

Check out our website at www.fautleroy.net for current and past newsletters, events calendar, neighborhood information, and other interesting and useful resources.

WE LOVE FEEDBACK . . .

On our Spring/Summer issue, Reg Morgan wrote: "I have been a subscriber to 'Neighbors'" since its inception. This is the most 'newsy' edition I have read. I write myself so I know how much it takes to put together your publication. Thanks!

ANNOUNCING FAUTLEROY PHOTO CONTEST

Interested? We're looking for photos of people, events, places or things of note in Fautleroy for a photo contest. All details on rules and photo submission can be found at www.fautleroy.net.

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