

CONSTRUCTION NEAR TERMINAL TO REQUIRE EXTRA PATIENCE

Summer is always busy around the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal, with extra traffic, more visitors to Cove Park, and lots of people out for a stroll.

This summer will require extra patience with all of the above *plus* two construction projects:



RapidRide stations on Fauntleroy Way SW and a bigger wastewater pump station under Cove Park.

The two project teams have been coordinating and communicating with residents and ferry users

about potential impacts. Because of one or both projects, we can expect

- increased truck traffic
- daytime noise of equipment and construction
- no access to Cove Park
- daytime temporary closure of traffic lanes and the sidewalk by flaggers and traffic-control officers.

RapidRide stations

The RapidRide C Line through West Seattle won't begin operation until Sept. 29 but construction of the two stations on Fauntleroy Way SW at the ferry terminal is intended to have them in service by mid June as regular Metro stops. They will resemble the RapidRide stops already completed in the area, except larger.

To make boarding the bus faster, the northbound platform will extend into one lane of traffic, reducing the arterial to three lanes at the ferry terminal. By the time RapidRide service starts, both stations will be equipped with kiosks displaying up-to-the-minute bus arrival times and electric charging stations.

A temporary southbound bus stop is near the corner of SW Wildwood Pl. and Fauntleroy Way SW. Northbound passengers are boarding at the existing stop at SW Trenton.

Wastewater pump station

Construction is to start in early summer on pump-station improvements, including (under ground) updated heating and ventilation systems, a standby power system, an activated-carbon "scrubber" for improved odor control, and (above ground) new electrical equipment and landscaping, and enhanced public artwork.

The "Big Dig" in early March cleared the park of dozens of shrubs and small trees. Organized by park volunteers, it drew more than 40 people to adopt the greenery.

When fully completed in early 2015, the station will be able to pump 33 million gallons of wastewater a day on to the pump station under Lowman Beach Park and eventually to the West Point Treatment Plant. That capacity is expected to meet area needs through 2060.



SWEATING IN STYLE

FCA directors Kathleen Dellplain, Kim Petram, and David Haggerty sport the Fauntleroy Fall Festival's 10th anniversary hoodie, on sale now at the Fauntleroy Church office. A portion of the \$20 price will help keep the Oct. 14 event free. Also fueling the budget were raffle tickets and a percent-of-sales evening at Endolyne Joe's restaurant on May 8, which netted \$1,820. Photo courtesy West Seattle Blog

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MIX OF MEDIA SERVE FAUNTLEROY NEWS ANY WAY YOU LIKE IT

By Irene Stewart, FCA Webmaster

Fauntleroy residents have a number of ways to keep current on what's happening here:

The Fauntleroy Community Association has a newsletter, website, Facebook page, events lists, and a periodic e-mail "blast," plus we receive excellent coverage on the *West Seattle Blog* and in the *West Seattle Herald* (print and website).

FCA membership dues help maintain the publication you're reading right now. *Neighbors* provides in-depth information about neighborhood issues, projects, and events and serves as an

important outreach tool in our community.

Thanks to editor Judy Pickens and many

contributors, all FCA members receive *Neighbors* in the mail four times a year. Extra copies are delivered to The Original Bakery, Fauntleroy

Church, Fauntleroy YMCA, and West Beach condominiums so that newcomers can connect with our organization.

Judy also previews community events in table-top form for patrons of The Original Bakery and in list form for diners at Endolyne Joe's.

FCA's website - www.fauntleroy.net - was revamped earlier this year to include more neighborhood photos, links to our rich history, a calendar of events, summaries of ongoing issues and projects, and an archive of bylaws, board

minutes, and other information.

We know that many FCA members and friends rely on



Facebook as a portal to current information about local events. Facebook is nimble and ever-changing, so you can link to both upcoming events and event coverage that might be buried deep in a more static website.

FCA's Facebook page is visible to every internet user, whether or not you have a Facebook account. However, Facebook "friends" can post their own photos, links, and comments for others to enjoy. Visit and "like" us at www.facebook.com/FauntleroyCommunityAssociation.

Finally, FCA members and friends can sign up to receive "Fauntleroy Flash," a periodic (usually monthly) e-mail reminder of upcoming events. You may subscribe for free.

FCA has news to share with you, any way you like it - in print, online, and by e-mail. And you can help make it informative and inviting.

Photos are always welcome for the website, particularly those showing the natural beauty of our community - the cove, parks, creek, marine life - and those showing Fauntleroy people. We're also interested in ideas you may have for improving how we communicate. E-mail photos, comments, and ideas to FCACommunications@gmail.com. Use this same address to ask to be added to the Fauntleroy Flash list.

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CSO PROJECTS REPORT PROGRESS

Two projects in the area share a goal of keeping untreated sewage and stormwater out of Puget Sound but in very different ways. Both have significant progress to report.

Murray (Lowman Beach) project

The Murray basin combined sewer overflow project has shifted into high gear – seeking permits, selecting an artist, and preparing for deconstruction of buildings.

The project will create an under-ground storage facility across the street from Lowman Beach Park. It will capture stormwater during heavy rain and meter it into the wastewater system as the treatment plant can process it.

The Seattle Department of Transportation has tweaked the design's proposed restoration of Beach Drive SW between the park and project site, where work will affect the roadway. The revised design, shared with the community-based design advisory group in May, calls for narrowing the roadway from 38 feet to 25 feet. This width is consistent with a traffic-calming technique used on other non-arterial streets in Seattle.

Members of the advisory group also served on the panel that recently selected Robert M. Horner as the project artist. He will meet with the entire group in July. For more information about the artist, visit www.robertmhorner.com.

Work at the site has focused primarily on salvaging recyclable materials from the buildings scheduled for deconstruction this fall. Community members will notice security fencing going up around the site ahead of deconstruction.

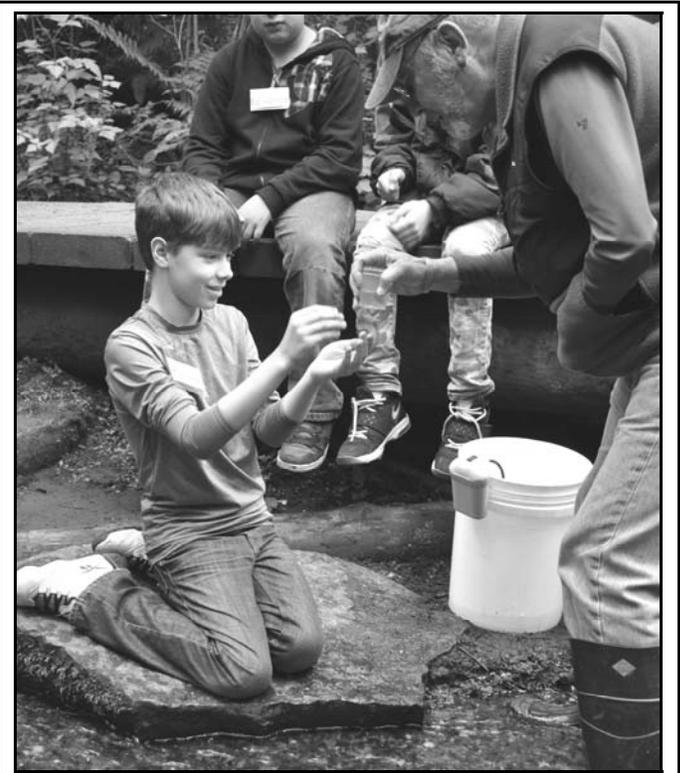
For more information about the project, contact Doug Marsano at doug.marsano@kingcounty.gov or 684-1235. On the web, visit www.kingcounty.gov and search for "Murray CSO."

Barton (Fautleroy Cove) project

Design work continues on King County's green stormwater infrastructure project up the hill to control combined sewer overflows in the Barton (Fautleroy Cove) basin.

Two community meetings in late March updated residents of Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighborhoods about design details, including the selection of planting strips along 31 sections of street for further evaluation for bio-retention swales.

Outdoor open houses in late June on all the selected streets will provide residents with the opportunity to discuss detailed design elements



SALMON ON THEIR WAY

Dennis Hinton hands West Seattle Elementary fifth-grader Cameron Johns coho fry to release into Fautleroy Creek. He was one of 600 students to release 2,200 fry in May raised through Salmon in the Schools. Dennis and other volunteers documented nearly 140 vigorous smolts leaving the creek this spring for their two years in saltwater. Photo courtesy Tara Slinden

with project staff. For more, contact Kristine Cramer at Kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov or 263-3184 or visit www.kingcounty.gov and search for "Barton CSO."

BE READY FOR SUMMER STENCH

If we have hot weather this summer, area residents on and near the beach may have to cope with noxious gas from rotting seaweed.

Fautleroy has experienced "the stench" most summers since the early 1980s - hydrogen sulfide emitted by decomposing sea lettuce on the beach.

Breezes can carry the heavy gas several blocks inland, where it may persist in basements and other low spots. If the stench is bad this summer,

- stay inside and close windows and doors an hour or so either side of low tide.
- clear the air in bedrooms with a large fan before retiring for the night.
- leave home for a few hours if the stench becomes especially strong.

In warm summers past, the stench has started in early July and continued into early September.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

FAUNTLEROY MAJOR PLAYER IN STARTING, GROWING CAMP COLMAN

Hundredth birthday parties tend to be rather staid affairs. No one, after all, wants to tire Momma by asking her to dance.

Not so the upcoming hundredth birthday party for Camp Colman. "Momma" and her thousands of children will be kicking up their heels.

Fauntleroy had a lot to do with starting the little camp on Horsehead Bay and growing it into what is now a mainstay of the Seattle YMCA's camping program. Here's a summary of that history:

Like many "Progressives" of the time, early year-round residents of Fauntleroy Cove, including Laurence and Ida May Colman, placed a high value



Fauntleroy women made the Camp Colman kitchen hum for decades, including these women taking a break in the 1950s. Photo courtesy Marilyn Whittendale

on physical fitness, especially outdoor activities. They had the means to ensure that their children and others got to develop strong bodies, minds, and spirits through camping.

In 1908, the Colmans were instrumental in building what is now Fauntleroy Church and six years later they helped add a gymnasium for indoor activities. In about 1912, they started the camping program that grew into Camp Colman. With several families, they camped on Blake Island, then on their property in Fauntleroy Cove. Soon they formalized a camping program at their summer home on Horsehead Bay in south Puget Sound.

Pretty much everyone who was a kid in Fauntleroy prior to the Second World War has fond memories of boarding the Colmans' steam-powered yacht, *The Osprey*, for a week at camp. After the war, transportation was by bus but the thrill of a week away at Horsehead was the same.

In 1924, by informal agreement, the YMCA

formed a branch in Fauntleroy to manage the church gymnasium and, by extension, Camp Colman. A board of church members and YMCA representatives oversaw both facilities.

Pressed to expand and upgrade the camp, Fauntleroy raised the money to purchase property on Case Inlet for a new campus and construct Anderson Lodge. After opening day, in 1966, Fauntleroy residents continued to fund and build cabins, help with maintenance, and lead activities.

Some 25 years later, the bustling camp was drawing campers from a broad area, and the board made the practical and logical decision to turn over administration to the YMCA of Greater Seattle.

As the camp turns 100, Anderson Lodge is again in the spotlight. Work over the past several months has netted a larger dining room and deck, more restrooms, updated kitchen and safety features, and a lounge, while maintaining its original character and feel. The building can now serve about 7,000 visitors annually for summer camps, family camps, environmental education, retreats, and other events throughout the year.

Fund-raising linked to the centennial will help ensure that the camp keeps pace with needs. During a 100-day countdown to centennial events, day sponsors are each giving \$100 to establish an alumni endowment for camp facilities.

A lot of fun is on the calendar as well. Alumni and friends may attend one party in Fauntleroy and/or a weekend at camp.

On Friday, July 27, a bean feed (an old Fauntleroy YMCA tradition) will feature the premiere of a centennial film about the camp, starting at 5:30 PM at The Hall at Fauntleroy.

On July 28-29, Camp Colman will welcome guests for all or part of a weekend of activities, including a salmon bake, lodge dedication, and campfire on Saturday, plus French toast and goop (another tradition) on Sunday morning.

Bring memorabilia to display and photos to be scanned for the camp archives. Also bring a small item (such as a letter to future campers) for a centennial time capsule.

Can't attend either event? Share camp stories when you enroll in the registry of camp alumni.

For details about day sponsorships and events, click the "alumni" tab at www.seattleyymca.org or contact Magill Dickerson-Lange at 839-8916 or mlange@seattleyymca.org.

MORE RESIDENTS LEARN WHAT TO DO IN MAJOR EMERGENCY

Most people in Fauntleroy never knew about the terrorist attack on May 19. It was almost real, though, to residents who participated in an emergency preparation drill at the Fauntleroy Communications Hub (aka Fauntleroy Church parking lot).

Led by Gordon Wiehler, the drill increased the number of residents familiar with setting up a hub, tracking problem reports from the neighborhood, and communicating with the outside world.

The drill conducted in October used a severe-storm scenario to train volunteers in the various tasks involved in having a fully functioning communications hub. An earlier drill used a major earthquake. Ours is one of 11 in West Seattle and dozens more are scattered throughout the city.

"We activated the hub as if it was day two after the terrorist attack," Gordon said. "The scenario presented a very different set of problems to deal with than our other drills."

A number of participants this time were new, he said, which means more volunteers are ready to hit the ground running when a real emergency occurs. They learned about and experienced all the positions required to staff a hub.

Gordon singled out Ray Fletcher for special



John Applegate, Gordon Wiehler, Ken Molsberry, Ray Fletcher, Eldon Olson, Mardee McElwee, and Sheila Weaver test the Fauntleroy hub's new antenna prior to the drill.

Photo courtesy Debbie Goetz

praise: "Ray is an incredibly talented and experienced Ham radio operator and we're lucky to have him helping out in this neighborhood."

Watch for another drill in the fall. The FCA website and Facebook page will have details, as will the FCA booth at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

Emergency Preparedness Service in South Park sells the emergency-preparedness kits raffled off at the Endolyne Joe's fund-raiser for the Fall Festival. If you weren't lucky enough to win one, check them out at www.emprep.com.



PATRONIZE LOCAL BUSINESSES, DO GOOD AT SAME TIME

How could you improve reading skills at Mount View Elementary in White Center? Get your hair cut at CoCo & Co or your car fixed at Spencer's Shell.

These two area businesses are among a few dozen enrolled on BookIt2Me, a start-up aimed at supporting the community while supporting commerce in White Center/West Seattle.

When you schedule an appointment or service at bookit2me.com, the business gives \$1 toward the purchase of e-readers (Kindles) for the school.

"We're in the pilot phase of an Internet marketplace where local consumers can find and patronize local businesses," said John Khrapko, who founded the business with his father, Sergey (CEO), and Sergei Korol (chief technical officer).

Initially, John wanted a way for consumers to search online for services in their immediate geographic area. Also, he wanted to ensure business owners that their online marketing dollars would be buying exposure where their likely

customers live, not hundreds of miles away.

By linking to fund-raising for e-readers, the management team reasoned, parents and teachers associated with the school would begin to patronize enrolled businesses. Other consumers would be drawn in out of a desire to support businesses that benefit the community.

After graduation this month from the University of Washington, John will be working full time to attract more businesses and customers. One \$150 e-reader is already in service, with seven more to go for Mount View Elementary.



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SCAM ARTISTS WANT ONE THING: YOUR MONEY

By FCA President Bruce Butterfield

Last month I attended the Senior Center of West Seattle's annual breakfast. The speaker was a neighbor, Connie Thompson, one of KOMO-TV's Problem Solvers. She spoke about many issues facing older

adults, one of which caught my attention because I know people who have experienced scams.

Connie described scams that can affect not only the most vulnerable among us but many healthy elders who react out of love and concern for someone they think is a family member. The "grandparent scam" works like this: You get a call, maybe in the middle of the night, and you're caught off guard. A bad phone connection makes the caller hard to understand but the person claims to be your grandchild, in a bad situation.

"Grandpa, I'm in London and someone mugged me and took all my money. I have no way to get home. Can you wire me some money?"

Please don't tell anybody - I'm so embarrassed! I'm sorry to ask but I really need your help."

The scenario varies but it's intended to raise concern and make you feel honored that your grandchild would call. You want to help.

Unfortunately, these situations are nearly always a scam. That payment must be made by wired money order is a dead giveaway.

In a new and particularly nasty variation, you may be told that your grandchild has been kidnapped and that a ransom must be paid. In some cases, the crooks know something about your grandchild and may even use an accomplice to impersonate his or her voice.

Even more cunningly, the crooks may call the genuine grandchild, pretend to represent a cell phone company, and tell them to switch off their phone for a maintenance project, which prevents the grandparent from checking the story.

If you know someone who could be vulnerable to such scams, reach out directly or through a family member to help the person understand that these scams are commonplace. *"Mom, if you or someone you know gets such a call, report it right away by calling 9-1-1. Don't be embarrassed. Your report could keep others from being robbed."*

Two additional resources can lead to support in dealing with a scam:

- Senior Information & Assistance has a wealth of services for people age 60+ as well as younger family members, friends, and neighbors who care for older adults. 1-888-4-ELDERS
- The Crisis Clinic's 2-1-1 line is a great non-emergency resource for information and referrals to lots of social services, for all ages. Call 2-1-1 anywhere in King County during business hours.

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- Endolyne Joe's Restaurant
- Fautleroy Children's Center
- Fautleroy Community Service Agency
- West Seattle & Fautleroy YMCA
- Fautleroy Church, United Church of Christ
- Gail Ann Photography
- Guadalajara Restaurant
- Seattle Civic Dance Theatre
- Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering
- Wildwood Bed and Breakfast

FCA BOARD LOOKS TO FUTURE

In April, FCA directors were indoors on a sunny Saturday for a day-long retreat to assess FCA's role in the community and what additional the organization might do to help maintain and improve the quality of life here.

Topping the list of priorities was engaging more people in FCA activities and governance. Toward that end, expect to see a resident survey from FCA later this year. Information from the survey will guide board decisions about specific changes.

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues., June 12, July 10, Sept. 11: FCA business meeting, **7 PM** in the schoolhouse conference room. To propose or inquire about the agenda or propose a topic, contact brucebutterfield@pnwrealty.com or 932-2400.

Fri., July 27: Camp Colman bean feed and centennial film premiere, The Hall at Fauntleroy, **5:30 PM**. Details by clicking on click the "alumni" tab at www.seattlemca.org.

July 28-29: Celebration weekend at Camp Colman with salmon bake, campfire, and French toast with goop. Details by clicking on click the "alumni" tab at www.seattlemca.org.

Tues., Aug. 7: Seattle Night Out block-party events. Go to www.seattle.gov/spd/Nightout to register and request street closure.

Thurs., Sept. 13: Fauntleroy Watershed Council, **7 PM** at Fauntleroy Church. Any environmentally concerned area resident welcome.

Sat., Sept. 16: 2nd Time Sale at Fauntleroy Church; bargains on culled, clean, priced-to-sell items of all kinds, **9 AM - 3 PM**, Fellowship Hall.

Sun., Sept. 23: Free Recycle Roundup in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot, **9 AM - 3 PM**. Most items accepted; watch for the list to be posted at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

Thurs., Sept. 30: Deadline for West Seattle artists to apply to participate in the Fauntleroy Fine Art & Gift Faire in November. Application form and details will be posted at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

SUMMERTIME ON THE BEACH

A beach naturalist with the Seattle Aquarium will be at Lincoln Park for a free guided exploration at low tide on these dates:

June 17, 10 AM-12:30 PM
 June 23, 12:30-3:30 PM
 June 30, 8:30-11 AM
 July 1, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
 July 2, 9:30 AM-1 PM
 July 3, 10 AM-2 PM
 July 4, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM
 July 5, 11 AM-2:30 PM
 July 6, 12-3 PM
 July 21, 12-2:30 PM
 July 22, 12:30-2:30 PM



CHEAP DATES

Stage Struck will soon kick off its summer acting, singing, and dancing program for area young people. Campers work intensively on their production and then perform for one and all. Four performances on **Fridays at 7 PM** will be in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church: *Sizzling Summer Fun* **July 20**, *Peter Pan* **Aug. 3**, *Alice in Wonderland* **Aug. 17**, and *Grease* **Aug. 31**. Details at www.stagestruckseattle.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Oct. 14: Fauntleroy Fall Festival at Fauntleroy Church, YMCA, and schoolhouse, **2 PM - 6 PM**; free for all ages!

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VOLUNTEERS GET DOWN AND DIRTY FOR LINCOLN PARK

Walk past people on hands and knees in Lincoln Park and you may be invited to join them.



Lincoln Park forest steward Sharon Baker never wants for a weed to pull. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

Friends of Lincoln Park volunteers dig out invasive plants and maintain restored areas nearly every first Saturday and third Sunday of the month, year-round. All you have to do to be a "Friend" is show up.

Forest stewards Sharon Baker and Lisa McGinty organize the work parties

to care for the 80 forested acres of the 135-acre

park. In her seventh year, Sharon is the senior steward, having trained with the Native Plant Society. Forest stewards is a program of the Green Seattle Partnership, a multi-agency effort to focus as many resources as possible on reclaiming public parks from invasives, such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry.

Last year, local volunteers gave about 600 hours to Lincoln Park. In addition, special work parties led by EarthCorps drew corporate and other groups. They weed, transplant, and maintain, maintain, maintain.

Nearly every work party of 8-10 volunteers includes newcomers, some of whom commit to the effort. "We haven't tried to build anything big here," Sharon said, "just what is needed for the park and still keep a personal connection with every volunteer."

To volunteer (and get some great exercise!), meet at the kiosk in the north parking lot (SW Rose and Fautleroy Way SW) at 9 AM on the first Saturday or third Sunday. Sharon can be reached at sabaker41@gmail.com or 464-1068 .

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