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FALL FESTIVAL TO HAVE MORE MUSIC AND DANCING, LESS MESS

Never doubt that the Fauntleroy Fall Festival's steering committee has heard parents loud and clear: No more never-dry paint on the pumpkins!

Children who want to decorate a pumpkin at the festival on **Oct. 19** may choose from an assortment of big, brightly colored markers and fun stickers. When the decorating is done, they may take their pumpkins on the spot – no more forgetting to pick them up later.

Festival coordinator Debbie Kerns also announced other changes for this 12th annual festival:

- The festival will have more **music**. Back Porch Apostles will lay claim to the first slot on main stage in the church parking lot. This five-piece band is known for four-part harmonies and trading off on lots of instruments as the musicians engage the crowd. The 5 Buck Band will follow with classic rock 'n roll.

- The festival will have more **dancing**. Given the very successful "Swing Into Summer" dance in June, festival organizers have booked the Emerald Room at the Hall at Fauntleroy for Chainsaw Geoduck (dance-oriented world music) and the West Seattle Big Band (music from the swing era).

Many favorites will be returning, as well. The popular cake walk will have a new venue. The climbing wall and inflatable bull ride will test children's nerve.

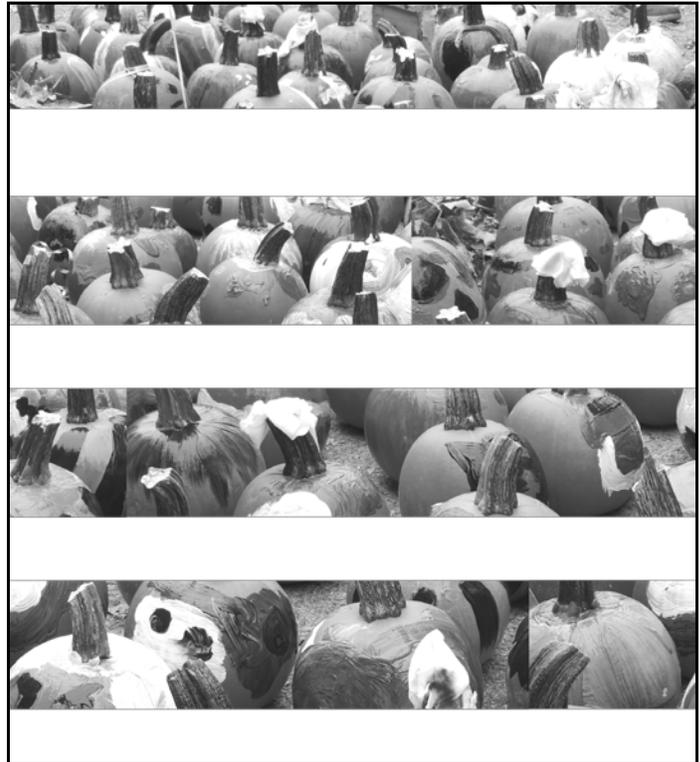
Small children will enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, and salmon hats. And woodworking volunteers will have scores of bird houses to build.

Every space, from the church stage and sanctuary to the YMCA gym and Fauntleroy Children's Center playground, will have something to do or simply experience at this free annual event for all ages. And when you need a burst of energy, food vendors will be close at hand with hot cider and other faire.

Volunteers are needed from set-up through take-down; contact Terry Clements (206-932-5600 or terry@fauntleroyucc.org) to check out the possibilities.

"We want everybody to come," Debbie said. "The festival is all about community – checking in with people you've known for years – and meeting newcomers to the neighborhood."

While this event is free, it is costly to produce. Look for donation boxes at the festival and make checks out to FCA, noting Fall Festival.



Waiting and waiting for the paint to dry on Fall Festival pumpkins will be a thing of the past. Photo courtesy Eric Dale

TRAFFIC MEETING COMING THIS FALL

By Marty Westerman

Traffic issues pose constant, sometimes worsening challenges for residents in Fauntleroy and elsewhere on the West Seattle peninsula. Your FCA Board is well aware of these challenges and is looking at dates for a community meeting this fall on traffic issues.

When viewed through a wide lens, our traffic issues include, but aren't limited to

- rush-hour backups along Fauntleroy Way between the ferry terminal and Morgan Junction

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TRAFFIC MEETING *(continued)*

- backups and stoppages on the West Seattle Bridge, the most-traveled road for which the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is responsible
- hour-long drive times between here and nearly anywhere north of downtown

Locally, we've got early morning motorcycle noise, issues with traffic flow and road repairs, and more. In short -- lots of items we want addressed.

We plan to ask representatives of the Mayor's Office, SDOT, Seattle Police, the County Executive's Office, and Metro Transit to join us at this meeting to present our concerns and learn what actions can be taken to address them.

FCA advocacy on traffic issues has netted positive results for this community over the past 34 years. A recent example: Two years ago, when RapidRide bus service threatened to squeeze traffic at the ferry terminal down to two lanes – and none when busses were at each stop - FCA loudly objected. Our pressure to keep one lane open at all times resulted in the three-lane design now in smooth operation.

At this fall's meeting, we expect to set in motion actions that will result in positive traffic management changes. The FCA Board will start with the following list of local concerns created over the past year and winnow it down to five to focus on at the meeting:

- reduce congestion on Fautleroy Way between Wildwood and the Morgan Junction
- reduce the risk of collision at the top of the Wildwood/45th/Brace Point triangle
- improve sightlines to the north of the Brace Point/45th intersection and to the south of the Roxbury/Marine View intersection
- reduce side-street speeding
- improve bus service from Westwood to anywhere on the peninsula
- improve the crowded on-street summer parking and safety situation along Lincoln Park.

The FCA Board invites you to add to this list so we may choose the five priority issues to highlight at the upcoming community meeting. You may express your views at the Board's Sept. 9 business meeting (7 pm in the schoolhouse conference room) or contact me at 206-938-3847 or artartart@seanet.com.



SWEET NIGHT OUT

Ben & Jerry's ice cream capped the Seattle Night Out potluck for neighbors near lower SW Henderson. The Seattle Police Department sponsors such events across the city to discourage crime. Photo courtesy Gary Dawson

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END IN SIGHT FOR CONSTRUCTION NEXT TO FERRY TERMINAL

By Doug Marsano

King County's contractors have made great progress this summer on major projects to control stormwater in our area. Read all about it!

Barton Pump Station

King County's contractor is also ahead of schedule on this expansion and upgrade adjacent to the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal. Prospect Construction has gained six months and wrap up the project by year's end.

New equipment has arrived throughout 2014 and been installed and tested piece by piece. Now that all the pumps, wires, conduits, and pipes are in place, the crew will spend about a month testing all these elements together before allowing wastewater to flow through the new system.

Concurrent with this testing, neighbors and ferry commuters will see restoration work begin. It will include restoration of the curb and sidewalk along Fauntleroy Way SW and work in the north ferry lane entrance.

Murray Combined Sewer Overflow Project

In mid August, King County's contractor finished installing the outer wall of the facility's underground tank. It was built by drilling about 100 concrete cylinders, each four feet wide and 80 feet deep, in a ring around the area where the storage tank will sit. These cylinders (called "secant piles") interlock to make the ring watertight, thus stabilizing the surrounding area while the hole for the tank is excavated.

Installing the outer wall was one of the most intense phases of the project. Thanks to everyone in the community for your patience during this work.

Crews will finish digging out the tank area in November. The amount of soil removed would fill Colman Pool twice! Residents can expect more excavators working on site and more trucks entering and exiting the site.

After the excavating is finished, crews will begin preparing to build the tank itself, starting late 2014 or early 2015.

Barton Combined Sewer Overflow Project

Goodfellow Bros., Inc., is ahead of schedule on construction. Ten streets in the Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighborhoods now have roadside rain gardens – two more than had been scheduled for the 2014 construction season.

All the streets are in the "plant establishment" phase during which rain gardens are fenced off and irrigated to give plants time to extend their roots before the rainy season begins. After this phase, crews will be in the neighborhood testing the system to make sure it works before allowing stormwater into the rain gardens.

When fully functioning, this project will help King

County meet federal regulations to limit combined sewer overflows into Fauntleroy Cove near the Barton Pump Station to an average of no more than one per year.

EVENTS TO FOCUS ON RAINWISE

If you've been thinking about installing a rain garden or cistern on your property, two upcoming RainWise events are for you.

This fall, Urban Systems Design is continuing its outreach to property owners in the Barton (Fauntleroy) basin with two RainWise events:

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1-4 pm, RainWise staff and contractors will host a "rain garden festival" be at the West Seattle Nursery, including plants on clearance.

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-6 pm, RainWise experts will have a booth at the new rain garden in front of the schoolhouse during the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

On both occasions, staff with Urban Systems Design will be there to answer questions, including how to select a contractor from the RainWise-approved roster.

Through 2015, the RainWise rebate program covers up to 100 percent of the cost of rain gardens and/or cisterns on private properties in the



Barton drainage basin (including Fauntleroy). A joint program of Seattle Public Utilities and King County's Wastewater Treatment Division, it aims to reduce the volume of polluted runoff going into Puget Sound through the combined sewer system that serves the Barton basin.

So far, 48 basin residents have signed up for the program. Their rain gardens or cisterns will keep runoff from 66,800 square feet of concrete and other hard surfaces out of Puget Sound.

Check your eligibility at www.rainwise.seattle.gov. If you don't have internet service, call Katie Schnepf Bell at 206-550-2812.

If you're on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/BartonFauntleroyRainWise for news about events and tips about rebates.

RainWise is also organizing living-room meetings with homeowners who have used the program and their interested neighbors to encourage clusters of rain gardens or cisterns to maximize the impact. If you might be interested in hosting or attending one, contact either of the following Fauntleroy residents on the Urban Systems Design team:

- Laura Ryser at lauramryser@gmail.com or 360-528-0822
- Katie Bell at kbell4@antioch.edu or 206-550-2812.



BOOTS ON THE GROUND IN RAVINE

After two years of planning and permitting, habitat restoration in the Kilbourne ravine in the heart of Fauntleroy got under way in August. EarthCorps trainees began by blazing a "staging" trail through thick ivy and blackberry vines next to the schoolhouse. Work will continue until the rainy season, then resume in the spring. Funded primarily by the King Conservation District, the six-year project is coordinated by the Fauntleroy Watershed Council in cooperation with Seattle Parks and other property owners. Photo courtesy Dylan Grace-Wells.

CALL FOR SALMON WATCHERS

If you'd like to experience coho spawners up close, consider enlisting as a salmon watcher. This year's watch on Fauntleroy Creek will start Oct. 27 and will go until Thanksgiving or until we no longer see spawners.

To see for yourself why Fauntleroy people volunteer to get wet and cold to document fish, contact Judy Pickens at 206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com.

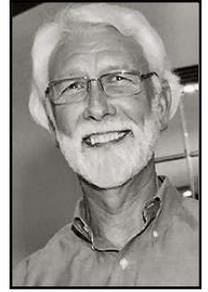
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IT'S BEEN A FAST-MOVING QUARTER

By FCA President Mike Dey

Great things are happening in the FCA. Since my update in June, we've added two Board members, initiated another community survey, defined areas of emphasis with area police, and stepped into the process of disposing of surplus City Light property in the neighborhood.



New Board members: Debbie Kerns is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. Her hard work, almost 11 years ago, started the Fauntleroy Fall Festival and it will be her focus as a Board member. She will direct FCA's involvement with our festival partners: Fauntleroy Church and the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCA.

Shannon Ninburg is an artist and, most recently, a businesswoman. She has accepted the very important Board position of secretary of record. She will be maintaining our membership records and coordinating efforts to increase our membership.

I am very appreciative of all our Board members for the time and energy they devote to FCA. Because of them, city and county governments value FCA's input on social, cultural, and environmental issues that arise as our community, city, and region evolve.

Community survey: We have begun working on our second online community survey. Watch for information about where to find it online and the deadline for completing it.

Public safety: We are coordinating with the Southwest Precinct to align this community's public-safety concerns with law enforcement. For the coming year, we have agreed on three areas of emphasis: (1) noise, especially motorcycle noise in excess of the 90 dB established limit, (2) Lincoln Park safety, and (3) general neighborhood crime, such as auto break-ins, burglaries, and robberies.

City Light property: The Board wrote to Seattle City Light asking that the community be given a chance to have input into the disposition of the former substation property at SW Brace Point Drive and 46th Ave SW. We received a response and will be meeting with City Light representatives soon.

I hope you've been enjoying our wonderful summer weather and will continue to do so as long as it lasts!

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EVENTS GALORE THIS FALL

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: Tuesday, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 at 7 pm in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda details, contact FCA President Mike Dey at msday50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

WATERSHED COUNCIL: The Fauntleroy Watershed Council will meet **Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Any resident interested in neighborhood natural areas is welcome. Contact judy_pickens@msn.com or 206-938-4203.

2ND TIME SALE: Sept. 13-14 at Fauntleroy Church. Bargain pricing on almost anything you could want, all clean, culled, and organized. **Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. 11 am - 1 pm.** Bake sale on Saturday. Cash or check only.



FAMILY MATTERS: Monday, Sept 15, at 7 pm at the Fauntleroy YMCA, Judy Pigott with Personal Safety Nets will help parents in any family configuration find the tools, knowledge, and resources to prepare for life's challenges and changes. This free series is sponsored by the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCA, Fauntleroy Church, Little Pilgrim School, and the Fauntleroy Children's Center.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: Sunday, Sept. 21, 9 am - 3 pm in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot, hosted by the church's green committee and 1 Green Planet. See the long list of what to bring and the short list of what not to at www.fauntleroyucc.org or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

LINCOLN PARK: The Friends of Lincoln Park group hosts twice-monthly work parties to restore and maintain natural areas. Upcoming dates: third Sunday (Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16) and First Saturday (Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6). Muster at 9 am at the kiosk in the north parking lot with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, water, and layers suited to the weather. Contact: Sharon Baker at sabaker41@gmail.com or 206-464-1068.

ARTIST DEADLINE: West Seattle artists and artistic crafters may apply for the annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Gift Show** (Nov. 14-16) by **Sept. 29**. For details about the show hosted by Fauntleroy Church and the application form, visit www.fauntleroyucc.org or call the church office at 206-932-5600.



FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: Sunday, Oct. 19 in the church/YMCA/ schoolhouse triangle. 2 - 6 pm with free activities for all ages, plus food vendors.

SPECIAL DAY FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS: The annual **Blessing of the Animals** for furry, feathered, or scaly friends in the neighborhood will be **Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 pm** in the sanctuary at Fauntleroy Church. A reception for all will follow.



SWEET, SWEET MUSIC: Friday, Oct. 24 at Fauntleroy Church featuring the high-energy blues of **Alice Stuart**. 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. \$10 general; \$8 seniors /students; kids free at the door. Includes dessert.

SALMON DRUMMING: Sunday, Oct. 26, 5 pm at the fish-ladder viewpoint (SW Director and upper Fauntleroy Way SW). Bring whatever you consider a drum for drumming, singing, and silliness to call in the coho spawners to Fauntleroy Creek. All-ages; free.

FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFTS SHOW: Nov. 14-16 at Fauntleroy Church will feature a dozen selected West Seattle artists and artisans showing, selling, and discussing their work. **Fri. 5 - 8 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm, Sun. 11 am- 2 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Free; watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.

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SCHOOLHOUSE OFFERS UNIQUE WAY TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY

By Denise Wallace, property manager
Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center

The Fautleroy Community Service Agency (FCSA) is the proud steward of the Fautleroy Schoolhouse Community Center and is committed to restoring and maintaining this neighborhood landmark.

FCSA has already completed and paid for phase 1 roofing and repair work on more than two-thirds of the building. Now we need to upgrade the north wing so the building is preserved for many generations to come.

Phase 2 will cost \$500,000 and include replacing the roof, gutters, and downspouts; tuck pointing the brick; seismic retrofitting; and painting.

Rather than going for traditional bank financing, the FCSA board decided to try an alternative funding model that is enabling community supporters to make a socially conscious investment in our schoolhouse.

In late July, the board co-hosted an information meeting with Semble, a company headquartered in Bellevue with a national reach. Its mission is to strengthen community ties while lowering borrowing costs for local nonprofits.

Semble offers a straightforward deal to investors who want their money to do good in the community while earning interest:

Schoolhouse supporters commit an amount of their



choosing (at least \$5,000) for five to seven years at a rate of return between three and five percent. FCSA will use their money to finance Phase 2 and pay them interest from building rental income. Semble provides the administrative oversight.

Community investors have committed \$360,000 so far to our "Friends of the Fautleroy Schoolhouse" loan initiative through Semble. We need just \$170,000 more to reach our \$500,000 target for Phase 2. FCSA's goal is to get there in time for the work to be finished before the rainy season sets in this fall.

Visit www.semble.com/listing/fautleroy to learn more about this investment opportunity and begin the commitment process. If you have lingering questions, email info@semble.com.

We look forward to partnering with you toward a bright future for our schoolhouse!

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