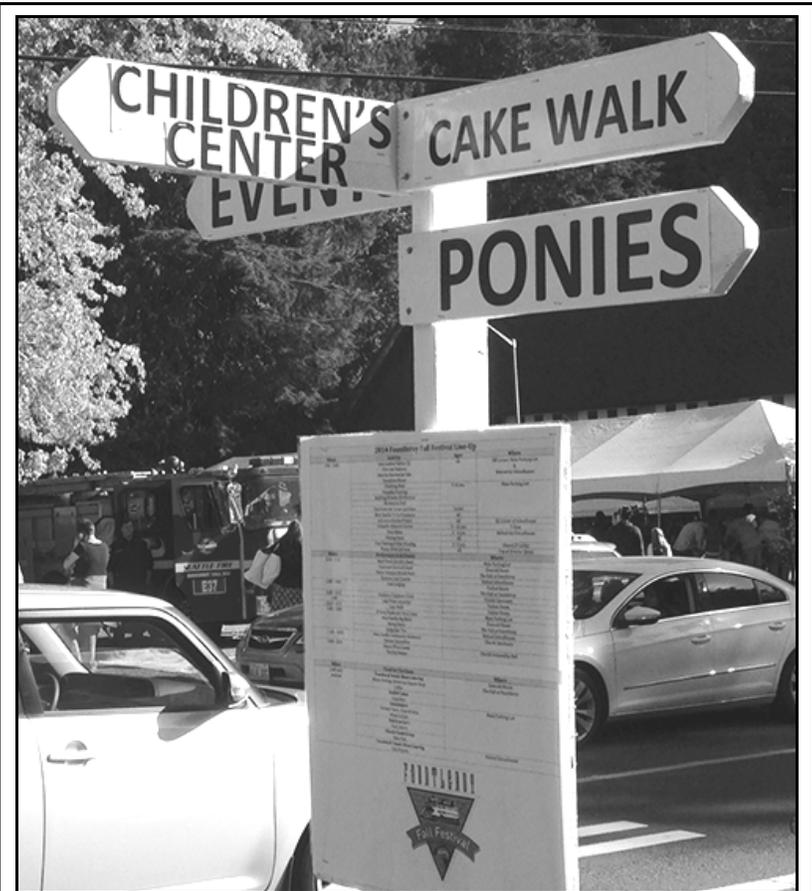




## ADVOCACY RESTORES POLICE OFFICERS AT FERRY TERMINAL

After legislative action to reinstate state funding, uniformed off-duty Seattle Police officers are again directing traffic on Fauntleroy Way SW at the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal. They are maintaining a safer and more continuous flow of traffic - including local vehicles and pedestrians - during loading and off-loading of ferries.

Their return is the result of a lengthy effort by members of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee, their counterparts on Vashon, Washington State Ferries, and the Legislature. The FCA Board wrote to both the Senate and House transportation committees and is especially grateful for the support of City Councilman Tom Rasmussen and State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon. *Photo courtesy Judy Pickens*



## SIGNS POINT TO ANOTHER GREAT FESTIVAL

Directional signage from 2014 hints at what will be in store when **Fauntleroy Fall Festival 2015** kicks off at 2 PM on **Sunday, Oct. 11**.

Earlier this year because of (what else?) the Seahawks schedule, the festival will have lots of free activities for all ages, plus food vendors to keep everyone fueled, whatever the weather.

See page 2 for a profile of one of the festival's perennial crowd pleasers, the Jozee Roos Petting Zoo. *Photo courtesy Irene Stewart*

## COMMUNITY SURVEY AGAIN RANKS CRIME-PREVENTION NO. 1 RESIDENT CONCERN

By Shannon Ninburg

Last spring, FCA sought to involve more than 3,000 Fauntleroy residents in determining what issues are most pressing for FCA to pursue for the community. The following results will guide future actions and advocacy.

According to the 306 residents who responded to the survey, the number one concern remains **crime prevention**, with 91% of respondents giving it a rating of either "important" or "very important." Our community survey in 2013 found the same priority. (*cont'd. p. 3*)

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# JOZEE ROOZ ANIMALS MARK DECADE AS FESTIVAL CROWD PLEASERS

By Judy Pickens

One of the busiest activities – always – at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival is the petting zoo. Add the pony rides and parents better bring a double tall to sip while they wait.

For the staff of Jozee Rooz Petting Zoo, even a minute to wait would be a luxury. Hundreds of children want to pet a goat, feel a pig's snout, or meet a wallaby. What seems like hundreds more want to ride a pony. And all of them would like to do it NOW!

Debbie Dolittle Penwell knows how to mix interesting, cuddly animals with eager children. She's been bringing her petting animals to the fall festival since 2005. This

year, she'll also be bringing the ponies and mixed donkeys.

Fauntleroy is close to home for Debbie. Her love of animals began as a child in White Center and, over the years, people came to know her as a soft touch for rescue

ducks, sheep – any critter that's not your standard pet. Now she and her partner, Don Miller, share a 10-acre farm near Spanaway with more than 100 animals.

Creative ways to fund all that rescuing started with hiring the goats out for weed clearing. But what about the potbellied pigs, the ducks, and the camels?

That's when she turned to the concept of a portable petting zoo. The number and variety of animals she and her staff bring depends on the event, whether it's a birthday party for 20 or a community festival for 2,000.

She recently added a stationary petting zoo in a Tacoma strip mall and expanded her company name to the "Jozee Rooz Indoor Petting Zoo, Party Rental, Zoo to U, Pony & Unicorn Rides." It's a place where walk-ins, preschool classes, and birthday groups can meet and learn about animals they might otherwise have to view from afar.

Debbie is used to fielding questions about her animals, especially, "Are they healthy and well taken care of?" The formal answer is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture licensed the business and regularly inspects for standard of care. The informal answer is "Take a look."

"Our animals are always in public view," Debbie said. "You can look at them and see that they are healthy and well cared for, as well as friendly."

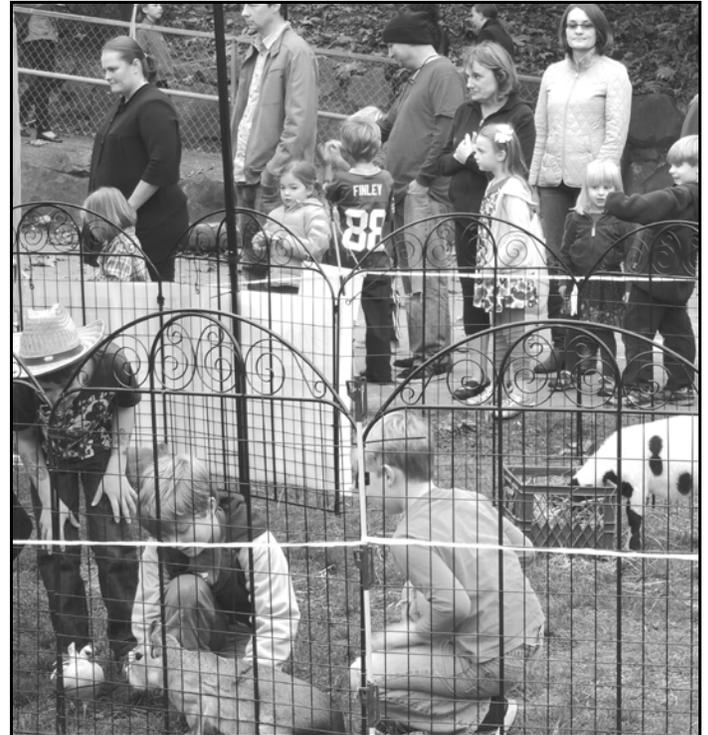
The latter quality is especially important. Every animal she puts in front of a two-year-old has to tolerate that child's version of affection and squeals of delight.

"It's like finding the right employee for the job," Debbie explained. "The animals go through the training process and work on a trial basis. If the job isn't the right fit, we find them a more suitable home."

Jozee Rooz has a deep enough bench to send in a substitute if an animal needs a day off. While introducing children at the festival to a variety of animals, staff

members will also be watching for any animal that is ready for a break.

Look for the petting zoo and pony rides at the fall festival on the playground, due west of the schoolhouse. Both activities will be well worth the wait!



**The chance to get up close and personal with an animal that's just begging to be petted is well worth the wait in line for the petting zoo at the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.** Photo courtesy Eric Dale



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## SURVEY (cont'd. from p. 1)

Many residents offered helpful suggestions for preventing crime. Those that came up multiple times were creating a network of aware neighbors to report suspicious looking people and burglaries, additional street lighting in some areas, and increased police patrols (especially considering predictions of population growth).

**Environmental stewardship** of our area came in as the second most important priority. Friends of Lincoln Park and the stewardship of Fauntleroy Creek drew an "important" or "very important" vote from 86% of respondents.

Suggestions for doing more included educating residents about water pollutants and how they are released into Puget Sound, enforcing leash laws in Lincoln Park and Fauntleroy Park, and preventing excessive stormwater drainage from big rainfalls.

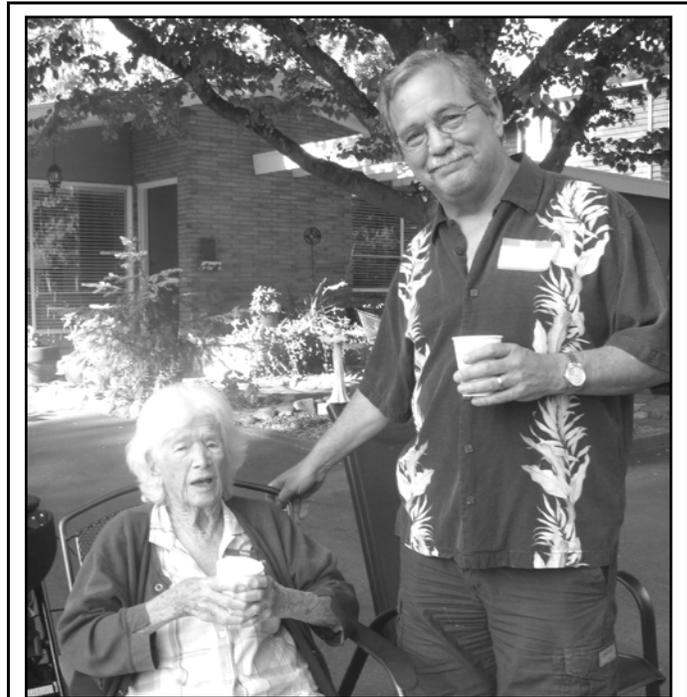
**Traffic issues** were survey takers third priority. From a list of traffic-related concerns, 80% of respondents gave "lack of visibility at certain intersections" a rating of "important" or "very important." Other traffic-related comments mentioned multiple times were speeding, traffic congestion around the ferry terminal, bus bulbs causing traffic back-ups, and a need for better bike lanes.

The survey also generated input about existing community events, such as the Fauntleroy Fall Festival and Swing Into Summer Dance, and ideas for new events, including movie night at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center.

The FCA Board will use these and other survey results similar to what we did with the 2013 results. Actions and advocacy based on that survey included the community-safety meeting we hosted in fall 2013 with the leadership of the Southwest Police Precinct. One outcome was that someone in a leadership position with the precinct is regularly in attendance at FCA's monthly business meeting. Also, we are advocating within the framework of the police department's neighborhood policing plan to see that key issues affecting Fauntleroy are addressed.

This past fall we hosted another community meeting about the earlier survey's number two priority: traffic. That discussion led to a package of actions currently being implemented at several locations to increase traffic safety.

Thank you to all who took a few minutes to complete our recent survey. You have reinforced much of what FCA has been doing and set a course for new ways we can work together to improve the neighborhood.



## NEIGHBORS RECONNECT ON NIGHT OUT

Fauntleroy elder Emma Harmon and life-long resident Brian Dunbar were among dozens of neighbors at the lower Henderson Street block party on Aug. 4. It was one of several in Fauntleroy that drew people outdoors for Seattle Night Out. Photo courtesy Judy Pickens

## RAINWISE REBATES ADDING UP

Homeowners in Fauntleroy continue to break ground on rain gardens to enhance their landscape and control stormwater at the same time.

The city/county RainWise rebate program completed 56 installations in this basin, with another 20 in process. The goal is to have 105 homeowners enrolled by year's end, for rain gardens and/or above-ground cisterns to retain rainwater where it falls.

The 76 installations in our basin will capture rainwater from 110,000 square feet of roof area.

Rebates for these installations total just over \$258,000 (the program rebates up to \$3.50 for every square foot of runoff controlled by a rain garden or cistern).

The RainWise website ([www.rainwise.seattle.gov](http://www.rainwise.seattle.gov)) is now part of a larger site with lots of information for homeowners about green stormwater infrastructure. Start there by finding out if your property is a good match for RainWise.

Do you have a large roof? If it's 2,500 square feet or more, you could be eligible for an extra-large rebate. Contractor and RainWise staff will be on hand to answer big-roof questions on **Thursday, Sept. 10**, noon-1:30 pm at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center, 9131 California Ave. SW





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# COVE PARK, PUMP STATION REOPEN IN STYLE

By Judy Pickens



While Cove Park's new kiosk now welcomes visitors, the area will be even more inviting after plants are installed in the fall.



(From top) Artist Tom Jay worked for years on new pieces for Cove Park. Tomo Nakayama-Tran graced the opening ceremony with original music. Pam Elardo, director of King County Natural Resources, and County Councilman Joe McDermott cut the ribbon on the upgraded pump station. Photos courtesy Judy Pickens

Gratitude was in the air on July 18 when the community celebrated the reopening of Cove Park and upgrading of a pump station to keep wastewater overflows out of Fauntleroy Cove.

Celebrating the former brought exceptional attention to the latter. Officials noted that county wastewater facilities usually don't open with music, speeches, and delectable refreshments!

An estimated 70 people braved the hot afternoon for a first walk through the park, restored and enhanced after a three-year hiatus during pump-station construction. A brochure described the art of Tom Jay, commissioned by the community for art original to the park and by King County for new pieces funded by its 1% for Art program.

Mardi Clements welcomed guests to familiar territory. She was one of the community volunteers who in 1999 completed transformation of the trashy street end into an inviting pocket park. Then starting in 2011, she led park advocates as they worked with Tom and pump-station planners to wade through myriad requirements, considerations, and decisions before the park could be rebuilt.

At the ceremony, Tom chose to focus on gratitude – gratitude for a community that values such a small piece of shoreline, for a county intent on a cleaner Puget Sound, and for the salmon depicted in his art throughout the park.

"Why so many salmon?" he asked those assembled on the beach. He answered by pointing to the dedication of volunteers who brought back Fauntleroy Creek and the salmon - the fish that binds our Pacific Northwest ecosystem and a fitting symbol of the tie that binds this community.

The dewy-eyed part of the afternoon came when composer Tomo Nakayama-Tran took the microphone to sing "Stream Echoes" - Mardi's lyrics that he set to music for the occasion.

With the park well opened, attention turned to cooling refreshments by Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering and tours of the pump station. The facility now has the capacity to pump 2 million gallons of wastewater per day on to the West Point Treatment Plant, which should meet area needs through 2060. During storms, capacity can increase to 33 million gallons.

For those who missed it or want to appreciate it again, here are Mardi Clements' lyrics to "Stream Echoes."

## Stream Echoes

*Oh, stream on, stream on.  
Stream on. On and on.  
Oh, stream on, stream on.  
Stream on. On and on.*

*A cozy cove of quiet waters,  
Clean and bright.  
Laughing children. Splashing children.  
Warm in summer light.*

*Salmon smell the cold home waters.  
Flash their silver tails.  
Feed the cormorants and otters.  
Seals and orca whales.*

*Oh, stream on, stream on, stream on.  
Oh, stream on, stream on, stream on.*

*Because one said, "Let's do it."  
Because one became two more.  
Because people saved this stream  
And tiny shore.*

*Because people cleaned the water.  
Because people knew the way.  
Because people saved the future.  
Saved the laughter. Saved the day.*

*Oh, stream on, stream on.  
Stream on. On and on.  
Oh, stream on, stream on.  
Stream on. On and on.*

*Oh cozy cove of quiet waters,  
Stay bright and clean.  
Oh salmon, run forever,  
Run to sea and back to stream.*

*Oh children, laugh forever,  
Swim and splash and breathe.  
Oh people, you are remembered  
For the echoes that you leave.*

*Echoes. We leave echoes.  
We leave echoes in the stream.  
Echoes in the stream.  
Streaming echoes.*

*On and on.  
On and on.  
Streaming echoes.  
Echoes in the stream.*

*Oh, stream on. Please stream on.  
Oh, stream on. On and on. On and on.  
Echoes in the stream.  
Echoes in the stream.*

# FERRY RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY MISS BEAT OVER PAVING PROJECT

By Gary Dawson

In mid July, a flyer appeared at residences near the ferry terminal, distributed by a contractor tasked with upgrading paving on the dock surface. In addition to describing the work, the flyer said that a noise variance would permit certain night-time construction activities when ferry traffic was low.

A few evenings later when a jackhammer started pounding the pavement and continued into the night, complaints flowed into Washington State Ferries and the homes of members of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee. The state's response was to reiterate that the work had to be done at night so that the dock could be fully functional during the day.

This approach is very frustrating to Fauntleroy residents as it brings back memories of when State Ferries gave little or no consideration to the community when weighing whether to disturb the neighbors or adjust traffic flow at the terminal.

We know such decisions don't have to be either/or.

All three advisory committees worked with the state on the schedule for a larger vessel due to go into service on the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route. As that schedule was being finalized, the contract for a lengthy rework of the Vashon terminal was signed, and we redid the schedule to account for traffic flow during construction.

Based on that experience, we expected the state to contact either our advisory committee or the Fauntleroy Community Association to discuss ways to mitigate the impact of night-time noise for the repaving project. Except for the contractor's flyer, no contact was made. Noise unacceptable to residents occurred, tempers flared, and the state unnecessarily lost points in the community-goodwill column.

Since our advisory committee formed many years ago, we have had a positive working relationship with State Ferries. We expect it to continue, using this episode as a lesson learned.

## CHILDREN'S CENTER AGAIN ACCREDITED

The National Association for the Education of Young Children recently accredited the Fauntleroy Children's Center for another five years. The center first earned accreditation in 1987 and remains the only childcare program in West Seattle accredited by the association.



## RESTORATION SUCCESS IN THE DETAILS

Steven Guardi (center) directs fellow crewmembers as they remove ivy, wild clematis, and morning glory in the Kilbourne ravine. The six-year restoration project has moved into the detail phase, when EarthCorps trainees will periodically suppress patches of invasive plants before they can choke out desirable species. With the arrival of fall weather, they'll also be installing new plants area by area. Photo courtesy Jammie Kingman

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# LOCAL GARDENERS CULTIVATE DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM AT COLLEGE ARBORETUM

By Judy Pickens

One of the best kept secrets in West Seattle is about to become better known, thanks to gardening enthusiasts in and around Fauntleroy.

In the spring, members of the Endolyne Garden Club chose to cultivate a sprig of an idea: a docent training program for the arboretum at South Seattle College. The goal is to draw more people – including potential supporters - to this gem at the north end of the campus.

Established in 1978, the five-acre arboretum bordering the Seattle Chinese Garden is a living laboratory for students in the school's landscape horticulture program. It's also an outdoor classroom for both serious and hobby gardeners and a quiet sanctuary for anyone from the community who cares to wander its paths.

The arboretum includes a sensory garden to encourage touching and smelling plant species and also one of the best collections of dwarf conifers in the country. Visit almost any time and you'll likely find students and the occasional group of volunteers renovating structures, pruning, diagnosing plant problems, or otherwise keeping this dynamic place alive and inviting.

The inviting part is where the docent training program comes in. Shortly after Mary Alice Hecht joined the Endolyne Garden Club, she advocated for supporting the program and signed up to be in the first class.

During her many years in college administration in Boston and Philadelphia, Mary became a master gardener. She got acquainted with Seattle when her husband was here for a clinical trial and, after his passing, she moved to be near their daughter's family on Beach Drive. Participating in a garden club was a way to meet like-minded people, and the Endolyne club's long history of service was a strong draw. (She's just become its service-project coordinator.)

A docent program at the arboretum isn't new; an intern developed one several years ago but it withered when that intern moved on. The Endolyne Garden Club has given money to the school for horticulture scholarships, so the opportunity to work with Van Bobbitt, horticulture instructor and arboretum coordinator, to resurrect docent training at the college was a natural.

"Being a docent can be a personal growth experience," he said. "We can make it easy for docents to give a basic tour but over time, as they discover new plants in the arboretum and observe the seasonal changes, their tours will become richer and more varied."

How long that training lasts depends on what each trainee knows coming in. In Mary's case, she knew a lot about plants but needed to learn about species common to this region. Also, she had been a docent before, which helped make her comfortable with guiding groups – and with not knowing everything.



Mary Hecht checks the name of Natchez crepe myrtle trees near the arboretum entrance. Photos courtesy Judy Pickens

"We aren't expecting docents to have all the answers," she said. "If we don't know something, we're trained to ask, 'May I get back to you with that information?' Any person with an interest in plants can become a docent."

Her interest dates from a childhood in eastern Illinois, where 4-H projects were the norm in her family and she was encouraged to pay attention to the world around her.

"The more you know, the more you notice," she said. "It makes being alive more interesting and full."

To inquire about joining the docent training program at the South Seattle College arboretum, contact Van Bobbitt at [van.bobbitt@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:van.bobbitt@seattlecolleges.edu) or Mary Alice Hecht at 215-808-9889 or [mhecht1999@yahoo.com](mailto:mhecht1999@yahoo.com).

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# EVENTS AROUND THIS FALL

**FCA BUSINESS:** Regular monthly meetings will be **Tuesday, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10** at **7 pm** in the conference room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda details, contact FCA President Mike Dey at [msdey50@aol.com](mailto:msdey50@aol.com) or 206-661-0673.

**RAINWISE:** If your roof is 2,500 square feet or larger, learn how you could be eligible for an extra-large rebate for a rain garden and/or cistern. **Thursday, Sept. 10, noon - 1:30 pm** at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center, 9131 California Ave. SW.

**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](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com) or 206-938-4203.

**ARTIST DEADLINE:** West Seattle artists and creative crafters must apply by **Sept. 15** for the eighth annual **Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show** (Nov. 6-8). For details, visit [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) or call the church office at 206-932-5600.

**2ND TIME SALE:** Come to browse and take home a treasure **Sept. 19 - 20** 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.

**LINCOLN PARK:** The Friends of Lincoln Park group hosts twice-monthly work parties to restore and maintain natural areas. Upcoming dates: third Sunday (**Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15**) and first Saturday (**Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5**). 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](mailto:sabaker41@gmail.com) or 206-464-1068.

**RECYCLE ROUNDUP:** The green committee at Fauntleroy Church and 1 Green Planet will host the fall roundup on **Sunday, Sept. 27, 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 bring at [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

**CROP WALK:** The annual Crop Walk to raise awareness about hunger and fund local and international relief will be **Sunday, Oct. 4, starting at 1 pm** at Alki United Church of Christ, 6115 SW Hinds. To ask about walking or donating, email [info@fauntleroyucc.org](mailto:info@fauntleroyucc.org) or call 206-932-5600.

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL:** Don't miss this annual fun-for-all event on **Sunday, Oct. 11, in the church/YMCA/schoolhouse triangle. 2 - 5 pm** with free activities for everyone, plus food vendors.

**SALMON DRUMMING:** Come to the fish-ladder viewpoint (upper Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Director) on **Sunday, Oct. 18, 5 pm** with whatever you consider a drum for drumming, singing, and silliness to call in the coho spawners to Fauntleroy Creek. All-ages; free.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** The annual blessing of furry, feathered, or scaly friends in the neighborhood will be **Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 pm** in the sanctuary at Fauntleroy Church. A reception for all will follow.

**FAUNTLEROY FINE ART & HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW:** A dozen selected West Seattle artists and creative crafters will show, sell, and discuss their work **Nov. 6 - 8** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. **Fri. 5 - 8 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm, Sun. 11 am - 2 pm.** Free; watch [www.fauntleroyucc.org](http://www.fauntleroyucc.org) for details.

## CALL FOR SALMON WATCHERS

If you'd like to experience coho spawners up close, consider volunteering as a salmon watcher. This year's watch on Fauntleroy Creek will start Oct. 19 and go a few days or a few weeks, depending on the fish.

To see for yourself why Fauntleroy people eagerly get wet and cold to document fish, contact Judy Pickens at [judy\\_pickens@msn.com](mailto:judy_pickens@msn.com) or 206-938-4203.

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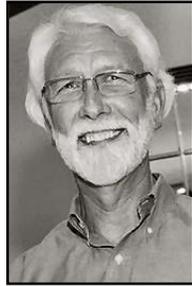
By FCA President Mike Dey

Hello neighbors! What a summer this has been. For some, the persistent heat prompted the installation of air conditioning. For others, it was perfect. For all, that hard rain we had in mid August was a welcome relief, especially for the gardens, trees, and shrubs that struggled in the heat and long spell of dry weather.

With summer on the wane, I can't help but think about the energy that comes with the changing seasons. And a wonderful part of moving into fall here is the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, this year on Oct. 11.

Now in its eleventh year, this neighborhood event always attracts great numbers of people. Many will come for the first time; others have been coming year after year.

For those newcomers, the festival is a wonderful experience for the whole family. Children get SO excited and their eyes get SO big when they see the ponies, the giant pile of pumpkins to be painted, and the climbing wall.



Their parents, of course, get excited watching them – and taking lots of photos.

This will be my sixth year to enjoy the energy of the festival. Those of us who return every year can look forward to experiencing new activities, checking the information tables, chatting with friends and neighbors, listening to great music, and being refreshed by a bite from a local restaurant. What better way to spend a few hours on a lovely fall afternoon, whatever the weather!

I admire and am grateful for the hard work of the festival's organizers. They start planning in early spring, looking at ideas suggested by attendees and brainstorming their own ideas in order to line up all the activities. They also conduct the annual dine-out night at Endolyn Joe's to raise money and plan every detail of what the day will bring.

Please join me at this year's event and consider expressing your gratitude by putting a little something in the donation box to help with next year's festival. I guarantee you will enjoy yourself, whether this is your first festival or your eleventh!

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