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MANY POTS SIGN OF BETTER HABITAT

EarthCorps trainees, including Ally Pike from Texas, in the front, display hundreds of empty pots after their work in late winter to revegetate a very steep slope in Fauntleroy Park. An EarthCorps crew will be back in the watershed in July to continue restoration of the Kilbourne ravine. Photo courtesy Jammie Kingman

TRIANGLE CHANGES MAYBE THIS MONTH

After suggesting one date and then another, the city will install traffic changes at the Endolyne triangle as early as this month, depending on how one component is done.

According to FCA Board Member Marty Westerman, if painting the pavement is done to designate the corner extensions that are to redirect traffic flow, completion could be by the end of the month. With this technique, dirt-filled planter boxes would emphasize the extensions.

If, however, as the FCA Board has suggested as an option, the Seattle Department of Transportation uses concrete enclosures filled with dirt (like the curbing around traffic circles) to extend the corners, completion will be later in the summer.

WILDWOOD MARKET TO BE UPDATE OF NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER STORE

Ever since Guadalajara Restaurant closed, Fauntleroy residents have been curious about what might go into the ground floor of Endolyne Apartments at 45th Ave. SW and Wildwood Place SW. In mid May, the answer came: "Wildwood Market."

Although many details have yet to be finalized, several pieces are in place leading to an anticipated opening in early fall.

Wildwood Market is a family undertaking led by a husband and wife from Arbor Heights who have lived in Seattle nearly 20 years: Blaine Fielding and Lonjina Verdugo.



Blaine is a general contractor specializing in restaurant construction. He will be managing the build-out of the space and taking care of ongoing maintenance.

Lonjina's design and marketing experience have shaped the vision behind the market, as well as the space. She will be overseeing day-to-day operations.

The third member of the team is Blaine's brother, John Fielding, from Washington, DC. He owns a restaurant and a similar market there and plans to open a second market this summer. Wildwood Market is being modeled after his concept, with what Lonjina describes as "a Seattle twist."

"Wildwood Market will be a community-minded food establishment," she said - "a modern take on an old neighborhood corner store." If permitting goes as the team hopes, expect to sit down for breakfast, lunch, or dinner and to order sandwiches and other items to go.

"We'll have staples such as milk, sugar, and eggs for when you run out," she said. The plan also includes bulk candies, cheeses and crackers, and simple dinners to serve at home. The emphasis will be on wholesome and convenient.

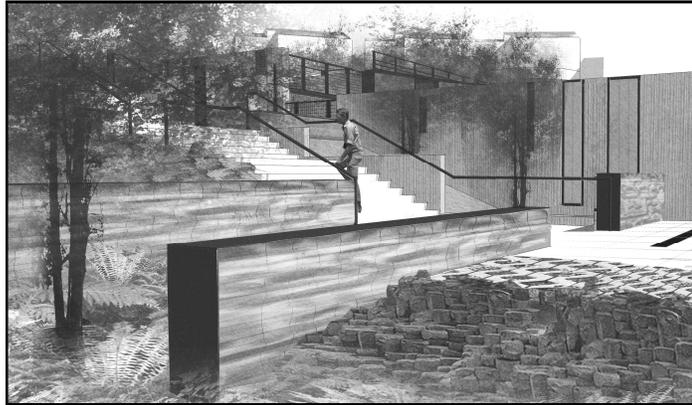
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MURRAY CSO ART THEME: 'ALPINE TO BEACH, MOUNTAINS TO SOUND'

In May, the Murray Combined Sewer Overflow Control Project reached a major milestone when art installation began. Rather than bolting in sculptures or painting walls, "installation" in this case means building art from the ground up.

Four years ago, a panel of community residents, project neighbors, and Lowman Park users selected Robert Horner, a specialist in rammed earth, as the project artist. By compacting local soils and salvaged



Artist's sketch courtesy King County Wastewater

materials from the site, he creates environmentally friendly installations that are stronger than concrete. To see examples, visit www.robertmhorner.com.

Robert's art will flow from the top of the public staircase (alpine/mountains) to the public space at the bottom (beach/Sound). Each rammed-earth feature will be sealed to protect against graffiti and the marine environment.

Art installation will continue into early fall as King County's contractor connects the underground storage tank to above-ground components of the facility. In late

fall, the contractor will install landscaping and restore the road, sidewalk, and park.

Once operational, the facility will collect up to a million gallons of sewage and polluted stormwater that would otherwise overflow into Puget Sound during heavy rains. The underground tank will return those flows to the sewer system after the storm has passed, for transport to the county's wastewater treatment plant on Magnolia.

For more information, call the 24-hour project hotline at 206-205-9186 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/murraytank.

NOT TOO LATE FOR RAINWISE DETAILS

The clock is ticking to take advantage of RainWise rebates for rain gardens and above-ground cisterns. Projects in the Barton basin must be completed by the end of December, with pre-inspections scheduled by July 1.



For information and answers to specific questions, come to Brace Point Pottery (4208 SW 100th St.) on **Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 1 pm**. If you can't make it, connect with a contractor through Sonja Sivesind, sonja@urbansystemsdesign.com or 206-678-2604.

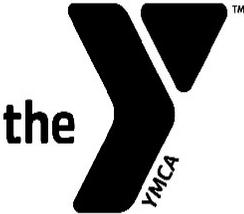


SUCH A DEAL FOR DOING RIGHT THING!

Residents of the Sunrise Heights/Westwood neighborhood up the hill from Fauntleroy get a choice perk - free maintenance - for agreeing to host roadside rain gardens that filter stormwater where it falls. Crews come by before and after major storms and during the growing season to weed, remove debris, clear curb inlets and gutters, and monitor plant health. Maintenance is included to ensure that roadside rain gardens do their job helping control stormwater runoff in the Barton basin.

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WHAT'S REQUIRED FOR FAUNTLEROY TO EARN 'AGE-FRIENDLY' STATUS

By Irene Stewart

Did you know that Puyallup is designated an "Age-Friendly Community" by AARP and the World Health Organization? It's the first city in Washington to receive that distinction. The next closest is Portland, Oregon.

What is an age-friendly community? It's a city or neighborhood committed to maximizing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Eight "domains" are used to assess age-friendliness:

1. **Outdoor spaces and buildings:** Safe and accessible places to gather, indoors and out.
2. **Housing:** Accessible and affordable, for all life stages.
3. **Transportation:** Safe and accessible options that support multi-modes.
4. **Social participation:** Accessible and affordable social and recreational options.
5. **Respect and social inclusion:** Intergenerational, inclusive.
6. **Civic participation and employment:** Opportunities for meaningful paid and volunteer work; economic security.
7. **Communication and information:** Access to resources, benefits, and services.
8. **Community support and health services:** Support for and promotion of healthy aging.

Having an age-friendly designation increases a community's visibility and raises awareness about the challenges and opportunities that accompany an aging population.

West Seattle residents tend to be a little older than residents in other parts of Seattle (median age almost 45 in ZIP Code 98136, compared to 36 citywide). So how are we doing in Fauntleroy?

When you look at the attributes listed above, do you have the sense that you can age in place - grow old in your current home? What would make Fauntleroy even more inclusive of older residents? Where do we shine? Where do we have room for improvement?

These questions may sound rhetorical but, if you care to comment, I would like to hear what you think. Perhaps you and others see an opportunity we should address with a community project. Email your thoughts about an age-friendly Fauntleroy to FCAcommunications@gmail.com.

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GOING GRAY IN FAUNTLEROY

DONATIONS FUEL FESTIVAL BUDGET

Singles, couples, families, and groups kept coming through the door of Endolyne Joe's all day on May 17 for the annual fund-raiser in support of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. The result was a good time had by all and \$2,791.11 toward the festival budget.

Joe's donated a percent of sales - \$1,586.11 - bringing the restaurant's total festival donations since 2012 to \$5,503.11. Raffle baskets, single items, and services made possible by many donors brought in the remaining \$1,205.

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MARK SEARS RETIRING AFTER 43 YEARS ENSURING GREAT SWIMS AT COLMAN POOL

By Judy Pickens



One event has signaled the start of summer in Fautleroy for the past 75 years: the opening of Colman Pool on Memorial Day weekend. Since 1941, the saltwater pool at Point Williams in Lincoln Park has been synonymous with fun in the sun in the water.

Credit Ken Colman for donating the pool to the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation as a memorial to his father, Laurence. Credit Norman Sears for ably running the pool for its first 32 years. And credit Mark Sears for his stewardship the past 43 years, most of them as both "pool guy" and property caretaker.

Mark is retiring from a job he has loved since college. Several months ago, he and his wife, Louise, moved from the apartment above the pool ("a good place for our kids to grow up") to a house near the park and he's been easing out the door as a new manager steps in.

In the family

No doubt Louise and Mark will be welcome to visit as soon as the bathhouse apartment is refurbished for the new manager. A competitive process led Seattle Parks to the most qualified candidate: Maya Sears.

She learned the ins and out of Colman Pool while growing up at the point and chose to earn a degree in behavioral ecology. She's worked for Seattle Parks for the past decade, most recently as manager of the park system's 12 wading pools.

Back in 1941, her grandfather, Norm Sears, was among several applicants for the caretaker position. With family money paying for the pool, Ken Colman favored Norm for the job and it became his.

Mark studied outdoor education, at Evergreen College, and worked summers as pool operator at Colman with his dad. Soon after graduation, he realized that being responsible for a lot of people in the wild wasn't for him, so he applied to Seattle Parks to be a pool operator. When Norm retired in 1973, his replacement could not master the pool's saltwater system and Mark soon found himself dispatched to Colman. In the off season, he worked at Southwest Pool.

Ten years later, the caretaker job opened up and Mark became full-time at Colman, operating the pool's mechanical systems *and* securing and maintaining the bathhouse and grounds.

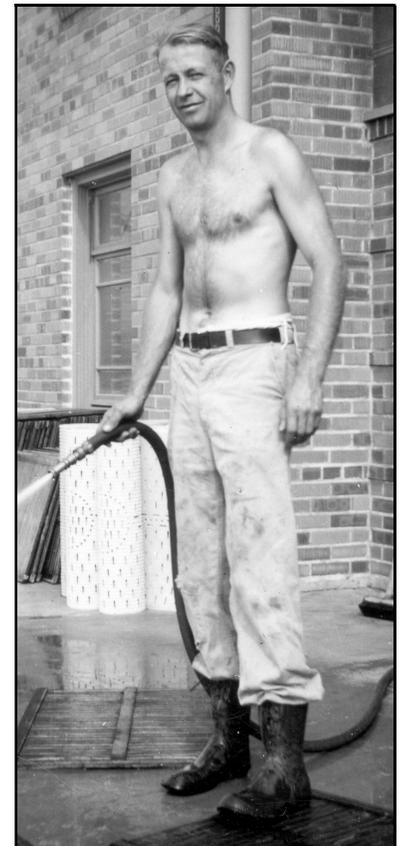
He never dreamed of having his father's job but, as he said, "The shoe fit so I wore it. It was a summer job that turned into a career."

Now his task is to pass along the many nuances and tricks he's learned about the pool, plus the value that the Colman family placed on outdoor recreation and service to community.

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(Right) During his 32 years operating Colman Pool, Norm Sears spent countless hours hosing off the deck to be ready for another swim day. (Below) By age 5, Mark Sears was helping get the pool ready to be filled. Photos courtesy Sears family.

Top photo courtesy Dennis Hinton



MARK SEARS *(continued)*

"Dedication to the Colman legacy was important to my dad," he said, "and it's been important to me."

No-nonsense reputation

Aware that the pool was isolated in a corner of one of the city's largest parks, Norm Sears cultivated a no-nonsense reputation in order to thwart vandalism and break-ins. Mark set out to do the same.

"I could write a book - people kicking out windows in the middle of the night, scaling the fence for a late-night swim. I would make my presence known and they'd run," he said. "For years, I had a megaphone tuned to the highest volume so all I had to do was pull the trigger!"

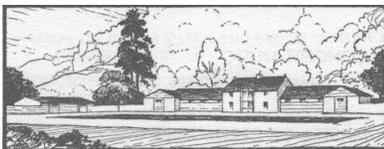
Dealing with people who were drunk, high, or otherwise not rational required other techniques. "I had to be careful," he said, "and I guess I got really good at it."

Interest in whales

The job at Colman Pool was also a good fit for Mark's long-time interest in orca whales. It started in the mid 1970s when he helped with a census of orcas in Puget Sound. Then he began taking photos to aid in identifying individual whales. He's been a contractor for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for many years.

"I'm the first guy NOAA calls about whale activity in this area," he said. "The coolest part is taking samples of prey the whales leave behind." He also collects scat and even mucous - anything that leads to NOAA's gaining a greater understanding of orca biology under the Endangered Species Act.

Retirement will free more time for whale research. An eight-minute walk from his new home and he's back on the water, hair flying.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As it was in 1941, Colman Pool's big day will be July 4th, when Seattle Parks and Recreation will host a 75th anniversary celebration.

Doors will open at 10 am. The mural's conservator, Peter Melarky, will give an informal talk at 10:15.

The program will start at 11:00 on the pool side of the bathhouse, followed by light refreshments. Stay for a free family swim from noon to 1:30.

COLMAN POOL, FROM IDEA TO 75 YEARS

In the early 1900s, the presidency of Teddy Roosevelt popularized interest in developing the minds and bodies of youth, an interest Laurence Colman fully embraced. Take Colman Pool, for example.

Since 1925, area residents swam in a saltwater lagoon at Point Williams, lined with sand and warmed by the sun between water changes. After Laurence's passing, in 1935, his family sought a suitable memorial gift to the community and settled on the idea of a permanent pool at the point.

It opened on July 4, 1941, to great fanfare. Father Neptune and his queen arrived with their retinue and guests enjoyed swimming demonstrations, including "diving as it should be done."

Speaking at the dedication, Ken Colman noted that as a principle of his life, Laurence had managed his possessions so that "they would be of the greatest service to the community." Transfer of the \$150,000 pool to the city exemplified that spirit. (Renovation in 2012 cost \$1.4 million.)

The Olympic-sized pool ranges from 3' to 12' deep. Saltwater from Puget Sound enters by pump from three 12'-deep wells located on the beach and filters through layers of sand. Boilers maintain a minimum temperature of 82° F.

The Ernest Norling mural above the ticket window is a collage of area images that exemplify the title, "American Youth and Freedom." A thorough cleaning last year restored its vibrancy.

The original cost of an adult swim was 25 cents, which included a suit and towel for those who didn't bring their own. Servicemen could swim for free.



Photo courtesy Seattle Parks archives

UPCOMING DRY-SEASON EVENTS

RAINWISE: Get information and answers to your specific questions about rain gardens, above-ground cisterns, and RainWise rebates on **Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 1 pm at Brace Point Pottery**, 4208 SW 100th St. Projects need to conclude by the end of December.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS: The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting on second Tuesdays (**June 14, July 12, Sept. 13**) at **7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Mike Dey about the agenda at msdey50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

LINCOLN LOVERS: Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining **Friends of Lincoln Park** for work parties on the first Saturday and/or third Sunday of the month through the summer. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Contact Sharon Baker at 206-464-1068 or sabaker41@gmail.com.

FAUNTLEROY KEEPS SWINGING!

The Hall at Fauntleroy will rock on **Friday evening, June 17**, when the West Seattle Big Band hosts the **Third Annual Fauntleroy Swing Into Summer dance**. Other sponsors are the West Seattle and Fauntleroy YMCAs, Fauntleroy Church, and the Fauntleroy Community Association.

Tickets (\$15) are available through www.brownpapertickets.com (event "Fauntleroy Swing") or in the church office. Dance lessons start at **6:30 pm**; dancing, listening, and watching will be **7:00 - 9:00**.

DSquared will offer food and drink concessions. Child care will be free, by request, at 206-932-5600 or jackie@fauntleroyucc.org.

Get your tickets NOW as this dance sells out!



Sarah Ackers belts out a tune from the swing era at Swing Into Summer 2015. Photo courtesy Ben Ackers

TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES: The Kenney will be the featured "home" on the Southwest Seattle Historical Society's 2016 "If These Walls Could Talk" tour **Saturday, June 25, 3 - 5 pm**. Special guests will be descendants of founders Samuel and Jessie Kenney. Admission by donation (\$10 members/\$15 non-members suggested).

COLMAN POOL ANNIVERSARY: Mark 75 years on **Monday, July 4**. Doors open at **10 am** for a talk by mural conservator at 10:15. Program starts at **11:00**, followed by refreshments. Stay for a free family swim noon to 1:30.

SEATTLE NIGHT OUT: This year's "Night Out Against Crime" will be **Tuesday, Aug. 2**. Register at www.seattle.gov/police/nightout.

LOW TIDE AT THE BEACH

Volunteer beach naturalists will be on the beach at Lincoln Park to offer free low-tide explorations, as follows:

June 3: 9:30 am-1 pm	July 4*: 10 am-1:30 pm
June 4*: 10 am-2 pm	July 5*: 10:30 am-2:15 pm
June 5*: 10 am- 2 pm	July 6: 11 am-3 pm
June 6*: 9:30 am-1:30 pm	July 19: 10 am-1 pm
June 7*: 10 am-2 pm	July 20: 10 am-1:30 pm
June 19: 10 am-12:30 pm	July 21: 11 am-2 pm
June 20: 10 am-1:30 pm	July 31: 9:30-11:30 am
June 21: 9:30 am-1:30 pm	Aug. 1: 9:30 am-12:30 pm
June 22: 10 am-1:30 pm	Aug. 2: 10 am-1 pm
July 2: 9:30 am-noon	Aug. 3: 11 am-1:30 pm
July 3*: 10 am-1:30 pm	*lowest tides of the season

2ND TIME SALE: The 22nd annual **2nd Time Sale** at Fauntleroy Church will be **Saturday, Sept. 17** (9 am-3 pm), and **Sunday, Sept. 18** (11 am-1 pm), in and around Fellowship Hall. Watch www.fauntleroyucc.org for details.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: Fauntleroy Church will host the fall Recycle Roundup on **Sunday, Sept. 25, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. Details will be on the *West Seattle Blog* and at www.fauntleroyucc.org.

BUSINESS NOTE

Ediez Salon at Fauntleroy plans a customer appreciation day to mark nearly three years in business on **Friday, June 24, 10 am - 7 pm**, and **Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm**. Refreshments, drawings for gift baskets.

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SEVERAL CHANGES ON FCA BOARD

In recent months, the FCA Board has bid farewell to long-time members and welcomed new blood.

Secretary Deb Kerns resigned in order to focus her attention on work and on coordinating the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. She joined the board two years ago.

David Haggerty goes way back serving the community through FCA. As his business has grown, he's had less time than he would like to serve, so decided to give up his position as vice president but continue to serve on the board.

After serving on the board for many years, Gordon Wiehler, has decided he, too, needs to focus on his growing business. He will continue to serve as the community's emergency-preparedness lead.

Alexis Zolner left her home in Fauntleroy for a few years to finish her career in Boeing's corporate office, then returned ready to give back in a big way: by agreeing to serve as FCA's treasurer.

Richard Hansen is a familiar face on the board, having served years ago, when he helped rally opposition to yet another attempt to enlarge the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal.

FCA continues to solicit community participation and is always looking for new board members. If you might be interested in helping guide the future of Fauntleroy, contact Mike Dey at msdey50@aol.com or 206-661-0673.

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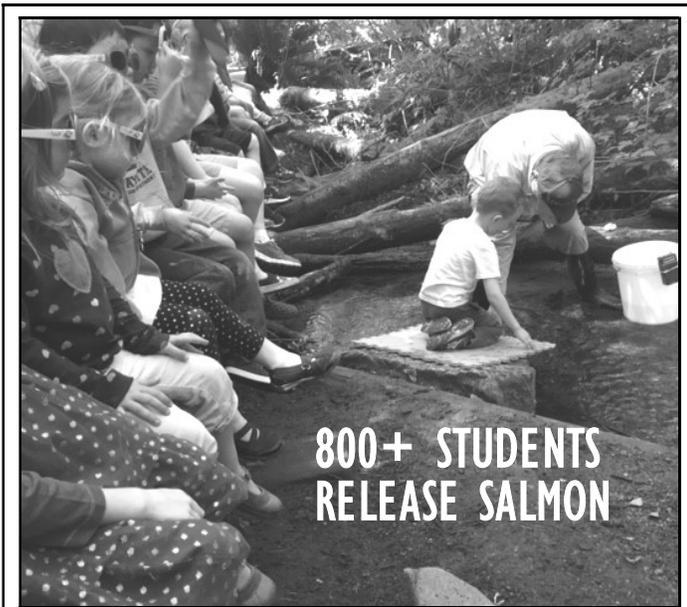
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**800+ STUDENTS
RELEASE SALMON**

Volunteer Dennis Hinton helps a child from the Alki Cooperative Preschool put salmon fry safely into Fauntleroy Creek at the big bridge in Fauntleroy Park. Volunteer Jack Lawless reared the coho they released. The children (some of whom are wearing glasses to help them see what's in the water) were among a record 800+ students who released fry as part of the Salmon in the Schools program. The fish that survive will leave for Puget Sound as smolts after a year in the creek. Photo courtesy Carrie Goodnight

HELP FCA WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Summer is an especially active time for new neighbors to move in down the block or across the street.

FCA's welcome coordinator, Susan Lantz-Dey, will be happy to bring you a welcome bag to give to the newcomers or she will use the address you provide to deliver it for you. All you have to do is contact her at slantzdey@aol.com or 206-930-5219.

The bag contains lots of information about West Seattle in general and Fauntleroy in particular, plus gift certificates from area businesses and a homemade treat.



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FROM FCA PRESIDENT MIKE DEY

NEW RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES DRAWN TO FAUNTLEROY'S BLEND OF PAST, PRESENT

In the last few days and weeks, I have had several conversations with people who have moved into our community. Without exception, they have said what a special place this is compared to other places they have lived in Seattle or other cities across the US.

It is certainly one of the most engaging communities I have ever lived in. I so enjoy listening to the history of the community from people who have lived here for many years, often their whole lives. A remarkable heritage. This year will be the 75th anniversary of Colman Pool, which will be marked by a celebration on the 4th of July.

Yet while the community celebrates its history, it moves on with grace and elegance, adapting to rapid changes in population and the needs of new residents as they join this lovely corner of the city.

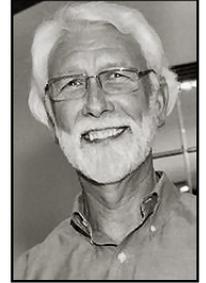
An improving economy is helping many Fauntleroy residents and businesses compared to the pinch everyone felt after the market's slide in 2008. But with that

improving economy comes more pressure on housing, manifesting itself with higher sale prices and rents. Yet despite these increases, we see rapid turnover in homes and also in business space.

I can cite no better example than the new business planned for the space where Guadalajara used to serve Mexican food. Wildwood Market, which is scheduled to open this fall, (see p. 1) took over the space in very short order. This new market and eatery will be a welcome addition to our community.

It is wonderful to see such new businesses juxtaposed with our long-time business anchors. Welcoming the new while preserving the past is part of what makes this community a place that newcomers find so special.

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