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The Hall @ Fauntleroy will be chockful of neighbors catching up with neighbors on **Tuesday, March 21**, for the 11th annual **Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA Membership Meeting**. Doors to the Emerald Room will open at **6 pm**.

Expect to reconnect with long-time residents and newcomers while enjoying free food and beverage samples from 11 invited businesses. Also expect to find a wide variety of information tables hosted by governmental offices and West Seattle nonprofits with projects to explain or services to promote.

To share the bounty, bins will be out to collect canned food for area residents in need.

Board members will be there throughout the evening to accept your dues (cash/card/check) for renewed or first-time FCA membership. A brief business meeting will happen about 7:00 pm.

The fest is a no-garbage event. You'll receive one piece of compostable flatware for the evening and compostable dinnerware with each sample.

FERRY TASK FORCE ON FAST TRACK

By Gary Dawson

By the time you read this article, the Triangle Improvement Task Force formed by Washington State Ferries will have met three times to recommend ways to improve efficiency and traffic flow on the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route, especially at the Fauntleroy terminal - in just two months, starting from late January.

We'll be meeting again **March 13 and 27** and may add more dates. These sessions, in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church, are open to the public, **4:30 - 7:00 pm**.

Data and a long list of suggestions voiced in October during public meetings in all three communities were our starting point. We're also tapping performance statistics that the state routinely collects.

Staffed by ferry-system managers, the task force has three representatives from each community. I'm on the panel as chairman of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee. Long-time residents Mardi Clements and Kathleen Stephanic also represent this neighborhood, bringing expertise in teamwork and consensus building, as well as analysis and problem solving.

We're all working toward an April 1 deadline to recommend solutions that stay within technical and budgetary constraints, have a positive and measurable effect, and be readily explained during staff training.

As the Fauntleroy team, we're after improvements that have no additional negative impact on the community. Specifically, we're working toward a ferry loading process that relieves some of the congestion and disruptions that occur on Fauntleroy Way SW every afternoon.

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SUBSTATION PARCEL MAY BE SOLD

For several months, a committee of FCA members has been pursuing the possibility of purchasing Seattle City Light's former substation property at 46th Ave SW and Brace Point Drive in order to create a new green space for the neighborhood. City Light gave the group until the end of 2016 to raise the necessary \$245,000.

The neighborhood committee garnered support from residents hoping to create a new neighborhood park, so far collecting pledges of around \$40,000. This amount is not enough to keep City Light from putting the site on the market later this year.

FCA Board Member Shannon Ninburg spearheaded the effort to this point and would pass the baton to another individual or group passionate about seeing the parcel become green space. Contact her at 206-851-1457 or at shannonninburg@yahoo.com.

TIMEBANK EXCHANGE CONNECTING RESIDENTS TO SERVICE NEEDS

West Seattle Timebank came on the local scene about four years ago. Its mission: to build community while enabling residents of West Seattle, White Center, and Burien to post and fill service needs through an online exchange. Community groups and nonprofits may also use the exchange to post their volunteer needs.

Instead of paying with dollars, members pay with their time and skills. An hour spent doing something for another member earns an hour credit that can be cashed in for an hour of service from any other member.

For example, if Member A needs four hours of babysitting, Member B might provide that service and earn four hours of credit to use for yard work from Member C.

The concept dates from the early 1980s and has spread across the country as a way to build caring community economies based on time and talent. Prospective members submit an application, attend an orientation, and agree to a background check.

Find out more at the food fest or visit www.westseattletimebank.org.



CITY TO PILOT APPROACH TO TRAIL PLANNING IN FAUNTLEROY PARK

Seattle Parks and Recreation is responsible for about 100 of miles trails within the city's nearly 500 official parks and natural areas. Among them are the 1.5 miles of developed trails in Fauntleroy Park.

In response to increasing pressure on parks from a growing population, the Trails Program at Seattle Parks and Recreation plans to tap the experience and passion of Fauntleroy Park users to create and fine tune what will become a citywide approach to trail maintenance.

Trails Program Coordinator Chukundi Salisbury will be at the Fauntleroy Food Fest on March 21 to explain the need and build a list of area residents willing to work on this pilot project.

Starting from an inventory of trails in the park, the focus group will help test a process for developing a site-specific maintenance plan that will include

- categorizing existing trails
- assessing present trail conditions
- prioritizing renovation and ongoing maintenance needs based on category.



In 2003, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council helped draft a vegetation management plan for Fauntleroy Park, which has been used ever since to guide plant-related decisions, such as weeding priorities and species used for revegetation work in the park.

"The plan for trails will have much the same function," Chukundi said. "The most important step is the first one: getting lovers of Fauntleroy Park involved in developing a maintenance plan that will guide staff and community volunteers moving forward."

In anticipation of this process, iPhone users can download the Seattle Trails App to identify areas of concern at <http://seattle-trails.appstor.io/>.

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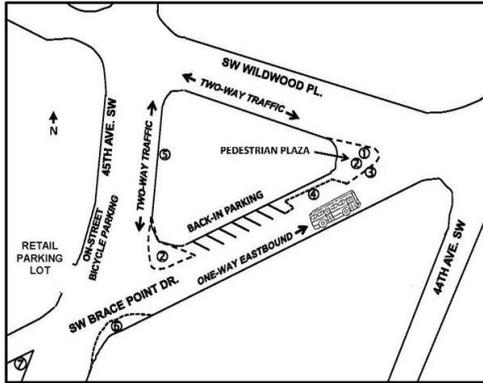
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FCA CONTINUING TRIANGLE CONVERSATION WITH SDOT

As reported in the December issue of this newsletter, while pleased with the overall appearance and improved traffic safety, the FCA Board requested that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) fine tune changes made over the summer at and near the triangle in Fauntleroy's retail area. To date, we've received responses as follows:



Improve the sight line to the west for drivers pulling out of California Dr. SW (behind the church) onto the arterial by eliminating two parking spaces. SDOT engineers denied this request, advising residents instead to pull into traffic as safely as possible.

"We'll continue to argue this one," said FCA President Mike Dey. "Water from a seep on California Dr. SW often freezes to ice in winter, which prevents cars from easing out into traffic."

Improve signage and change street and curb paint to clarify the load/unload zone on the SW Brace Point Dr. side of the triangle. FCA also requested a curb cut for handicapped access near the load/unload zone by the medical office. Additional signage installed.

Restore lost parking. The re-design was to add as many spaces as it eliminated, if not more, but missed the mark by at least six. No action yet.

Add "One Way" signs to reinforce the "Do Not Enter" sign at SW Brace Point Dr. "The single sign there isn't visible to all drivers and we've noticed they frequently travel the wrong way," Mike said.

FCA put up two temporary orange warning flags to try to alert drivers to the Do Not Enter sign. SDOT added a sign at the top of SW Wildwood Pl., indicating no right turn onto SW Brace Point Dr. (which appears to have helped some). "We'll continue to monitor the amount of traffic that goes the wrong way," he said.

Also, FCA has noted that, despite manufacturer claims that off-gassing from the red pavement paint would have stopped by now, the foul odor persists.

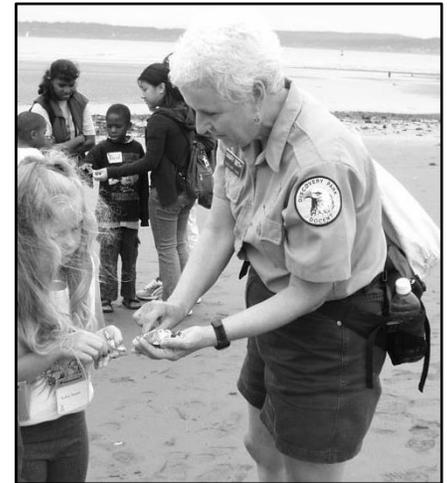
"They tell us the odor should be improved by spring," Mike said, "but we'll keep monitoring and follow up with SDOT if needed."

AQUARIUM SEEKS NATURALISTS TO EDUCATE AREA BEACH GOERS

The Seattle Aquarium is trolling for volunteer beach naturalists to help visitors enjoy and learn about area beaches from late May through late August.

The aquarium will equip volunteers with 22 hours of training about Puget Sound beach habitat. The "ask" is that you be on the beach at Lincoln Park or south Alki at low tide on at least three days to educate visitors of all ages.

To register by March 15 or get more information, email beachnaturalist@seattleaquarium.org or call 206-693-6214.



WELCOME BAG PROGRAM IN NEED OF COORDINATOR

Since FCA initiated it in 2000, the welcome-bag program has been providing a cheerful and informative "Welcome!" to newcomers to the neighborhood. Now the FCA Board is seeking a volunteer interested in bringing fresh energy to this amenity.

Several coordinators have served over the years - collecting information about the community, soliciting discount coupons from Fauntleroy businesses, and inviting jam makers and others to tuck in a homemade gift.

"Recent discussions have created a list of ways the program might be improved," said Susan Lantz-Dey, the ongoing coordinator. "I know whoever steps forward will find it a rewarding way to give back."

Interested in knowing more? Contact Susan at 206-930-5219 or slantzdey@aol.com.



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CITY ASSESSING CREEK CULVERTS

Seattle Public Utilities and its contractor are completing videotaping of the culverts that convey Fauntleroy Creek from Fauntleroy Park to the downstream side of 45th Ave. SW. This imaging is a major step in developing options for replacing the culvert under that roadway and assessing the culvert under California Ave. SW. Findings will contribute to the scope of work for a consultant, to be named later this year, to support this project. Photo courtesy Seattle Public Utilities

RAINWISE REBATE PROGRAM TALLIES POSITIVE RESULTS

Final numbers are in from the RainWise program about this area's investment in rain gardens and cisterns to capture more rain water where it falls.

Since the city/county rebate program began in 2010, a total of 143 private property owners in this neighborhood have put in rain gardens and/or above-ground cisterns.



These structures are capturing rainfall from approximately 200,000 square feet of roof area, slowly releasing it into the groundwater instead of into the storm drain system and Puget Sound. The program supported this investment with \$600,000 in rebates.

Up the hill, in a 15-block area of the Sunrise Heights and Westwood neighborhoods, roadside rain gardens have been in operation now for two years. Project managers with King County report that this system of bioretention swales is meeting or exceeding expectations.

A total of 91 roadside rain gardens are capturing and infiltrating runoff from about 32 acres of impervious surface (streets, driveways, etc.). That's an average of 13 million gallons annually. The 95 street trees and 75,000 other plants installed during construction are putting down roots and thriving.

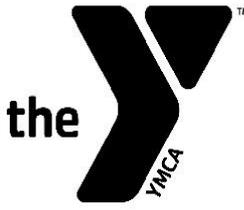
Our "Barton basin" was one of 19 throughout Seattle to participate in RainWise. All have had a pattern of combined-sewer overflows during heavy rains, sending millions of gallons of stormwater and raw sewage every year into creeks, lakes, the Duwamish River, and Puget Sound.

The county's overall CSO-reduction program also includes construction of stormwater storage facilities, including the Murray project at Lowman Beach Park, now in the landscaping phase.

WATERSHED REPORT AVAILABLE

If you're interested in the latest information about natural areas in this watershed, check out the 2016 annual report from the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, posted at www.fauntleroywatershed.org.

It includes an update on restoration of the Kilbourne ravine, education activities, and all the stats on salmon.



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Instances this winter of smash-and-grab car prowls in the Fauntleroy Church/YMCA parking lot spotlight the need for increased diligence throughout the neighborhood.

Last year, the Southwest Precinct reported 95 thefts from car prowls in Fauntleroy, with a spike of activity during the rainy season. By comparison, vehicle owners reported 173 car prowls during 2016 from cars parked in Alki. The Fauntleroy total is about average for the last five full years of reporting but is twice the number reported from this neighborhood in 2008.

WHAT IS A CAR PROWL?

The unlawful taking of contents or parts from a motor vehicle; a crime of opportunity

Following is the most recent general advice from Seattle Police to avoid becoming a victim of this crime:

- Never leave valuables or what might look like valuables (bag, electronic charger) in plain sight. Remove or hide them, preferably before you get to where you park.
- Look into installing an audible alarm or other anti-theft device as they can be effective.
- Disable your internal trunk release (see your owner's manual) so anyone gaining entry cannot also gain entry to your trunk.
- Never leave your garage-door remote, key card, or house keys in your parked vehicle as they can give a thief ready access to take even more.

When you park

An experienced car prowler needs less than a minute to break into a vehicle. Here's what Seattle Police advise doing when you park:

- Take a moment to observe your surroundings when leaving or returning to your car. Try to choose a well-lit, open space away from trees or bushes that might provide cover for a car prowler.

- If you park in a carport or on the street by your house, leave exterior lights on all night and consider installing motion-detecting lighting. If the street is dark, report a burned-out bulb at www.seattle.gov/light/streetlight. To request a light on an existing pole, call 206-684-7056.
- If you park in a secure garage at work, make sure the security door fully closes behind you. If it closes so slowly that a prowler could gain entry, ask building management to set the door timer to close faster.

Reporting a car prowler

If the crime is still in progress (with your car or someone else's) or you feel an officer needs to come, call 911 immediately. If, however, the car prowler has already occurred, with no known suspects, either file a report online (www.seattle.gov/police/report/default.htm) or by phone (206-625-5011).

You do not need to remain at the scene. Whether by phone or online, you'll get a case number to use when filing an insurance claim. The nature of most such thefts means police have nothing on which to base an investigation but your report will help them detect trends and patterns.

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"I am getting SO STRONG - I got 2nd place out of 20 in the Seattle Women's Armwrestling Tourney in June (something Kara was super excited about supporting)! I feel her gently pushing me to get EVEN STRONGER" - H.H.



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SPRING BRINGS FLOWERS, MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS



HOT TIME: The sixth annual Fauntleroy Chili Cook-Off will be **Saturday, March 4, 6 - 8:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. \$10/person or \$25/family at the door.

NATURE'S BUSINESS: The Fauntleroy Watershed Council will meet **Thursday, March 9**, and again **May 11 at 7 pm** in the library at Fauntleroy Church. Any resident interested in helping steward neighborhood natural resources is welcome. Details from Judy Pickens at 206-938-4203 or judy_pickens@msn.com.

CHILDREN'S CENTER: Guests at the 30th annual dinner auction in support of the **Fauntleroy Children's Center** will enjoy "Havana Nights" on **Saturday, March 18, 5:30 pm** at the Hall @ Fauntleroy. Dinner, dancing, silent auction, and a live auction with former mayor Greg Nickels, assisted by Kirsty Grainger, president of the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency board. Details: www.fauntleroychildrenscenter.org or 206-932-9590.

PLUG THOSE LEAKS: If your vehicle is leaking oil or other fluid, rain is sure to be washing it into Puget Sound. Get it checked out, for free, on **Saturday, March 18**, or **April 15, 9 am - 1 pm** at South Seattle College, 6000 16th Ave. SW. Register with Seattle Public Utilities at PU_EPTRResources@seattle.gov or 206-615-1222.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS: The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting on **Tuesday, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13 at 7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. For agenda information, contact FCA President Mike Dey at 206-661-0673 or msdey50@aol.com.

FOOD FEST: The 2017 Fauntleroy Food Fest and Annual Membership Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 21, 6 pm** at the Hall @ Fauntleroy. See p. 1 for details.



TAKING CARE OF LINCOLN PARK: Friends of Lincoln Park restore and tend natural areas on first Saturdays (**April 1, May 6, June 3**) and third Sundays (**March 19,**

April 16, May 21). Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with water, sturdy shoes, work gloves, and layers suited to the weather. Contact Sharon Baker at 206-464-1068 or sabaker41@gmail.com.

CAMP COLMAN ALUMNI: If you've ever been a camper or staffer at Camp Colman, the annual **goop breakfast** is your chance to reconnect over the historic topping (on French toast this year) and catch up on what's ahead for the camp. **Saturday, April 1, 10 am** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Free. RSVP by **March 24** to 206-382-5009 or colmanorkilainfo@seattleymca.org.



RECYCLE ROUNDUP

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: 1 Green Planet and the green committee at Fauntleroy Church will host the spring **Recycle Roundup** on **Sunday, April 23, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. The long list of what to bring and the short list of what not to will be posted a few weeks ahead at www.fauntleroyucc.org or see it on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

SCHOOLHOUSE CENTENNIAL: The Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center will be especially lively on **Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am - 3 pm**, when the community celebrates the building's centennial. See the enclosed flyer or check the *West Seattle Blog* for details.



TASTE OF WEST SEATTLE: Samples of delectables from up to 40 West Seattle and White Center restaurants, breweries, and bakeries will be on the menu on

Thursday, May 25, 6:00 pm at the Hall @ Fauntleroy to benefit emergency services provided by the West Seattle Helpline. Tickets go on sale March 1. For details, watch <http://tasteofwestseattle.org>.

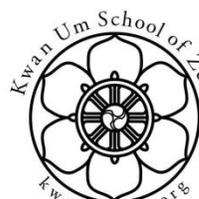
DINE OUT FOR FALL FESTIVAL: Fauntleroy Fall Festival planners have selected **Wednesday, May 3**, for the annual dine out at Endolyne Joe's in support of free festival in October. Joe's will donate a percent of sales that day and you'll have a chance to win one of many great raffle items. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for details.



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SPEEDING FERRY TRAFFIC CONTINUES ON FCA, POLICE RADAR

By FCA President Mike Dey

In addition to reviewing accomplishments of the year for FCA's 2016 annual report, I drafted a list of "On Our Radar" issues, concerns, and opportunities for 2017.

While doing so, I recognized several topics on that list from the year before and a couple that had been on it even longer. Even though we have substantial accomplishments to celebrate, we also have issues that have been around for years, plus newer ones that are a reflection of changing times.

One of these perennial issues revolves around the speed and noise of some of the vehicles coming off the ferries. Residents recently told me of being passed northbound on Fauntleroy Way SW by two motorcycles, one on each side of their car. I have also had complaints about speed and noise along SW Morgan, SW Barton, and Marine View Drive SW.

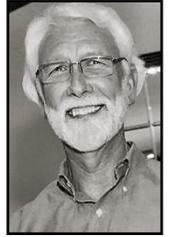
In response, a couple of us went out with a radar gun on three consecutive mornings to document the speed of vehicles going north- and southbound on Fauntleroy Way. To remind everyone, the speed limit along this arterial is currently 30 mph.

At 4:20 on one of the mornings, we documented vehicles traveling northbound at 33 to 42 mph. We clocked southbound traffic at 40 to 46 mph.

At 5:00 am, vehicles heading northbound ranged in speed from 36 to 53 mph. Vehicles that came off the 5:40 am ferry were consistently traveling at speeds ranging from the upper 40s to 64 mph. Some vehicles that came off later ferries also exceeded the speed limit by more than 10 mph.

We notified the Southwest Precinct of our findings and asked for police help in curbing such violations. As was noted on the *West Seattle Blog* that week, the precinct assigned a squad car to park along Fauntleroy Way, which slowed cars for a few days.

Both the police and your FCA Board recognize that periodically stationing a squad car is not the long-term fix we're all after. For FCA's part, we will continue to monitor this issue and work with the precinct and city officials to restore an appropriate level of public safety on the streets in this neighborhood.



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