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BRING YOUR APPETITE, INTEREST, AND DUES PAYMENT TO MARCH 17 FOOD FEST

Doors will open at 6 pm for the 14th **Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 17**, in the emerald room at **The Hall @ Fauntleroy**.

Local eateries will have a wide variety of samples on offer at this free event and governmental offices and area programs will have information about current projects and services.

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

Bins will be out to collect fresh, boxed, or canned food for the White Center food Bank to give to neighbors in need.

The Unsweetened Tooth's cookies were among many food samples on offer at the 2019 Fauntleroy Food Fest. Expect more small bites from local eateries at this year's event. Photo by Gail Ann Photography



A geotechnical drilling crew took samples to understand subsurface conditions. Photo by Seattle Public Utilities

CITY DRILLS DOWN TO ADVANCE DESIGN OF CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

By **Cody Nelson, project manager, Seattle Public Utilities**

The Fauntleroy Creek Culverts Replacement Project team at Seattle Public Utilities has been busy this winter, advancing technical information, exploring funding, and planning more public outreach.

Surveying and geotechnical investigation

In December, our crews did additional land survey work in the Kilbourne ravine and around the California Ave. SW culvert. This surveying supported further technical evaluation and design development. Geotechnical drilling is under way to provide more subsurface information to support early project design. In early February, our crews did daytime geotechnical drilling on the east side of the project area and *(continued p. 5)*

COMMITTEE GOING AFTER LINE CUTTERS

By **Frank Immel**

As I-976 - the car-tab initiative - continues to work its way through the court system, Washington State Ferries continues to have a hold on all new projects, including planning for replacing the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal.

No work will move forward until lawsuits are settled, which I assume will take several months. What happens then will depend on the Legislature's ability to fund projects in line with the outcome.

In the meantime, your Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee is focused on reducing line cutting. This illegal practice can rile other drivers and snarl traffic along Fauntleroy Way SW.

We are working with various agencies to get HERO signs posted. This state program is better known for providing a safe and legal way for drivers to report HOV-lane violators but it also applies to drivers who cut into a ferry queue. The signs remind drivers of the law and provide a hotline number to call. They have been posted at other ferry terminals for several years.

State Ferries seems to have full staffing now to assist with unloading boats during mornings and afternoons commute times. As our days lengthen and warm, more people will be taking ferries to explore the Kitsap Peninsula, resulting in longer lines and shorter tempers. Please maintain awareness of pedestrians and vehicles as you walk or drive near the terminal.

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FROM PAST TO PRESENT

EARLY FAUNTLEROY RESIDENTS EXPECTED - AND GOT- LIBRARY SERVICES

By Judy Pickens

For just shy of 60 years, the Southwest Branch of the Seattle Public Library has drawn residents up the hill for books, story times, and much more. It is not, however, the first library to serve Fauntleroy.

World War II brought a flood of job-seeking residents to Boeing and many of them found affordable housing in West Seattle. Growth continued into the 1950s, filling Fauntleroy and adjacent neighborhoods with new homes.

Library services were among the amenities residents expected but the West Seattle Branch was several miles to the north. They began to lobby, first for bookmobile services and then for a branch library.

In response, Seattle Public Library opened Fauntleroy Station Library in March 1945 at 4505 Wildwood Place SW. Stations had a smaller collection of books and were open fewer hours than branches.

Developer John Adams had erected the brick structure in 1926 to replace a store that had burned the year before. The station joined a pharmacy and The Original Bakery as tenants, paying \$25 a month in rent.

Although the small library was open for only six hours on Monday and Thursday afternoons, it quickly became a center of neighborhood activity and culture. In August 1947, an article in the *West Seattle Herald* reported that it had been "full to overflowing" with 110 children for a story hour that featured a magic show.

In 1956, Seattle voters approved a \$5 million bond issue for a new central library downtown and three new branches. At the time, circulation in Fauntleroy was averaging more than 350 books a day, residents were asking for a bookmobile to supplement the station, and usage would soon justify adding a third afternoon to the weekly schedule. Consequently, southwest Seattle became the first neighborhood to get one of the branches.

Planning focused on the intersection of 35th Ave. SW and SW Henderson Street as it was close to nine schools and shopping was already drawing people to the area. The site also had room for parking.

Some Fauntleroy residents, however, wanted to keep their little library open because no public transportation was then available up the hill to the new location and the station had become such a fixture in the neighborhood. Neither argument prevailed and books from Fauntleroy and another station became the basis for Southwest's collection.

Fauntleroy resident Robert "Bob" Durham (1912-1998) of Durham Anderson Freed designed a 7,833 sf library with an open, well-lit interior and spare, modern lines. Completed in 1961, it won him design awards from the American Library Association and the Seattle chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Bob's design served well for more than 25 years. In 1986, usage warranted an update. Then Seattle's 1998 "Libraries for All" bond issue provided \$6.25 million for a total remodel that expanded Southwest to 15,000 sf, at the same location. The branch that Fauntleroy and other neighborhoods enjoy today reopened in 2007.



Bob Durham's sleek design for the original Southwest Branch Library provided users and staff with an open, light-filled interior. Photo by Durham, Anderson & Freed, Architects; Seattle Public Library Collection

MORE ABOUT BOB DURHAM

Completion of the Southwest Branch in 1961 came a decade after the new sanctuary at Fauntleroy Church opened, Bob Durham's best-known local project.

Early in his career, he designed modest spec homes for developments in Seattle and began to be noticed more broadly after going into private practice with a partner in 1941. Fauntleroy was his third church. In a 1989 interview, Bob noted that the project employed an "amount of volunteer labor that could probably never be matched again in any kind of a church."

Four other West Seattle churches - St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Tibbetts United Methodist, First Lutheran Church of West Seattle, and Alki United Church of Christ - are among the 200+ houses of worship throughout the region that are on his project list.

In addition to several custom homes in the area (including one in Fauntleroy Cove), Bob's expertise is reflected in at least seven other libraries, including the original Burien Public Library and the Daniel J. Evans Library at the Evergreen State College.

Thanks to HistoryLink, Seattle Public Library, Southwest Seattle Historical Society, and Cathy Durham Gunstone for research help.

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This report highlights our collective response to land use, public safety, and other concerns during our 39th year of bringing people together, enhancing quality of life, and standing up for this unique neighborhood in West Seattle.



ADVOCACY

PARKING: FCA surveyed people patronizing Endolyne businesses to understand parking preferences and the potential impact of new development that could reduce parking. Findings shared with merchants showed that preferences vary by business but, on average, 39% of customers want to park no more than a block away from their destination.

FCA got Fautleroy included in a city ordinance as a residential neighborhood impacted by a public attraction (the ferry terminal). It requires new developments within 1/4 mile of the terminal to have off-street parking.

REZONING: We continued to monitor proposed rezoning of property in the Endolyne retail area that would add residents, reduce parking, and alter the streetscape with an out-of-scale building.

The Board joined other community groups to oppose legislation that the City Council eventually passed to allow owners to add accessory dwelling units on single-family lots without needing to reside there themselves.

PUBLIC SAFETY: FCA continued to work closely with the South Precinct on timely enforcement emphases,

JEANNE HANSEN LEFT ADVOCATE'S MARK ON FAUTLEROY

In 1979, Ware Lantz and Armand Sargent invited Jeanne Hansen to join them in calling a public meeting to test interest in forming a community association to push back on plans to expand the Fautleroy Ferry Terminal.

Residents of 26 households came and most voted with their checkbooks, paying \$25 to join what would be called the Fautleroy Environmental Association.

Given her organizing and political-networking skills, Jeanne soon took the lead as more neighborhood issues surfaced, prompting a name change to the Fautleroy Community Association. Until stepping aside in 1991, she attended meetings, reviewed reports, made contacts, communicated, and never stopped fighting the ferry.

Jeanne Brown Hansen gave up that fight on Nov. 10, 2019, after several years in a care facility.

The daughter of early Fautleroy residents, she grew up in a neighborhood heavily invested in its young people, and she and Ed gave their children that same advantage.

When the birth date of one of her sons kept him from starting kindergarten with his peers, Jeanne saw an opportunity to make Fautleroy even better for children. She and other parents rented rooms at Fautleroy Church and put in the long hours necessary to start and sustain Little Pilgrim School, now in its 68th year.

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such as increased summer patrolling of Lincoln Park. We also continued to press the city for a pedestrian-activated light at SW Rose, where people frequently cross the busy Fauntleroy Way SW arterial.

CITYWIDE: FCA became an active member of the District 1 Council, formed to advocate for neighborhoods in this area at the city level.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

EVENTS: FCA supported three popular all-ages events that brought residents together:

- The **Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting** on March 19 drew scores of people to pay their dues, sample local cuisine, get information about area programs and services, and vote on officers.
- Residents were hungry again on May 7 for the annual **dine out** at Endolyne Joe’s, which raised \$1,800 from a percent of sales and another \$1,400 from raffle items to help fund the Fauntleroy Fall Festival.
- The 17th annual **Fauntleroy Fall Festival** brought an estimated 1,500 people to the church/YMCA/school-

house triangle on Oct. 27 to connect over free fun and hot food and beverages to counter the nip in the air.

AROUND SALMON: Volunteers with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council welcomes just over 1,000 students, parents, and young siblings to the watershed for 23 **Salmon in the Schools releases** in Fauntleroy Park. During fall spawning season, they welcomed 125 students and other creekside visitors to launch the “Silver Anniversary” year of coho spawners in the creek. Spring and fall projects engaged another 50 students in water-quality research.

WELCOME: FCA greeted 13 households new to the neighborhood with a **welcome bag** full of information and enticements to try area businesses.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

ENVIRONMENT: Grant funding for restoring the **Kilbourne ravine** ended after six years on Dec. 31. It enabled the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to engage EarthCorps trainees to restore beneficial habitat and improve water quality along the middle reach of

FIVE MORE CURB RAMPS COMING

Five more ADA-accessible curb ramps are now in the city’s queue for sidewalks across from the north end of Lincoln Park.

Acting on behalf of FCA and the Morgan Junction Association, FCA Board member Marty Westerman contacted the Seattle Department of Transportation last fall to request the ramps and recently got word that they have been approved.

Locations that will be getting curb ramps are where Fauntleroy Way SW intersects with SW Monroe, SW Kenyon Place, SW Kenyon, SW Austin, and SW Webster.

“The city will install the ramps before the end of 2023, or earlier, if possible,” Marty said. “A number of ramps are in the city’s queue but one or more of these locations could get a ramp sooner as part of another project.”

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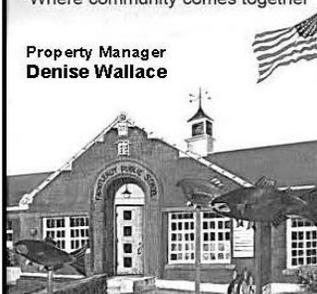
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Fauntleroy Creek. The **Fauntleroy Watershed Stewardship Fund** will finance annual maintenance. By year's end, fund donations totaled \$18,175, including \$4,000 from the West Seattle Garden Tour.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS: A crew from the State Department of Natural Resources spent two days in February removing a surprising 17 tons of creosote drift logs from the beach in Fauntleroy Cove.

Thanks to volunteers who planted, maintained, and watered, **planter boxes** in the Endolynne business area featured tulips in the spring and greenery year-round.

We repaired or replaced **pedestrian crossing flags** at 10 crossings in the neighborhood.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS: As of Dec. 31, our paid and complimentary memberships stood at 252 - 210 households, 19 businesses, 7 organizations, and 16 government offices. In the fall, the board launched a campaign to increase these numbers and shifted all renewals to be effective in January.

FINANCES: Funding support for FCA in 2019

totaled \$9,611 - \$5,196 from household renewals, \$615 from new household memberships, and \$3,800 from business support.

Expenditures of \$8,015 included \$2,000 for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, \$500 for the accessory dwelling unit appeal, \$1,690 for the newsletter, \$813 for planter-box materials, \$347 for crossing flags, \$1,165 for the food fest and annual meeting, \$961 for administrative costs, and \$538 for board development. Net cash as of Dec. 31 was \$17,365.

FCA was fiscal agent for two projects, with net cash as of Dec. 31 as follows:

- The Fauntleroy Fall Festival received \$12,401 in donations and spent \$8,323, closing the year with net cash of \$3,405. Income included a \$3,979 city grant received in 2019 on behalf of the 2018 festival.
- The Fauntleroy Watershed Council submitted final expenses for the Kilbourne ravine restoration project and FCA is no longer needed as its fiscal agent.

MEETINGS: The FCA Board had business meetings on the second Tuesday evening of the month (except August and December) in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse.

CULVERTS *(continued from p. 1)*

that investigation will continue south to 45th Ave. SW until early March. Crews have several work areas on private property and in the right-of-way adjacent to and/or above the existing culverts. Thank you for your patience!

Project grant opportunities

We continue to explore grant funding to help with project costs. In January, we partnered with Fauntleroy Church and the Fauntleroy Watershed Council to submit a proposal to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fish Passage Barrier Board for funding to support design and construction.

We are also exploring local, state, and federal grants and will submit additional applications as we see potential. The community may also explore grant funding through city or other sources focused on community amenities and/or stewardship education.

Upcoming community outreach

We are continuing to meet with area residents and businesses to share updates and answer questions. Let us know if you would like a member of our team to attend a meeting of your neighborhood group.

Leaders of our project team will also staff a table at the Fauntleroy Food Fest on March 17. Stop by our table to learn more about recent and upcoming work.

I encourage you to visit www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/projects/fauntleroy-creek-culverts-replacement to subscribe to email updates, learn more about the project, and see the options we'll be refining in coming months.

We expect to be back in your community soon to share design updates and hear your feedback. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at cody.nelson@seattle.gov with any questions.

CHILDREN'S CENTER ACCREDITED AGAIN FOR FIVE MORE YEARS

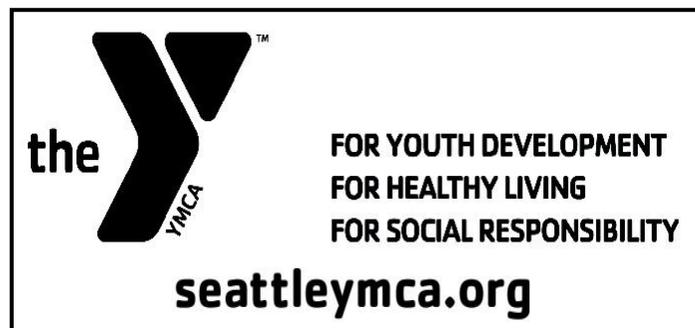
In late January, the Fauntleroy Children's Center earned renewal of its accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

In 1987, the center became the first program in West Seattle to earn this accreditation. Fewer than 10 percent of all child-care centers, preschools, and kindergartens nationally achieve it.

The accreditation process scores applicants on 10 research-based standards to determine if an early-education program is providing a high-quality learning environment.

"Our most recent scores range from 92 percent to 100 percent, with perfect scores on 7 of the 10 program standards," said center director Kim Sheridan. "These scores document that our staff is providing the children in our care with play-enriched experiences that enable them to have fun as they learn."

The accreditation process included a two-day site visit by an assessor. The Children's Center will be filing annual reports during the five-year accreditation term.



LEADERSHIP: The Board welcomed Kimberly Terry as incoming membership chairwoman and bid farewell to Vice President Richard Hansen and to Vicki Schmitz-Block, who retired after 15 years of service. Elliott Berkihiser assisted by continuing to improve our membership database.

COMMUNICATION

Bill Wellington continued to upgrade and maintain FCA's website, listserv, and social media presence, plus our *Fauntleroy Flash* email alerts.

Judy Pickens edited FCA's quarterly *Neighbors* newsletter and our annual report. She also updated our table tents at The Original Bakery announcing upcoming neighborhood events.

ON OUR RADAR

Major issues on the FCA Board's radar for 2020 include

- Planning by Washington State Ferries toward replacing the **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal**.
- The potential impacts of proposed replacement of **Fauntleroy Creek culverts** under 45th Ave. SW and

- under California Ave. SW and the church parking lot.
- **Terminal-related public safety**, including speeding, unsafe pedestrian crossings, line cutting, horn honking, and violence.
- **Vacant homes** that attract break-ins and squatters.
- Proposed redevelopment of the **Joslyn building** in our Endolyne retail area.

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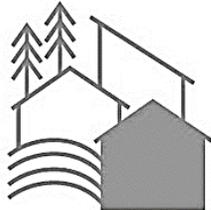
Michael Arizona has joined Steve Hodson and Peggy Cummings as Fauntleroy's third forest steward.

The Green Seattle Partnership trains volunteer forest stewards to monitor conditions in natural areas, lead restoration projects, and engage in public outreach on behalf of the city's forested areas. The primary focus for them here is Fauntleroy Park.

As noted in the Fauntleroy Watershed Council's 2019 annual report (www.fauntleroywatershed.org/council/annual_reports), Steve volunteered 540 hours last year, including putting in 80 groundcover plants in the park. In addition to serving on the council, Peggy donated 120 hours, primarily for outreach and project planning.

Mike got right to work doing a detailed assessment of the Cambridge Street entrance to the park, which has long been plagued by erosion from street runoff. Seattle Parks is now examining options for making the entrance safe.

He also worked with Peggy and students from Taproot School on installation of the native-plant demonstration garden next to the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse.



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COMMUNITY BUSINESS: The FCA Board invites residents to its monthly business meeting on **second Tuesdays (March 10, April 14, May 12)** at **7 pm** in the boardroom at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse Community Center. Contact FCA President Mike Dey about the agenda at 206-661-0673.

FAUNTLEROY WATERSHED COUNCIL: Residents interested in helping steward natural areas - especially Fauntleroy Creek and Fauntleroy Park - are welcome **Thursday, March 12, and May 14, at 7 pm** at Fauntleroy Church. Contact Judy Pickens at 206-938-4203.

LINCOLN LOVERS: Show your love of the park's urban forest by joining **Friends of Lincoln Park** for work parties on **first Saturdays (April 5, May 2, June 6)** and/or **third Sundays (March 15, April 19, May 17)** of the month. Muster at the kiosk in the north parking lot at **9 am** with sturdy shoes, long pants, work gloves, and water. Call Lisa McGinty (206-506-7155) with questions or go to friendsoflyncolnpark.blogspot.com.

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CHILDREN'S CENTER: "Lights, Camera, Auction" is the theme for the 33rd annual dinner auction for the Fauntleroy Children's Center on **March 21, 5:30 pm in the Hall @ Fauntleroy**. Proceeds will support tuition assistance and continuing education for staff, as well as field trips, classroom materials, and outside toy. Details and tickets at fauntleroychildrenscenter.org/annual-auction/.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: 1 Green Planet and Fauntleroy Church will host their roundup on **Sunday, April 26, 9 am - 3 pm** in the church parking lot. Find the long list of what to bring for responsible recycling and the short list of what not to bring a few weeks ahead at www.fauntleroyucc.org or on the *West Seattle Blog*. Free; donation optional.

DINE OUT FOR FALL FESTIVAL: **Tuesday, April 28**, will be the annual dine out at Endolyn Joe's in support of the free Fauntleroy Fall Festival in October. Joe's will donate a percent of sales that day and evening and you'll have a chance to win one of many great raffle items. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for details.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The annual blessing of the animals at Fauntleroy Church will be **Sunday, June 7, at 2 pm** in the sanctuary. Bring your best friend for this brief, heart-warming service open to all.

Easter Season Services



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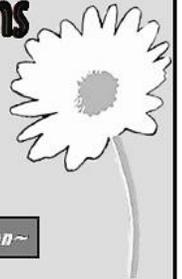
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BEWARE: AUTO THIEVES ACTIVE IN WEST SEATTLE

Auto theft is a crime frequently reported on the *West Seattle Blog*, along with a plea by the owner for others to keep an eye out for the stolen car or truck.

According to Lt. Steve Strand, operations commander with the Southwest Precinct, 2020 started with an uptick in auto theft across the city but especially in the south end of West Seattle.

As he told the West Seattle Safety Coalition in January, stolen vehicles are usually found within four days, often outside the city. Most thieves are after temporary transportation, he said, so the sooner stolen vehicles can be spotted, the sooner they can be returned.

He credited automated license-plate readers as an effective tool for spotting them. These readers typically sit on the roof of patrol cars and can rapidly scan plates and check for matches as officers drive around. City policy limits use of this technology to vehicles used for law and parking enforcement.

In its advice to citizens about preventing auto theft, the Seattle Police Department notes that many thefts are crimes of opportunity. If keys are in the car, a thief may act on the spur of the moment. Here's what the police advise to keep your car or truck from being taken:

- ✓ Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition.
- ✓ Close all windows and lock all doors when you leave your vehicle, even for "just a second," and do the same when you park in your driveway or in front of your home.

- ✓ Remove your remote garage-door opener, key fobs, or key cards from the vehicle.
- ✓ Remove anything visible that might attract a thief, even if you lock doors and windows.
- ✓ Put items in your trunk for safety *before* you arrive at your destination.
- ✓ If you have a garage, lock your car inside.
- ✓ Park in well-lit places; if you often cannot, invest in a steering-wheel lock or other anti-theft device.
- ✓ When parking beside a curb, set the emergency brake and turn your wheels toward the curb so a thief can't easily tow your vehicle.



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