



## FCA'S 'IN A NUTSHELL' POSITION ON FERRY TERMINAL UPGRADE

The FCA Board's position on state plans to upgrade the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal is simply put: **YES to efficiency. YES to safety. NO to expansion.**

FCA supports **efficient pre-ticketing, automated toll collection, and alternatives to single-occupancy commuting.** Pre-ticketing and automated toll collection would eliminate the choke point at the existing toll booths, allowing the dock to stay full during boarding at peak commute time. Efficient transit connections would reduce the number of cars using the ferry and residential streets. Both would improve customer service.

FCA supports **improving safety for ferry users and crew,** including strengthening the dock for seismic stability and elevating it for sea-level rise.

FCA opposes **expanding the terminal** by enlarging the dock or adding a second slip. Both would increase over-water coverage and degrade nearshore habitat for juvenile salmon leaving Fauntleroy Creek. Neither would get drive-on or walk-on passengers to their destinations any faster.



## THIS WAY TO FALL FESTIVAL

Our wildly popular Fauntleroy Fall Festival will be back, in person, on **Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 - 5 pm!** Come to the church/schoolhouse/YMCA triangle for free activities, limitless opportunities to meet and greet neighbors, and a variety of food and beverage vendors. Masks will be required for indoor activities.

## CITY RESPONDS TO TWO SAFETY PRIORITIES IN NEIGHBORHOOD

By Catherine Bailey, vice president

For the past year and a half, the FCA Board has given high priority to addressing as many traffic and pedestrian safety issues as possible with the Seattle Department of Transportation. Our list includes long-standing concerns as well as new issues resulting from closure of the West Seattle high bridge. Traffic volumes, speed and crosswalk safety have been central.

### Crosswalks

Two heavily used pedestrian intersections in the Endolyne business district have been outfitted with "paint and posts." These installations are intended to improve visibility of the intersection and prevent vehicles from parking too close to the crossing area.



Another advantage is that they shorten the amount of time a pedestrian is in the active roadway. SDOT does not currently have data to demonstrate their effectiveness but they should prevent collisions and improve pedestrian safety. You'll also see them on *(continued p. 3)*

# THE GREAT PUMPKIN SEARCH

October 8, 2022

2 to 5 pm, Endolyne Area



## PUMPKIN SEARCH IS COMING!

FCA gremlins will hide an assortment of orange orbs around the Endolyne business area for hunters of all ages to seek and find on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8. The 2 pm starting point will be across from Endolyne Joe's.

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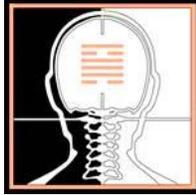
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# ACUPUNCTURIST, PRESCHOOL NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Resources in Fautleroy grew over the summer with the arrival of an acupuncturist and a preschool.

As an associate of West Seattle Neighborhood

Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Chris Northern, L.Ac, now provides acupuncture services in the Fautleroy Schoolhouse. A board-certified acupuncturist, he is continuing his studies to treat a wide variety of conditions, including acute and chronic pain, sleep disorders, and addiction. Details are at [wsneighborhoodchiro.com/acupuncture.html](http://wsneighborhoodchiro.com/acupuncture.html).



Hazelwood Preschool is enrolling children ages 2 to 5 for its program in the lower level of Fautleroy Church. Executive Director Jessica Beckwith leads a team dedicated to helping young children develop awareness of themselves, others, and the environment around them.



Hazelwood Executive Director Jessica Beckwith shows off the preschool's sign before installing it outside the lower level of Fautleroy Church. Photo courtesy Hazelwood

Materials and activities reflect the school's welcome of every family's make-up, culture, and economic status. Find details at [www.hazelwoodseattle.org/](http://www.hazelwoodseattle.org/).



## BUSINESSES COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For the first time, Cheri Avassa's Canine Casa and other neighborhood businesses had boxes and buckets out in July to collect donations for West Seattle Rotary's annual Pencil Me in for Kids school-supply drive.

Coordinated by the homelessness task force at Fautleroy Church, this local drive also involved the West Seattle & Fautleroy YMCA, Treg Organic Salon, Wildwood Market, and Keller Williams Realty.

Supply and cash donations help equip students at local elementary schools for learning. Rotary is still accepting online cash donations for high-demand supplies at [westseattlerotary.org](http://westseattlerotary.org). Photo by Doug Gundwaldsen

## VESSEL DAMAGE ADDS TO FERRY SYSTEM'S SERVICE STRUGGLES

By Frank Immel, Fautleroy Ferry Advisory Committee

Ferry users are fortunate that the state had a vessel in reserve so that two-boat service here could continue after the recent collision of the Cathlamet with the south dolphin near the ferry dock. However, the system is still struggling with staff shortages related to the pandemic. Now would be a good time for anyone interested in a maritime career to inquire.

The process to upgrade the terminal continues, with the next community advisory group meeting on Sept. 22 (see calendar on p. 7).

Members will use a fine screen to assess which design options should fall from the list and which are worthy of further examination.

We all look forward to having the West Seattle high bridge open and pre-closure traffic patterns restored, which should reduce the U-turn problem on Fautleroy Way SW. With schools on Vashon back in session, please look out for kids and related traffic at the terminal during their morning and afternoon transit times.





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## SAFETY PRIORITIES *(continued from p. 1)*

California Ave SW between the Fauntleroy schoolhouse and Fauntleroy Church. FCA continues to provide pedestrian crossing flags there, at the Endolyne intersection, and at 14 other crossings in the neighborhood.

### Speed monitoring and mitigation

Increased speeding prompted our request that SDOT address popular "cut through" streets. Speed humps are now in place on 45th Ave. SW between SW Trenton and SW Wildwood Place and also between Marine View Drive and 106th St. SW.

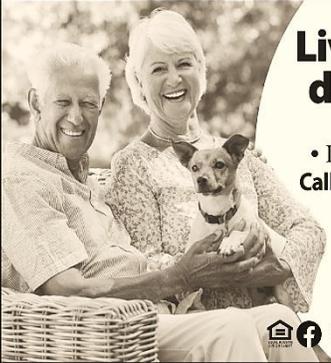
Residents also voiced concern about speeding on the downhill portion of 45th as it approaches SW Wildwood Place. FCA requested speed monitoring there but, according to SDOT, the data collected did not indicate the need for additional traffic calming measures.

Specifically, SDOT looked at 85th percentile average speeds for that area and found them to be 32 mph southbound and 33 mph northbound. Staff also researched police collision reports and found none in the immediate Endolyne area since 2016.

To address our concerns, however, SDOT's speed radar trailer was on site recently to remind drivers of the posted speed limit. SPD traffic enforcement has also been present occasionally over the last few months to monitor speeds in this section of roadway.

SDOT's Reconnect West Seattle program brought several traffic-mitigation and pedestrian-safety measures to our area after closure of the West Seattle high bridge. Now with the bridge about to reopen, SDOT expects traffic volumes to decline in the area, negating the need for additional calming interventions.





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## CUMMINGS RETIRES AS FOREST STEWARD

Peggy Cummings retired this summer after a decade as a volunteer forest steward in the Fauntleroy Watershed.

As one of 200+ forest stewards across the city, she monitored conditions in Fauntleroy Park, organized work parties, assisted with fieldtrips, and served on the Fauntleroy Watershed Council.

Charlotte Linton is now the sole forest steward here, and she would welcome a colleague.

If you have a keen interest in seeing the park and other natural areas preserved and improved, find details about forest-steward training on the Green Seattle Partnership's website: [greenseattle.org/get-involved/become-a-forest-steward/](http://greenseattle.org/get-involved/become-a-forest-steward/).

For more about what forest stewards do, peruse watershed annual reports at [fauntleroywatershed.org](http://fauntleroywatershed.org).



## SIDEWALK WORK IMPROVES SAFETY

Sidewalks are a key element in neighborhoods that are safe and accessible for pedestrians, and Fauntleroy is fortunate to have many that were put in with residential development. Over time, some slabs created trip hazards by rising or sinking, so the Seattle Department of Transportation recently ground them down at several locations.

A quarter of the city's streets have no sidewalks but SDOT is gradually adding them, with priority given to streets with high traffic volume and multiple destinations for pedestrians, as well as streets connecting to frequent transit service or near public schools

Property owners are almost always responsible for sidewalk repair but SDOT sometimes makes exceptions. For details about what the city will and will not do, call 206-684-7623 or visit [seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/sidewalk-repair-program](http://seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/sidewalk-repair-program).

SDOT also has a process for improving accessibility, as evidenced by several new curb ramps at intersections in the neighborhood. The city installs accessibility aids in the order requests come in; call 206-684-7623 or fill out the form at [seattle-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/tile](http://seattle-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/tile).



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**FROM PAST TO PRESENT**

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL ALL ABOUT NURTURING COMMUNITY**

**By Judy Pickens**

*As the 2022 edition of the Fauntleroy Fall Festival nears, take a trip back 20 years when the community came together to play and strengthen the ties that bind.*

Within hours of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in New York and Washington, DC, the staff at Fauntleroy Church scheduled a special worship service that drew people from throughout the community to mourn and seek solace.

Over the days that followed, Fauntlee Hill resident Debbie Kerns was particularly struck by the power of community to support people. She knew that, for decades, the church/YMCA/school triangle had been the focal point of the neighborhood. Could it be again?

The church and Y were running strong, and the former school was abuzz with the Fauntleroy Children's Center and community-minded Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering. What if Fauntleroy pooled these resources to draw residents of all ages into closer contact?

"The reality hit me that we should try to recreate the community that was here when Fauntleroy had such a hub of activity at the school, the Y, and the church," she said.

This germ of an idea quickly grew into the first Fauntleroy Fall Festival.

Within a few days, she had enlisted Rev. David Kratz at the church, David Haggerty at the schoolhouse, and Jenny Mandt at the Y. The Fauntleroy Community Association soon joined this steering committee, and a city grant program was a prospect for funding.

"We had pages of wild ideas for a whole day of activities - clowns and bands and all kinds of things," she said. They pared it down to four hours on a Sunday afternoon in October 2002.

"I was standing at the top of the church steps that day, not knowing if this thing would fly, and saw all these

people coming from every direction," she said. "It was just the best feeling of 'We did it!'"

About 500 people came that first year and 1,200 the next. The list of sponsoring organizations and businesses grew and, in 2003, the church began accepting charitable donations to fund the event. Dozens of volunteers eagerly supported a wide variety of activities, and vendors hawked food and drink.

In 2005, funding and leadership lagged such that the festival did not happen. Instead, Endolyne Joe's hosted a wine-and-hors d'oeuvres party in the fall to thank volunteers and raise money for 2006. The restaurant's first "dine out" event the following spring became the festival's main annual fund-raiser.

By 2010, the crowd had grown to 2,000, and many activities and vendors had become mainstays. Two years later when Jenny and Gordy Mandt took the lead, 700-800 people braved heavy rain all afternoon to enjoy activities and conversation indoors.

Popularity of the festival continued until the pandemic shut it down for the second time, in 2020. Volunteers regrouped last year to resurrect it as a drive-through event, attracting 157 vehicles, plus bikers, strollers, and residents on foot.

As had been the case for two decades, the festival runs on volunteers doing myriad tasks. Thankfully, recent newcomers to the steering committee have brought fresh energy, ideas, and skills to bear on not only the event itself but also on how to fund it year after year.

"While the trauma of Sept. 11, 2001, has waned," said Jenny, "the festival continues to fill a need for neighbors and friends of all ages to connect in a fun and safe way."

Sources: *Guided by the Light: Fauntleroy Church at the Centennial Milepost* by Judy Pickens; Fauntleroy Community Association annual reports and *Neighbors* newsletter.

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# WEST SEATTLE RALLYING AROUND NO DOCK EXPANSION

By FCA President Mike Dey

Friends from Pennsylvania visited this summer and were amazed at our lovely days without the humidity of the East Coast. While enjoying our view of the Olympics, they naturally asked about the ferry dock and its history.

We walked down to Cove Park for a closer look at the dock and noted the "Save Children's (Cove) Park" sign there. You've likely seen others around the neighborhood.

The group behind these signs is a grassroots effort to protect this street-end park, as well as Fauntleroy Creek, from any expansion of the adjacent dock.



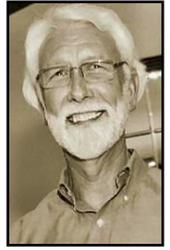
In talking with leaders of the group, I learned that they have heard from several hundred residents throughout West Seattle, not just the immediate neighborhood, who value Cove Park as a place for children to play, a rest

stop while walking the dog, or an ideal spot for launching kayaks.

We knew this high-stakes planning process with Washington State Ferries would require both expertise

and energy. While FCA is bringing the know-how of a long-time community advocate to the table, this group is bringing focused passion that strengthens our message: "Don't expand the dock!"

Find out more at [Save Fauntleroy Cove](http://SaveFauntleroyCove.org).



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