



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT ANNUAL MEETING & FOOD FEST MARCH 18

The FCA Annual Meeting and Fauntleroy Food Fest on **Tuesday, March 18**, will give everyone a good reason to come out of winter hibernation, whether to catch up with neighbors, join FCA or renew your membership, get up to date on local activities, or all of the above while sampling the best local eateries have to offer.



Festivities will get under way at 6:00pm in the Emerald Room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. The meeting will start about 7:00pm.

Expect to browse information tables hosted by the schoolhouse, Fauntleroy Church, Washington State Ferries, the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, A Cleaner Alki, Seal Sitters, West Seattle Bike Connections, The Whale Trail, and maybe more.

Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering (with cash bar), The Birdhouse, Endolyne Joe's, Wildwood Market, Nola's Catering and Events, Village Green West Seattle, and The Unsweetened Tooth will be among eateries offering samples appealing to all ages.

STATE TO GO PUBLIC WITH CONCEPT FOR REBUILDING FERRY TERMINAL

Washington State Ferries is wrapping up the initial phase of planning toward replacing the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal. In late 2024, the team completed screening concepts and selected which one to move forward into state and federal environmental review.



The design would lengthen the trestle to hold up to 155 vehicles compared to 80 today. Cove Park would not be altered. The state will continue refining the design to reduce impacts on nearshore habitat.

Two opportunities to learn details about the concept will have the same content:

- **Virtual session Tuesday, March 11, 6-8pm.** Go to us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ofe79XOEQ--HJ7HYZ6LiVQ#/registration to register now to attend.
- **Online open house.** View now through Friday, March 21, at engage.wsdot.wa/fauntleroy-ferry-terminal.

If you would like to know more about the project, visit wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/sr-160-fauntleroy-terminal-trestle-transfer-span-replacement. Or the project team at FauntleroyTermProj@wsdot.wa.gov.

AS CITY PLAN PROPOSES, COMMUNITY CHARACTER, ENVIRONMENT COULD PAY PRICE OF INCREASED HOUSING DENSITY

By Vice President Catherine Bailey

While this newsletter regularly covers the history of Fauntleroy, the future of our corner of West Seattle is what's presently on the minds of many neighbors.

Mayor Bruce Harrell's One Seattle Plan introduced last October seeks to update the city's comprehensive plan to address the city's shortage of affordable housing by revising zoning ordinances and the process by which housing is built.



The FCA Board has had some spirited conversations about the proposed changes, leading to our neighborhood-wide letter-writing campaign in December. The tension that exists is between achieving more affordable housing versus protecting neighborhood character as well as tree canopy and green spaces.

At our February business meeting, board member David Follis reported on the City Council's Feb. 5 public meeting attended by many Seattle neighborhood representatives. Older homeowners who spoke recognized the need for more housing but advocated for retaining current neighborhood character. *(continued p. 2)*

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FCA'S POSITION ON TERMINAL REBUILD

- YES** to pre-ticketing and automated toll collection.
- YES** to promoting transit alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.
- YES** to improving seismic stability, elevating sea-level rise, and installing widely spaced piling.
- NO** to expanding overwater coverage to enlarge the trestle or add a second slip.

HOUSING (continued)

Younger residents wishing to become homeowners advocated for the plan's zoning changes.

About 60% of Seattle residents rent their homes; the national average is 35%. The sentiment of older, established Fauntleroy residents and younger residents appears to mirror that of Seattleites more broadly.

One of Fauntleroy's most compelling factors in this debate is the desire to protect our natural areas. For example, Fauntleroy Creek has flourished following restoration and reintroduction of salmon and restoration of natural habitat in Fauntleroy Park has increased its value to both people and wildlife.

The proposed zoning changes would also threaten mature trees by allowing more development. With global temperatures rising, we should be retaining trees, not losing their cooling ability.

As discussion continues over this plan, each of us has a stake in what boils down to a delicate balancing act: how to add housing while preserving green space and tree canopy, managing traffic, and ensuring infrastructure (water, sewer) keeps pace. The outcome will determine if children who grow up can find and afford housing and if the environment they inherit will be a healthy one.

Seattle's elected officials will determine the way forward, and we cannot influence their decisions without speaking up for our neighborhood. Find their email addresses at fauntleroy.net/ and share your views.



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If you've ever wondered how haircare products get to market, the owner of Treo Organic Salon in the Endolyne business area can tell you.

During her 25+ years as a stylist, Sarah Griffiths has used a lot of such products but was often disappointed. Why wasn't anyone offering an unscented organic line that really worked, in sustainable packaging?



After researching the market, she partnered with a chemist and lab to create a product line that checks all these boxes. "Treo Organics" will launch in the salon and online on May 11. Watch for it at treoorganicsalon.com/shop-hair-care.

Initially, the line will consist of a volumizing shampoo and conditioner, as well as a hydrating shampoo and conditioner. If customers' enthusiasm for these products matches Sarah's, she will grow the line.

As Treo has done for years, 1% of annual sales will support environmental causes through 1% for the Planet.

Anyone wanting to follow along as this new venture unfolds may do so at instagram.com/treoorganics/.

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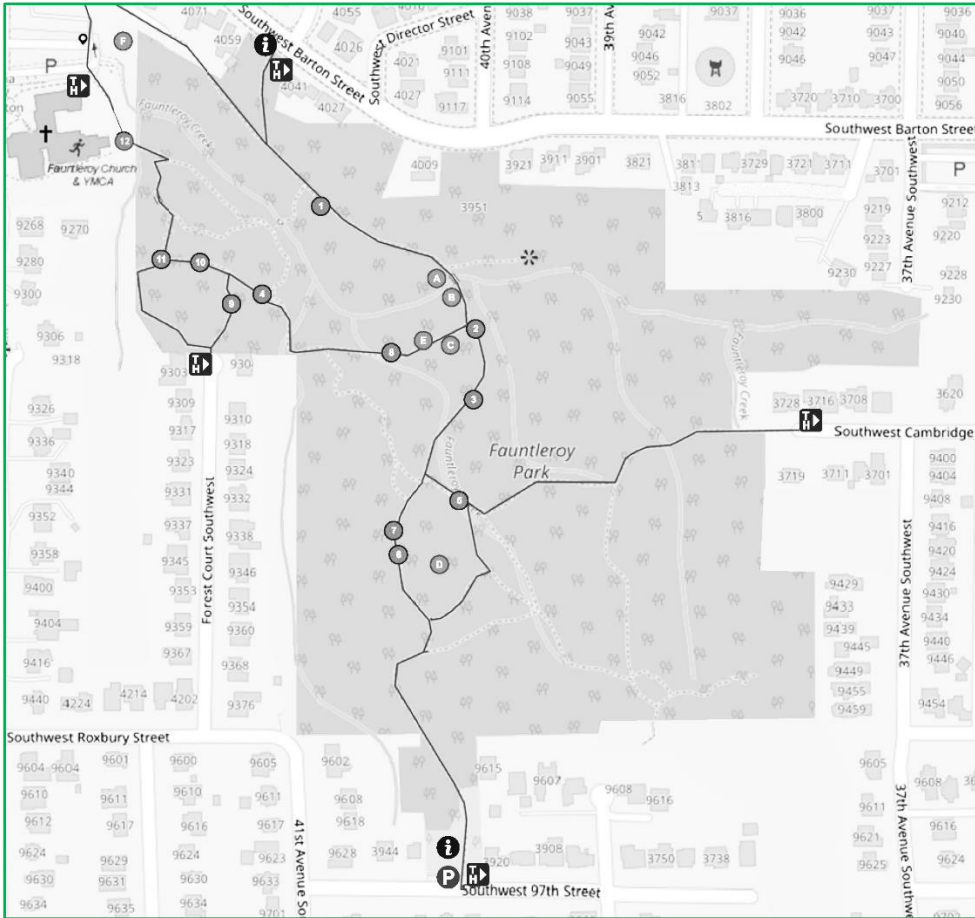
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FIND YOUR WAY – AND MUCH MORE - BY SMARTPHONE IN FAUNTLEROY PARK

What if you could use your smartphone to navigate trails in Fauntleroy Park, locate species on the tree walk, and find other points of interest without getting lost?

The Fauntleroy Watershed Council has just finished such a wayfinding tool for exploring and appreciating the natural beauty of the park.



The heart of this resource is the map at left that's posted in kiosks at park entrances on SW Barton St. and on 97th St. Visitors may scan a QR code to download a geo-referenced map using Avenza Maps or a static digital map directly from our website. Either map will show easy-to-navigate trails, native species on the tree walk, and points of interest.

"This initial edition of the map incorporates existing points of interest," said project lead Tracy Randle. "It's now our baseline for adding features that visitors suggest and as the habitat changes over time."

Tracy and her graphic-design colleague Sam To are accustomed to doing this sort of project for clients but volunteered their expertise because of wayfinding's potential value to park visitors as well as to teachers wanting to engage students in the park.

Stop by a kiosk to see the poster or find it directly at fauntleroywatershed.org/index.php/p/park/. Tracy plans to demonstrate the map during the FCA Annual Meeting and Food Fest on March 18.

WHAT FCA ACCOMPLISHED DURING MIKE DEY'S 11 YEARS AS PRESIDENT

FCA presidents earn the right to do whatever they want after stepping down from office, and Mike Dey is no exception. He took the helm in 2014 and his tenure will end on March 18 when the membership elects a new president during the FCA Annual Meeting & Food Fest.

He is the first to affirm that many hands contributed to this list of accomplishments (in no particular order) during those 11 years:

- increased residential memberships from 121 to 224 and business memberships from 6 to 15.
- administered an annual FCA budget that more than doubled to \$11,800.
- beautified the Endolyne business area with 23 planter boxes and maintained them.
- introduced crossing flags for pedestrian safety at 11 intersections in the neighborhood.
- opposed pickleball courts and an off-leash dog area in Lincoln Park.



- took positions on ferry-terminal replacement and pressed at city and state levels to be heard.
- examined and responded to numerous city proposals to increase building heights and density and decrease street and off-street parking for residents.
- took positions to enforce the city's noise ordinance and retain funding for public safety.
- supported federal funding for repairing the West Seattle high bridge.
- introduced annual community egg and pumpkin hunts.
- pushed for converting Brace Point Dr. SW to one way and improving parking, adding a guard rail along Marine View Dr. SW, installing a wide-angle mirror for traffic safety at SW Roxbury and SW Marine View Dr., and adding traffic calming and pedestrian safety striping at problem locations.
- succeeded in getting the state to remove creosote logs and debris from Fauntleroy Cove.
- introduced automated FCA membership renewal and payment options.

FROM PAST TO PRESENT

HOW ONE PLUCKY WOMAN CONTRIBUTED TO FAUNTLEROY'S QUALITY OF LIFE

By Judy Pickens

Rather than focus on what historians find noteworthy about early life in Fauntleroy, this account focuses on what one lively, curious, and outgoing slip of a woman found worth her time to note and how she influenced the community we know today.

Like women of her era, Marjorie Forbes set her sights on home and family when she married Joseph Wilson at the foot of Mount Rainier in 1910. They had fallen in love with each other *and* also so much in love with the Pacific Northwest that they honeymooned by hiking and camping for two weeks in the park.

Three years later, "home" became the woods and beaches of a promising residential neighborhood once populated by Coast Salish people. Over the next seven decades until her death in 1985 a week shy of 103, "Mrs. Wilson" supported Joe as he became a noted architect, reared four children, ran a very active household, rambled all over, and cultivated an enviable garden.

The neighbors: When the growing Wilson family moved into 9006 Fauntleroy Way SW overlooking Fauntleroy Cove, Laurence and Ida May Colman had a summer house on the beach and John and Maude Adams had a year-round house on SW Wildwood Place.

A third house, above the Fauntleroy Creek ravine at 9108 Fauntleroy Way SW, stood empty, making it the perfect place for the family to rent so Joe could keep an eye on construction of "the Wilson house."

The creek supplied both houses with water through wooden pipes, and "the gully" through which it ran was a favorite place for Marjorie and her children to explore, and goings on at "the gully house" fed her curiosity.

During World War One, Germans were renting the house when men approached Marjorie about spending the night on her side porch. Before she could say yes, the agents(?) decided instead to stake out the house from nearby bushes. Marjorie learned that they waited for the

lights in the house to go off before making their move, but the Germans fooled them by leaving the lights on all night in order to make their getaway.

She also chronicled the comings and goings of bootleggers. One day her son, John, brought in a crow that couldn't walk straight. She saw that several in their yard were in the same condition. A look into the ravine revealed that the crows had eaten mash the still operators in "the gully house" had dumped over the side.

A second nearby still and another in "spook hollow" up the hill completed Majorie's view of that cottage industry on land. She also kept an eye on a derelict ship that someone had towed into the cove to be a transfer point for liquor brought in from Canada.

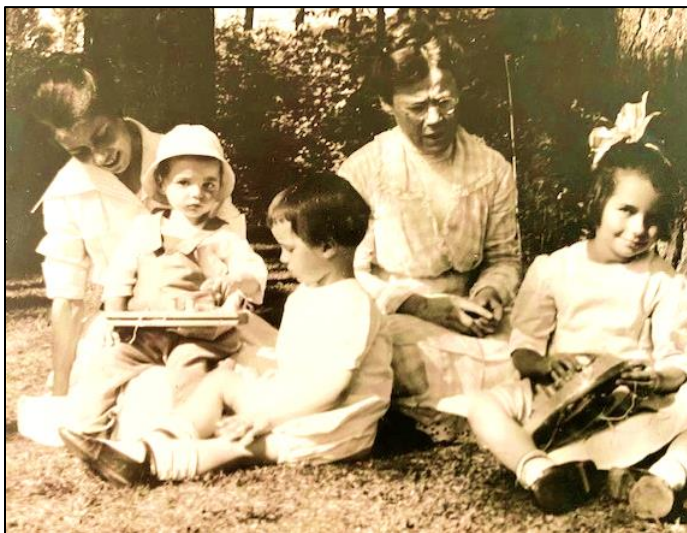
Women friends: With so few women living in early Fauntleroy, Marjorie made friends among Native American women. Prior to the extension of Fauntleroy Way to the south, the land sloped from her house all the way to the water, and she would often go down when she saw women on the beach. Years later she told Judy about foraging with the women for wild food and digging in the sand for clams at low tide.

In recounting that time in tape recordings for her family, Marjorie explained that Native Americans did not live in the neighborhood. They came out on the streetcar, then caught a boat to Vashon to pick hops. One woman who did that made a habit of asking for a cup of tea at Marjorie's back door – and Marjorie always obliged.

In 1916, she missed getting to know "the Sweet Briar Bride." At age 89, Louisa Boren Denny moved into "the Gully house." When Margorie met her nurse, she offered to call on Mrs. Denny but the nurse said no, that her patient had come to the woods and Sound to die without social contact. All Marjorie saw of the woman was a figure on the porch.

Child at heart: Obituaries about family members sometimes referred to Marjorie as whimsical - an adjective she earned with each child. By 1922 when her youngest, Mary, was born, Marjorie was highly experienced at being imaginative and playful.

Mary had enjoyed first grade but found second grade to be much more work. Seeing her come home for lunch down in the dumps, Marjorie started leaving notes and other surprises along her route, suggesting to the child



Marjorie (L) with her sister, Bertha, and children John, Forbes, and Jane in about 1917. Family photo



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Blowing bubbles in the garden with Joe. Family photo

that fairies must have left them. Soon, Mary started leaving return gifts and the game continued as long as it was needed. As Marjorie lost height with age, she could have been mistaken for a fairy herself.

Kids next door: Judy Lantz Leary and her siblings grew up a stone's throw from the Wilsons' back door. Judy was shy when "Mrs. Wilson" introduced herself but they soon became great friends.

"Most days she spent working in her garden," Judy said. "She told me Mr. Wilson had asked if she would rather be a gardener or a housewife. When she answered gardener, they hired a housekeeper.

When Susan Lantz-Dey was about five, she thought Marjorie's yard was HUGE (a double lot by today's zoning) and very beautiful - "with mature evergreen trees like a park and a stunning border garden that ran from the driveway to the corner."

Marjorie taught the Lantz girls how to make May Day baskets to fill with fresh flowers and hang on neighbors' doors. and they looked forward to the doll clothes she made them for Christmas or birthdays.

Legacy: Marjorie was an aggressive walker - tag along and you were sure to get a workout. She kept it up nearly to the end, which came 40 years ago this month.

She left an enduring mark on her family and community. Renovated in 1987, the Wilson house remains one of Fautleroy's prominent homes, though without its original expansive grounds. Her daughter Jane Wilson McGowan lived here most of her life and was an accomplished violinist and music teacher.

Marjorie's other daughter Mary and husband Fred Bassetti also left creative marks on Seattle, she as an interior designer and he as an architect. Their daughter Maggie Bassetti maintains the family archive and contributed greatly to this article.

Sources: Wilson family, Judy Lantz Leary, Susan Lantz-Dey



Marjorie aged into a petite elder who always dressed just so.

Photo courtesy Susan Lantz-Dey

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DESIGN FOR CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT AT 45TH COMING INTO FOCUS

By Stephen Anderson, Seattle Public Utilities

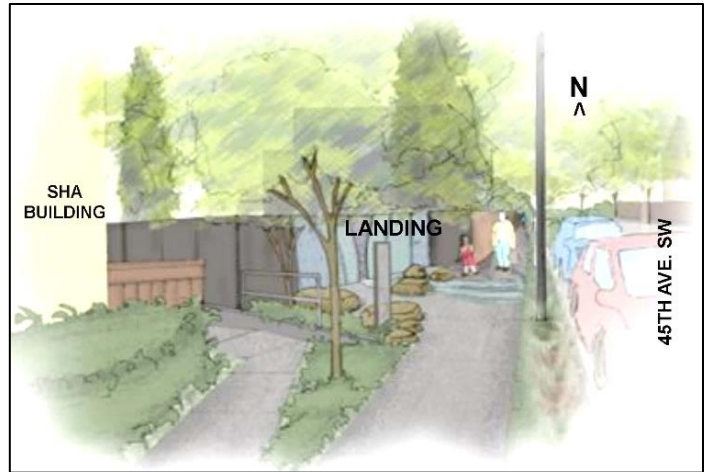
The city has made progress toward replacing two Fauntleroy Creek culverts that will enable fish to advance all the way from the mouth in Fauntleroy Cove to headwaters habitat in Fauntleroy Park.

45th Ave SW: Planning to replace the creek culvert under 45th Ave. SW has entered its final design phase, heading toward the start of construction in spring 2026.

In response to public comments during previous outreach, we revised the landing area above the west end of the new culvert, as shown at right. We will continue to reach out to the community as we focus on anticipated impacts during construction.

California Ave. SW: We expect planning and coordination to replace the culvert under California Ave. SW and the Fauntleroy Church parking lot to resume this spring after we finalize consultant design support.

The city is continuing to monitor the condition of the existing culvert and also evaluating options for short-term emergency repairs and temporary bypass, should the culvert deteriorate further before the replacement can be built. We expect construction of both to happen as early as summer/fall of this year, pending design and permitting.



As proposed, the landing would have boulders, decorative fencing, and paving indicating the creek channel below.

ON THE CALENDAR

FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS: All are welcome to attend business meetings on **Tuesday, March 11, April 8, and May 13**, starting at **6 pm** in person at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse or on Zoom. To get the link or propose an agenda item, email catherinebailey104@gmail.com.

FCA ANNUAL MEETING AND FOOD FEST: Doors will open to the Emerald Room at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse at **6 pm** on Tuesday, March 18. Come to renew/pay your FCA membership, sample the best local eateries have to offer, browse information tables, and visit with neighbors, all for free for all ages. The meeting will start about **7 pm**.

RECYCLE ROUNDUP: The spring roundup will be **Saturday, April 26, 9 am - 3 pm** in the Fauntleroy Church parking lot. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for an updated list of what you may bring for free, responsible recycling.

CHOIR CONCERT: The Boeing Employees Choir will perform at Fauntleroy Church on **Saturday, May 10, at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. This premier choir is comprised primarily of Boeing employees, retirees, and family members. Admission by donation (suggested \$10).

AT THE FAUNTLEROY SCHOOLHOUSE

This spring's Kindie West music series will make the schoolhouse a favorite destination for the young set, with five Sunday-morning performances geared to children aged five and under:

- March 23 – The Harmonica Pocket
- April 6 – Eli Rosenblatt
- April 22 – The Highlight Quartet
- May 4 – Brian Vogan and His Good Buddies
- June 18 – Johnny Bregar

Doors will open at 10:00am for each 10:30am performance. Find details and ticket information at brownpapertickets.com/.

In case you haven't discovered that the schoolhouse hosts a variety of classes, keep up to date by visiting. Here's the current list, all in Room 4:

- Oula One Fitness on Saturdays 8:00-9:00am
 - Line Dancing on Mondays 6:30-8:30pm and Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm
 - Dharma Meditation on third Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm
 - Sound Bath & Yoga on selected Sundays 4:00-8:00pm
 - Artist Way on Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm starting May 7
- Visit fauntleroysschoolhouse.org/events/events.php to keep up to date.



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Marleau helped his mom cut the ribbon to open Low Tide Arts.



Making a color wheel introduces students to how colors are related.

STUDIO BRINGS COMMUNITY ART TO FAUNTLEROY

By Judy Pickens

In early February, Low Tide Arts became the latest nonprofit to open in Fauntleroy Church, bringing a community art studio to the neighborhood.

Kim Hamlet had dreamed of teaching art but, after getting her degree from Cornish College of the Arts, she instead worked for 15 years as a graphic designer. When Hazelwood Preschool Director Jessica Beckwith invited her to teach art to four-and-five-year olds last year as a volunteer, that dream began to come alive.

"It turned out I love teaching art even more than I could have imagined," Kim said. With Jessica's encouragement, she left her job, started teaching community art classes, and fleshed out the concept of what would become Low Tide Arts.

She could have scratched her itch by teaching art in, say, an elementary school but doing so in a community space was especially appealing.

"A lot of folks make art at home but it can be lonely and you have the practical challenge of setting up in your living room," she said. "A neighborhood studio can engage people of all ages in making art and learning from one another. For kids, it can be a space separate from academics to explore their own innate creativity."

By the time a conference room was for rent at the church, Kim had a fully developed concept she felt the community would support.

Low Tide Arts offers beginning and advanced weekly classes and Saturday-morning workshops in drawing, painting, collage, and printmaking. Open studio hours give self-directed artists the time and space to practice, backed by tools and the support of a teaching artist.

Contributions to the nonprofit studio fund scholarships for kids, and donated supplies and equipment augmented Kim's initial set-up.

At present, studio walls are a gallery for artists to practice curating, preparing, and showing their art. Kim hopes to host a gallery walk for the general public this spring and also connect with the West Seattle Art Walk.

Find details about Low Tide Arts at <https://lowtidearts.org/>.

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KEEPING THE MOMENTUM GOING TOPS PRIORITY LIST FOR NEW FCA PRESIDENT

By Frank Immel

Change is upon us. As you can read elsewhere in this newsletter, Mike Dey has stepped down after 11 years as FCA president. I know you join me in thanking him for all that he has done for our community, both directly and with FCA's many other volunteers.

Along with the other hard-working members of the FCA Board, I have offered to keep the momentum going, most immediately as your next president. As reported in this newsletter year after year, Mike's accomplishments are many and his impact has been great. He earned his place in the line of great champions of this community and I look forward to adding my name to that list.

This business of considering and acting on concerns affecting our quality of life and the character of our community is ongoing. Two big ones continue to occupy a lot of our attention: decisions around the state's planned rebuilding of the ferry terminal and City Council decisions around housing density as detailed in the One Seattle Plan now under review.

Both of these issues can and will significantly impact our community. I, as your President and we, as your board are fighting for our community on these and other matters. We also try to make our area safer (i.e., the crossing flags at various intersections) as well as more visually attractive (i.e., the flower boxes in the Endolyne area). We value our community and hope you do as well.

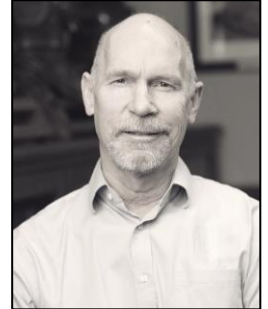
With that, I encourage you to get involved, come to one of our Board's monthly business meetings, let us know how you feel, good or bad, about what we are doing.

I also hope you'll volunteer at a community event, whether our spring egg hunt, fall pumpkin search, or the granddaddy of them all: the Fauntleroy Fall Festival. All are fueled by volunteers.

As stated in our by-laws, all Board members, including officers, must stand for election at our annual meeting. This year it's to be March 18 during the food fest – one of our most popular events. Thanks to all who have a hand in making it much more than the dry meeting that statement might imply!

FCA is a wonderful organization – the kind that residents across the city have reason to envy. The enclosed 2024 annual report captures much of what makes this community so special. I look forward to maintaining the many community-focused activities summarized in that report and to leading discussions about what more we might do.

I'll see you at the annual meeting and, of course, out and about in our neighborhood.



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