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## NOW'S THE TIME TO SUPPORT SMALLER FAUNTLEROY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

By David Follis & Catherine Bailey, FCA Board

The mayor's proposed One Seattle Plan, which re-defines neighborhood zoning to allow additional housing and improve affordability, continues to generate a wide range of feedback and proposed changes.

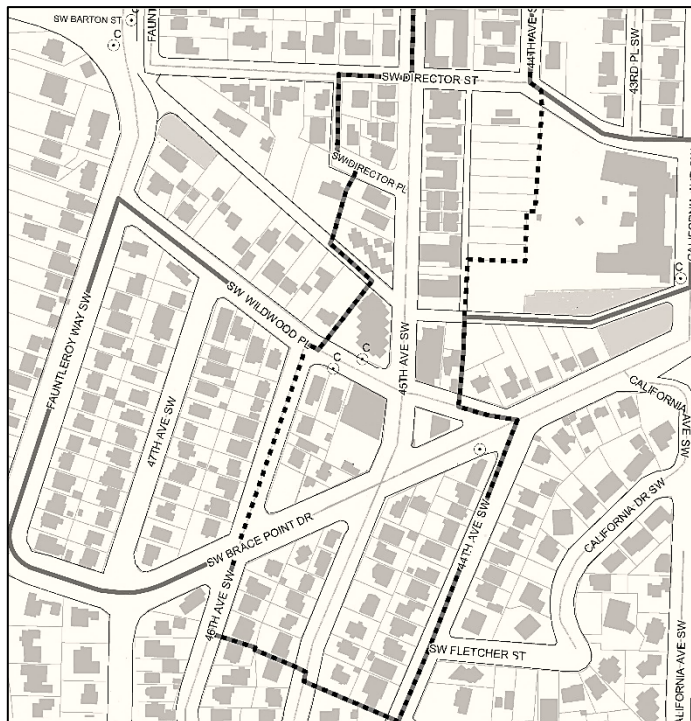
As noted in previous articles in this space, state legislation ratified in July 2023 and the City Council's proposed bill 120993 (now with more than 106 proposed amendments) are driving the changes.

In line with state requirements, the One Seattle Plan would allow attached and detached accessory dwelling units on lots previously restricted to a single-family residence. Lot coverage and building height could also increase. Increased building heights and additional commercial development would be allowed in neighborhood centers close to public transit.

FCA has been working closely with Councilmember Rob Saka and his staff for months to suggest revisions to the proposed neighborhood center for lower Fauntleroy. As a result, a smaller area is now in one of the proposed amendments. If approved, the neighborhood center here would be changed as shown on the map:

- The western boundary would move from Fauntleroy Way SW east to 46th Ave SW.
  - Larger-scale buildings would be allowed within the reduced neighborhood center.
  - The school district's property west of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse would be dropped from consideration.
- A separate amendment to define "upper Fauntleroy" (bounded on the east by 35th Ave. SW and on the south by SW Barton) as a separate neighborhood center has not received strong support.

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**Solid line: City's proposed neighborhood center boundary**  
**Dotted line: New boundary if amendment is enacted**

## COMMUNITY'S BIG PLAY DATE: OCT. 19

The Fauntleroy Fall Festival has been a play date for all ages since 2002 and it's about to roll around again on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-5 pm in and around Fauntleroy Church and the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Food and beverage vendors will be on hand to fuel participation in all the free activities and energize the festival's many volunteers.

Expect bands to provide a soundtrack outdoors and plan to take a seat for indoor performances. They will include a sampling of what Zachary Fitzgerald is bringing as the church's new music director.

Donation boxes will be out during the festival, so bring a little extra to help keep the festival free. If you can't donate then, [fauntleroyfallfestival.com/donate](https://fauntleroyfallfestival.com/donate) accepts donations anytime.



## THE GREAT PUMPKIN SEARCH

Saturday, Oct. 4  
1-3 pm, Endolyne Area

FCA gremlins will hide pumpkins (some with prizes redeemable during the Fauntleroy Fall Festival) for hunters of all ages. Stop at the canopy across from Endolyne Joe's for instructions and bring a bag to take home your treasure. If you'd like to help, call Candace Blue (209-401-8406).



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## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (continued)

Many concerns have to do with the impact of increased lot coverage on Seattle's tree canopy (see sidebar). In June, FCA sent a letter to all members of the City Council in support of amendments that would scale back on how far building codes are relaxed in order to preserve more green space and tree canopy.

We all know that our city needs more housing and more of it that is affordable. Our goal is to ensure that creating it is done in a way that doesn't overwhelm this and other residential neighborhoods or the infrastructure on which residents all depend.

We know staying on top of proposed changes and the legislative process has been a challenge but the City Council is moving ahead, with or without our input. It has scheduled a public hearing on **Sept. 12** and a vote **the week of Sept. 17**.

Making your voice heard is urgent **now** if we are to ensure that changes, once implemented, align as closely as possible with our desired outcomes. Do so by emailing [rob.saka@seattle.gov](mailto:rob.saka@seattle.gov) and cc [elaine.ko@seattle.gov](mailto:elaine.ko@seattle.gov) and the FCA Board at [contact@fauntleroy.net](mailto:contact@fauntleroy.net).

## WHAT'S OUR TREE CANOPY COVERAGE

Under current zoning, this neighborhood scores high for tree canopy. As shown at [treeequityscore.org/](http://treeequityscore.org/), the block as defined by the U.S. census as Fauntleroy has a score of 98 out of 100.

American Forests has for 150 years been working with local, state, and federal agencies and institutions to advance tree equity. Its nationwide scoring program are a major tool for doing so.



## TREE EQUITY SCORE

Scores define neighborhoods according to the U.S. Census, then factor in data from a variety of other sources. Cities can use these scores to pinpoint where more trees

are needed to address extreme heat and other inequities affecting human health and quality of life.

As defined on the website, Fauntleroy has a 48-percent canopy coverage - well above Seattle's stated goal of 30 percent by 2037. An assessment in 2021 found that the city's overall canopy coverage was 28 percent and trending downward.

This finding is why increasing building coverage on residential lots as proposed in the One Seattle Plan has run into strong headwinds from multiple directions.



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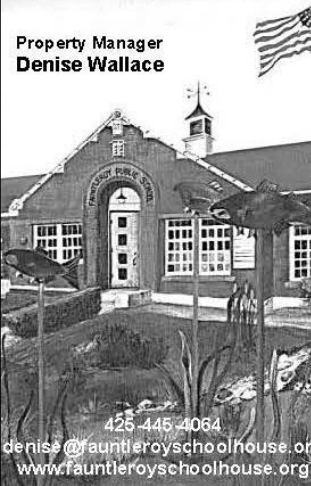
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# 45TH CULVERT REPLACEMENT TEAM TO MEET SOON WITH COMMUNITY

By Jonathan Brown, Seattle Public Utilities

A replacement for the Fauntleroy Creek culvert under 45th Ave. SW is now in final design and the project team at Seattle Public Utilities will soon be presenting details to the community.

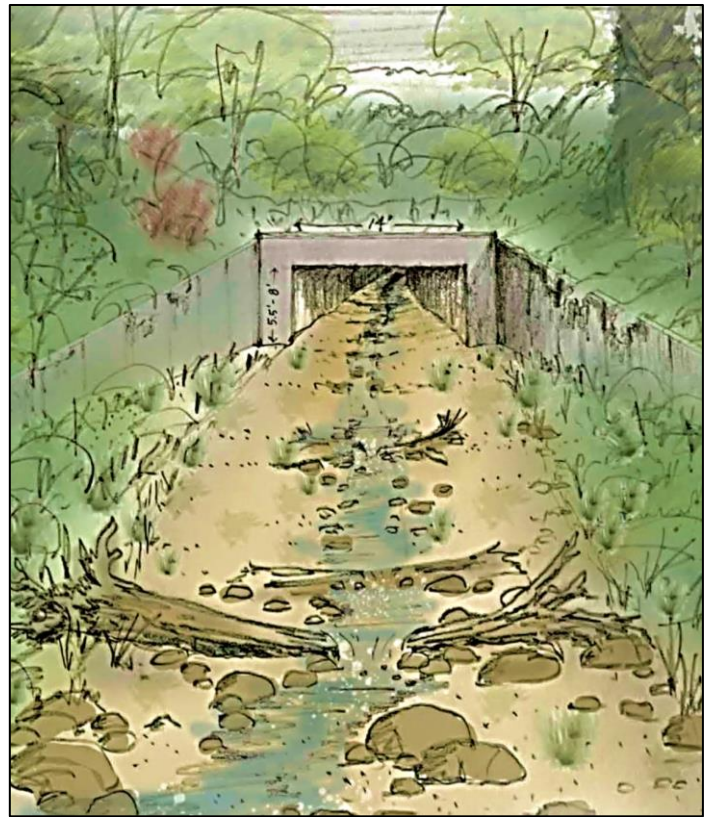
The team's plan involves two phases. The first will be relocating overhead power lines in coordination with Seattle City Light. This work is expected to start in spring 2026 and take up to four months.

The second phase - actual construction - will start in late summer and take about two years. In order enable this work, 45th will need to be closed to through traffic between SW Wildwood Pl. and SW Director St. Local access to homes and businesses will be maintained and a flagger will direct pedestrian crossings as construction activities allow.

To mitigate this traffic impact, the project team is working with the Seattle Department of Transportation to temporarily open SW Director St. (north side of the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse) to two-way traffic at the intersection with California Ave SW.

To control the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians, stop signs will turn the intersection into a temporary four-way stop in all directions. At the conclusion of construction, the intersection will revert to the way it is now, with no vehicle entry off of California Ave. SW.

The team will host a public meeting in the Hall at Fauntleroy in late September/early October. This meeting will be your opportunity to learn many more details and to ask questions. Watch the *West Seattle Blog* for the date or get it directly by signing up for project updates at [seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/fauntleroy-creek-culverts](http://seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/fauntleroy-creek-culverts).



**Concept for replacement culvert under 45th Ave. SW.**  
Courtesy Seattle Public Utilities

## HOW TO GIVE ITEMS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A major mission of the Southwest Seattle Historical Society is to care for photos, documents, and other items that help tell the stories of the people and communities of the Duwamish Peninsula. Because it is entrusted with holding items in perpetuity, the society must carefully curate which ones to accept, taking limited resources of space, time, and staffing into account.

Inquiries about a potential donations to the society's collections are always welcome. If you find a box of yesteryear photos taken here, come across letters about local people or places, or discover an object that might be of interest, let the collections staff know by emailing [loghousemuseum.org](mailto:loghousemuseum.org) or calling 206-350-0999.

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## FROM PAST TO PRESENT

# EARLY RESIDENTS MADE SUMMER MEMORIES AT 'THE OLD MUD HOLE' POOL

By Judy Pickens

*At super-low tide in mid July, Mark Sears discovered a remnant of the pipe once used to fill and drain the lagoon swimming pool that opened a century ago at Point Williams in Lincoln Park. Here's a look back at "the old mud hole."*

In July 1925, Seattle hosted 30,000 members and their families for the 36th triennial conclave of the United Religious, Military, and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta of England and Wales and Its Provinces Overseas - better known as the Knights Templar.

To attract the week-long regional event, the city offered many amenities, including building a castle-like temporary headquarters and blocking downtown streets for a grand parade. Families wanting to cut the cost of attending could camp overnight in Lincoln Park.

In addition to campsites for the 500 people who chose this option, the expansive, forested park offered play areas and lots of beach to explore. Knowing that having a summer swim in the Sound would be cold, city officials decided to enlarge an existing small lagoon on the point to create a saltwater pool heated by the sun.

Steam power was essential for digging through cobble to lay a wooden intake/drainage pipe from the pool out to beyond low tide. A remnant of this pipe is what Mark found at super-low tide this summer.

City engineers quickly barged in steam shovels and other equipment to scoop out a swimming hole roughly 200 feet long and 80 feet wide, with a dirt bottom and sides, in a north/south orientation. It was shallow on the north end for wading, then sloped to nine feet deep on the south end for diving off a wooden plank.

The relic was the bottom seven wooden staves of the pipe, each 1 3/4" thick and 3 1/4" wide. Evidence of rusting iron indicated that hoops had held the tongue-and-groove staves in place to provide a tight closure.

Long-time Fauntleroy resident Morey Skaret (1913-2014) lifeguarded at the pool prior to World War II and in his story collection described how the pipe's gate valve and screen filter functioned:

*The incoming tide would send water through the pipe to fill the pool and gravity would empty it when the tide went out. All we had to do was open and close that gate valve. We changed the water about every four days and used a chemical test to tell us when it was time...*

*As the tide came in, the pool would fill in about three hours and the screen would trap sizable debris. It let in small fish, though, and shiners and candlefish would swim around along with everyone else!*



**Steam power did the heavy work to scoop out the pool.** Seattle Municipal Archives # 28725



**The bathhouse was at the north end of the pool.** Seattle Municipal Archives # 29700



**The diving board was rudimentary but, nonetheless, a popular feature.** Seattle Municipal Archives # 28731

Colman Pool opened at the point in 1941 and uses a similar filling system. Its three concrete intakes are often visible on the beach at low tide.

As Morey explained, after a fill, the lagoon pool had few customers until the sun had warmed the water. A rustic wooden bathhouse provided a place for changing and a wringer for dripping suits. An attendant there, a lifeguard, and a pool supervisor comprised the staff.

For a color rendition of early residents enjoying the pool, see "The Old Mud Hole" mural by Mike Svob in the parking lot next to 4520 44th Ave. SW in the Junction.

**Sources:** *Morey's Bench* by Morest L. Skaret; *Seattle Now and Then* by Paul Dorpat, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

**TO SUGGEST A FAUNTLEROY HISTORY TOPIC,**  
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# MUCH EFFORT NEEDED TO REMOVE ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENTS FROM PARK

Starting in early July, park visitors noticed two illegal encampments in Fauntleroy Park and got concerned after seeing cast-off syringes and evidence of fires, damaged vegetation, and foreign matter in Fauntleroy Creek. After reporting a theft of equipment, staff at a preschool adjacent to the park curtailed taking students there.

Concerned residents reported the encampments multiple times through the city's Find It Fix It app. Those



reports, plus many photos documenting hazards and damage, led to site visits by the city's Unified Care Team for West Seattle. This and other teams across the city were on the run all summer responding to scores of similar reports.

The team initially decided to monitor rather than evict the two campers in the park. Ongoing documentation

of illegal activities, however, compelled scheduling both encampments for removal in mid August.

Advocates for keeping the park safe learned that the city provides three ways to report illegal encampments:

- File using the Find It, Fix It mobile app; instructions for downloading it are at [seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app](http://seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app). The app will automatically capture encampment coordinates off your phone.
- Call the Customer Service Bureau (206-684-2489).
- Complete the unauthorized encampment form at [seattle-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/tile](http://seattle-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/tile).

Once it received a report, the city uses a three-step response procedure:

- 1) Do an onsite inspection.
- 2) Prioritize encampments for removal based on hazards and other site conditions.
- 3) Address the most problematic ones through litter picks, obstruction/ hazard mitigation, or 72-hour removal.

Residents frustrated by the campers' long presence in the park also solicited help from Jennifer Satterwhite, crime prevention coordinator with the Southwest Precinct.

She advises that, after filing a report through Find It, Fix It, the Customer Service Bureau, or the website, residents summarize the situation in an email to her as well ([Jennifer.Satterwhite@seattle.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Satterwhite@seattle.gov)).

"I will do my best," she said, "to pass along concerns and share updates."

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## SCOUTS IMPROVE FAUNTLEROY PARK ACCESS

In June, Eagle Scout candidate Skyler Hall with Troop 100 in Ballard led a project to improve both foot and wheeled access to Fauntleroy Park. A seep at the northwest entrance had long muddied the area. Skyler and crew defined a trench and lined it with coarse rock to direct water from the seep into a buried pipe that conveys water to the other side of the trail. Fall rains will confirm if the fix (at right) does the job. Photos courtesy Tom Trulin

## ART SHOW RETURNING NOV. 14-16

The annual Fauntleroy Art Show (nee Fauntleroy Fine Art & Holiday Gift Show) will be back Nov. 14-16 in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church.

Started in 2008 as part of the church's centennial observance, the juried show showcases local artists and artistic crafters working in a variety of media, from painting and collage to photography and blown glass. Prices will be approachable for all ages. Keep an eye on the *West Seattle Blog* for the list of participants, plus show hours.

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## WATERSHED COUNCIL PREPARING FOR COHO SPAWNING SEASON

Volunteers with the Fauntleroy Watershed Council are about to shift into high gear to be ready for coho spawners coming into Fauntleroy Creek this fall.

In mid September, volunteers will clear the way by relocating drift logs stuck in the sand near the ferry terminal. State Fish and Wildlife has approved this work so that the big fish have a clear path to reach the mouth of the creek.

As soon as spotters start seeing spawners circling to come in from the cove, volunteers will regularly monitor the route to be sure it stays open.

The annual drumming to call in spawners will signal the start of the watch. This all-ages event be Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4 pm and have drumming, singing, and a welcome theme. The circle will form near the fish ladder (SW Director and upper Fauntleroy Way SW); just follow the sound of drumming down the long driveway.

At least two dozen of last year's salmon watchers are expected to volunteer again to count fish and document spawning activity. Since the first official watch, in 1999, the count has ranged from zero to a record 347 last year.

If spawners come in, the *West Seattle Blog* will announce details about a weekend open creek for the general public, when watchers will be on duty to answer salmon and habitat questions.





# ON THE CALENDAR

**FCA BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Any resident is welcome to attend on **Tuesday, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11**, starting at **6 pm** in person at the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse or on Zoom. Email [frankimmel62@gmail.com](mailto:frankimmel62@gmail.com) to propose a topic. Get the link at [fauntleroy.net/meetings..](http://fauntleroy.net/meetings..)

**PERIMENOPAUSE WORKSHOP:** Three professional women engaged in diverse aspects of improving health will host "Perimenopause Unlocked: A Holistic Roadmap to Vitality Through Midlife and Beyond" on **Saturday, Sept 6, 1-5 pm** at 3270 California Ave. SW.

For details and to register, scan the QR code or visit [dailyhayley.com/perimenopause-unlocked](http://dailyhayley.com/perimenopause-unlocked).



**2ND TIME SALE:** Fauntleroy Church has been staging this huge, wildly popular annual community sale since 1992 and will do so again on **Saturday, Sept. 13 (9 am-4 pm) and Sunday, Sept. 14 (11:30 am-3 pm)**. Bargain priced, curated, well-organized; cash, check, or Venmo

**RECYCLE ROUNDUP:** The fall Recycle Roundup hosted by Fauntleroy Church will be **Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 am-3 pm** in the main parking lot. Find the list of what to bring for free, responsible recycling and what not to at [fauntleroyucc.org/congregator-posts/fall-recycle-roundup-2025](http://fauntleroyucc.org/congregator-posts/fall-recycle-roundup-2025) or call the recycler at 425-428-4414 with questions.

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** The Westside Interfaith Network will host this second-annual fundraiser on **Friday, Oct. 3, 6-8 pm** in Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church. Proceeds will help fund the weekly free Saturday lunch in White Center and other community resources. Visit [westsideinterfaith.com/](http://westsideinterfaith.com/) to learn more and buy tickets.

**GREAT PUMPKIN SEARCH:** This free FCA event for all ages will be **Saturday, Oct. 4, 1-3 pm** starting in the triangle across from Endolyne Joe's.

**FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL:** This annual all-ages afternoon to play and reconnect with neighbors will be **Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-5 pm** in and around Fauntleroy Church and the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse. Free activities, plus food and beverage vendors.

**SALMON DRUMMING:** The Fauntleroy Watershed Council will host its annual drumming to call in coho spawners on **Sunday, Oct. 26, 4-4:30 pm** near the fish ladder (SW Director and upper Fauntleroy Way SW). Bring any drum or rattle you have. Free for all ages.

**FAUNTLEROY ART SHOW:** This annual event will fill Fellowship Hall at Fauntleroy Church with the work of more than a dozen local artists and artistic crafters on **Friday, Nov. 7 (5-8 pm), Saturday, Nov. 8 (10 am-4 pm), and Sunday, Nov. 9 (11 am-2 pm)**. Watch the West Seattle Blog for the list of returning and new participants.

## DANCE STUDIO OFFERING FREE TRIALS

The fall season at Dance! West Seattle in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse is just getting under way and if you or your child might be interested in dance training, the studio is offering a free trial class in contemporary and/or ballet. It gives prospective students a chance to see the studio and meet instructors and potential classmates. The studio even has leotards and shoes to borrow for the trial.

During the fall session, students and staff will be working toward the annual big holiday show on Dec. 21 at the Highline Performing Arts Center. It will present students in all classes and feature "Nutcracker Suites," a two-act condensed version of "Nutcracker."

Visit [dancwestseattle.com/](http://dancwestseattle.com/) for details about classes, instructors, tuition, and schedule. Also check out the website to find current job openings.

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# MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES INFLUENCE HOW WISELY FCA CAN SPEAK FOR COMMUNITY

By Frank Immel, president

Hasn't our summer weather been wonderful?! Even though I wish our collective influence on the weather could be positive, we are still fortunate to live where we do.



Speaking of influence, your FCA Board is here to work for you. While big issues dominate the agenda for our monthly business meetings (second Tuesday, 6 pm in the Fauntleroy Schoolhouse or on Zoom), we could use more input about smaller concerns that also need our attention.

For example, we have been working hard to minimize the "cookie cutter" approach to the city's proposed plan for increasing housing in this and other neighborhoods (see p. 1). With more input, we could be more effective in compelling the city to address access, infrastructure, and other factors unique to this neighborhood *before* existing housing is torn down to build more densely.

Replacing the ferry terminal is another subject fraught with negative potential for us unless planning includes wisdom from multiple perspectives. For instance, enlarging the trestle could reduce the long line of cars on Fauntleroy Way during the four-hour evening commute but it would not improve service by decreasing wait times.

Projects having to do with culverts that convey Fauntleroy Creek to the cove will soon impact many of us.

The city is planning to repair its culvert that bisects the church parking lot and California Ave. SW. Though the work will be short term, it will significantly affect that area.

Replacement of the culvert under 45th Ave. SW will have broader, prolonged impacts on day-to-day life for far more residents. The article on p. 3 gives you a taste of what the project team will cover during an upcoming community meeting. We need to fill the room to understand and comment on the proposed design and on how construction would affect day-to-day life here and for how long.

With such projects on our collective plate, I encourage you to indulge in whatever counterbalances some of that weight for you. Since 2002, our Fauntleroy Fall Festival (Sunday, Oct. 19, 2-5 pm) has been doing just that for me.

It's a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and welcome newcomers, enjoy non-stop activities and music, and patronize a food vendor or two. Your cash or check in a donation box will help keep this treasured annual event free.

In closing, I encourage you to participate in FCA business meetings, learn all you can about what's before us, and volunteer to give a hand. If you're hard pressed for time, financial support is also crucial, whether you renew your FCA membership or encourage your neighbor to join ([membership.fauntleroy.net/](http://membership.fauntleroy.net/)).

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