

## **MORE ADVOCACY**

In addition to advocacy around stormwater and bus issues, the FCA Board wrote to city officials to keep ferry-related concerns before them and to advocate for retention of the Neighborhood Service Center in West Seattle.

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## **FAUNTLEROY PREVAILS IN COUNTY'S DECISION ABOUT CSO REDUCTION**

The most potentially divisive decision of 2010 started with a federal mandate to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into Puget Sound. In heavy rains, systems installed decades ago to carry both stormwater and wastewater now often overflow, sending untreated sewage into the Fauntleroy Cove and on to Puget Sound.

In this area, King County began planning long-term reduction CSOs through the Barton Pump Station by enlarging that facility and by either retaining more rainwater where it falls uphill or storing it near the beach for release after the rain stops. At the same time, similar planning was under way for the area served by the Murray Pump Station adjacent to Lowman Beach Park due north of Fauntleroy.

Public meetings ensued, and a solution for the "Murray basin" proved the more elusive. After much study, a citizens advisory group there recommended that the county install a large tank under the south parking lot at Lincoln Park for temporary storage of combined storm- and wastewater.

The FCA Board immediately cried foul, that the concept would shift the Murray problem to Fauntleroy. After a public meeting that threatened to pit one community against the other, the county withdrew the idea and instead proposed that state and federal agencies approval a plan to purchase private property across from Lowman Park for underground storage.

In Fauntleroy, an option to put a stormwater tank under the parking lot at the schoolhouse initially won favor until Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering emphasized that loss of parking during construction and other factors could well force it to move. The FCA Board, along with members of the Fauntleroy Watershed Council, then supported what proved to be the winning option: a "green streets" project to install rain gardens and other features south of High Point so that water will soak in rather than speed down the hill to the Barton Pump Station.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE KEEPS FAUNTLEROY CONCERNS BEFORE FERRY SYSTEM**

In 2010, members of the Fauntleroy Ferry Advisory Committee kept an eye on ferry service here, especially the possible effect on the neighborhood of increases in ferry fares. They represented Fauntleroy and West Seattle on a tariff policy committee to provide citizen input to Washington State Ferries and the Washington Transportation Commission on ferry fares.

Gary Dawson, Bruce Butterfield, and Chuck Sawyer also routinely met with their counterparts from Vashon and Southworth, as well as with State Ferries staff and other Puget Sound advisory committees to share information, solve problems, and maintain open dialogue. Committee members are appointed by the King County executive. Gary chairs the committee here, which operates as a subcommittee of the Fauntleroy Community Association.



## SCHOOL CHANGES HANDS

Jack Pierce, founding director of the Fauntleroy Community Service Agency, cut the ribbon on June 3 to open the Fauntleroy schoolhouse as a community-owned property. He was aided by FCSA President Kevin Wooley (left) and FCA President Bruce Butterfield (right). Photo courtesy Gail Ann Photography



FCA Director Martha Callard (right) had plenty of balloons for children at the 2010 Fall Festival. Photo courtesy Phil Sweetland

## FESTIVAL DRAWS RECORD CROWD

Children seemed to be everywhere on a balmy Sunday afternoon in October, climbing, decorating, painting, and more at the annual Fauntleroy Fall Festival co-sponsored by FCA. The record crowd was estimated at 2,000.

In addition to donations of \$4,537, the community invested in the event during fund-raisers at Endolyne Joe's and a spaghetti feed at Fauntleroy Church that together netted just over \$3,016. After subtracting expenses and adding funds left over from last year, the festival has \$866 in seed money for 2011.



## CHURCH COMPLETES REDO

Fauntleroy Church senior pastor David Kratz and Renee Tarabochia, West Seattle/Fauntleroy Y business manager, welcome the community into an enlarged lobby, one of several features of a \$3 million restoration project that are benefiting the neighborhood. Photo courtesy John Sweetland

## TAKING CARE OF MEMBERSHIP

During the year, the FCA Board updated the brochure used to help attract new members and added an "Upcoming Community Events" list that Endolyne Joe's and The Original Bakery kindly distribute to customers.

In late winter, Martha and Bob Callard retired as *Neighbors* editors after seven years of service. Judy Pickens picked up the reins, starting in June.

Also in June, the FCA Board hosted a meet-and-greet to help new volunteers find ways to "plug in."

Welcome Bag coordinator Ann Dunbar assembled and delivered about 40 bags to new residents, with information about Fauntleroy and West Seattle, *The Fauntleroy Story* DVD, a homemade item, and coupons from Salon Fauntleroy, the Original Bakery, Bird on the Wire Espresso, and Nichol Lloyd.

In 2010, FCA had income of \$5,695.44, all but \$55 from dues. After expenses of \$3,564.28, Treasurer Phil Sweetland reported a year-end net income of \$2,131.16.

As of December 31, FCA had 232 regular members, 22 businesses and organizations, and six lifetime members. FCA mailings also went to 69 government and other complementary addresses.



## FCA PLAYS SUPPORTIVE ROLE IN WIDER COMMUNITY

Whether with publicity, inclusion in events, or helping hands, the line between FCA and the wider community is often a thin one, as evidenced by the photos below. FCA has been supportive of the Fauntleroy Watershed Council since its inception in 2001 and has long encouraged Seattle Night Out gatherings.

Also this year, the FCA Board provided advice and encouragement to the new South Brace Point Community Association as it sought to restore use of a trail easement between the bluff and beach.



### RESTORATION INCLUDES PLANT LESSON

EarthCorps volunteer specialist Irena Castello from Serbia got down and dirty in October with Little Pilgrims to put in plants along the last degraded section of Fauntleroy Creek. The crew installed 400 native plants in Fenton Glen to cap a \$52,000 project funded by the City of Seattle, King County, the King Conservation District, and site owner Fauntleroy Church. The Fauntleroy Watershed Council is coordinator. Photo courtesy Bob Keller



### NEIGHBORS PARTY

Conversation and food were on order at Seattle Night Out block parties on Aug. 3, including one on S.W. Henderson. Jessica Murphy, with children Molly and Brady, was there, as were FCA director Gary Dawson (left) and President Bruce Butterfield (center). Photo courtesy Judy Pickens



Endolyne Joe's servers Carly Hampton and Joby Sewell dish gumbo. Photo courtesy Gail Ann Photography

## FEST DISHES FOOD, INFORMATION

The Hall at Fauntleroy was packed March 23 with upwards of 150 people for the 2010 Fauntleroy Food Fest and FCA Annual Membership Meeting.

Offering samples were Endolyne Joe's, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, Bird on a Wire Espresso, Giannoni's Pizza, Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes Catering, The Original Bakery, and new vendors The Dreaming Dane Cafe and Catering and The Kenney's catering service.

The room was rimmed with information tables on everything from the West Seattle Farmers Market to eco-friendly cosmetics.

Key volunteers who made it happen were Kim Petram (door prizes; business list); Vicki Schmitz (decorating with flowers and greens from Morgan Thriftway); Lynn Olson (coordination); Gary Dawson and Phil Sweetland (set-up); Pat Ninburg, Martha Callard, Mardi Clemmons, Lynn Sealey, Gordon Wiehler, and Shirley Fiorito (membership lists); Bruce Butterfield (signs and clean-up).

## COVE PARK VOLUNTEERS WEED, PRUNE, ADVISE, ADVOCATE

The Cove Park committee, led by Ann Dawson, hosted two work parties involving about a dozen volunteers each in April and September to weed, prune, mulch, and pick up trash in this pocket park developed and maintained by the neighborhood adjacent to the ferry terminal. Individual volunteers

did weekly maintenance throughout the year, as well.

Also, committee members met frequently with staff from King County's wastewater division to advise and coordinate enlargement of the Barton Pump Station, including final design of landscaping and art features in the reconstructed park.



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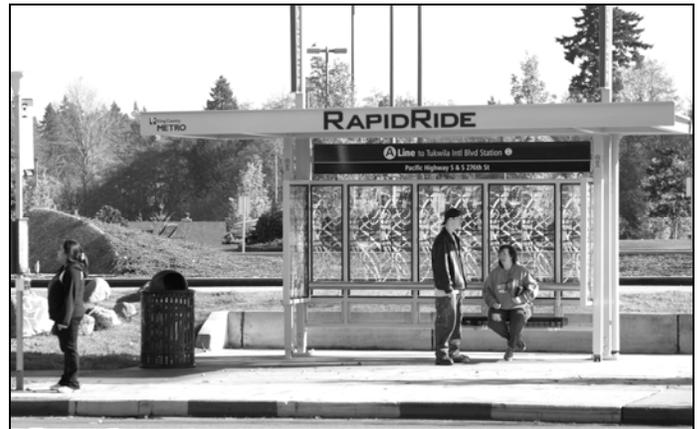
In 2010, community leaders and residents in Fauntleroy had to take the long view in reaching infrastructure decisions - to focus on what would be best for the neighborhood tomorrow, not what would be convenient (or inconvenient) today. One such decision was about bus service and two were about stormwater. Each required a strong association to advocate for the community. Also contributing to another productive year for the community were projects that went well and activities that continued to be neighborhood assets. This report will touch on them all as important to the quality and character of this place we call home.

## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETS BUS STOPS WE CAN LIVE WITH

After much advocacy to emphasize community concerns, Metro Transit and FCA found common ground to enable RapidRide bus service in Fauntleroy. While in theory, the speedier service would wean more ferry users from their cars, the stop design threatened to create a long-term flow and safety problem.

Metro proposed a typical RapidRide stop, with curb bulbs on both sides of Fauntleroy Way S.W. at the ferry terminal. When both these plaza-like bus stops were in use, all other traffic on the busy arterial would be blocked. The FCA Board insisted that the Fauntleroy stop wasn't typical.

FCA's representative on the RapidRide citizens advisory committee, Susan Lantz-Dey, rallied residents and brought police and ferry officials into the review process. Metro eventually agreed to eliminate one of the curb bulbs, which will leave one lane open to traffic at all times.

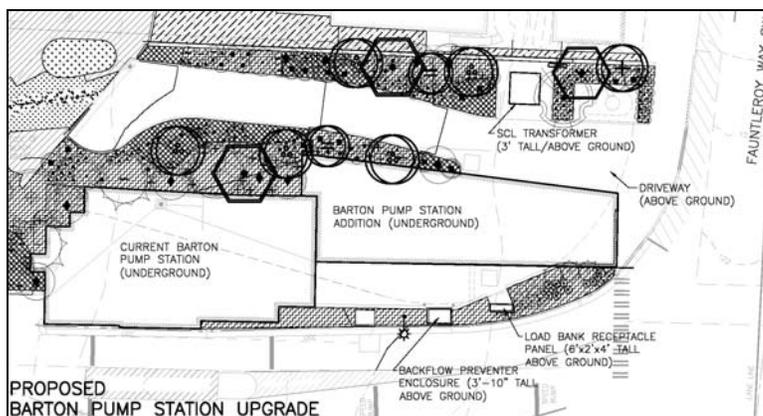


**This RapidRide stop is similar to how stops at the ferry terminal will look.** Photo courtesy Metro Transit

FCA was also able to ensure that existing children's artwork would be incorporated in the new shelters and that bicycle commuting would be encouraged with an additional bike rack. Other enhancements, referred to the Seattle Department of Transportation, are still pending.

## ENLARGED PUMP STATION TO BE NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLY

In spring 2012, construction is to start to upgrade and enlarge King County's wastewater facility under Cove Park, which skirts the ferry terminal. When the pump



station resumes full operations three years later, the park will have been restored, with improvements, thanks to resident advocates.

Enlarging the pump station's capacity by 50 percent will minimize incidents during heavy rain when untreated storm- and wastewater overflows into Fauntleroy Cove.

Of prime importance to residents involved in the planning was preservation of the park, created and maintained by FCA since 1999. In addition to restoring existing artwork, the project will add lasting features around a "clean water and safe harbor" theme, including benches facing the view, a kiosk, a rain garden, and railings atop the pump station that mirror those on ferry boats.