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TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHIPS

DECEMBER 2ND

AT 6:30PM

By: Ashley Mouldon

All are welcome at the annual Christmas Ships event on Sunday, December 2nd. We will all congregate at the Clubhouse from 6.30pm. Santa will be in attendance and Seahawks fans will also be able to watch the game. There will be a cash bar and soft drinks and seasonal fun before we head down to Mount Baker Beach to watch the carols from the ship at 8:45PM. There will be lots and lots of cookies, too!

This year, we also want to spread the joy further by hosting a food drive for Rainier Valley Food Bank. Donation bins will be at the Clubhouse for the week before the event so drop off what you can before or during the event and let's help everyone enjoy this special time of year.

Great things to donate are rice, pasta, cooking oil, fish sauce, soy sauce, diabetic foods, infant formula, canned chicken, SPAM,

tuna, soy, rice or almond milk, cold cereal, gluten-free foods, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned tomatoes.

"I believe the Strickler family started attending the Christmas Ships in the 1970's," recalled Vivienne Strickler, longtime Mount Baker resident. "The weather was never predictable from year to year, sometimes freezing, maybe raining, and other times pleasant. I remember the upright piano in the Mount Baker Community Club and Earl Sedlik leading the caroling. Now, my grandchildren join us for Christmas Ships, the bonfire, and the visit from Santa."

It's not every neighborhood that offers special events like Christmas Ships every year, giving families and neighbors the change to build fun traditions for generations to enjoy. Every holiday season, Mount Baker Beach is one of the stops for the Argosy Christmas Ships Parade. The community gathers at the Clubhouse for a cookie potluck, carols and a visit from Santa Claus. We then all walk down *Continued on page 8...*



President's Memo

By Peter Greaves

Where has this year gone? Maybe it is just me, but each year seems to pass quicker than the previous. And 2018 is no exception.

I was just talking to you about our annual Potluck, the Taste of Mount Baker, our annual Mount Baker Garage Sale, our fabulous 2018 Garden Tour, and (one more sunny) Day in the Park. Now we are already well into the Kindependent series with the Christmas Ships are just around the corner.

All of these great programs and events only happen because of volunteers. Each happens because your neighbors give their time to the various Committees, and/or to each of these events. While we have a very dedicated and hard-working group, we can always use more help, and we need yours!

The Board of Directors of your Mount Baker Community Club (that's right, it's your Club) is also composed of neighbors who volunteer their time. As I write this we still have a few, critical, unfilled Committee positions. It is never too late to join us.

There is a theme here, right? It is all about giving back to our community. It's about giving your time to help us organize, plan, and host these programs and events.

In addition to the events organized by the Club, we continue to make improvements to the Clubhouse. In a well-used building like ours things do wear out over time. (Think of the Clubhouse as a very large 100+ year-old house and you will get the idea.)

This fall and winter we are moving inside to improve and replace fixtures and fittings.

These capital improvements are made possible due to the generous financial contributions from many Mount Baker neighbors. Combined with grants from the City of Seattle, King County, private foundations, and the State of Washington we are less than 10% from our goal. That being said, we still need your help us finish the job.

I believe that the more you invest, of both your time and your money, the more you get back. Whatever interests you, please volunteer at your Mount Baker Community Club.

And please contribute to the Club through both our Annual Fund and our Capital Campaign. No contribution is too small, every dollar counts.



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OOPS!

Part of donor list was not included in the last edition of The View. We'd like to take this space thank those corporate donors, sponsors, in-kind donors, and individuals who helped to make last year's programs accessible to the entire community and well as bring us closer to meeting the goal of the Renewing the Legacy Campaign. We are grateful to your incredible generosity. Please accept our sincerest apologies for the oversight!

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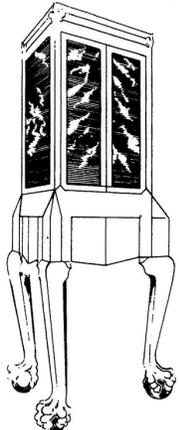
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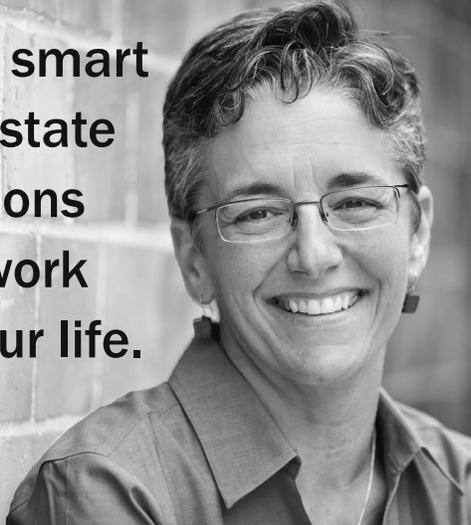
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COLMAN PARK UPDATES

By: Evan Wright

There is a place in Colman Park that hardly anyone knows about. It is a place where the quiet is loud: marked by the sound of trees swaying, birds rustling, and water trickling over stones. At the base of a massive, moss-carpeted tree, flanked by prehistoric looking ferns, is a tiny stream. The water runs clear. As sunlight filters through the canopy an ever-changing constellation of light moves on the water. Mount Baker has many secret, cherished places. Colman Park holds one of its favorites.

I came across this hidden spot while volunteering for Friends of Colman Park (FoCP). FoCP is an all-volunteer group that helps to improve Colman by undertaking native habitat restoration, historic preservation, public education, fundraising and community service projects. In April FoCP hosted 70 LGBTQ and ally volunteers to do habitat restoration for EarthGAY. In November we celebrated Green Seattle Day by working with dozens of community members to plant trees and plants.

Connecting even in small ways with our neighborhood, investing in our natural places and strengthening our community is more important now than ever. And it is a good antidote to the news. This year FoCP hopes to connect with even more neighbors

and groups who want to come out for a day in the park. We can organize restoration events for 4 to 100 people. We'd love to work with your group: school, employee, church, alumni, interest, etc.

To learn more about Friends of Colman Park and our upcoming events, please join our mailing list and visit www.colmanpark.org



FESTIVE RECIPES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS!

By: Ashley Mouldon

“Food should be fun.”

– Thomas Keller

The holidays are upon us, and that means sharing good meals with friends and family. Cooking is one of my favorite past times, and I always enjoy trying new recipes. So I reached out to my own Mount Baker neighbors and they shared a few of their own.

Do you have food traditions? Favorite recipes that have been passed down? Contact us to be featured in a future issue. Email newsletter@mountbaker.org

CARROT SOUFFLE

GATHER IT:

- 4 cups carrots, peeled & cut into slices
- ½ cup butter, softened (1 stick)
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 6 Tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

BAKE IT:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In small pan, cook the carrots in boiling water until tender, about 7 minutes; drain.
- Place the carrots in blender and pulse to soften; add the butter, eggs, milk, sugar, flour, baking powder, vanilla and cinnamon.
- Blend until smooth. Pour into a greased 13x9” pan.
- Bake 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

From the kitchen of: Jessica Avaniidhar

ROXANNE'S PECAN PIE

GATHER IT:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 - 4 cups pecans
- 1 unbaked pie crust

BAKE IT:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Combine first 5 ingredients & mix well. Stir in pecans. Pour into pie crust.
- Bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees or until knife inserted comes out clean.

From the kitchen of: Jessica Avaniidhar

MASSAGED KALE & CURRANT SALAD

GATHER IT:

- 1 bunch kale, de-stemmed, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 Tablespoons raw apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1/3 cup currants
- 3/4 cup diced apple (1/2 apple)
- 1/3 cup sunflower seeds, toasted

MAKE IT:

Put kale in a large mixing bowl. Add salt, massage salt into kale for 2 minutes. Gently stir in remaining ingredients. Taste salt and vinegar. This dish keeps for several days in the fridge and tastes even better as the days go by.

From the kitchen of: Jack Granberg

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS UPDATES

By: Ashley Mouldon

Mount Baker is home to great neighborhood schools! Read below to find out how the school years have started off for them, how you can get involved and make a positive impact and what 2019 has in store! Are you a parent/guardian, teacher, staff member or volunteer at one of these schools? Consider contributing to The View in 2019! Send an email to newsletter@mountbaker.org

CENTRAL BRANCH PRESCHOOL

By: Wendy Simmons

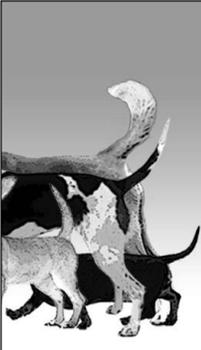
What a lovely start we are having to the new school year. The classes are buzzing. The first few weeks of school have flown by and the children have settled in. It has been a busy, happy time here at Central Branch. We are especially excited to be celebrating our 50th year. Our founders Marjorie Johnson and Pat Melgard recently came to visit us. They are 97 and 93! We are so grateful to them for their vision. We are 50 years strong. We are still committed to racial, economic and social justice. We still believe play is serious business for children. We are ready for another 50 years!

JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By: Alex Allred

The John Muir Elementary School PTA invites our Mount Baker neighbors to join us on the evening of Saturday, February 9th for our annual "Love Your Community School" dinner and silent auction at the Mount Baker Community Club. Come meet our community, learn more about the inspiring equity work happening at Muir, meet the teachers and staff, and raise critical funds for our vibrant, diverse, creative Title 1 public school. Our 2018-2019 budget includes money to buy all the school supplies for every student, pay for all the field trips for the year, purchase art supplies, offer classroom grants to teachers and staff, as well as funding our new, free after-school clubs program. There will be delicious food, music, and a wide variety of items to indulge in to support our exceptional school. Childcare and dinner provided off-site for the kids.

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HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Rise up Hawthorne"! The Friends of Hawthorne PTA is incredibly grateful to everyone who donated to the School Supplies Fund this fall which kicked off the year in a great way! They are also always looking for neighbors to join the school as volunteers helping with everything from the annual Walkathon to chaperoning field trips with the students. To find out how you can make a difference within your neighborhood school, visit: www.friendsofhawthorne.org/volunteer-opportunities/

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

By: student, Diana R.

So far, the start of the new school year at Franklin High School has been awesome! The staff members and teachers are always making sure we, the students, are on the right track. There are also a lot of activities for the seniors this year to help them with college applications and preparing for life after high school. Did you know this year also marks the 100th anniversary of the school?! There are also lots of opportunities for neighbors to get involved with the school such as through volunteering or with the Parent Teach Student Association (PTSA).

Visit <https://franklinhs.seattleschools.org> to learn how.



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"TALKING WITH KIDS ABOUT RACE" WORKSHOP AT MOUNT BAKER COMMUNITY CLUB

By: Mary Scanlon

Each of us has had a set of experiences that is shaped by our identity and how we are treated by society.

On Sunday, November 18, from 2:00PM-5PM, Conversations About Race and Equity (CARE) and the Mount Baker Community Club will sponsor a free, three-hour workshop to explore these experiences.

Facilitator Aisha Hauser will guide participants in experiential exercises, with the discussion focusing on how identity has shaped their understanding of racial dynamics in the United States. Reflecting on these issues from a personal perspective will ground participants, as they are invited to explore the environments they've encountered and how that has impacted their experiences.

During the workshop resources and tools will be offered for parents, educators, grandparents and anyone in attendance to begin talking about race in an authentic way.

Aisha Hauser is an accomplished educator, curriculum developer, facilitator, author and anti-racism advocate. She has been in the Seattle area for the past five years and has offered workshops all over the country, including many in the Northwest. These include Jefferson Community Center in Beacon Hill, Shoreline City Hall, Shoreline Community College, the Diversity and Inclusion Conference in Salem, OR, and the Race and Pedagogy Conference in Tacoma, WA. She has worked with educators from across the country to curate resources for an open-source website for all to use in learning about how we are all affected by racism. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College in New York City.

Everyone is invited to register online at www.mountbaker.org for this important community event. Tickets are free as we are generously supported by the City of Seattle Neighborhood Matching Fund. Huge thanks to them. The program is suitable for adults and teens.

MOUNT BAKER FEATURED IN SEATTLE MAGAZINE

By: Mary Scanlon



"The Mount Baker neighborhood' has been listed on the Washington Historic Register and is slated to be designated on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an honorific not many of our neighborhoods will be able to achieve in this city of rapid change," writes Knute Berger for the October issue of Seattle Magazine.

This truly is an honor and we at the Mount Baker Community Club share in Berger's excitement. Since the publication date, our great neighborhood has officially been designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

You can read the entire article online at: www.seattlemag.com/news-and-features/mount-bakers-new-historic-status-what-lessons-can-neighborhood-teach-us

Do you have your own memories of Mount Baker? Or even photos of the neighborhood from long ago? We want to hear from you! Email: newsletter@mountbaker.org

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The Mount Baker Community Club, ca. 1914, became open to all in 1968, changing with its now-diverse neighborhood*



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the Mount Baker trail, lit by beautiful luminarias, to the beach to greet the ships as they arrive.

"I honestly can't remember the first time I attended, but I know I was little. It has been a family tradition for eons! And one I now share with my daughters," said Michelle Strickler. "My memories always have the same theme: being bundled up and quietly singing along with familiar holiday favorites, with my Mom. I do remember one year, there was a vendor selling glow sticks and my girls waving them along to the music. I love the community feel! The lanterns lighting the way from the Clubhouse down to the beach and the families strolling down and back always makes me feel like I'm part of a fantastic community, even though I have now moved."

Christmas Ships is open to everyone, but it's the families of Mount Baker that make it so special. Even Michelle's daughter Lise enjoys it: "I've pretty much always have been going as long as I can remember. Two of my favorite members are: my first year in Seattle Girls Choir, I learned that Prima Vocce (the high school girls) were singing on a boat and I thought that was so cool. And one year I ate a bit of the inside if a glow stick – ewww!

But, because of this event, I get to meet more people and have a really fun and memorable time. Plus, its a Strickler family tradition to attend each year."

This year, why not start your own family and friend tradition and join your neighbors for Christmas Ships? Festivities start at 6:30pm with the walk down to the beach at 8:45pm. There are also lots of ways to volunteer for this event too:

- LIGHT LUMINARIAS- Set up luminarias from Mount Baker Beach to the Clubhouse. 6:00-7:00pm.
- SERVE REFRESHMENTS - Serve refreshments & help with the cookie tables. 6:00-8:30pm.
- COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES - We need cookies from all our generous neighbors. When you're doing your holiday baking, please bake an extra tray of cookies for the Community Club. Please deliver them to the Clubhouse anytime after 5:00pm.

Contact programs@mountbaker.org if you can find an hour or two to help deliver the magic of Christmas to Mount Baker.



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MBCC PROGRAMS WANTS YOUR IDEAS AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

By: Reed Miller

As the Programs Chair for the Community Club, I view my role as one that provides opportunities for folks to interact with the Club. Think about the times you've engaged with the club. Maybe it was at Day in the Park, or during the Garden Tour. Perhaps at the annual Taste Mt Baker event?

My connection to MBCC started two years ago when I took my daughter to her first Kindieconcert. I was so glad that I had something to keep a wild toddler entertained that dreary Saturday morning, and remember thinking how fortunate I was to have this awesome series right in my own neighborhood. Not long after, I attended a committee meeting... and walked away the co-chair of the first Taste Mt Baker event. My wife thought I was crazy - we already had our hands full with one kid and another on the way! But a couple years later, and two successful Taste events behind me, we're both glad I made that choice. We've made great

friends and have formed an even tighter connection with the Club that we're so very thankful for.

This past year we hosted events for everyone: kids (Kindieconcerts & Pied Piper), adults (Taste, Garden Tour), and entire families (Day in The Park, Potluck, Christmas Ships) included. I am excited to see these events grow & improve. I am also eager to see what else we can come up with and who else will contribute. The Club's potential is only limited by the ideas and energy of the people who get involved, and when I look at our neighborhood, I believe that potential is endless.

If you have any ideas for how to make any of the programs at the club better, want to see other programs implemented, or want to volunteer at one (or all!) of the events, please contact us at programs@mountbaker.org. We'd love to meet you!

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- Martin Luther King Jr Scholarship
- Hawthorne Elementary Family Support Worker
- Free Women's Self Defense Class at Junhong Kung Fu
- Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness.

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ZONING LAND USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATES

By: Bill Davis

At the September Mount Baker Community Club meeting the Mount Baker Housing organization, which has been active in our neighborhood for 30 years, presented an update on development projects in and around our neighborhood. The building located on the northwest corner of McClellan and 30th Avenue south is nearing completion. The organization's office will move in to the ground floor with three floors of new residential units on the upper floors.

A blighted location on the southeast corner of McClellan and Martin Luther King Way, which is contaminated with dry cleaning solvents and petroleum products, will be cleaned up in preparation for construction of a new building which will

provide 150 units of new affordable, workforce and market rate housing near the light rail station and town center businesses.

There are plans for two buildings in the Rainier Beach area where the Rainier Valley food bank will move from their small warehouse setting to a facility resembling a supermarket. A large project with commercial space on the ground floor and 600 to 700 residential units above is planned for the area south of I-90 and east of Rainier Avenue.

Additional information and photos are available via <http://mtbakerhousing.org> or email zluptchair@mountbaker.org

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENTS

By: David Katz

As the days get shorter and we spend more time indoors we have seasonal opportunities to ponder our bonds with family, friends and neighbors. Meanwhile, at Franklin, Garfield and other local high schools students are thinking of college applications! Every

year our Mt. Baker neighborhood supports 12 local students. Make sure you don't miss the chance to take part! Look for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship appeal letter coming to your mailbox soon.

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ASK A PHOTOGRAPHER

By: Jennifer Loomis

“What’s the best way to pare down photos when you take many shots per day? What do you recommend for cloud storage of all older photos to keep them all in one place?”

- Alice, Mount Baker resident

Organizing, cataloguing, key wording, and editing a large number of photos can take time unless you employ the assistance of an image cataloguing and editing software. Professional photographers including myself use Lightroom, Photo Mechanic or Bridge. There are many options out there for the non professionals and the concept is the same. The software imports all the images, catalogues the metadata including the date the image was taken, allows bulk editing and enhancing which saves time and energy. In Lightroom, you can also create photo books and slideshows which is a great option for those who want to create albums for a child, calendars for grandparents or coffee table books.

If you want to outsource this time consuming task, you can hire out to do this. My company, Jennifer Loomis Photo Concierge, helps our clients do this. Our local editors are trained photo editors and work quickly. You give us all the images and we edit them down to the best, create galleries for you to select your

favorites and then we curate the images into albums, wall art and other photo memorabilia. One client just delivered more than 70,000 images from the last eight years. Wow!

As for storage, I do not use the Cloud for my personal or professional images, but I do backup everything every night. I have dedicated servers that I have in multiple locations to protect the images and that contain backups of images and my computer. For my Iphone images, I back them up to my laptop regularly, and use TimeMachine on my Mac to backup my laptop. Costco has reasonably priced hard drives that you can connect to your computer and set to automatically back everything up.

For those using the Cloud to back up their images, I always recommend reading the Terms of Service to fully understand what the cloud storage provider is or isn't going to do with your images. Free services usually will state what you are agreeing to for your content by using their service. Google states that while "...You retain ownership of any intellectual property rights that you hold in that content...When you upload, submit, store, send or receive content to or through our Services, you give Google (and those we work with) a worldwide license to use, host, store, reproduce, modify, create derivative works (such as those resulting from translations, adaptations or other changes we make so that your content works better with our Services), communicate, publish, publicly perform, publicly display and distribute such content. The rights you grant in this license are for the limited purpose of operating, promoting, and improving our Services, and to develop new ones. This license continues even if you stop using our Services..."

A simple way to store your images is to get a hard drive, put it on your home network or manually attach it to your computer and make sure you manually back up your images every week. I always recommend making prints of your favorite images and having multiple backups of everything else. For those super special images, like wedding images, make sure there are several backups, in several different locations like home and work, and that one hard drive is in a safe deposit box.

Good luck!

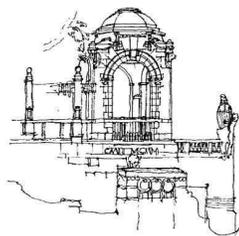
Jennifer Loomis is a Seattle-based photographer, author and educator best known for her groundbreaking work with the pregnant nude. She has studios in Seattle, SF and NY and has specialized in maternity and family photography for 20 years. She has recently launched a new segment of her business, Jennifer Loomis Photo Concierge, to help busy families edit, curate and preserve their family image archive. She has a four-year-old son and lives with her partner in Mount Baker. She believes her super power is finding good parking.

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Full details and ticket for select events will be available through the Mount Baker Community Club website at www.mountbaker.org. Follow our page on Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/mountbakercommunityclub) for updates and additional details. Additional Community Meetings will also be held periodically. Please check back for details of speakers and topics.

12/1/18	The Not Its	Kindipendent Series - \$5 per person
12/2/18	Christmas Ships	Family event for the neighborhood - free to attend
12/8/18	Eli Rosenblat	Kindipendent Series - \$5 per person
12/8/18	Harmonica Pocket	Kindipendent Series - \$5 per person
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2/9/19	The Not Its	Kindipendent Series - \$5 per person
2/23/19	Brian Vogan	Kindipendent Series - \$5 per person
5/5/19	Community Pot Luck	Family event for the neighborhood - free to attend
5/19/19	Yard Sale	One large sale throughout the neighborhood
6/14/19	Taste Mount Baker	Oer 21's Food and wine event

If you live, work or go to school in Mount Baker you are automatically a member. No dues or fees. The Mount Baker Community Club is part of why our neighborhood is so special and we hope to see you soon at one of our many events.