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*Old is New in
Columbia City*

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Neighbors to the South Enjoying Hip Resurgence of Historic Neighborhood

By Colleen Laing

Columbia City has changed so much over the past few years that it can be hard for area residents to keep up! *The View* wants you to know about the great resources and destinations in our nearby "new historic neighborhood."

Columbia City, settled in 1891, was the first part of Rainier Valley to be developed and was connected to Seattle by a streetcar that ran down what is now Rainier Avenue. The area's architecture took shape during the prosperous logging era of the early 20th century. The

neighborhood's exposed and stuccoed brick colonial revival buildings express the prevalent architectural styles of that era.

The scale of Columbia City's commercial buildings remains pedestrian-friendly, supporting the neighborhood's current success at attracting area residents for one-stop shopping.

Reflecting the diversity of Rainier Valley, Columbia City businesses are owned by, cater to, and provide experiences with cultures from all over the world.

Restaurants bring us flavors from Ethiopia (Awash), the Muslim world (Banadir Halal cuisine), the Caribbean (Kallaloo) and Vietnam (Pho Hoa) as well as those

of the more familiar Mexican (El Sombrero), Mediterranean (Jubba) and Italian (Tutta Bella) cuisines.

The Halamail Mini Mart and Shola Grocery feature Halal and Somali foods, respectively.

Ethnic gifts, décor and clothing can be found at Baol International and Discoteca Los 3 Reyes.

African American businesses are also flourishing in Columbia City, including restaurants (Jones BBQ, the Wellington), treats for the body (Columbia City Fitness, Salon Lorache) and professional services (Derrick Rountree, Financial Professional and Columbia City Parcel & Post).

Here is a 'tasting menu' of the useful and fun destinations that await Columbia City visitors.

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Next MBCC
Community Meeting:

Monday, November 6, 2006
7 p.m.

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Mt. Baker children ride their bikes - many of them decorated with streamers and balloons - in the 4th annual Day in the Park parade.

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COMMUNITY CLUB BILLBOARD

Eric Ode Coming to Mt. Baker Award-Winning Children's Entertainer to Perform at Pied Piper By Molly Hanlon

Pied Piper proudly welcomes Eric Ode, performing at the Mount Baker Community Club (MBCC) October 21.

Ode is a national award-winning children's singer, songwriter, poet and entertainer. His upbeat, high-participation programs are bubbling over with fun and his interactive music and poetry includes stories, skits, costumes, props and puppets.

Ode has been recognized with three Parents' Choice Awards as well as an Honors Award from National Parenting Publications (NAPPA). His original music has been heard on children's radio programs across the United States.

The show starts at 10:30 a.m. at the MBCC and there is a suggested donation of \$2.

Everyone enjoyed Grand Pooh Bah Magic at the first Pied Piper event of the season at MBCC on Sept. 23. Five-year old Shata Stephenson was thrilled to be the magician's assistant.



A BIG *Mt. Baker View* "thank you" to our intrepid new proofreaders Barbara Grant, Lisa Maynard and Suzanne Wastier. Your commitment to your community is much appreciated!

Award-Winning Garfield Jazz Ensemble to Perform at MBCC Free Community Concert on Nov. 16 By Amy Gray

The Garfield High School Jazz Ensemble returns to the Mount Baker Community Club (MBCC) for a free kick-off concert on Thursday evening, November 16, at 7 p.m.

Under the esteemed direction of Clarence Acox, the band has twice placed first nationally (2003, 2004) at the prestigious Essentially Ellington Competition at Lincoln Center, New York – an unprecedented feat in the competition's history, and no small achievement for an urban public high school.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear your favorite blues and big band tunes performed by this exceptional group of high school musicians. Start your holiday season off right with a serving of local jazz!

Classes at the Clubhouse

Children's Music & Movement
Wednesdays, Sept. 27 - Dec. 6
9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Correction:

The date of the October MBCC community meeting was incorrect in the September issue of *The View*. The meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications Available for Neighborhood and Community Arts Funding Program Supports Annual Community Events

Festivals and events color the character of Seattle's neighborhoods, from the Fremont Solstice Parade to El Dia de los Muertos. The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs' Neighborhood and Community Arts Program supports and encourages the work of Seattle's neighborhood arts councils and community stewardship groups that produce recurring festivals or events that promote arts and cultural participation.

Neighborhood arts councils and community stewardship groups that have been in existence for at least one year may seek annual support for a recurring festival or event occurring in 2007 that has a significant arts and cultural component, is open to the public and takes place in Seattle.

"We are determined that all of our arts funding reflect the breadth and depth of Seattle, from all communities and viewpoints," said Mayor Greg Nickels. "The success of our Neighborhood and Community Arts Program, as with all city programs, depends upon inclusion."

Funding of \$1,200 per event is provided to support direct project expenses, including artist fees, marketing and promotional fees, venue and equipment rentals or other production-related expenses. Funds may not be used for fund-raising or organizational administrative expenses.

Applications are available at www.seattle.gov/arts (select Funding Applications). The application deadline is 5 p.m., Mon., Oct. 30. Postmarks will not be accepted. Those unable to download the online application may contact Michelle Blackmon at 733-9576 or michelle.blackmon@seattle.gov.

The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs promotes the value of arts and culture in and of communities throughout Seattle. The 15-member Seattle Arts Commission, citizen volunteers appointed by the Mayor and City Council, supports the city agency.



Photo/Fred Harder

Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center Breaks Ground on Major Renovation Project

King County Executive Ron Sims was on hand Sun., Sept. 10 to help break ground on a substantial renovation to the Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center.

The center, built with Forward Thrust Bond funds, opened in June of 1985. Since then, championship rowers have trained there, amateurs have learned to love sailing and rowing and countless people from around Puget Sound have learned to row and sail on the region's premier lake.

As demand has increased over the years, the Mt. Baker Boating Council embarked on a plan to expand the center. Now that the Boating Council has raised the \$2.3 million to build the expansion, they are ready to break ground.

Funding comes from City of Seattle, King County, and State of Washington grant programs, and from privately raised funds.

Ron Sims and council members Richard McIver, David Della and Sally Clark were instrumental in supporting the fundraising activities for the Mt. Baker Boating Council.

The Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center is a Seattle Parks Department facility whose programs and coaching staff are supported and funded by the Mt. Baker Boating Council, a volunteer, non-profit corporation.

"This is a unique private-public relationship that we are very proud of," said Bess Stanton of the Mt. Baker Boating Council.

SAVE THE DATE



"Alice and Nancy's Pool, Daytime," Oil on Panel, 24"w x 18"h, Rachel Maxi 2006

Baas Art Gallery & Framing Rachel Maxi: New Paintings October 3 – 28, 2006

Baas Art Gallery welcomes Seattle artist Rachel Maxi in a special exhibition. Maxi is an accomplished oil painter whose compositions often examine the forgotten corners and odd spaces of contemporary life. In this recent series, she turns her eye to the landscape of Palm Springs, California, a place "created for pleasure and relaxation"; her paintings invite us to decode the architecture and landscapes of this manmade oasis.

Baas Art Gallery & Framing is located at 2703 E. Madison in Seattle. For more information, call 324-4742 or go to www.baasartgallery.com.

It's Class of '71 Reunion Time! Franklin/Cleveland "Party In the Hood"

Great food, B.Y.O.B., casual attire, music by Tower of Power, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, War, James Brown, The Watts 103rd St. Rhythm Band, Blood, Sweat, and Tears, The Delfonics, Santana, Jr. Walker & the Allstars, Al Green, Earth, Wind and Fire, The Beatles, The 9 Lives, Aretha, Ohio Players... Bring your dancing shoes if you like!

Fri., Nov. 3, from 6 p.m. - midnight at the Mt. Baker Community Club; 2811 Mt. Rainier Dr. S. For more information or to pre-register, go to www.partyinthehood.com or contact Bruce Bryant at 853-6208.

Arts Gumbo: Mixing the Sights, Sounds and Flavors of Three World Cultures

Experience the music, food and crafts of Arab, Croatian and Hmong cultures without leaving your neighborhood by attending Arts Gumbo 2006.

A cultural series produced by SouthEast Effective Development (SEED), Arts Gumbo presents traditional arts of three diverse world cultures, featuring Arab cultures in September, Croatia in October and the Hmong culture in November. The series is held at the Rainier Valley Cultural Center (3515 S. Alaska St.), in Columbia City.

Arts Gumbo continues on Friday, October 13th with a spotlight on Croatia, featuring a performance at 7 p.m. by Damir's Ensemble, a banquet from the Balkan Market at 8 p.m. and a participatory dance workshop at 9 p.m. The program is presented in collaboration with the Ethnic Heritage Council of Washington.

Led by Damir Jurkovic and three other veteran musicians from the Balkans, Damir's Ensemble features traditional tunes from Eastern Europe, such as the former Yugoslavia, Greece, Slovenia, Dalmatia and the Adriatic Coast. Prolific on a variety of instruments - accordion, guitar, keyboards, mandolin, bass, the brac and prim (Croatian guitars), Damir and his band have performed at Benaroya Hall, Northwest Folklife Festival and other regional events.

Following the performance, Arts Gumbo will provide a banquet of Eastern European delicacies such as barbequed lamb and pork, filled pastries, dolmas, dessert and beverages from the Balkan Market, an area specialty food market. With stores located in Lynwood and Buriem, the Balkan Market offers an incomparable array of specialty foods, culinary ingredients, cured meats, seasonings and beverages from the Balkan countries and surrounding regions. After the performance, local performer and dance instructor Jon Morovich will lead audience members in a Croatian dance workshop.

In partnership with the Seattle Public Library at Columbia Branch, Arts Gumbo is offering a Book Club reading and discussion. The novel *The Turk and My Mother* by Mary

Helen Stefaniak is now available for sign out, and a discussion group will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12th at Columbia Library (4761 Rainier Av. S.) at 6:45 p.m. Call 386-1908 for more information. *The Turk and My Mother* is a story of family secrets and follows a family through four generations and around the world—through love, marriage, and betrayal, through illness, death, and war.

Now in its 6th year, Arts Gumbo is appropriate for families and audiences of all ages. Tickets will be available at the door: \$8 Adults, \$5 Children & Seniors. Arts Gumbo presented an Arab Arts program on September 9th and continues Friday, November 3 with a Hmong celebration, including a vocalist performance by Laotian artist Paj Zaub Lauj.

Arts Gumbo 2006 is created in partnership with the Arab Center of Washington, Ethnic Heritage Council, and Hmong Association of Washington. Funding made possible by Safeco Insurance, City of Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Washington State Arts Commission, 4Culture King County Lodging Tax Fund, and Boeing Company.

SEED is a non-profit community organization whose mission is to strengthen Southeast Seattle neighborhoods and business districts through arts and cultural programs, affordable housing and economic development.

Can You Hear Me Now? A Multicultural Approach to Up- Front Communication and Leadership Skills for Women

Ten weekly sessions will combine feminist theory, writings by activists and practical training. Topics include overcoming gender, race and sexuality stereotypes; confronting racism in the women's movement; managing conflict and teambuilding; and other skills needed for effective leadership.

Mondays, beginning October 9, 7-8:30 pm. University of Washington, Ethnic Cultural Center, 3931 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle. Free. Everyone welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsor: Radical Women. For more information, call 722-6057 or 902-7420.

SAVE THE DATE

"Baby Loves Disco" Premieres in Seattle

Once a month, Baby Loves Disco transforms Chop Suey into a childproof disco as toddlers, preschoolers and parents, looking for a break from the routine playground circuit let loose for an afternoon dance party featuring real music spun by real DJs blending classic disco tunes, plus, bubble machines, a chill-out area, diaper changing stations, a full spread of healthy snacks and optional cocktails for non-driving parents..

The Associated Press reported that "Cheerful toddlers were shaking diapered booty as they drank from juice boxes and poked through bowls of mini-pretzels while parents sipped cocktails, danced and thanked their lucky stars that they weren't at a Barney concert."

The event makes its premier in Seattle at the popular nightclub Chop Suey on Nov. 18.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to www.babylovesdisco.com.

"Baby Loves Disco"

Sat., Nov. 18

Chop Suey

1325 E. Madison St.

Tickets: \$10 for walking humans

Still crawling: Free

Price includes healthy snacks and juice boxes

Tickets available at www.babylovesdisco.com

Sponsored by ParentMap magazine

Chill-out room sponsored by

Izilla Toys & Cranium

Franklin High School's F.A.M.E. Company Presents "St. Elmo's Fire"

Franklin High School's F.A.M.E. Company Presents "St. Elmo's Fire" on Nov 17 and 18 and Dec. 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's main auditorium.

The box office opens at 6:30 p.m. and tickets sell out fast so please come early!

Franklin F.A.M.E. Co. is a non-profit organization. To make a donation, please contact the Alliance For Education at 343-0449.

For more information contact Krista Palsson-Martinez at Klpalsson@aol.com.

Mt. Baker Town Meeting

Nov. 8; 7 - 9 p.m.

Mt. Baker Community Club

Are you aware that the Mt. Baker community has experienced a rash of home burglaries in the last few months?

Don't miss this Q & A meeting with Detective Bourns from the Seattle Police Department to obtain more information about how to keep your home and family safe.

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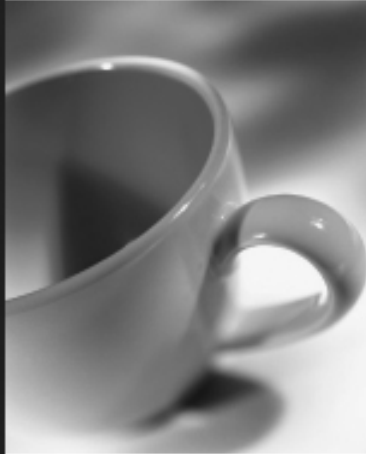
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**2006-2007
Coffee Hours at the
Mayor's Office
for Senior Citizens**

**Central Building
810 3rd Avenue
(between Columbia & Marion)**

Thursday, October 19 • 10-11 a.m.

Special Guest: Chief Gil Kerlikowske

Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police since August 2000, is a 32-year law enforcement veteran. He leads a department of 1,900 men and women who prevent crime, enforce the law, and support public safety, and gives his time to Seattle citizens through community activities and events.

Thursday, November 16 • 10-11 a.m.

Special Guest: Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck

Peter Steinbrueck chairs the Council's Urban Development and Planning Committee, focused on the built environment, economic development, comprehensive planning, and land use regulation. Other priorities include jobs and the economy, transportation, and education, specifically early learning.

Thursday, January 18 • 10-11 a.m.

Special Guest: Councilmember Jan Drago

Jan Drago has served on the Seattle City Council since 1994. She chairs the Council's Transportation Committee and serves as vice-chair of the Parks, Education, Libraries & Labor Committee. Her interests include transportation, public safety and economic development.

For Metro Rider Information, call (206) 553-3000.

**For information about other events for seniors, contact the
Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens at (206) 684-0500.**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Deadline for the November issue of The View	2 7 p.m.: MBCC Meeting	3 Dance at MBCC: 6:30 p.m.: Swing I 7:35 p.m.: Swing II 8:40 p.m.: Steppin'	4 3-7 p.m. Columbia City Farmers Market	5	6 10:30 a.m.: Firefighter Storytime at Columbia Library	7
8 10 a.m.: Equality 5K at Seward Park	9 Columbus Day	10 Dance at MBCC: 6:30 p.m.: Swing I 7:35 p.m.: Swing II 8:40 p.m.: Steppin'	11 3-7 p.m. Columbia City Farmers Market	12 4-8 p.m. Free wine tasting at Urban Vines	13 10:30 a.m.: Storytime at Columbia Library	14
15	16	17 Dance at MBCC: 6:30 p.m.: Swing I 7:35 p.m.: Swing II 8:40 p.m.: Steppin'	18 3-7 p.m. Columbia City Farmers Market	19	20 10:30 a.m.: Storytime at Columbia Library	21 10:30 a.m.: Eric Ode/Pied Piper at MBCC
22	23	24	25 3-7 p.m. Columbia City Farmers Market	26 4-8 p.m. Free wine tasting at Urban Vines	27 10:30 a.m.: Storytime at Columbia Library	28 8 a.m.: Pumpkin Push at Seward Park
29 Daylight Saving Time Ends	30	31 Halloween	November 1 Deadline for the December issue of The View			

SAVE THE DATE

Youth in Focus Presents: *Photographers in Focus 2006*

Join three world-class photographers as they share their experiences and vision in a unique lecture series.

Event proceeds and donations benefit Youth in Focus - a nonprofit organization that, through photography, helps urban teens make positive changes in their lives and experience the world in new ways.

Following each presentation there will be a reception with the photographer and a tour of the Youth in Focus classrooms and darkrooms.

When: Thurs., Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

Where: Youth in Focus
2100 24th Ave. S.

Cost: \$15 per session
\$40 for the series (all three lectures)

Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com

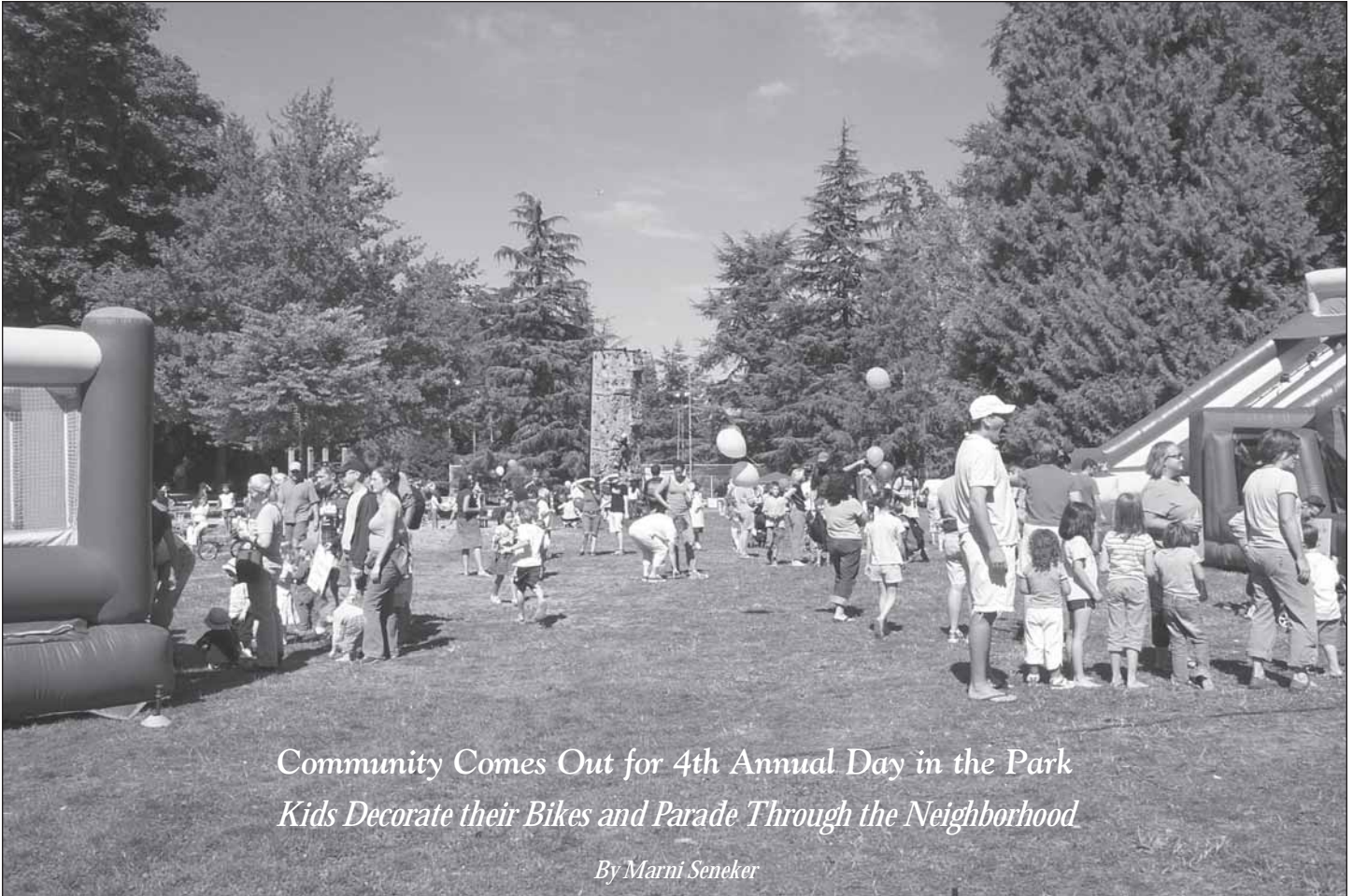
More Information: 723-1479
www.youthinfocus.org

The Bodhisattva's Way of Life Following the Path of Wisdom and Compassion

In this series, you will learn about the practice of the six perfections, the heart of the Bodhisattva's way of life, and the pathway to Buddhahood. Join us for a guided meditation, teaching and discussion. Drop-ins welcome. \$10 per class/\$5 students & seniors.

Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9 p.m., October 30 through December 4 at Bodyworks in Columbia City (4860 Rainier Ave. S.). For more information, call 526-9565.

IN REVIEW



Community Comes Out for 4th Annual Day in the Park Kids Decorate their Bikes and Parade Through the Neighborhood

By Marni Seneker



More than 200 families turned out recently to celebrate the start of school and a glorious late-summer Sunday in Mt. Baker Park.

The fun began shortly after 10 a.m. on September 10, when everyone gathered in front of Franklin High School to decorate bikes and trikes and get pumped for the parade.

Shortly thereafter our friendly neighborhood police officers closed the streets to motorized traffic and led the children through the neighborhood to the park. There they were greeted with a bouncy house, pony rides, face painting, the biggest slide many had ever seen and much more. The joy was infectious.

Every year, the Mt. Baker Community Club Board hosts Day in the Park as a way to say "thank you" to

its residents, yet, as with every year, we need you make it happen. We look forward to seeing you out and about at the 5th annual Day in the Park in 2007, rain or shine!

Special thanks to **Brennan Connor** (and his family!), who has spearheaded this event for three straight years. Day in the Park would simply not happen without his broad shoulders and even broader grin.

Above: More than 200 families attended this year's Day in the Park celebration. Left: Six-year old Eliza Avery Brower bravely climbs to the top of the rock-climbing structure. Top right: Kids were quick to abandon their bikes for the fun in the park. Middle right: Little Katie Rose MacCarthy-Grant and her big brother Sean won the unofficial award for their pirate get-ups. Bottom right: Hundreds of fruit loops were strung into necklaces at the Central Branch Preschool booth.

IN REVIEW

A BIG *Mt. Baker View* "thank you" to all of the generous volunteers who made this wonderful day happen!

Day in the Park 2006 Volunteers

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Lisa Olszewski
Brennar's amazing food team
Jinnah, Karen and many others!



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SCHOOL NEWS

From the Pen of Powerful Writers

By Arnie Adler

Powerful Writers, a program of the nonprofit organization Powerful Schools, is already underway bringing writing instruction to five local public elementary schools: Graham Hill, Beacon Hill, John Muir, The New School at Southshore and Dunlap. Our staff developers work with teachers during daily writing workshops, where students write 45 minutes a day, over a variety of genres. Great works emerge in these settings. For more information about Powerful Writers or other Powerful Schools programs, please visit www.powerfulschools.org.

Also, as part of a literary consortium that includes the Richard Hugo House, the University of Washington (UW), and Seattle Arts and Lectures' Writers in the Schools program, Powerful Writers produces quarterly forums, tailored for teachers and writers who teach writing.

The next forum is Tuesday, October 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cabaret at Richard Hugo House, 1634 11th Ave., on Capitol Hill. The guest speaker will be Dr. Eugene Edgar, Professor of Education at the UW, who will present on the topic of managing behavior in the daily writing workshop. Forum is free (sponsored by Powerful Writers and Richard Hugo House) and open to all. Please RSVP to aadler@powerfulschools.org.

The following poems were written last May by Ms. Sherri Fujisawa's 4th grade class at Dunlap Elementary School.

Quietness

By Nancy Tran

Pink Blossoms falling gently onto the water
Reviving all of my good thoughts
Healing my mind to be calm
Listening through my ears
to the peacefulness in my mind
Make me think and focus
It also makes me concentrate
And there is no
Disturbing.

A red rose blooming in the Spring
Slowing opening its petals to see the world
Showing its aroma
A butterfly landing on a red blossom
Closing my eyes and listening to the noise of
quiet
Hearing nothing at all
There are no more sounds to be heard at all.

Moon

By Donald White Jr.

The moon is a light bulb
Illuminating the night sky.
Skid gliding over the white snow
"SHHH, SHHH"
While an egg
Is waiting to crack
While the wind
Is blowing
I hear the howl of a wolf on a cliff
In the midnight sky
"HOOOWWWWLLLLL! HOW!
HOW! HOW!"
"HOOOWWWWLLLLLLL!"

How to Eat a Cloud

By Najma Sheikh

Come on don't
Be shy
Fly your wing
Up high
Grab a piece
MM! MM! MM!
It tastes like soft pink
Cotton candy. It feels like
A white fluffy pillow sleeping
As you dream.

A Bright Rose

By Anna Elodio

I'm a bright rose
That grows every day
And once I am
Bloomed
My petals leave me
And fall in a paper
When it magically happens
They turn into words
That makes a poem
About a
Bright rose.

Red Soft Pillows

By Devan Rogers

Red soft pillows
Are always good in spring
Delicate and ready for picking
Red soft pillows
Are always good for the table
Red soft pillows
Are always
Red roses

How to Eat Stars

By Rudyrick Cabrito

You wait until it's dark
Jump as high as you can
And take some away
When you chew it
Your teeth will glow,
Your teeth will be a light in the night

I'm Not

By Mathew Foster

I'm not a frog
I'm not a dog
I'm not a woman
I sure ain't no cat
I'm definitely not a doll
I'm not a tree
I'm not a teacher
I'm not a maple
I'm not a kitty
I'm not a guppy
I'm not a Chihuahua
I'm not a shoe
I'm not a boot
I'm not a hat
I'm not a sock
I am just a marvelous boy

SCHOOL NEWS

John Muir Shows Significant Improvement in WASL Scores

The 2006 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) results were recently announced and John Muir Elementary showed significant gains.

Writing scores showed the most improvement, up from 45 percent in 2005 to an impressive 80.4 percent in 2006. Reading scores were also much improved with just 57 percent of students showing proficiency in 2005 and 83.9 percent passing in 2006. Math scores were up from 41 percent in 2005 to 48.2 percent this year.

"The good WASL scores are no surprise to me," said new John Muir parent **Charles Fix**. "There is only one word for the school that Principal **Awnie Thompson** and the crew are running: IMPRESSIVE."

Student improvement at John Muir has been linked with increased parent involvement and innovative teaching techniques.

The WASL is given each spring to public school students in the fourth, seventh and tenth grades. In 2006, it became mandatory for students to pass the tenth-grade test in order to graduate high school. Students can retake the test up to four times, and later this fall will have the option of completing an alternative to the WASL to be able to graduate.

Art of Hospitality Silent Auction and Art Show to Benefit John Muir Art Program

The Art of Hospitality originated in 2003 as a way to promote creativity and recognition for employees of Seattle's hotels and hospitality venues.

Its goal is to raise funds for community creative arts programs. It also shows and communicates the other side of talented people who work in the hospitality industry in Seattle and gives the community a chance to see how versatile and well rounded our employees are.

This year the event will provide funding for the art program at John Muir Elementary School, under the direction of **Awnie Thompson**, Principal and parttime art teacher **Susie Moriguchi**.



The art work for this year's Art of Hospitality invitation was created by fifth grader Kasem Jackson.

John Muir Elementary School Art Program teaches several hundred children, grades kindergarten through fifth, and the basics in drawing, painting, and ceramics.

The free event will be held Thurs., Nov. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mayflower Park Hotel (405 Olive Way, Seattle).

More than 100 works of art from the students at John Muir Elementary and Seattle's hospitality industry will be on display as guests mingle and sip the complimentary "Artini," a special drink created just for this event.

Exhibitors, friends and patrons of the arts browse the silent auction table and nibble on hors d'oeuvres while viewing the vast display of ceramics, sculptures, paintings, poetry and more. This year's art work for the invitation was created by 5th grader **Kasem Jackson** (see above).

The Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, 4Culture, The 5th Avenue Theatre, Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau, Encore Media Group, and the Alliance for Education are partners in the event.

Mathematics and Our Children's Future An Inspiring Evening for Parents, Educators, and Business and Community Leaders

Speaker and nationally known educator Ruth Parker, Ph.D. will be at the Roosevelt High School Auditorium on Monday, October 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. to discuss the critical changes needed in the teaching and learning of mathematics so all our children will have open doors to a bright future.

"Real progress will only be made when parents, teachers, administrators, community leaders and business leaders come together in support of quality mathematics in our schools," says Parker.

Learn how to help your child reason with numbers; why numerical reasoning is so important; how to recognize quality mathematics programs; how to better prepare children for algebra and what mathematics skills are essential to the workplace of today and tomorrow.

Childcare and light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by Alliance for Education, MESA, Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Council PTSA, UW College of Education. Part of the Give Kids Good Schools campaign.



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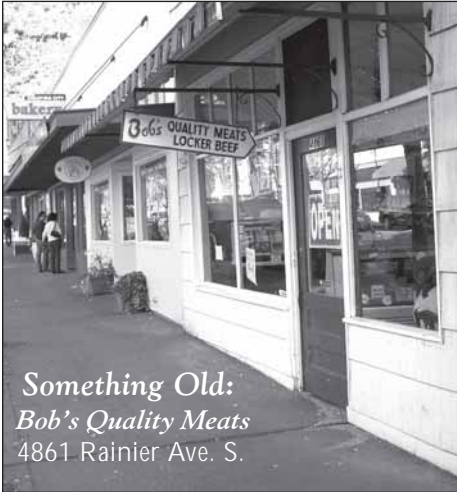
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FACES & PLACES

Old is New in Columbia City

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Something Old:
Bob's Quality Meats
4861 Rainier Ave. S.

The idea of a neighborhood butcher shop evokes visions of locally raised meats and opportunities for catching-up on community news.

A continuously operating butcher shop since 1911, Bob's Quality Meats is a contemporary expression of the neighborhood butcher shop.

Bob's is owned by the Ackley family and run by Bob Ackley's son, James, a fourth generation meat cutter. The philosophy at Bob's is "the best of everything" reports James, who avoids using meat from animals that have lived in feedlots and from animals given prophylactic antibiotics in most cuts. James makes his own sausages on-site with no chemicals or premixed seasonings.

In addition to retail sales, Bob's boasts restaurant customers such as Sarafina, Marjorie's, Casuelita's and the Charleston cafes. Food items at Bob's range from pricy steaks to goat meat to bargain 'bundles' that will stock a large family's freezer for a season.

"We try to take care of everybody," said James.

Something New:

Andaluz
4908 Rainier Ave. S.

Owner Karla Esquivel and her husband opened this hip gift, clothing and home décor destination in 2004. They carry goods by local designers and meet a neighborhood need for trendy, beautiful and fun gift items.

Where else in the Valley can one find rings made from recycled ceramics and china, vintage matchbooks or a book of new parent 'apology cards' that express regret for the particular social faux pas committed only by adults adjusting to offspring?

The Esquivels are Columbia City residents who love working in the neighborhood and locating the eclectic mix of manufacturers, artists and artisans represented in their shop.



Top left: Bob's has been a continuously operating butcher shop since 1911. Above: Owner Karla Esquivel helps a customer at Andaluz. Top right: Revival Lighting serves customers from all over western Washington.



Something Big:

Revival Lighting
4860 Rainier Ave. S.

At 2,500 square feet, Revival Lighting's showroom of antique and reproduction lighting and home décor measures up as one of the larger retail spaces in Columbia City.

The Spokane-based business manufactures its own line of reproduction lighting, renovates antique lamps and light fixtures for sale, builds custom lighting and restores customers' lamps and light fixtures. The store also carries many lines of lighting and stocks beautiful and interesting garden ornaments, gift items and home decor.

While Seattle teems with upscale home furnishings venues, Revival aims to serve "the average customer remodeling an older home" says manager **Scott Olson**. Reasonable prices on retail and repair work keep customers from all over western Washington coming to Columbia City.

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By the People: Seattle Neighborhood Services Center

The Seattle Neighborhood Services Center, a mini-city hall, is located near the corner of Rainier and Edmonds. Southeast Seattle residents can pay utility bills and parking tickets, obtain pet licenses, use meeting space, see magistrates to appeal tickets for traffic and other ordinance violations here from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The Neighborhood Services Center has been in Columbia City through its revitalization and may soon move to anchor revitalization in the Martin Luther King / Othello area.

FACES & PLACES



Something Small:

Roy's BBQ

4903 1/2 Rainier Ave. S.

Smaller than a Belltown apartment, funkier than George Clinton, tastier than Blue Bunny ice cream, it's Roy's BBQ, a narrow hallway of take-out delight.

Roy's serves up a solid menu of BBQ sandwich favorites, including one using their own 'Gold' must-try spicy mustard sauce. Home-baked quality mac 'n' cheese, a solid coleslaw, beans and rice and potato salad round out the side-dish menu.

While most things at Roy's are small, including the prices, the dishes and the flavors are big, big, big.

Something Fun:

Music and Movies

In addition to satisfying our palates, filling our homes and allowing us to complete our errands, Columbia City businesses are striving to provide us destinations for evening entertainment. For the last 10 years, Columbia City merchants have

Left: Look out! It's Roy's owner John Unangst with what is quite possibly the tastiest and most lemony lemon cake this side of the Mississippi. Below: Columbia City Cinema volunteers Daren Cook and David Israel in the facility's grand lounge. Right: The Columbia Library is a neighborhood gem.

presented BeatWalk, a live music event occurring in both conventional night spots and retail stores. A \$5 cover charge grants access to up to ten venues the first Friday of every month. Musical variety spans the spectrum from jazz and blues to pop, folk, world music, family acts and dance music.

The Columbia City Cinema provides local access to first-run movies with a great selection of family films. The charming 204-seat, single-screen cinema sits upstairs in the old Masonic temple at 4816 Rainier Ave. S. The elegant building, friendly atmosphere and old-fashioned movie-going experience is not to be missed.

Lottie's Lounge adds to the neighborhood's cocktail selection with a coffeehouse vibe and live jazz Tuesdays.

Something Smart:

The Columbia Library

4721 Rainier Ave. S.

The Columbia Library was built with a grant from steel industry magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1915. An excellent example of the neighborhood's Colonial revival style, the building is on the National Register of Historic Places.



The renovation, completed in 2005, nearly doubled the library's size and enabled the branch to enhance neighborhood access to computers and enlarge their community meeting room. The library's collection includes books not only in English, but also in Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali, Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya and Tagalog.

See page 18
for a special
Columbia City
Kid's Corner activity!

Something Green:

Columbia Park

4721 Rainier Ave. S.

Columbia Park, Columbia City's 'village green,' is a two-acre open space between the library and the Rainier Valley Cultural Center that spans a filled-in ravine and streambed.

The park is currently undergoing renovations that will create better drainage, a level play area, more seating, and improved access to the park through paths (including one that will meander the length of the park to evoke the former stream).

Renovations will likely be completed sometime this month.

MARKET NEWS



Until Next Year....

Sadly, October marks the end of the Columbia City Farmer's Market 2006 season. However, those willing to travel to the far-flung reaches of the U-District and West Seattle can enjoy the Farmer's Market scene through December. For more information, go to www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org.



Seattle Youth Garden Works (SYGW) is a regular at the Columbia City Farmer's Market. The organization serves 14- to 22-year olds who are experiencing poverty, homelessness and other significant challenges that impact their ability to be adequately employed. The SYGW mission is to empower these youth through garden-based education and employment. To that end, SYGW provides job training in an innovative, entrepreneurial market gardening program that builds on a youth's strengths. For more information, or to contribute, call 632-0352 or go to www.sygw.org.



What's Fresh?

New Veggies:

- Green onions / scallions
- Rutabagas
- Squash (Golden Nugget, Fairy Tale Pumpkins)
- Potatoes (Ozette variety)
- Greens (Squash Vines, Pepper Cross, Endive)
- Lettuce (New variety: Crisp Mint)

New Fruit:

- Apples (Macoun, Granny Smith, Braeburn, Jonagold, Empire, Jonagored, Prairie Spy, Liberty)
- Pears (Bosc)
- Quince
- Hardy kiwis (sweet, soft-skinned, grapesized)

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YOUR INVESTMENT

Fall Maintenance Tips for Your Home Regular Maintenance is Key

Inspecting your home on a regular basis and following good maintenance practices is the best way to protect your investment in your home. Whether you take care of a few tasks at a time or several all at once, it is important to get into the habit of doing them. Establish a routine for yourself and you will find the work is easy to accomplish and not very time consuming. A regular schedule of seasonal maintenance can put a stop to the most common – and costly – problems, before they occur. If necessary use a camera to take pictures of anything you might want to share with an expert for advice or to monitor or remind you of a situation later.

By following the information noted here, you will learn about protecting your investment and how to help keep your home a safe and healthy place to live.

If you do not feel comfortable performing some of the home maintenance tasks listed below, or have the necessary equipment, for example a ladder, you may want to consider hiring a qualified handy person to help you.

A little prevention goes a long way, when it comes to your home. Whether you are a brand new homeowner or have lived in your home for years, it is never too late to know how to properly maintain your investment. Learn how to keep things running smoothly to avoid the unexpected. This is the season to finish summer projects, and prepare your yard and home for winter.

Check all window and door locks for proper operation.

* Windows that can be opened by breaking the glass and unlocking them, are less effective deterrents to criminals. Check with the hardware store for window lock alternatives.

* All exterior doors should have deadbolt locks.



Make sure there are working nightlights at the top and bottom of all stairs.

Other safety ideas for stairs:

* Tile and painted wood or concrete stairs can be slippery when wet or when a person's shoes are wet. Resurface the treads with slip-resistant strips near the stair nosing.

* All stairs of at least three risers should have a handrail.

* Do not store items on the stairs.

Have a heating professional check your heating system every year.

Wood burning stove connector pipes and chimneys should be inspected by a certified chimney sweep at least annually.

Replace your furnace filter.

Furnace filters need to be replaced frequently to allow your heating and cooling systems to operate properly.

Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel tank is empty. By doing this, you are removing flammable liquid storage from your garage. At the same time, make sure you aren't storing dirty, oily rags in a pile. They can ignite spontaneously.

Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fireplace damper. Soot and creosote, which build up inside the chimney, can ignite when a fire is lit in the fireplace.

Remove bird nests from chimney flues and outdoor electrical fixtures.

Bird nests on top of light fixtures are a fire hazard. Bird nests in chimney flues can prevent a proper venting of combustion gases and can catch fire from sparks. You should exercise great caution when working on your roof or consider hiring a qualified professional to take care of any work that needs to be done.

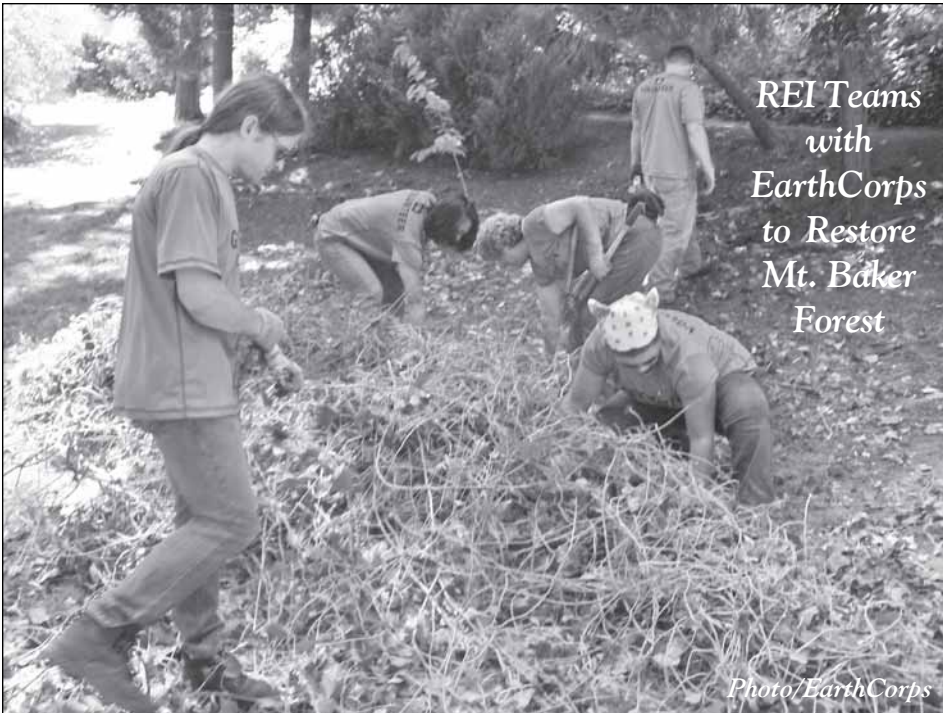
Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate to reduce heat/cooling loss. Check glazing for loose or missing putty or glazing compound. This will also help reduce water damage to the windows and door frames.

Make sure that the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate to prevent water from seeping into the sub-flooring. Check for cracked or missing caulk around the base of your toilet, bath tub,

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PARK POWER



*REI Teams
with
EarthCorps
to Restore
Mt. Baker
Forest*

Photo/EarthCorps

REI volunteers worked with EarthCorps on June 27 to restore the forest in Mt. Baker Park as part of the Green Seattle Partnership. Forest restoration involves removing non-native, invasive plants such as English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry and then replanting forests with native trees and shrubs. To volunteer, visit www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php.

New Seattle Parks Initiatives Impact SE Seattle

Mayor Greg Nickels announced his proposed 2007-2008 City budget on Monday, Sept. 25. The budget includes several new initiatives for Seattle Parks and Recreation, including an Aquarium Expansion and a Southeast Seattle Playground Program.

The new Seattle Aquarium exhibit funded by the Seattle Aquarium Society - "Window on Washington Waters" - is scheduled to open in July 2007. It will expand the Aquarium's exhibit space by almost one-third. The budget forecasts additional revenue from the expected 10 to 20 percent more visitors and adds new staff to serve these new customers and take care of more space and animals.

The budget will also restore summer playground programs at five sites: Othello, Brighton, Maplewood, Judkins, and Pratt.

For additional details about the Mayor's 2007-08 Proposed Budget, visit www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/budget.



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PARK POWER

Did You Know?

Through the Pro Parks Levy, Seattle citizens voted to provide free swimming lessons for all third and fourth grade students who live in Seattle. This free program is available to all children, including beginning and advanced swimmers.

For more information, call 684-4075 or visit any Seattle Parks and Recreation swimming pool.

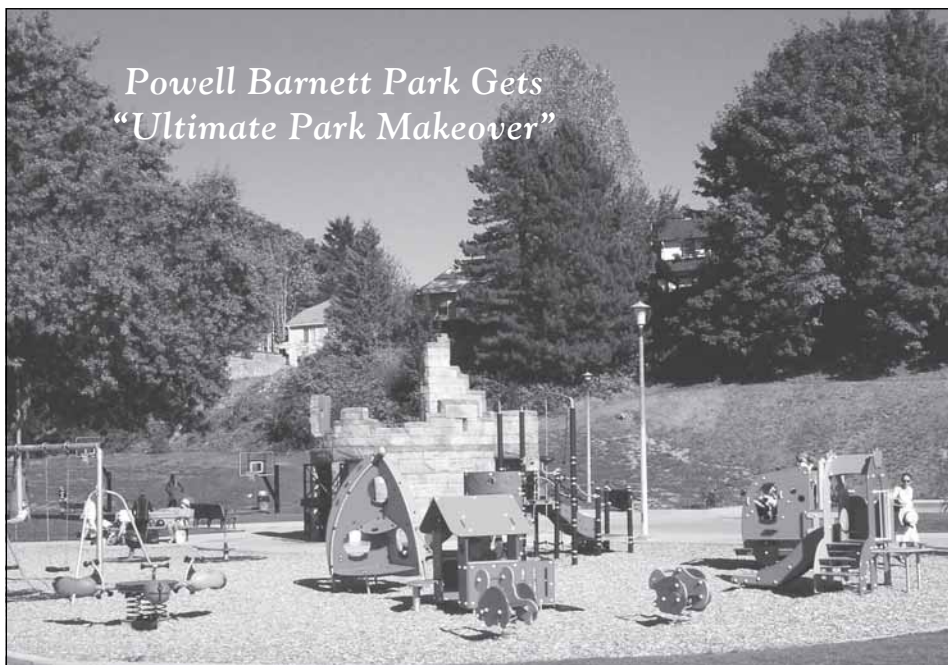
Get Your Free Tree City Promotes New Urban Forest Management Plan with 2,000 Free Trees

On Sept. 6 Mayor Greg Nickels called on Seattle to reverse a decades' long slide in the amount of tree cover by planting hundreds of thousands of new trees on private and public land across the city. Seattle Parks and Recreation, which is steward to 6,100 acres of parkland, much of it forested, figures prominently in this plan.

The mayor set a goal of increasing Seattle's tree coverage by two-thirds over the next 30 years - or by about 650,000 new trees. To help launch the effort, the mayor announced the city will give away 2,000 coupons for free trees this fall.

The recently released draft Urban Forest Management Plan details how we will manage public and private trees and provide a road map for our efforts to preserve, restore and enhance Seattle's urban forest.

To view the draft forest plan, a product of the city's departments of Parks and Recreation, Sustainability and Environment, Planning and Development, Transportation, Neighborhoods, Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities, go to www.seattle.gov/environment.



Between May 12 and May 19, parks contractor Lejack Construction and hundreds of Starbucks and community volunteers conducted the "Ultimate Park Makeover" on Powell Barnett Park - an unprecedented seven-day volunteer effort to make park improvements that would normally take months to complete.

Improvements to Powell Barnett Park - just a few miles south of Mt. Baker - included installation of a new play area, renovation of the playfield, renovation of the interior and exterior of the restroom, renovation of the basketball court, renovation of the paths and entries, installation of plazas with BBQ areas, and installation of benches and gaming tables.

"The big slide is very fast!" said seven-year-old Mt. Baker resident *Isla*

Elkins. "It's cool how you climb up the ladders and go up and up and up. I can't wait to go again."

Named in honor of community activist Powell Barnett, the 4.4-acre park had begun to show its age. Community members, including Barnett's granddaughter, Maisha Barnett, built public support and raised money, obtaining grants to complete public process and design. The community's dedication attracted the attention of Starbucks, which selected the park to receive additional funding through the Starbucks Parks Fund.

Community members continued working on park elements throughout the summer and fall.

A BIG *Mt. Baker View* "thank you" to the lifeguards that helped keep our families safe in the water all summer.

Seattle Park and Recreation's Summer Beach Program celebrated 37 years without a drowning in a lifeguarded area at the end of the 2006 season and marked a record of 75 water rescues! Lifeguards worked hard from the first day to the last. The long hot weather season and lack of rain brought huge numbers to all nine Seattle beaches. The lifeguards watched over 225,097 people- 27,000 more than last summer. Guards performed 56 first aids, and 388 children received swimming instruction.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

These are just a few of the messages spotted around Mt. Baker this fall. Send your "Sign of the Times" submissions to the editor at view@mountbaker.org.



Welcome to the debut of "Your Investment," a new column dedicated to providing you with valuable information about your home. Send your submissions to the editor at view@mountbaker.org.

Fall Maintenance Tips for Your Home Regular Maintenance is Key

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and bathroom cabinets. Properly sealing gaps between your bathroom fixtures and flooring material can prevent damage.

Protect your basement from water penetration.

- * Disconnect garden hoses from all spigots before the start of winter.
- * Fill in any low spots around the house so water drains away from the foundation.
- * Inspect caulking around windows and doors and replace as needed where cracked or deteriorated.
- * Repaint wood siding as needed.

In order to prevent wet basements, it is important to understand where the water is coming from. There are three common sources of water that seeps into basements:

- * Surface water running down foundation walls
- * Groundwater in water-saturated soils being pushed into the basement by hydrostatic pressure
- * Storm sewer water from the municipal storm sewer system backing up into the home's existing perimeter foundation drain and leaking into the basement (this can only occur if the perimeter foundation drain system is connected to the municipal sewer system)

Check your home for water leaks. Water damage can often be avoided with routine maintenance and assistance from qualified contractors.

Tips provided as a courtesy by State Farm® and Debra Thompson Harvey, The Landmark Group.

KID'S CORNER



Find the Famous Explorers

By Colleen Laing

Named for Columbus, several of Columbia City's streets also bear the names of famous explorers. Match the following street names to the explorer's names and then to the places they explored.

1. Ferdinand St.
2. Hudson St.
3. Americus St.

A. An English seafarer whose voyages in search of a northwest passage from Europe to Asia through the Arctic Ocean on behalf of the Dutch and English led to the discovery of the Hudson River (NY) and Hudson's Bay (Canada).

B. A Portuguese nobleman and sailor in the service of a Spanish monarch whose ships first circumnavigated the globe (he wasn't on them, having died part way through the trip).

C. An Italian in the service of Spanish and Portuguese monarchs who landed in Brazil and discovered that South America is a continent, not an island as had been previously believed.

ANSWERS: 1. B, 2. A, 3. C

THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

South Seattle Educator and Storyteller Elected Poet Populist Jourdan Imani Keith is Seattle's New Poet Laureate

By Amber Campbell

Beacon Hill poet, naturalist, educator and storyteller Jourdan Imani Keith was recently declared Seattle's newest Poet Populist.

On Saturday, September 2, 2006, during Bumbershoot, City Council President Nick Licata read a City Council proclamation in Jourdan's honor and presented her with a \$500 cash award on behalf of One Reel, the producers of Bumbershoot.

Sponsored by the City of Seattle, City Council President Nick Licata, and Bumbershoot, the Seattle Poet Populist is a yearly competition to elect Seattle's poet laureate. The winner receives a \$500 honorarium and is commissioned to write one original poem and represent the principles of populist poetic expression throughout Seattle.

In her role as Seattle's new poet laureate, Jourdan is on her way to reading poetry at public events and venues with the intent of integrating literary arts into everyday civic life and bringing poetry to those who might not otherwise be exposed to it.

"I am honored to live in a city where poetry is celebrated as an important part of civic engagement," she said. "As Poet Populist, I intend to use my work as poet, naturalist, educator and storyteller to engage people in the natural beauty of our city and in the social issues that impact our lives. I look forward to offering people reflective moments in their daily routines that might help guide their spirits to active, caring community members."

from the ground up - a local community for artists of all disciplines and publisher of the literary journal, *when it rains from the ground up* - nominated Keith for the position.

"We nominated Jourdan because she is an outstanding poet and extremely active in the literary community," said

from the ground up co-founder Brian McGuigan. "Representing diverse political, social, and cultural identities and landscapes through her writing, Jourdan epitomizes what the Poet Populist is, a poet for the people."

As a Jack Straw Fellow, recipient of a City of Seattle MOACA grant, and newly elected Seattle Poet Populist, Jourdan is committed to her own writing and presenting it to the community as well as helping other writers young and old do the same.

In addition to her work as a poet and storyteller, Jourdan works closely with local children and teens as part of the Writers in the Schools program and through her community-based organization, the Urban Wilderness Project, which provides storytelling, restoration, adventure and wilderness programming for youth and adults.

"Being elected Seattle's Poet Populist connects me to the traditional role that Griots - African storytellers - held in civic life," added Keith. "I see poetry as a tool to enlighten and engage community and, when necessary, to defend and heal our spirits."

Jourdan's Next Reading:

"A Night of Cheap Wine and Poetry"
Presented by from the ground up

Thurs., Nov. 9, 2006; 7 p.m.
Richard Hugo House
1634 11th Ave., Seattle

www.cheapwineandpoetry.com

Welcome to the debut of "The People in Your Neighborhood," a new column dedicated to introducing some of our community's most extraordinary members. Send your submissions to the editor at view@mountbaker.org.



Enough of Us

by Jourdan Imani Keith

Maybe we will be too tired for war.
Maybe enough of us will remember out loud,
Vietnam
and the other stories our fathers did not tell.

Maybe enough of us
will remember, make our own war memorials,
erect fathers absent from childhood
sculpt faces absent from the table of their lives.

Maybe enough of us
will remember stumbling through elementary
school hallways,
stepping over the land mine images
of Coca-Cola jingles that taught the world to sing
or our mothers huddled by telephones breaking
the silent cadence of body counts and bullets,
body counts and bullets with humbled whispers,
thank God the war is over.

Maybe enough of us
will remember the taste of shrapnel,
the lips of caulif lower men
who returned vegetable kisses,
whose dinner time voices turned from the
friendly fire of the evening news
to the fragging of their families,
who returned from My Lai men who could not
stop the war.

Maybe enough of us will remember
and fill the streets with peace instead of
blood for oil.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Tons of Fall Fun to be had in SE Seattle

Plenty to Keep the Little Ones Busy for Halloween and Dia de los Muertos

Harvest Festival Pumpkin Swim

Rainier Beach Pool

Fri., Oct. 27; 5:30 p.m.

Did you know that pumpkins float? Head down south to Rainier Beach Pool for a celebration of the bounties of fall with a pool full of pumpkins. Light refreshments and fun for all! \$2 per person.

For more information, call 386-1944.

11th Annual Pumpkin Push

Seward Park

Sat., Oct. 28; 8 a.m.

The Pumpkin Push is a one-of-a-kind run and family walk to benefit programs for the homeless at 45th St. Clinic. The Clinic's Family Team and Pathways Home programs assist homeless families as they transition into housing and the nationally recognized Homeless Youth Clinic provides healthcare and counseling to homeless teens and young adults.

Choose between the USATF certified 5K course or the 2.5-Mile Walk that loops scenic Seward Park.

Runners in the 5K course will be timed with Winning Time chips and the top three male and female finishers will be awarded prizes.

Join our emcee, John Curley, host of KING 5's Evening Magazine for a post-race celebration! Enjoy food and beverages from our generous sponsors, enter the Costume Contest where prizes will be awarded. Watch for a special presentation by School of Acrobatics & New Circus Arts, and participate in the 100-yard Kid's Dash.

Be sure to pick up a complementary pumpkin in the Pumpkin Push Pumpkin Patch before you go!

Whether you walk or run, in costume or not, you'll have a great time and know you're helping homeless teens and families to improve their lives!

Bradner Gardens Halloween

Costume & Cider Pressing Party

Bradner Garden Park

Sun., Oct. 29; 2-4 p.m.

Come in costume, bring some apples to press and bring a container to take some cider home.

Liz Cross will have another incredible Halloween cake to ogle and taste.

Families are welcome.

Bradner Gardens Park is located at 29th Ave. S. and S. Grand St.

Sponsored by the Mt. Baker Preschool and Friends of Bradner Gardens Park. Donations are welcome.

Trick or Treat on the Waterfront

Seattle Aquarium &

Waterfront Neighborhood

Sun., Oct. 29; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Seattle Aquarium and Seattle Waterfront Neighborhood Businesses offer this safe and fun way to Trick or Treat.

This Halloween event gives kids a chance to dress up before the sun goes down, and trick or treat door to door in the waterfront neighborhood.

The Gray Line Double Decker bus will provide free rides up and down the waterfront - in case those little legs get tired.

The Aquarium - transformed into a sunken pirate ship will be a magical place for a family-fun Halloween party with refreshments, entertainment, and special guest appearances by J.P. Patches and the Seafair Pirates! Trick or Treat activities inside the Aquarium are included with admission.

For more information, call 386-4300 or go to www.seattleaquarium.org.



Central Branch Preschool

Halloween Party

Sun., Oct. 29; 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

3605 S. Mt. Baker Blvd.

Central Branch is throwing a Halloween Party and you and your kids are invited! There will be costumes, face painting, a cool maze to wander through, games, crafts and treats. Water, fruit and veggies will abound and pizza for sale at \$1/slice. Join us for a fabulous, safe, kid-focused party. Suggested donation: \$5 per child, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to support the school scholarship fund.

For more information, call the school at 723-1187.

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

El Centro de la Raza

Wed., Nov. 1; 6 p.m.

El Centro de la Raza kicks off its annual Dia de los Muertos celebration with a free opening ceremony that includes mariachi, food and entertainment. All families are welcome.

Dia de Muertos is a remembrance of the dead that includes decorated altars (*ofrendas*), flowers and food.

The *ofrendas* are on display through Nov. 21 (call El Centro de la Raza for schedule) and each is built around a different theme.

For more information, call 329-9442 or go to www.elcentrodelaraza.com.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

City-slickers looking to get your farm on? Pack up the kids and head out of town to pick your own pumpkins, sample freshly pressed cidar and maybe even make your own scarecrow at one of King County's fun family farms. Don't forget: It's always a good idea to call first before making the long drive.

Fall City Farms

Pumpkin patch, petting zoo, real-life farm animals, wagon rides, corn/hay maze, amazing cinnamon donuts and more. 3636 Neal Rd., Fall City, (425) 222-4553; www.fallcityfarms.com
October hours: Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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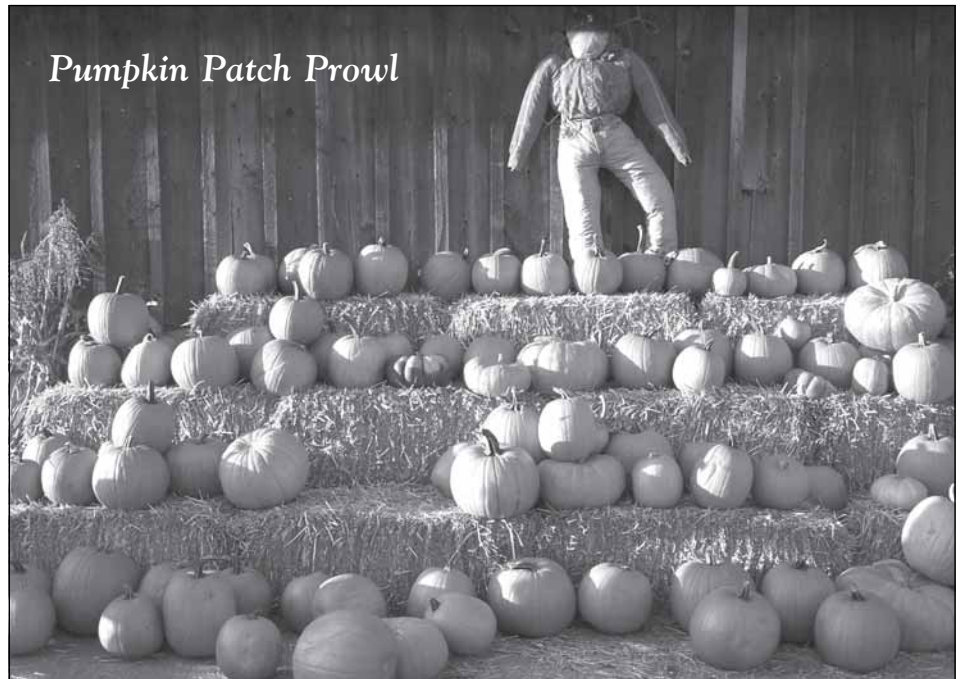
Harvest Festival with hay/corn maze, pumpkin patch and wagon rides, storytelling, toddler play area, children's music show, inflatable rides, pedal cars, steam train, petting zoo, pony rides and more. 32610 NE 32nd St., Carnation, (425) 333-4135 ex. 5. www.remlingerfarms.com
Festival & UPick: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Serres Farm

Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides (with advance notice). 20306 NE 50th St., Redmond, (425) 868-3017
Hours: weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & weekdays, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

South 47 Farm

Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides (weekends), farm animals. 15410 NE 124th St., Redmond, (425) 869-9777. www.south47farm.com
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Pumpkin Patch Prowl

Fun Fall Activity:

Halloween Hangers Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

By Sandra Dinwiddie

Supplies:

- old cd
- scissors
- construction paper
- Halloween cut-outs from old magazines
- glue/glue-stick
- Halloween stickers
- rubber stamps
- markers, crayons, paints, watercolors, etc.
- ribbon, thread or fiber
- drill for hole to thread ribbon (ask a grown-up for help)

1. Using cd as a guide, cut two construction paper circles to cover front and back. Using strong glue, paste background paper circles to each side of cd.

2. Mark on both sides where your hole is going to be drilled (for the hanging ribbon) so you'll always know when cd is up or down. Ask a grown-up to drill the hole.

3. Decorate your Halloween Hanger with markers, watercolors, crayons, colored pencils, stickers, stamps, etc.

Suggestions: Cut out one side of the hole in the middle of the cd and add a piece of candy corn, a dollop of glitter or even a little spider cut from construction paper with her web extending from the hole. Use stamps or stickers to spell the word "boo!"

4. Put the ribbon through the hole drilled in the cd and tie it to use as hanger.

Bonus Idea: Put your finished Halloween Hanger in the cd's jewel case, add address and postage (\$.89) and mail it to a friend right in the case!



CLASSIFIED ADS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Found: Power converter found near the corner of 23rd Ave. S. and S. Dose. Please call 764-2992 and give brief description to claim item.

Lost cat: Small female grey/black tabby lost from 3855 38th Ave. S. on 8/8/06. Answers to the name "Dor-Dor." If you've seen her, please call 723-0476 or e-mail karia113@yahoo.com. \$50 reward.

MERCHANDISE

Free Rhody Bush: Five ft. tall, five ft. diam rhody bush, light pink blossoms. Needs shade. We revised garden, transplanted it to sunny location; now the shady locations are all "used up". It gets sunburned all summer. Our misfortune; your gain. Recipient digs it out of 30" raised bed. Call Phil @ 722-8228.

For sale: Werlein Spinnet piano. Walnut finish, very good condition, includes bench. \$650 OBO. Call Pat @ 723.3171.

FOR SALE: Nikon N55 Camera - Excellent condition and works great! Comes without lens cap or neck strap. Purchased three years ago for \$400+, will sell for \$100. Call 725-8880.

RENTALS

For rent: 1925 Sweet Home. In the heart of Mt. Baker a charming Casita sits on a sunny, southern corner lot w/lovely outlooks & mature plantings. 3Bd/2Bth. Updated interiors w/original millwork. Hardwoods. Gas heat & fireplace. Refrig, DW, GD, W/D. Not your ordinary rental! Min 6 mo. lease. \$2295/mo. 1st & sec dep. Avail 11/1. Call Kari at 721-0981.

For rent: Two...Two...Two homes in one. Two level built 1994. Ideal for home business or ?; Two entrances that adjoin 3 bds, 2 baths, living & dining room, fireplace, wood floors, cool kitchen. 1 Bd/1 bath, kitchen, living rm. On a quiet street w/park & bike trails next door. \$2495/mo & deposit. Minimum 6 mo. Avail 10/15. Call Kari at 721-0981.

RENTALS

HOME SHARING MT. BAKER: Old historic home - charming, secure, stained glass, elegantly furnished, modern bath and kitchen, view of Lake Washington and Mt. Rainier. 1000 sq. ft private living space. Includes garage with opener. 3 blocks from lake. 5 min. from I-90, 12 min. from downtown, 8 min. to I-5. No smoking, no drugs, no pets. Wanted professional mid-30's or older. 329-6457. Luke.

House for Rent: Lovely 1940 brick 3 bd, 2 ba house is two blocks from Lake Washington and a short walk to restaurants and PCC. The house sits on a sunny and large corner lot and includes a dry sauna, finished basement, unbelievable storage and W/D. There is a large 2-car detached garage and a fenced back yard with an outdoor fireplace and patio. The garden is beautiful and includes an apple tree, raspberries, strawberries and much more. Available: 8/1. Rent: \$1850/month. Contact Lynne at 721-8749.

SERVICES

Mo's Dog Walkin': Let your dog run with the pack - a very friendly pack! One and a half hours daily at either Grandview or Marymoor (regional dog parks). Rinse off and light towel dry. Mt. Baker resident serving Mt. Baker's dogs. Maureen O'Neill 722-7781.

SAX LESSONS: Learn how to play sax from a Garfield Jazz Band A member. Beginners welcome. \$20/hour. I'll come to you. Call Sam @ 718-4186 to schedule.

Live Music makes a party a celebration! Mt. Baker musician Rob Carroll is booking for weddings, parties and other events. Available in various formats from acoustic guitar folk rock solo/duo/trio to 50s/60s/70s Beatles/Motown/soft rock quartet or harder rock band playing 60s-current hits. Reasonable rates include full sound system. Please call 619-2151 and mention the ad in *The View*.

SERVICES

Children's Choir: Children's singing group for children ages 5-11 meets Wed. evenings in Mt. Baker. Emphasis is on learning many songs from classical, folk, jazz and some popular songs. Good vocal technique is emphasized and children participate in choice of songs and activities. 723-8219 or Nbwalton@aol.com.

Architectural Design & Permit Services: AEC-Drafting is experienced in all phases of the architectural, engineering and building industry. We provide a full range of services including design development, building plans, construction documents, as-built drawings, mechanical, electrical and plumbing drawings and permit submissions. www.aec-drafting.com.

Hammered Dulcimer Lessons: Hammered Dulcimer Lessons for Beginners. Learn how to play the hammered dulcimer (rental dulcimers available). I have been playing the dulcimer for 5 years and can teach you all the basics: how to hold the hammers, chord progressions, tunes, rudiments. \$35/hour. Located near Seward Park. Contact steve at steve@doctorfinns.com.

PIANO LESSONS: Offered in Mt. Baker to all ages. Beginner to intermediate levels. Focus on performance, theory, personal expression. Professional musician Jen Ayers has 25+ years playing and 10+ yrs teaching experience. Call 799-8122 or email Bosschick@earthlink.net.

Marimba Band: Marimba Band from Mt. Baker is available for bookings for parties. We are high energy and great to dance to with a strong African rhythmic beat. You can come and check us out most Sun. evenings at the corner of 32nd S. and Lander. CD's available also. Call Mary @ 723-8720 for Anzanga Marimba Ensemble.

CLASSIFIED ADS

SERVICES

GET ORGANIZED! Overwhelmed? Consumed by clutter? I can help you gain control of your environment so you feel relaxed and at ease in your home or office. Services include: clutter control, home organization - kitchens, closets, garages/basements/attices, home offices, moving/relocation, filing systems, home beautification and more! Excellent References. Call or email: getorganized2@msn.com / 384-9843.

Fall is the perfect time to GET ORGANIZED!

Is your home office a disorganized mess? I can help! Are there piles of clutter around your house and they just seem to grow and grow? I can help you clear your clutter, organize your kitchen, clean out the hall closet, hire a landscaper, set up a personal organizing system, help you sort out for downsizing or moving and create order out of chaos! Fall Special! First hour consultation free for new customers! Call Amy at 719-7525 and let's get started!

Quality Interior Painting: Faux finishes, murals, decorative accents. Examples of work at www.puggelli.net/interiordecor.html. Contact Damian Puggelli at 355-0221 or www.puggelli.net/interiordecor.html.

Babysitter Available: My name is Jordan Burns and I am an experienced babysitter in the Mt. Baker area. I am a senior at Holy Names Academy and have Red Cross certification in babysitting, first aid and CPR. References available upon request. 722-6922.

GUITAR LESSONS: Pop, rock, folk, electric, acoustic, and bass guitar instruction in Mt. Baker. All ages - great with kids! Focus on rhythm, theory, and ability to play and sing. Ethnomusicologist Rob Carroll has 20+ years playing and 10+ teaching experience. 619-2151, or email robertocarroll@hotmail.com.

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SERVICES

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Pet Sitting - Pet Care Plus! Caring for your pet as much as you do! Professional, affordable, reliable, excellent references. Exercise visits or full care while you are away. Overnights available. John. 329-0429.

House cleaning. Good references, will clean weekly, every other week or one time only. Claire. (386) 336-0289.

HELP WANTED

Make a Difference in the life of a teen—BE A TUTOR: Treehouse/Community for Youth's tutoring programs seek volunteers to work one-on-one with Seattle public high school students who are facing academic challenges. Having a supportive tutor during high school can mean the difference between staying in school and dropping out or could inspire a student to go to college. We ask volunteer tutors to make a commitment of at least two hours per week for one school year. Tutors receive prior training and on-site support and supervision. Please contact us at 325-8480 or info@communityforyouth.org. More info: www.communityforyouth.org.

Make a Difference in the life of a teen—BE A MENTOR: Community for Youth's Steps Ahead and Steps Beyond programs seek volunteers to work one-on-one with Seattle public high school students who are facing challenges in their academic and/or personal lives. Having a supportive adult mentor during high school can mean the difference between staying in school and dropping out, between making good choices or not. We ask volunteer mentors to make a commitment of weekly contacts with a student for one school year. Mentors receive prior training and on-going support and guidance from program staff and a community of other mentors. Please contact us at 325-8480 or info@communityforyouth.org. More info: www.communityforyouth.org.

HELP WANTED

Homes Needed! Bring the World Home! Respected non-profit student exchange organization is looking for families in the Mt. Baker neighborhood to host exchange students for the upcoming school year. Students arrive speaking English, with full medical insurance and their own spending money. We still have great students from Brazil, Thailand, Turkey, China, Slovakia, and Japan. Contact Rachel at (253) 229-8479 or rachel@exploretheworld.org. www.exploretheworld.org

ANIMALS

Button Quail Chicks: These little birds make the perfect pet. Size of a tennis-ball. All quail are hand raised, tame, and excellent companions for small birds. They eat spilled seed keeping the cage cleaner! Quail come in many colors. Lay an egg a day for your morning breakfast! \$10 each. Call 914-4087.

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The Word on the Street...

What do we need more of in our community?

Asked one crisp fall afternoon at Mt. Baker Park.



Jim Hong

“More of a public shopping/eating district where you can get people out on the sidewalks and have more of a community feel.”



Anne Kysar

“We need more affordable housing.”



Jordan Hanna

“More older kids’ stuff like basketball courts or volleyball nets and soccer fields.”



Keith Ledford

“We need more bus routes and community coffee shops and a bookstore.”



Terry Richards

“Affordable housing.”



Alyssa Royce & Myles Huddart

“More of a sense of community. More places and reasons for people to gather and get to know neighbors.”