

The Shorewood News

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Greetings and salutations, here we are in the dog days of summer. Beautiful weather like this is just one of the many reasons why we live here. This month I'd like to say a few words on speeding (ugh). There was a well attended meeting held earlier this month with the Burien Police Department and the Deputy Mayor at a home just outside the Shorewood community on 130th. The crowd was mostly non-Shorewood residents and they had a lot of complaints about our driving. There was much discussion on past accidents and near misses. The person who held the meeting had his little girl hit by a speeding car. There have also been numerous accidents on the corner by our sign on 130th with a few roll-overs. The police officer explained he had run plates of speeding cars and found that 85-90% of them were Shorewood on the Sound residents. They are reviewing options at this time on what to do next. Some of the items discussed were: speed bumps, more radar traps, cameras, signs, and rumble strips. We need to ask ourselves: Do we want to deal with any of these inconveniences just because we are in too much of a hurry to slow down a little for the safety of our neighbors? Have you ever walked around a corner in our neighborhood and been almost run over by a car? How would you feel if you had hit a little girl with your car? Is your getting to the store three minutes faster really worth someone's life? The police officer said they will be making some changes to our local traffic, the question as to what or how much will be decided by us. Shorewood On The Sound is a large beautiful community with lots of people walking, jogging, bicycling, playing, and walking dogs, *please* slow down for the safety of us all. Enjoy your summer and I'll see you in the hood.

- your Prez: Gary Gibson

Local Community Activists Honored.

A belated notice: Five Burien community leaders were honored at the city's annual Awards Dinner last March. Among those leaders were a couple of our neighborhood residents: Community Leader **JoAn Cox** and Environmental Leader **Larry Moormeier** were recognized for their outstanding service to our community.

Additionally, **Jean Spohn** was also honored by SW Parks for all her efforts to organize and lead in the restoration of Shorewood Park.

Burien is right in honoring these folks for their efforts in making our area a better place to live. We're honored by having these three living amongst us.

Past Event Report

Shorewood Streets of Garage Sales!!

Our June 2008, "Streets of Garage" Sales, was a great success with more than 30 homes participating. This annual event is a great way to connect our neighborhood to our larger community while we have fun bargain-hunting and selling.

- Chairperson: Patty Knudsen

Upcoming Event Notice

Community Salmon Bake at the Beach Everyone Welcome!



Saturday, August 23, 12:00 - 3:00

Our annual Shorewood Salmon Bake is coming up and all Shorewood on the Sound residents are invited to attend. As is usual, the only fare you can count on is lots and lots of fresh salmon, artfully prepared by chef Cail and his sous chefs. Attendees are usually treated to wild salmon prepared a couple different ways, hot dogs for the more finicky eaters, then potato salad, baked beans, garlic bread, veggies and a couple choices of deserts. BYOB if you would like something besides instant lemonade to drink.

As is customary this event is FREE to Shorewood Community Club members and their families, and only \$150 per family for nonmembers. If you are not yet a member but feel you would benefit by becoming one, Prez. Gary will be happy to accept your dues payment anytime before you begin filling your plate.

Joe Cail has chaired this event for the last thousand years or so. If you would like to contribute your time and skills, or have any menu suggestions, feel free to contact **Joe at 242-6315**.

Another upcoming Event Notice

SummerFest.....

.....revisited. Yup, it's back! Our once popular and long neglected Shorewood celebration of summer.

We officially started this event back in July of 1993 with an impromptu street party at the south end of Marine View Dr. It was a tacky little event back then, designed mostly to entertain parents by prompting little kids to do silly things. Joe Cail manned the hot dog BBQ. I helped with buns and guarded the beer cooler. Ruth Williams supervised a Bicycle Rodeo to educate kids on how to ride safely, so they wouldn't dent our cars. We busted open a hay bale and lost a few kids in there as they searched around for candy and ticks. Margaret Barrett supervised fish painting, along with several other kids games. We made good memories and had surprisingly few injuries. It was a hoot!

The event for 2008 is still in the early planning stages, but should still resemble SummerFests of old. July is gone and August booked, so organizers have decided to hold it on **September 13** this year. Instead of on the street, tents will be erected on the Grounds of **St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 21st and 116th**. Plans are to have live entertainment with at least two bands. Various outreach and other auxiliary clubs and groups will also be represented there. The event name may change too: Late-SummerFest and CommunityFest are alternate names being considered. Should be fun for all. Call **Barrett Knudsen at 242-3554** for more details.

Events Calendar: July—September

Sustainable Burien first meeting: Sunday, July 27, 3—5, Library

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 5th, evening.

NoSp Meeting: August 6, 7PM, Burien Library

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: August 16, 10am til noon

Salmon Bake: August 23rd Noon—3, SOTS Beach

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: September 20, 10am til noon

SummerFest: Saturday, September 13, 10—2, St. Paul's

SOTS Community Beach Assessment

We lost a couple of big trees on the Community Beach this year. Somehow they fell over, cut themselves up and escaped with the tide. I can't explain how.

Due to safety concerns from trees making a break for it, Dave Dugan of Tree Solutions Inc has come by the beach property to assess stability. Based on his assessment we are happy to report the potential risk levels of the inspected trees were all in the low to the low end of moderate risk range. So none of the remaining trees pose an imminent risk to life or property. These trees can all be retained and will be monitored for movement.

He did say however, that we should limit activities under some of these trees during strong wind/snow/ice events when failures would most likely occur.

Traffic Cameras on 1st Ave S

Automated Traffic Cameras are being installed on 1st Ave S at SW 148, 152nd, 160th streets. The registered owner of any vehicle photographed running a light there will be sent a citation with a fine of \$101. Violators will be given warnings for the first month after the cameras are installed. Only satin finishes are available for your portrait. No, Gary, Christy may not borrow my car.

Westmark-Emerald Pointe Condo Update:

The project's Final Environmental Impact Statement was made public on June 10, 2008. A number of environmental concerns identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were still not addressed, so Neighbors of Seahurst Park (NoSP) attempted to File an appeal. Burien could not explain the appeal process though, because there are so many discrepancies between the State's, Burien's, and King County's codes. So NoSP ended up filing to be on record. A hearing is to be scheduled on how to proceed with an appeal.

The NoSP is group of local, concerned citizens interested in protecting and enhancing Seahurst Park. As the developer of the Emerald Point Condominium project proceeds through the planning, permitting, and site construction stages, they are committed to ensure that the

environmental impacts to Seahurst Park be minimized.

Anyone interested in contributing to this cause can contact NoSP at: Neighbors of Seahurst Park

P.O. Box 66512
Burien, WA 98166

or at www.seahurstfriends.org

NoSp Meeting
August 6, 7 PM
Burien Library

Sustainable Burien – *Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the resources of the future.* This newly formed group will have its first meeting on Sunday July 27, 3 - 5 at the Burien Library. Join them as they explore how we can all help promote sustainability for Burien. Bring your ideas, interests, friends and family. More information at www.sustainableburien.org

Let's Free Shorewood of Crime

King County Police say the most effective method for neighborhoods to reduce crime is by fostering Block Watch programs. We have a few active Block Watch groups in Shorewood. Eventually, we would like Block Watch groups throughout. Until then:

~ Pick up your mail and newspaper everyday.

~ Keep your porch light on all night.

~ A watchful neighbor is your best burglar alarm, but if you have an alarm system post decals or signs the security company provides. Warning signs help to discourage criminal activity.

~ Make it a point to know your neighbors and belong to a Block Watch program.

~ Check on elderly neighbors. A quick call or offer to pick up something at the store.

C.E.R.T. / Citizens Academy courses are available

C.E.R.T. stands for Community Emergency Response Team and the training helps to promote a partnering effort between emergency services and the people they serve. Go to Burien's police department webpage to see what classes are available to help you prepare yourself in the event of an emergency:

<http://www.ci.burien.wa.us/>

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