

The *Shorewood News*

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Annual Meeting Report

Shorewood on the Sound held its annual meeting of the membership on Wednesday, November 17 at the Shorewood Elementary School. Barrett Knudson will be our club president in 2011, Tim Wilhelmi the VP, Sarah Whitmyre will likely be our new treasurer, Kevin DeLashmutt the new secretary. Gary Gibson rejoined the board and is taking over Judi's Burke's vacated position. Joe Cail will be taking Cal Spate's vacated position. Ray Hetrick is here for another 3 year term.

SHOREWOOD HOME DECORATING CONTEST

This year we will be observing our 15th holiday home-lighting contest here in Shorewood! For fifteen years running we have been semi-consistent in bringing to your attention the best and least tasteful displays of illuminating holiday cheer found within our boundaries.

[drumroll] This year's categories are: Grand Prize, Runner Up, Most Original, and Highest Wattage.

You're right, same as last year. But there is one important change to this year's judging criteria: **Efficiency**. In the past our coveted Highest Wattage award has decided by whether or not the judges need to squint when observing your display. This year we will be going green by also taking into consideration your display's efficiency. So setting a beacon for life on other planets is still okay, but sucking enough power to brown down your neighborhood while doing it will lose you points in the final tally. I'll give you a hint on how to win: Can you spell L.E.D? Also, if you really want to win this class calculate and send us your total wattage.

If you want to be eligible for winning one or more of these categories you need not apply, but you must have your decorations lit by the night of Dec 19 when the judges will be prowling about the neighborhood. Winners will find a sign temporarily placed in front of their home designating their superiority over the rest of us and free dues for next year. They may also receive a glorious prize of some kind commemorating the event for future generations. We're just not organized enough to know yet, so if they do get something else it will be a surprise to us all. If you have any other questions call Kevin at 932-3200.

And, of course, we will make you famous in the January issue of the *Shorewood News*.

Message from our Ecology Chairperson

Our first year of leading community stewardship for Salmon Creek Ravine has resulted in significant progress toward our 3 year plan. Volunteers removed English Ivy from the base of at least 80 trees out of the more than 500 trees in the Ravine that are being choked by English Ivy growing thick and heavy up their trunks and into their canopies. Volunteers planted some native plants in areas formerly covered by other invasive species such as Blackberry and Morning Glory.

Improvements are underway to the pathway along the wastewater treatment plant fence as well as removal of an 8 foot swath of Himalayan Blackberry between the path and the creek. Thanks to a \$9000 grant from King Conservation District, Burien Parks could afford to hire Earth Corps to do the heavy lifting. The completed path will be graveled and safe for all walkers.

After the pathway and invasive plant removal are complete, volunteer work parties will replant the area with native plants good for riparian habitat. In addition to our work party already scheduled for Nov. 13th, others will be scheduled as needed. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email me at jeanspohn@comcast.net.

Jean Spohn – Director, SOTS CC

Beach Property Tree Trimming 10/8/10 & 10/15/10

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Board of Directors determined that there were unsafe trees on the beach property.

A concern addressed was the impact of the heavy trees, dead trees, dead limbs falling, and rotting trees with the sandy hillside during winter rains and snow with possible ice weight. The most pressing issue was the possible bank erosion issue if any trees fell over.

It was decided to remove or trim the danger trees. Some of the trees were rotted at the core. The other problem is that they would respond to any wind by shifting in the sandy bank. There were heavy leaning trees that were supported either by a sandy hillside or dying trees on the beach flat. Trees that could be saved were. Any limbs or wood that could be saved were left for bank stabilization like they do in the National Parks.

While the Board members were observing the danger trees one of the leaning Madronas actually fell over the beach trail. Fortunately, there was no damage to the trail or hand rail but it created an erosion problem.

SOTS contracted with Southfork Tree Service to provide advice and assistance with this project. They worked on the beach property on two consecutive Fridays (10/8/10 & 10/15/10). Their impact to the residents living on 30th S.W. was minimal and they were extremely professional in conducting their business.

A couple of SOTS Board Members were also observed helping the tree service by schlepping and stacking wood on the beach property. They also did total beach maintenance while they were down there. A big thank you goes to Kevin DeLashmutt and Ray Hetrick for their efforts in helping out on this project.

The SOTS Ecology and Beach Committee Chairs are researching which vegetation would be best to replace the removed trees and to help strengthen the root structure holding and supporting the sandy hillside over the beach property.

Madrona is an excellent wood to burn with high heat and low ash. Residents are encouraged to get this wood to burn in their fireplaces. It is stacked on the beach property. You may take a little or a lot.

Joe Cail – Director, SOTS CC

Update on Salmon Creek Construction

Your Shorewood on the Sound Community Club has actively supported and helped to lead the community's efforts to restore Salmon Creek to its native role as a salmon-bearing and spawning stream. Longtime residents will remember the alarm that arose in 1994-95 over the massive seawall proposed (and built) immediately to the north of Salmon Creek's outlet to Puget Sound, by the owner of the several lots lying just

south of Shorewood Drive SW and embracing the lower 800 feet of the creek bed (construction magnate Mario Segale). A large number of residents participated in the permitting dispute at that time, concerned that ill-considered “development” activities already had rendered that lower reach inhospitable to fish: Large rocks illegally blocked entry at the mouth of the Creek and further upstream, and the streambed had been straightened, its sides armored with rock, and nearly all riparian vegetation removed. The 1995 dispute ended when a hearing officer ruled there was no clear “nexus” between the blockages and the seawall project sufficient to justify making removal of the blockages a condition to approval of the seawall. Negotiations toward an agreement with Mr. Segale to permit elimination of the fisheries problems on his property, even if at public expense, were never completed. Instead this community riparian resource was curbed, fenced off from public access, and hidden behind densely-planted arborvitae to screen it from public view. In addition, early in 2010 Mr. Segale secured City approval to extend his massive seawall 182 feet to the south from the mouth of Salmon Creek – 21 feet high.

If there is any chance of saving Salmon Creek, now is

the time. The owner has requested a building permit on two new lots adjacent to his existing properties which will further impact Salmon Creek. He has already hardened the north side of the creek illegally by cementing in that side of the creek.

Now is the time to send comments into the City of Burien stating that you want a mitigation plan that seeks to have restoration of Salmon Creek along the damaged area as well as no further damage to the part running through the new projects. And how about considering even opening up the creek. Just a small gavel patch is not a fair exchange for the damage that is going to be done by this new project.

Anyone having any photographs taken prior to 1990 showing Salmon Creek south of Shorewood Drive, is urged to send a note to the editor of this newsletter so that arrangements might be made to see, and perhaps to copy them. They could be very helpful in the effort toward the Creek’s restoration.

Comments needed to be into David Johanson at the City of Burien by Nov. 23, 2010. regarding application no. BLD-10-1370. Please take a little time to send him a short message anyway to let him know what you think, and help to save our creek.

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