

The Shorewood News

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Monthly Board Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Everyone is welcome! Contact Angelica Spates at 206-769-0889 for location.



President's Letter

Spring is here in full bloom. We've had so many summer-like days already that people are out working on their yards and enjoying the sunshine to the max. With the Easter Egg Hunt a month behind us and the Streets of Garage Sales right around the corner on June 4th, we are well into our Shorewood on the Sound Summer delights. Unfortunately Summerfest will not happen this year. We are hoping next year to recreate it. Get your thinking caps on and bring us your ideas and wish list of what you'd like to see for this event. The Salmon Bake in August will happen on schedule.

I have been busy opening the mail and receiving your Dues and Surveys. Thanks to everyone who has already sent theirs in. **Your dues make our events and the maintenance of our community beach possible.** If you haven't sent them along with a survey to let us know what you would like to see and what you support, please do so as soon as possible. We are working on a NEW DIRECTORY this year and the information from current Surveys makes it the most current product we can get you.

It's been fun and informative reading your comments. "Love our neighborhood! Thanks for all you do!" - "We love it here! Everyone we have met in the neighborhood so far has been so friendly, welcoming and down to earth. We are committed to helping keep the place safe, clean and relaxing. Thank you Shorewood on the Sound for making us feel home." - "A big thank you to past and present Board Members for all your efforts for our great community." On the other side of the coin are some comments also worth noting. "Speeding on Shorewood Dr SW / tail gaiting especially down the hill from 130th is worse than ever." - "Can we work on tree maintenance? Notify neighbors how their trees are impacting our views."

I thought it important to mention both the positive and negative comments. From my experience in SOTS, these are pretty indicative of the ongoing issues. Please remember it takes all of us to make this the fantastic and livable neighborhood it is. Without conversation and sharing your thoughts and ideas we don't know what is going on with our neighbors. It's usually easier to resolve issues before they become a crisis. Get to know your neighbors and talk with them. Be an active member of the Community Club and contribute to a collaborative community spirit.

I look forward to a productive and fun summer and hope to see you at one of our fabulous events. Never hesitate to reach out to me with information, questions or concerns. I can be reached at 206-769-0889 or angelicawre@comcast.net.

-Angelica Spates, SOTS CC President

Shorewood's Streets of Garage Sales

June 4, 2016, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(all around the neighborhood)

Are your closets bursting at the seams? New to the neighborhood and looking to make some friends? Ready to turn your trash into treasure?

Get involved in your community this summer by participating in one of our longest running events in Shorewood! The Streets of Sales is on Saturday June 4th from 9am to 4 pm. To join in on the fun all you need to do is let Heather (Ingersoll) Rushin know you are having a sale. You can contact Heather at 206-369-9080 or via e-mail at hing12133@gmail.com. This will get you listed on our printed and digital maps.

If you plan to participate, please take a moment and let Heather know. Knowing the number of sales in advance helps our advertising efforts! The more sales, the more customer we can attract!

To prepare for the sale, gather your used books, clothes, dishware, toys, tools and anything else! The sky is the limit! Have your items ready to go and set up shop in your garage or driveway on Saturday June 4th. The neighborhood takes care of all the advertising- the event is well attended! Keep up to date with garage sale tips and ideas on the SOTS Facebook page!

Make sure to sign up so you get a star on the map and free balloon (delivered). Call Heather 206-369-9080

Salmon Bake August 20, 2016

Hello Neighbors!! - It's that time again as we shake off Winter and make plans for the coming Summer. A perennial event generations of SOTS members, friends and families look forward to is the Annual SOTS Salmon Bake on our lovely beach. Mark your calendar and schedules now!! We continue to evolve the event with good food, good beverages, and good friends in this Celebration of Community. If you haven't come before or it has been a few years, please come...it's not "your Father's Salmon Bake". There will be plenty of beach to enjoy and explore. Tides are perfect with the low of -0.2 ft at 1:00 pm and high tide of 12 ft at 7:00 pm.

Salmon, Sides & Suds

We will be serving from noon to 3:30 pm fresh caught salmon prepared several delicious ways by previous "Chefs" and some new "Chefs", complimented by great side dishes, watermelon and ice cream. If you have family members or neighbors who can't navigate the stairs to the beach, we'll have foil to send a plate back with you. Just talk to the Chefs when you go through the line, we'll be sure to set some aside for you.

This year we will have on tap a session style craft beer specifically designed and brewed in Shorewood's 4BarkingDogs Brewery (my house!!). Bring a glass to use as good beer should never be served in a plastic cup! In addition we will have homebrewed Root Beer on tap - plastic cups allowed!! If you'd like to help brew the beer or just watch, I'll be brewing Saturday morning, 4 June, please contact me, Jon Newton at jnewton@valin.com Subject: Salmon Beer.

BBQ Rib Throwdown

Someone threw down the gauntlet and challenged all the Pitmasters out there to a BBQ Rib Contest. So bring your best BBQ Ribs in a judging portion for three judges and any extra you'd like to share for "unofficial samplers". Three judges will be chosen from members present (no fighting please). Blind judging begins at 1:00 pm during the Salmon Bake. Contact me for details or questions (jnewton@valin.com Subject: BBQ Rib Contest)

Helping Hands Big Hearts

Volunteerism is what makes the event what it is! A successful event relies on help during all stages and from volunteers of all abilities. Heavy work - Hauling down to beach and back up to road, Moderate work - Setting-up on beach (no stairs), Light work - Table and general prep and serving help, no heavy lifting. If you'd like to volunteer, and haven't already, please send me an e-mail with your preferences (jnewton@valin.com subject: SOTS Salmon Bake)

Proposed Timeline

0900 Hauling down from trailer on road
1100 Set up mostly done; first salmon on grill
1200 Expect attendees
1530 Wrapping up serving, begin tear down (variable)
1630 Haul-up completed
1700 Load completed and everyone gone

Hope to see you all there!! Yours in Community.....

-Jon Newton, Salmon Bake Chair

Updating the By-Laws

The current SOTS Club By-Laws were adopted in 1999. The By-Laws are well written, however there are several places that can use some additional clarity and create an even better document. Our By-Laws should reflect the best cooperative governance practices and empower our community and its functions to thrive. The process will take some time and must follow the procedure in the current By-Laws under Article XI: Amendments. We would like to create a Task Force to work with the community and the Community Club to get to a "Proposed Updated Document" to vote on. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. You can contact me at 206-769-0889 or angelicawre@comcast.net. You can see the current bylaws at the SOTS website, under "Resources."

Park and Beach Work Parties

April 9th saw a healthy turnout (16) at our park maintenance parties. Families participated and kids were heard saying "I didn't know pulling ivy could be so much fun." Much ivy and blackberry were pulled, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Jean Spohn for organizing the events and providing tools, water and snacks. Stay tuned for future opportunities!

Easter Egg Hunt

We had another fun, fabulous, sun-filled Easter Egg Hunt this year. Over 70 kids joyfully participated. We'd like to thank all of you who help put this event on each year - stuffing eggs, making signs, and showing up the morning of to help bring it all together. **This year we were impressed to see so many school-aged helpers; great, hardworking kids that showed up with a smile.** We couldn't do it without you! Thanks also to everyone who shows up and participates. Our community beach looks best filled with friends and neighbors enjoying a sunny day. We are looking forward to seeing you on the beach next year!

-Lori Buchsbaum and Betsy Wheelock

Learning to Brew on your Bucket List? Why Wait?

Join the [Name to be determined] Brewers Club. Never brewed before? Not a problem. Don't have any equipment? Not a problem. I am polling the community at large as well as SOTS members for interest in starting a very informal Homebrewing Club to promote learning and enjoyment of an ancient beverage - beer, and eventually mead. This is not a SOTS sponsored club.

The intent of this survey is to establish interest, then get those interested together and determine what we'd like to do as a group. The core of the group has over 40 years combined brewing experience and loads of equipment to learn on. We also have two excellent brewing supply stores within 15 minutes of our community.

New brewers will learn the extract method, easily done on your stovetop with minimal equipment. Experienced brewers can share tips and techniques on the all-grain method and their brewing process. There is no cost to join the club. In 1988, May 7 was announced before Congress as National Homebrew Day. The American Homebrewers Association (AHA) created AHA Big Brew as an annual event to celebrate National Homebrew Day around the world. Our AHA Big Brew was held Saturday 7 May from noon to 4pm with 10 registered new brewers. We had a brewer who could not make it on Saturday and brewed her "Dog on Fire IPA" in advance -- ask me about THAT story!!

How long is a brew day? An extract brew day is typically around 3 hours. This includes cleaning, sanitizing, brewing, and clean-up. In a week we transfer from the primary to the secondary, about a 30 minutes process. In about 2 weeks we bottle, about a 2 hour process. Your bottle conditioned beer is ready in another two weeks or longer, depending on the style. There is nothing like sharing and enjoying the fruits of your labors on a hot day with friends and family!!

Any Homebrewers are welcome to provide a tap for Oktoberfest, a late summer event. Talk to me and we can coordinate a guest tap for your beer.

If interested, please contact Jon Newton at 206-852-1888 (home) or via e-mail @ jnewton@valin.com, subject: SOTS Homebrewing.