

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

Shorewood on the Sound is moving into spring. It's been an eventful winter so far with snow that stayed around a while, very frosty and cold days and record rainfall. As I'm writing this article the sun is flooding my office and it feels fantastic. I took a quick trip down to the beach today to check on things and everything looks relatively stable. As those of you that go down there frequently know, we do have some hill erosion underneath the storm water pipe. **PLEASE BEWARE WHEN WALKING ANYWHERE NEAR THAT SLOPE.** We want you to be safe when you enjoy our Shorewood beach. It's best to stay a safe distance from the hill and not do anything that could jeopardize you, your children or your pets.

We had a fantastic 2016 with our usual great events but also the huge project of updating our bylaws. I want to again thank our Bylaws Task Force, Karen Goroski, Sandi Watson, Joe Cail, Marve Jahnke, Jon Newton and Bob Edgar for their dedication and insights to get this done. The updated bylaws were officially sanctioned at our 2016 Annual Meeting.

The SOTS Board for 2017 consists of Officers Angelica Spates - President, Rand Fullington - Vice President, Dana Wheelock - Secretary. The Board Members are Rick Goroski, Lori Buchsbaum, Eli Tuttle, Bob Edgar, Kyle Lonzak, Jean Spohn, Gary Harris (Treasurer) Jennifer Cooper and Jim Larson. We really appreciate our newest two members Jennifer and Jim for joining the Board and bringing some new perspectives and energy to our team. Barrett Knudsen continues as Immediate Past President. I want to thank each of you and give high praise for this amazing team of community members who work so hard run the Club and its yearly events.

We will again bring you the Annual Events that are the mainstay for your enjoyment, the first of which will be the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Then we have the Streets of Garage Sales in June and the Salmon Bake in August. Firm dates will be announced as soon as possible.

As your President for a second year I've become more familiar and comfortable with the workings and running the Club. I've truly enjoyed and feel

honored to have such an amazing and committed team of Board Members. We will have 3 open Board positions along with 3 open Officers positions for 2018. If you have any interest in being of service to this great community, contact me or Lori Buchsbaum the Chairperson of our Nominating Committee, to get more details.

In order to stay connected and learn what is happening, our Shorewood on the Sound webpage is available at www.shorewoodonthesound.org. We will be posting events, notice of meetings and whatever we feel is beneficial to you keeping updated. There is also a Shorewood on the Sound Facebook Group; please join if you are on Facebook. Additionally, Shorewood on the Sound has an established group on Nextdoor.com. Go to nextdoor.com and enter your address to get started.

Looking forward to a fun and fabulous 2017.

Angelica Spates, President, SOTS Community Club

Shorewood Beach Work Party

Please join your neighbors on April 1st, 2017 at Shorewood Beach. We will meet at 10:00 AM at the beach. Our tasks, in addition to cleaning up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt, will be to remove invasive plants, English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry. Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@centurylink.net if you have questions or would like to help.

Shorewood Park Work Party

Please join your neighbors on April 15th, 2017 at our own Shorewood Park. The park entrance is on 28th Ave. SW just down the street from Shorewood Elementary School. We will meet at 10:00 AM. In addition to removing English Ivy and other invasive plants we will identify and protect native plants.

Gloves and tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorites. Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@centurylink.net if you have questions or would like to help.

Need a Communications Volunteer (or two)

Interested in editing the newsletter? How about maintaining our website?

The SOTS Community Club could use your skills to help keep us connected! Both our website administrator and newsletter editor have greatly enjoyed their time spreading the word in our neighborhood. However, circumstances change, so we are reaching out to see who else in our wonderful community may be willing to take on these tasks. They are fairly easy and only take a couple hours a month. Please contact angelicawre@comcast.net if you are interested.

The following is a letter submitted by a community member:

Quiet Skies Coalition

The Quiet Skies Coalition, a local organization that advocates for restoring the quiet skies over the greater Burien area, recently succeeded in urging the City of Burien to file a petition against the Federal Aviation Administration. The petition, filed on February 14, 2017, challenges the FAA's increased routing of flights west over Burien.

The Coalition started to take action after the FAA neglected to complete an environmental review of the new procedure, in violation of both the National Environmental Policy Act and official FAA compliance philosophy.

Supporters of the Quiet Skies Coalition are concerned about the health and environmental impacts of increased air traffic over our homes in Burien. A growing body of research demonstrates the harmful effects of jet fuel emissions and aircraft noise on populations living in flight paths. Additionally, the increased air traffic poses a threat to property values in Burien.

The Quiet Skies Coalition is seeking donations to help fund its efforts to stop the FAA. To make a donation or learn more, visit our website at quietskiescoalition.net.

-Linda E. Schwaber, on behalf of Quiet Skies Coalition

Dues Invoice and Survey

Enclosed with this newsletter you will notice our annual Dues Invoice and Survey. Please take the time to fill it out and return it with your dues. Our Shorewood on the Sound Community Club is 100% volunteer run, and we are here to serve our members - you! We'd like to know what you think, including which events are important to you, which are not, and any new ideas you may have. Your dues are necessary to enjoy the benefits of membership. **They are due March 31.**

2016 Christmas Lights Contest

Dear Shorewood on the Sound –

Thank you to all who answered the call of putting up lights this year. It really was a beautiful sight every night coming home through a neighborhood full of lights and life. I look forward to heading up the competition again in 2017 and will talk more about this in newsletters to come. Thank you again and I hope that everyone has a tremendous year! The winners for the 2016 Christmas season are as follows:

12237 Marine View Dr SW = Grand Prize
12204 Shorewood Dr SW = Runner Up
12805 Shorewood Dr SW = Most Original
12827 Shorecrest Dr SW = Highest Wattage

-Kyle Lonzak, Director, SOTS Community Club

Easter Egg Hunt

Hey neighbors! It may be dreary and rainy right now but sunny skies will soon be upon us. Before you know it, you'll be marching the kiddos in your life down to the beach to collect candy-filled eggs under gloriously blue skies. Or dodging raindrops in construction-grade raingear. Who knows? What we DO know is that nothing stops Shorewood's smallest residents once they get a whiff of chocolate, so mark your calendars now. The Shorewood Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sunday, April 9th at 11:00 am**. We hope to see you there!

-Lori Buchsbaum and Betsy Wheelock

P.S. If you'd like to sample the goods ahead of time we'll be having an egg-stuffing party the week before the hunt. Contact Betsy at wheelchock@msn.com for more info. Or, show up at the beach around 9:30 am on the day of the hunt; set-up helpers are always welcome.

Shorewood's Streets of Garage Sales

June 3, 2017, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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 3rd from 9am to 4 pm. 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. Watch the Facebook page for updates!

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!