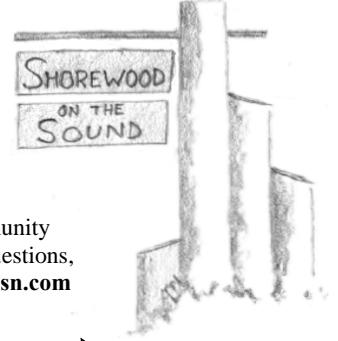


The Shorewood News

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Happy New Year! I hope 2008 gave you everything you hoped for and deserved. This has been another exciting year for Shorewood On The Sound. We have a new neighborhood school, we have continued to work on and maintain our beach, work continues on the Shorewood Park, we held our Shorewood CommunityFest, and we have had many many hours of volunteer work everywhere. People have moved out of the area and people have moved in. Change has come to Shorewood! This is the beginning of another year and with that comes yet another call to arms to join your fellow neighbors in helping to maintain our neighborhood. As we enter a new year I encourage and ask that you become involved in your community; attend board meetings, volunteer to help with the many different activities, show up at work parties. Shorewood On The Sound is only as good as you and your neighbors make it to be. Please contact us on our website www.shorewoodonthesound.org, by phone, or stop on by the house if you have any questions. Yes we can!

See you in the hood. - *Your Prez: Gary Gibson*

Letters to the Editor:

"Dear Neighbors; As the snow passes away it may be good to think about where we park our rigs overnight to avoid hills. While that is a good idea, a few of you chose to leave cars right in the driving lane at the crest of the 26th Ave SW hill. That effectively reduced the road to one lane, obstructed vision for people approaching the crest in either direction, and prevented the snow plows from clearing the area where you parked. Next time try to get the vehicle off the road before you abandon it." - *Author kept anonymous*

"Kevin, please urge people to be aware of unsightly garbage cans stored in view of the street. It degrades the neighborhood, Sr. citizens exempt.

Also, Burien city code bans use of city right-of-way to store any type of vehicle (including boats) for more than a few days. There are trailers, unused cars and trucks, and boats stored on city right-of-way in Shorewood, clearly illegally. Let's keep Shorewood beautiful as well as green." - *Author kept anonymous*



Disaster Classes Offered Free!

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes presented by the American Red Cross are being offered this winter at the Burien Community Center—425 SW 144th St. Mini disaster-survival kits will be given to participants who attend all three sessions. Call 988-3700 to register. Classes are all on Tuesdays. See schedule in Events Calendar, to the right.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS



There were some great choices, some unique displays and **everyone** was a winner in our book; but someone had to get prizes and here are the winning selections:

- GRAND PRIZE:** Eric & Jennifer Moe
12805 Shorewood Dr SW
- 1st Runner Up:** Mike & Rene'e Bang
12692 Shorewood Dr SW
- Highest Wattage:** Kevin & April Sutherland
12237 Marine View Dr SW
- Most Original:** Jim Ulrich & Carol Nichols
12033 Standring Court

Each winner was awarded the appropriate custom hand made lighted yard display sign (which we take back after the contest) and club membership dues prepaid for 2008.

And, as is customary, the crack national search winning hand picked blue ribbon panel of judges will remain anonymous.

Ever thought about being a Big? One hour a week makes a BIG difference in the life of a child.

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is a fun and easy way to make a **BIG** difference in your community! Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound has several program options that you can choose to fit your schedule and interests. We also provide Bigs and Littles with a variety of agency planned activities like snow tubing on Snoqualmie Pass, hiking adventures in the Cascades, and tickets to Mariners games. All you have to do is hang out, have fun, and be a friend to a local child. For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, text the word "BIG" to 839863 or check out our website at www.bbbsps.org.

Contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound: 877-700-BIGS, www.bbbsps.org, or text "BIG" to 839863

Events Calendar: January—March, 2009

Empty Bowls Dinner: Moshier Comm Art Center—450 S 156th
\$15 min donation, bowl included. Jan 30, 11:30-1:30 & 4-8 pm.

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes:

Burien Community Center—425 SW 144th St

February 3, 10, and 17th at 7pm

February 17, 24, and March 3 at 10am

America's Boating Course—Des Moines: Starting Feb 7

Sustainable Burien Meeting: Burien Library, Feb 8, 2pm.

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: February 21, 10am til noon

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Mailbox Pilfering Milestone Reached

According to Pamela at the Westwood Village Post Office we have the dubious honor of living in the state's busiest area for mail theft.

Stealing mail, even from those big beige or gray multiple locking box mail-trees, has reach epidemic proportions within our neighborhood. One reason for this is many of our boxes are clustered together under little shake roofs, like little mini multi-carports for mail. These are a charming way to add local character and unclutter the drives, but at the same time they act like mini strip malls for thieves set on stealing your mail. All they have to do is drive slowly and shovel your mail right into their cars. Very thoughtful of us making it so easy for them.

To thwart these stinkers we need to remove the temptation and raise the level of risk that they will either get nothing, get caught, or get hit by salt-shot. There a couple of easy things each of us can do: 1) Pick up your mail every day as soon after delivery as possible. 2) If you must send outgoing mail from your box don't even think of using the little red flag. A bright red "Free Unguarded Valuables In Here" sign would be just as effective. 3) If you don't yet have one get a locking mailbox or a lock for your box. Outside of confounding the mailman it will at least slow the thieves down, and may even encourage them to find easier targets elsewhere. Finally, 4) Report any lost mail, or any mail you have found on the street, to the local post office immediately.

....By the way, I hope you enjoyed the holiday card and very expensive gift I mailed to you this year. You did get them, didn't you?



BOATING news

Did you know that 10 of your neighbors are members of Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron? As a local chapter of the United States Power Squadron we provide Public Boating Classes, free Vessel Safety Checks and promote safe boating through education.

Members also enjoy additional benefits such as fun weekend rendezvous at various locations in Puget Sound, advanced boating classes and discounts on marine supplies. The member classes range from marine electronics, engine maintenance, and cruise planning to celestial navigation.

The Vessel Safety Check program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal, state and local recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It also heightens the boater's awareness of safety issues through one-on-one contact with volunteer Vessel Examiners. A decal is awarded after passing the VSC for display on your boat.

If you spend much time on the waters of Puget Sound you know that there is an increased presence of Coast Guard boats. The VSC program was initiated by the Coast Guard in order to reduce boating accidents and prevent loss of life. Since 9/11 the Coast Guard has increased the number of boats they board for safety inspections. Having a valid current VSC is one way that you can ensure that you meet safety regulations and prevent fines. You can impress them even more by attending one of our Public Boating Classes.

For a VSC of your boat on a trailer or on the water: Call Jackie Smith at 419-4721. For the schedule of Public Boating Classes provided by Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron go to www.pbps.org

- Vessel Examiner: Jackie Smith

Did you know.....?

2008 was the first year a Boater's Education Card was required for people operating vessels of 15 hp or larger. For boaters 12-20 years old this is your valid boat-driver's license.

Monthly Sustainable Burien Meetings

Sustainable Burien is a grassroots group of people exploring, communicating and demonstrating ways of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the resources of the future. They meet on the second Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Burien Library. See <http://www.sustainableburien.org/> for more information.

Code Enforcement



"What vehicles can I park in front of my property?"

- 1) Vehicles must be fully operable, on the property, be in complete repair and parked on an approved surface. Grass is not an approved parking surface.
- 2) Inoperable or stored vehicles must be screened from public view or removed from the property.
- 3) Incidental vehicle repair is allowed only on private property. Not on the street or public right of way.

If you store vehicles on or near your property please be sure to comply with these rules. Tarping your boat or RV is not considered to be the same as screening it from view - sorry. Waiting for a neighbor to complain before you comply is *not* considered good behavior here in Shorewood. Play nice—be neighborly—be considerate.

Real Estate Sales Report

With interest rates near 50 year lows houses should be flying off the market. They're not. Closed sales of SOTS homes since November 15th are as follows:

Address	Asking	Sold
12046 Standring Ct SW	\$390,000	\$430,000
12871 Shorecrest Dr SW	\$574,950	\$519,000
12140 25th Ave SW	\$599,950	\$597,950
12069 30th Ave SW	\$999,000	\$945,750

Newsletter & Directory Advertising

If you would like to advertise in the *Shorewood News* or *2009 Shorewood Directory* you now have a chance to reserve space for the upcoming year.

In each newsletter issue we have limited space for ads so we prioritize based on what it is you want to advertise. Priorities for newsletter advertising are as follows: Kids items/services come first. Second are the items wanted/for sale ads, Third are unique businesses/services, followed by all other advertisers.

We always have space for the first two priorities, but we still have many more people wanting to advertise then we have space for ads. This is why we publish a supplement twice per year where we list all the advertisers. An example of the supplement accompanies this mailing. Newsletter Ads are still \$10/issue or \$40/year for residents, \$25/issue or \$100/year for nonresidents.

Directory ad space is available (usually) every two years, or whenever we reprint the directory. These ads are roughly business card sized, similar to those shown in the back of your current *Shorewood Directory*. Directories are only printed every two years (usually) so you get a lot of bang for the buck when you place an ad there. We encourage everyone and take all comers in this advertising section of the directory—residents and nonresidents alike at the same price of \$50 per ad. BUT, if you are not a SOTS resident you must be recommended by a resident before we can take your money and publish your ad.

If you are a current advertiser you will soon be receiving an invoice to renew your space in the newsletter AND to reserve space for a directory ad. Everyone else needs to call Kevin D at 932-3200, or send him an email message at Kevinde@msn.com.

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Ads are \$10/issue or \$40/year for CC members, \$25/issue or \$100/year for non-members, under 16 free. Deadline for next newsletter is March 15.

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