

The Shorewood News

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President's Letter

On Saturday, August 27th we estimate over a hundred people attended the annual Shorewood on the Sound Salmon Bake. Joe Cail, who normally runs the event, was in Alaska cooking for a fishing boat and filleted and sent us enough fresh fish for the event. Jon Newton, Cal Spates, Tim Riley and Mike DiCecco did the cooking. Patty Knudsen and Patricia Haugen bought and organized the rest of the food, and many others helped clean up the beach, bring stuff down to the beach, set up the food and eating areas and clean up the mess afterwards. Jon and I did most of the organizing. Ray Hetrick repaired the path railing and special thanks to Bob Edgar, Tim Wilhelmi, Kevin DeLashmutt and Beth Kleparek who helped in various ways.

Most of these people are on your Shorewood on the Sound Board of Directors. Your Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of most months at the home of a Director on an alternating basis. This month, we met on Thursday, September 15th at 7 PM at my home at 12155 Marine View Drive SW. We reviewed the Salmon Bake. We discussed upcoming events and any issues that have arisen since we last met. We fold the newsletters printed by your Newsletter Editor, Chestine Edgar. We have a good time, eat some goodies, and go home.

Doesn't sound like a backbreaking job does it? Why don't you join us for our next meeting? We need you. Your community needs you. Just come and see what a Board Meeting is like. Meet your neighbors. No one will twist your arm. Our next meeting is October 20, 7pm at the home of Director Gary Gibson – 12109 24th Pl SW. We hope to see you there.

Barrett W. Knudsen, President

August 27, 2011 Salmon Bake Salmon

We have proof that there was "Wild King Salmon" caught in Alaska and shipped to the Shorewood Community Club for our annual Salmon Bake.

You are a fisherman if you eat fish for dinner. Otherwise you eat hamburger.

The "Wild King Salmon" was caught in waters just North of Ketchikan, Alaska by the fishing vessel "Josie J" skippered by Captain Ron Henry. Joe Cail, a Shorewood resident, was the cook on the boat and filleted the 120 pounds of fish which was sent to the club with bloodlines visible.

Folks, it does not get any fresher or "Wilder"! Wild salmon has more of the Omega Oils and natural nutrients found in Salmon. It also has positive nutrients and none of the complex problems found in the farm variety.

Just think, you were able to "Salmon Out" and eat healthy at the same time.

Many thanks to Margaret Barrett, Kevin DeLashmutt and Barrett Knudsen who coordinated the airport pick up of this product. The freezer space was located at B & E Meat Company in Burien.

Vegetation Inventory and Management Recommendations for Salmon Creek Ravine

Last summer, with support from City of Burien Parks staff and local residents, Jennifer Buening and her team established transects at 28 different sites in 88 acre Salmon Creek Ravine. At each site she recorded the topography, soil, trees, shrubs and ground cover plants. She also documented the quantity and size of large woody debris. This sampling methodology follows standard protocol for inventory of vegetated sites and gives an indication of its health. This work took extensive physical exertion and time. Jennifer published her findings in June 2011 to the University of Washington in fulfillment of her Masters in Environmental Horticulture and gifted Burien and Shorewood on the Sound with a copy of her research document.

On the first page of her document, Jennifer states that the purpose of her study was to provide to the City of Burien, the Shorewood on the Sound Community and other stewards guidance in prioritizing vegetation management tasks to restore the ecological functioning of the forest, wetland and riparian ecosystems. We have our work cut out for us!

Some of the recommendations we have already started, such as removing invasive plant species and replacing them with native plant species at two entrances to the park. An estimated 1000 trees are threatened by English Ivy and we have saved just 100 trees. Some of the areas so heavily impacted by ivy are really difficult to access.

Another recommendation is to plant lots of young native conifer trees as the inventory revealed that the number of young conifers is much lower than the norm. Also it is essential to leave all woody debris in the park as this nourishes the soil for current and future generations of native plants.

She noted that some of the social trails are causing significant erosion and recommended that these be replaced with trails that switchback up gradual inclines. The ravine is very susceptible to landslides due to its steep topography and loose and sandy soil. Burien Parks has already replaced the trail along the sewer district plant's fence as the old trail was sliding into Salmon Creek.

Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to help by becoming a friend of Salmon Creek Ravine, assisting at a work party or attending our next planning meeting.

Care of Storm Drains

Have you noticed that most of the streets in Shorewood have white paint spray markings around their storm drains?

These markings are to remind residents that these drains empty storm water and surface water runoff directly into Salmon Creek or Puget Sound. For that reason, toxic materials, motor oil and cleaning agents should not be dumped down them. In addition, cars should only be washed on the lawn or a pervious surface area with a **no** Phosphate soap. If you cannot follow that procedure, you are encouraged to use a car wash.

Plant and lawn fertilizers should be of the lowest number available. When you read the 3 numbers on the fertilizer bag or bottle, the middle number should be zero. The middle number stands for the amount of Phosphates. Phosphates in our streams and the Sound contribute to toxic algae blooms. These Phosphates enter the water ways as runoff from your lawn and gardens. For this reason, by the year 2013, Phosphates will be banned from all fertilizers.

Scott Weidenkopf, candidate for Eagle Scout, organized the project to mark all of the drains in our neighborhood and completed the job. Many thanks to Scott and the members of his scout troop for helping to improve our Shorewood neighborhood and environment!

Bob Edgar, Director

Upcoming Community Events

The City of Burien(COB) is updating its Storm water and Transportation Master Plans. The City is looking for citizens to tell them which streets need repairs or improvement and which areas have standing water problems during the wet season. If you have a drainage or flooding problem-contact Larry Blanchard at the City of Burien: 241-4647.

Salmon Creek Work Party Oct. 8, 2011-
contact Jean Spohn: jeanspohn@comcast.net.

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