

The Shorewood News

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President's Letter

Well, here we are again. This rather weird spring and summer (weather) has now turned around to fall, dreary, sometimes sunny, sometimes yucky, typical Seattle weather. My band played today at our church's Fall Festival and it was sunny. Now, later in the day, early in the evening, the sun is shining behind the clouds and little droplets are falling on my head. But the beauty of Shorewood on the Sound still shows through. Don't you just love this place?

So we had great weather for the SummerFest and the Salmon Bake. Lots of people showed up, the food was great, we sang, we danced, and we paid no attention to our waistlines. All of you who help us put on these festivities are to be thanked from the depths of our hearts. This is what makes our community so great. We really do seem to have a good time in the 'hood.

Jon Newton and Tim Riley had their Oktoberfest a few weeks ago. These guys are really into brewing their own multi-faceted beers. You saw some of these concoctions at the Salmon Bake, too, which Jon and Tim managed very skillfully. My wife and I are not beer drinkers, but everyone else sure seemed to enjoy the stuff. We really liked the home brewed root beer. The (German) costumes were cute, too. Hats off to Jon and Teri Newton for hosting the fest at their beautiful home, which they do yearly. You could see how much love (and work) they all put into it.

You'd think this neighborhood does nothing but party. On Thursday, November 12th we'll have our annual meeting. We'd love to have some of you step up and run for the Board of Directors. I've been blessed with a really great Board this year. As I wrote in our last newsletter, "we have some new blood and new ideas, and that's a good thing. Best of all, they're all younger than I am." Come join the fun.

Kyle Lonzak is new to our Board this year. Kyle has an undeniable enthusiasm about Christmas Lights that he brings here as he encourages us to light our neighborhood this season. So get the ol' lights out and join the fun. Fun, fun, fun. All we seem to have is fun.

We got ourselves a really neat person to guide our web page effort. Jesse Tuttle, Eli Tuttle's better half, has graciously started working on the Shorewood on the Sound Web page. That's not all that Jesse and Eli are working on. Their first child is due very soon. Our best wishes to them and thanks to Jesse for jumping in to serve her neighborhood.

-The Prez, Barrett Knudsen

SOTSCC Annual Meeting Nov 12th

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Annual Meeting is fast approaching. This year it will be **Thursday, November 12th, 7 pm at Shorewood Elementary in the cafeteria.** Come, greet your neighbors, meet some new ones, and stay awhile to hear about the goings-on in our neighborhood. This is also when we elect board members for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing you!

Why should you be a Supporting Member of Shorewood on the Sound Community Club?

Many of us have lived here for years and some of us are fairly new to this amazing Community. A huge benefit to living in Shorewood on the Sound is access to our Private Beach. Did you know that beach maintenance and upkeep is supported by your dues? The beach, owned and maintained by the Community Club, is where our Annual Salmon Bake and Easter Egg Hunt take place. It is available to Shorewood on the Sound residents for walks on the beach and picnics, as well as for Private Events (with prior notice). Without your dues and the volunteers who maintain it, this amazing treasure would not be in the shape it is. We have been enjoying Summerfest for many years - entertaining kids and grownups alike - and the Streets of Garage Sales draws shoppers from all over the County. These events, as well as work volunteers do to maintain Shorewood Park, help build a strong and supportive community for all of us. They provide opportunities to get to know your neighbors and be part of something truly unique in this modern, hectic world, connecting us to what's truly meaningful – Community.

When you attend the Annual Meeting this year we want to hear from you about what *you believe* are some *special reasons* for being part of, living in and supporting Shorewood on the Sound. I think we can all agree that it takes a village and we are so fortunate to have this wonderful unique village of Shorewood on the Sound to call *home!*

-Angelica Spates and Lori Buchsbaum, SOTSCC

Upcoming Community Events

November 12	7 PM SOTS Annual Meeting Shorewood Elementary Cafeteria
December	Holiday Lights Contest

Salmon Bake

What a delightful Salmon Bake we had this year! The weather was great, the fish was succulent and the sides were scrumptious. It was the perfect recipe for neighborhood fun. Jon Newton and Tim Riley took the reins this year and did a fabulous job putting on the feast. Of course, they couldn't have done it without some inside help procuring the fish and a hardworking group of volunteers, a delightful mix of mainstays from years past and those who spontaneously jumped in to help. All were greatly appreciated.

Summer Fest

Summer Fest also was great this year. Many families came, ate, listened to music and had a great time. Volunteers helped put it on, but Barrett and Patty Knudsen really fuel this event. Many thanks to them!

The Holidays are Coming..

To the hap-hap-happiest community this side of West Seattle:

Christmas is around the corner and do you know what that means? The opportunity for each and every one of us to welcome and light the way for Santa to come visit us on December 24th!

Growing up, there was a neighborhood that every year my family would go to see where 15-20 homes would pull out all the stops, not worry about the dollar sign on the electrical bill and would cover every square inch of their homes in the most beautiful decorations and lights for families, friends, people young and old from near and far to come and enjoy. Those memories will forever be with me.

Now I'm not saying that we all have to go full Griswold style on our homes; however, I'd love to see as many as possible in the Shorewood Community show a little (yes, one strand counts) or a lot of Holiday spirit. I'd like to challenge Shorewood, all 400+ Members, to become a place where families know that every year they can count on a spectacular array of decorations that all will enjoy. I'll be out day and night, hot or cold, rain or shine putting up my lights again this year and for many years to come so that my wife, daughters and I are able to create our own tradition and memories right here in our beautiful Community.

Making an appearance this year will be the much sought after Christmas Décor Awards which will be given out a week prior to Christmas and provide the winners with a full year of bragging rights to those around them. Help me in making this dream a reality and lighting up the streets of Shorewood for all to come and enjoy. Thank you to all for your participation no matter the amount and to all a good night!

P.S. If you're wondering why in the world are Christmas lights so important to me? Well, let's just say that there is a little house down on 5600 block of Beach Drive that I and 10 other people work together for a week to decorate with 300,000+ lights every year.

-Kyle Lonzak, SOTSCC

A Letter to the Editor about Evergreen High School..

Hello Shorewood Neighbors,

There is currently a grassroots effort underway to improve our neighborhood high school, the Evergreen Campus. As you may or may not know, Evergreen was divided into three schools on one campus: TEC, AAA, and HS3. Many of us feel that this change greatly reduced the quality of education offered at this location, which is the only public option for all of North Highline. Many feel that Evergreen needs to convert back to a single comprehensive high school that educates and meets the needs of all students. Additionally, the facilities need to be replaced. I have visited the school, and the buildings are in disrepair, have mold and rat problems, and do not resemble anything close to providing students the exposure and access to technologies necessary for challenges in college and beyond. We are way behind.

The school board has stated that they have not heard from enough families to consider the changes we are seeking. The facilities and opportunities available vary greatly among the District's high schools. We are seeking equity in education for all students across the Highline School District.

As families directly impacted by the Evergreen Campus problem, please consider supporting our efforts. More information is to come, but one way you can help is to write a letter to the Highline School District demanding change. Please submit a letter to Long Phan by way of email at letters@evergreensuccess.org. Long is the creator of the website "Evergreen Success Project" and is a graduate of Evergreen from back when the campus was a comprehensive high school and he is an advocate for the changes we are seeking. Please visit <http://evergreensuccess.org> for more information.

Thank You. -Joseph Clegg, SOTS Resident

A Note from the Outgoing Editor

To All the Members of the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club;

Six years ago, several directors called me and asked me to serve as the Newsletter Editor for the Club. I agreed to do that for one year. As things go, we annually searched for someone who would take over for me and no one came forward. During that time, I got to know many of you as you emailed or called me for information about the club and the neighborhood. I enjoyed getting to know you.

Now we have a new person who has graciously agreed to take over my position as Editor. Please extend her the same politeness and courtesy that you extended to me as Newsletter Editor. Her name is Betsy Wheelock and she can be reached at wheelchock@msn.com.

-Chestine Edgar, Director

Thank you, Chestine for your time as Editor. We appreciate your dedication and service!

-Betsy Wheelock