

The Shorewood News

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President's Letter

It would appear that Spring has arrived again in Seattle. I drive down the street and the rhodies and azaleas and other flowers are blooming with beautiful coats of sumptuous color. Just a few weeks ago a number of my own azaleas looked bleak and grim and with hardly any leaves on them at all. Now they're a beautiful flowering of reds, pinks, orange and yellow. Of course, it was a tremendous job cutting the lawn this afternoon. This old body was just huffing and puffing to push that gas powered lawn mower back and forth. But it looks pretty good.

Spring and Summer are very special times here in Shorewood on the Sound. On Saturday, June 2nd we have our annual Streets of Garage Sales. Some thirty homes in the neighborhood put their valuable stuff out on the streets and hordes of people go by with everyone having a great time. It starts at 9 AM and goes on most of the day until around 4 PM. It's quite a tradition in this neighborhood.

On Saturday, July 21st we have the Summer Fest. This is a tradition we revived several years ago and it's become quite a neighborhood gathering starting at noon and going until about 4 PM. We have hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies to put in your tummies. We have an inflatable bouncing house for the kids. We have live music going on all day and tables and chairs with awnings. Many families bring their own tables and chairs. Last year a number of people even got up and danced. It takes place right here at 12155 Marine View Drive. I am in charge of the event and, if you have entertainment skills, or want to help, please give me a call at 206-242-3554.

On Saturday, August 25th we have our Salmon Bake. This is a long time annual event that takes place on our own beach, starts at noon and goes on until 3 PM. The food is fantastic and cooked by several of the guys from our own neighborhood, several types of salmon are prepared and cooked and other foods are gathered together by women from our neighborhood. We're usually blessed with beautiful weather and a wonderful time is had by all. We've even had live music.

So this is good stuff. Bring your friends and family. If you want to help, give me a call at 206-242-3554, or talk to one of your Board Members.

Barrett W. Knudsen - President

Streets of Garage Sales

Please join the Shorewood community, on Saturday June 2nd in one of our neighborhoods longest running events, the Streets of Garage Sales! This year we are hoping for great weather, lots of participants and tons of shoppers. If you have never had a sale before, or have been out of the game for a few summers, please consider joining in the fun this year! For placement on the sale map, tips on a great sale, questions or anything at all, you can call Heather Ingersoll, chair of the event at 206-369-9080 Check out the Shorewood Streets of Garage Sales event page on Facebook too!

EASTER EGG HUNT 2012

Saturday, April 7th, greeted Easter Egg hunters with beautiful blue skies and a low tide. 78 children participated along with parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends. Over 800 eggs filled with 40 pounds of candy were hidden and all age groups had the beach and surrounding areas picked clean within minutes. At the end of the hunt each child was able to pick a prize of their choice. This event came together with the effort of volunteers who were both board and community members. A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make this activity such a success. Tim Wilhelmi, Kevin DeLashmutt, Joe Cail, Ray Hetrick, Heather Ingersoll, Patty Knudsen, Betsy Wheelock, Susan Givens, Stephani Scanlon, Tai Scanlon, Jessie Murray, and Lori Buchsbaum.

Patricia Haugen
Easter Egg Hunt Chairperson

Neighborhood Crime

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club recognizes that there have been multiple cases of crime in our community. It is a recurring topic at our monthly board meetings and on our social network sites.

In the years spanning 2005 to 2012, a significant amount of crime incidents have affected our community. The actual number of reported cases would be accessed through the King County Police Department and the Burien Precinct. More incidents of crime in our area do not get recorded at all. The crime incidents range from home burglaries, to thefts, to car prowls and vandalism, to home break-ins. Board members have experienced the impact of crime in our community. They also know other community members who have been victimized and affected by crime in our community. Board members have had vehicles stolen, with the back full of work tools, from their driveway while attempting to stop the perpetrators; had lawn mowers and pressure washers stolen from under their decks; packages stolen from their porches; and other incidents of community crime.

There are incidents where individuals prowl our community in their cars then stop on streets to case the neighborhood. Others walk the neighborhood with garage door remotes in hand opening closed garage doors. One individual was seen walking the area in a utility uniform and would go to houses in order to either enter or set them up for a later break-in.

As a community we try to be proactive by doing things such as blockwatches and reporting information in the community newsletters, on our community website and blog. However, we still get hit by our share of crime.

Neighborhood Ecology

Our Board of Director member who is in charge of ecology for the neighborhood has had a health issue. She is recovering nicely but will not be hosting ivy pulls for quite a while. We will let you know when she will be back working on this project. However, the City of Burien will continue to sponsor ivy pulls. If you are interested in helping to keep the English Ivy under control in our neighborhood or in Seahurst Park, please contact the City of Burien/Parks and Recreation Department.

Annexation of North Highline

On April 2, the Burien City Council adopted a resolution that requests King County to place on the November 6, 2012, General Election ballot a proposition concerning annexation of the North Highline Area "Y" annexation area which is the remaining unincorporated area of King County located between the cities of Burien and Seattle. Only the registered voters residing the proposed annexation area would vote on whether to become part of the City of Burien.

Kids and Cops

The six-year Kids and Cops Initiative are two separate items that have been lumped together. The first two years would provide a surge of police to bring intense focus on crime. That would be followed by four years of investments by the city for special programs in the public elementary schools in Burien. If approved by voters, both items would be funded through an increase in the residents' utility taxes including the Seattle City Light franchise fee, the Puget Sound Energy electric utility tax, the Puget Sound Energy natural gas tax, the cable utility tax, and the telephone utility tax.

To the Membership....

The Shorewood Community Club Directors and the Newsletter Editor work for you and the community free of charge. We have some directors that have served this club for 26 years. Our annual events- The Easter Egg Hunt, The Shorewood Garage Sale, SummerFest, The Salmon Bake, The Annual Membership Meeting, The Political Forum, The Holiday Lighting Event, The Newsletters, Beach Cleaning and Maintenance, Ivy Pulls and Noxious Weed Removal, The Shorewood Directory and the Shorewood Website are all benefits of your membership. If you and your family participate or benefit from just two of these events or services annually and receive the newsletter, you have received more in dollar value than your membership pays for. The directors would appreciate it if you would pay you membership fee, if you have not done so yet this year. The directors have checked the annual fees that functioning community clubs charge and the Shorewood Community Club yearly dues of \$50 is a bargain in these times. This year, we have an issue that needs attending to-repair down at our beach. Beaches and their geology are expensive to maintain. Right now most of the work down at the beach is done free of charge by the directors and neighborhood volunteers, However, the work that needs attention now will require hiring some services. Your dues contribute to the fund beach maintenance in emergency situations.

Currently, we mail the newsletter to every resident of the Shorewood Community. The directors understand that some residents fall on lean years and need to be included in the news and as a courtesy they continue to get the newsletter. If you do not wish to be bothered with the newsletter, please let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list. Mailings cost money. Our hope is to move to an electronic format for the newsletter but currently all of the spam filters and firewalls that many of you have keep us from successfully making that transition and still keep everyone getting their newsletter.

We will need a committee chairperson, cooks and cleaner uppers for the Salmon Bake. The Salmon Bake is the longest running, annual event that club has continued to sponsor. If you have any ideas or want to join one of the work committees, please contact the newsletter editor.

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