

# The Shorewood News



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## President's Letter

As I write this missive, it's Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and boy is it cold. The sun is shining in good old Shorewood on the Sound, it's clear and bright and beautiful, but boy is it cold.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we had our Yearly Annual Meeting. Not too many of you came, which is a shame. Does this community fully realize what a wonderful place we live in, how much goes on around us, and how few in the community make so much happen? I'm so thankful for a wonderful group of people that make your Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Board of Directors work so well, aided and abetted by a few non board members who pitch in so faithfully. If it weren't such a great group of dedicated people, I would never have agreed to become President for the fourth straight year. As I said last year, I hope somebody will step forward to do it in 2015.

Those who were here elected Tim Wilhelmi to serve, again, as Vice President. Guy Lawrence moved from an at large Board position to become Secretary. The Treasurer position is not an elected one, but Gary Harris will serve again. Chestine Edgar was elected to continue on the Board. We also thank her profusely for her contributions as Newsletter Editor. We needed three new Board members and two wonderful people, Rand Fullington and Rick Goroski stepped forward to

serve three year terms. Is there someone out there reading this newsletter who would volunteer to take that remaining open position? It's really not much work at all and you get to know a lot of your neighbors by serving on the Board.

Continuing members of the Board are Joe Cail, Kevin DeLashmutt, Bob Edgar, Beth Kleparek and Patty Knudsen. Your Board members are very special people who do an awful lot for this community. Again, the work is not especially hard or overly times consuming, but the continuing efforts and commitment of these key people is what makes things happen so well in this neighborhood. Special thanks go out to Lori Buchsbaum and Betsy Wheelock who have contributed greatly to the efforts of the Covenants Committee and who have agreed to chair the Easter Egg Hunt next year. And, let's give special thanks to Jean Spohn who is so dedicated to the flourishing plants and trees in our neighborhood and our neighborhood parks. Our special presentation at the Annual Meeting was focused on what we can do as a community to improve Salmon Creek, led by Andy Batcho with help from Chestine Edgar, Guy Lawrence and Jean Spohn.

I wish you all a Joyful New Year.

- **Barrett W. Knudsen** – President, 206-246-2525

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## 2014 Shorewood Community Club Dues

Please submit this invoice with your payment by February 13, 2014

Your community club's Board of Directors and its legions of overworked volunteers were kept busy last year promoting and sponsoring events, producing the Newsletter, and maintaining the Community Beach and boat ramp. This year we plan to do it all over again.

On the backside of this invoice is a survey where you can update and confirm your contact information. By filling out our survey you help us to keep our records current and also help us in generating our volunteer list. You can also let your Board know how they are doing and comment on any activities or causes you would like your club to support.

If you would like to help out, let us know which events you are available for and we will add your name to our volunteer contact list. Activity dates are approximate. Consult your *Shorewood News*, website or call a Board Member for more information.

Finally, an invoice return envelope is enclosed with this mailing for your convenience. Please try to return this invoice no later than February 21st, and be sure to update your email address for us if you use one.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact a member of your SOTS Board of Directors. You can also contact us at <http://www.shorewoodonthesound.org>, or by commenting on our Shorewood on the Sound group on facebook. We will respond to you as quickly as possible.

Annual Household Membership Dues: ..... \$50.00  
(or if you are over 60 you can pay the Senior Rate:.... \$40.00)  
Total Amount Enclosed: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Make Your Check Payable to: Shorewood on the Sound CC  
(or abbreviate to: SOTS CC)

**Thank you for your support in making 2014 another great year and we look forward to seeing you at our community events.**

## Salmon Creek Ravine

At the Annual Meeting, Chestine Edgar presented the history of stewardship to Salmon Creek Ravine. In addition to attempts to restore the salmon run, volunteers have been working to restore the native vegetation along the creek. In 2011 Jennifer Buening published a Vegetation Inventory and Management Recommendations for Salmon Creek Ravine. One of the recommendations 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. In March and November of 2013, volunteers removed persistent and invasive Himalayan Blackberry and spread wood chips along the trail next to the sewer treatment plant. This was done to protect all of the new native plants now flourishing along the trail. In 2014, work parties will focus on planting young native evergreen trees in the interior of the park in addition to continuing to maintain the areas already restored. The first work party is scheduled for March 15th.

If you have questions or would like to help by becoming a friend of Salmon Creek Ravine or participating at a work party, please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@centurylink.net . Also, we need 8 to 10 volunteers to survey Salmon Creek, please call ASAP if you are willing to help with this project.

- Jean Spohn

## Shorewood Park

In 2013 Shorewood Park benefited from work by community volunteers who removed invasive Holly, Ivy and Blackberry. A special event was the planting of a native Shore Pine on Arbor Day to honor Fred Henzi. Your community club commissioned a plaque and the City installed it last month. Next Spring we would like to install an attractive surround for the plaque and tree

and would appreciate advice and help with this project.

Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@centurylink.net if you have questions or would like to help.

- Jean Spohn

## Christmas Home Decorating Contest

This was our eighteenth year of bringing to your attention the best, and the least, tasteful displays of illuminating holiday cheer. This year's awards went to: First Prize Scott & Holly Martin, 12158 Shorewood Dr SW

Runner up Mike & Kathy Ellis, 12827 Shorecrest Dr SW  
Highest Wattage John Woods & Luz Arango, 12731 Shorewood Pl SW

Most Original Terry & Denise Lindholme, 2504 SW 120th St

Additional prizes:

Retired Aviator Award (RAA) Dave & Margie Carver, 12669 Shorewood Dr SW

Honorable mention (close calls that got votes):

Kevin & April Sunderland, 12237 Marine View Dr SW

Steve & Holly Hopla, 12102 25th Ave SW

The Bangs, 12688 & 12692 Shorewood Dr SW

Mark & Doug, 12043 Stranding Ct SW

Eric & Jennifer Moe, 12805 Shorewood Dr SW

Winners will receive prepaid club dues for 2014.

Thanks to the judges for taking the time to view the contestants and submit their votes.

- Kevin DeLashmutt

## Upcoming Events

January 30 Community Covenant Meeting  
7 PM Shorewood Elementary-Check website for the current covenant suggestions

March 15 Salmon Creek Ravine work party

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Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  Check if you do NOT want us to publish

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Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Shorewood/where from originally: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members: \_\_\_\_\_

If we can figure out how, would you like to receive email updates from the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Place a check mark next to the activities you would like the Community Club to continue to support and also next to the activities that you would like to help us with. (Event dates below are approximate. See [ShorewoodOnTheSound.org](http://ShorewoodOnTheSound.org) for more information)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Shorewood News</b> (published every few months)                                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Walking / hiking club or activity  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Salmon Creek restoration   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Book club  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Website / E-mail Bulletins   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Block Watch  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Welcome Wagon  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Beach / park / neighborhood trail maintenance  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Easter Egg Hunt (April 19, 2014)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Streets of Garage Sales (June 7, 2014 area garage sale)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | SummerFest (July 19, 2014 street fair)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | SalmonBake (August 23, 2014 at the Community Beach)                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Holiday Display Contest (Final Judging Dec 21, 2014)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | We need 8 to 10 people to help do a Salmon Creek Forest Survey starting in March 2014. |

Additional Comments or Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_