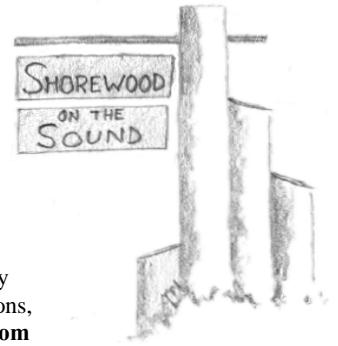


The Shorewood News

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Hard to believe another spring has sprung. I heard on the weather channel that this year was the most snow Puget Sound had had in 35 years. Not positive that is true but it sure seems like it to me.

Thanks again to all of you who paid your dues on time this year. Your membership card and new gate code are enclosed with this newsletter. So far our membership is down a bit from prior years, but we expect to collect more club dues in the coming months.

We have a lot going on in the neighborhood this month. We are preparing our new Shorewood Directory, we are getting ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we continue with our park work parties, we have recycling opportunities, and also; how to monitor and report air traffic noise over our neighborhood. These sorts of things happen because of community minded folks like you that are trying to make a difference in our neighborhood. I ask (again) that you look around and see how you can get involved. It is good for us and it is good for you. Thanks for all you do. See you in the hood.

- your Prez: Gary Gibson

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Kevin,



A suggestion for the next Shorewood Newsletter; the third runway opened on Nov. 20. Since then, the airport noise has significantly altered our way of life in Shorewood, particularly late at night and between 5 and 9 in the morning. To register a complaint, call 433-5393. You will be asked to place your phone number and address on file so that the locations of complaints can be mapped.

Consider it done. Everyone who has noticed the increased air traffic noise should call in and register.

Hi Kevin,

I noticed a lot of airplane noise and a fuel smell in the past few weeks and found out they changed the flight paths and can now fly over our neighborhood more frequently and at lower elevations. You might want to put something about this in the newsletter. I'm going to start attending the monthly meetings that involve the Port of Seattle and this noise issue. I'll keep you posted.

Thanks for going there and representing us. Please don't bring a laser pointer with you to the meetings.

Over-flights and Airport Noise

First, the good news; I have received no complaints of barking dogs from homeowners recently. I know you are all as thankful for that as I am. So either people are now trying harder to control their pets, or they have moved away, or the barking is being drowned out by something else. Experience, and your emails, tells me it is probably more of the latter.

All of us in Shorewood are going to have to report airplane noise events and over-flights if we hope to

make ourselves heard by the Port and the FAA. If you notice airplane noise, exhaust, or fuel smell, you should call the SeaTac Airport Noise Information Line at 433-5393 and complain. The more specific the complaint the higher the likelihood your complaint will be heard by someone important enough to do something about it. Reporting the exact time is critical, but knowing which aircraft is offending is important too.

But how can you tell what kind of airplane it is when all you have to go by is those little blinking lights disappearing over the horizon?

World Wide Web to the rescue! Here is a link to the Flight Tracker program so you can go online and see who is making the racket:

<http://sea.webtrak-lochard.com/template/index.html>

You may need to install a viewer from Adobe, but this should be easy. It was a snap on my computer.

When you bring up the site the graphic displayed has about a 10 minute lag, so you are looking at flights from 10 minutes ago instead of the flight currently bearing down on your house. You can also stop motion, change speeds, and rewind to an earlier date if you want to scan flight history over the last three months. Very useful if you hear something in the night. Just remember the time and go back to sleep. You can check flight history in the morning for the aircraft that woke you, then call 433-5393 and let 'em have it.

If you have questions or need help call Kevin at 932-3200, or Marv at 242-5965. If you happen to **like** airplane noise be sure to call 433-5393 and let them know about that too.

Upcoming Event Notice

Shorewood Easter Egg Hunt



This year's hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at 11:00 am down at the community beach. As in past years we will queue up on the street above the beach and walk down together, bunched together by age group. The beach property itself will be divided into three areas with the youngest hunters up near the picnic tables and the older kids down on the beach itself. Poaching candy from outside of your area is not allowed.

We plan for about 80 children and hope for a sunny day. All club members and families and friends of club members can attend as long as they are accompanied by a member of the club. No busloads though, please. If you would like to help out with this event we will be meeting down at the beach around 9:30 to prepare, hide stuff, and to sample the candy. Call Patricia Haugen at 246-8821 if you have questions.

Another Upcoming Event Notice

Burien Clean Sweep

Everyone is encouraged to attend Burien's spring cleaning event this April 25. Participants will meet at 8:00am at the Burien Fire Station (15100 8th Ave SW) where they sign in and are assigned an area. Bring gloves and any tools you need for picking up trash.

At noon participants return to the fire station where they are treated to a hamburger lunch and a prize drawing courtesy of our Burien merchants. For more information call Kevin at 932-3200.

2009-2010 Shorewood Directory

The new Shorewood Directory is nearing completion and due to be delivered in May or June. We do need your help however to make this directory the most accurate it can be. Please review your entry in the last directory and let us know if anything has changed since

its publication. The survey accompanying your dues billing (hint, hint) is invaluable in providing us with updates, but if your phone number, address, and/or name has changed since the last printing we need to know about it or we might accidentally miss it in the final draft. Please contact Kevin DeLashmutt at kevinde@msn.com or at 932-3200 if you have changes.

Environmental Stewardship Begins Close to Home

Work parties in Shorewood Park continue in 2009 from 10:00 AM to Noon on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Please join us! We have many tasks, great and small! January's volunteer force boasted 11 – some pulled ivy from an area graced by two Noble Fir trees planted by Fred Henzi over 20 years ago. Others planted Coastal Strawberry plants, a wonderful native ground-cover. In February volunteers placed 25 Sword Ferns along our trail and then removed many small English Holly trees and lots of English Ivy.

So that nobody feels left out, we also have monthly work parties at Seahurst Park on the 4th Saturday of each month. Since so many of you live closer to Seahurst Park than to Shorewood, you may prefer to work there. So please add these events to your calendar. Check this website for more details and lots more information about park work: <http://seahurstpark.org/volunteer.html#about>.

You might wonder - **Why is English Holly a problem?** In King County, English holly is classified as a Weed of Concern and its control is recommended in natural areas that are being restored to native vegetation and in protected forest lands.

English holly is carried by birds into forests where it can form dense thickets that dominate the tall shrub layer and suppress germination and growth of native tree and shrub species. It does appear that English holly is en-

croaching into native forest habitat and reproducing successfully in fairly undisturbed native communities.

In the Seattle Urban Nature Project's plant inventory of Seattle's public forests, English holly was frequently found in the understory. In fact, English holly was the fourth most abundant non-native species found, outnumbered only by Himalayan blackberry, Scotch broom and English ivy. English holly, along with English laurel, was more common in the understory than native conifers. Given their findings, it is likely that English holly, along with other invasive non-natives, will be in a much better position to replace Seattle's aging deciduous trees than our native evergreen trees. Urban Nature ecologist Ella Elman predicts that, if nothing is done, 30 or 40 years from now Seattle's forests will look dramatically different than they do today. - *Jean Spohn*

Recycling Opportunity—Help Out a Neighbor

Alina Gridley and her husband, Gary, run *Atlantis Designs* out of their house on Shorewood Dr. Their business is mail order oriented so they are looking for packing materials in which to pack and mail their products. Items they are looking for include, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, shipping envelopes, small shipping boxes and air bags.

If you have any of these items you would like to get rid of Alina says you are more than welcome to drop them off with her at 12248 Shorewood Dr SW, or she would also be happy to pick them up from you. She can be reached at 349-6895, or by email at alina@atlantisfusedglass.com. If you would like to see more about their business you can check them out at www.AtlantisFusedGlass.com.

Events Calendar: March—May, 2009

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: March 21, 10am til noon
Easter Egg Hunt—Community Beach: April 11 at 11:00am
 Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: April 18, 10am til noon
Burien Clean Sweep: Burien Fire Station, April 25, 8:00am
 Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: May 16, 10am til noon
Streets of Garage Sales: June 13, 9—4

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