

The Shorewood News

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President's Corner

I would like to wish all the residents of the Shorewood on the Sound community a happy and prosperous new year. My name is Barrett Knudsen and I am your new President of the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club. We are a vibrant community with a number of activities scheduled on an annual basis. I would like to talk to you about one of them.

Three years ago we reinstated our Shorewood on the Sound SummerFest. This year it is scheduled to take place on July 23rd from noon to 4 PM in the street at 12155 Marine View Drive SW. We have face painting and inflatable bouncy games for the kids, and music, food, fun and fellowship for everyone. I am in charge of this festivity and one of the musicians/musical acts. Last year, my neighbor, Katya Spielberg, her daughters and a family friend played and sang and her husband ran the sound system.

Surely there are more musicians in the Shorewood on the Sound community. I'm giving you plenty of time to contact me so we can get together and see what you'd like to do. Give me a call at 206-242-3554. Email me at barrettk@bkbusiness.com, or send me a note at our address on this newsletter.

Barrett W. Knudsen-President

SHOREWOOD HOME DECORATING CONTEST

WOW! – Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Home Decorating contest judging this year. Some of you took this very seriously and were still out after 11pm driving around judging neighborhood displays – we truly admire your extra effort and dedication!

The results were surprising, with many close votes and cross nominations of properties to different categories. But in the end no tiebreakers were needed once the four most popular properties were identified. Here is who you decided had this year's best and worst displays of holiday cheer:

Most Original: 12237 Marine View Dr SW Kevin and April Sunderland made the best possible use of their limited space with a very bright and busy use of light.

Highest Wattage: 12805 Shorewood Dr SW A close vote for first place, Eric and Jennifer Moe went all out this year with an extensive display visible throughout most of the neighborhood. They even added some LED lights this year, assuring them this award.

Runner-Up: 12827 Shorecrest Dr SW Mike and Kathy Ellis had a very tasteful display. A little hard to get the full effect from the street, it makes you stop and linger to take it all in.

Grand Prize: 11920 27th Pl SW Dominic and Valerie Stordahl have the largest, most captivating display in the neighborhood this year. Animated reindeer and even a hot air balloon were featured - Well deserving of first place.

If we had a longevity prize it would have to go to Ira and Jean Zeasman on 2617 SW 120th St. According to neighbors Ira has been displaying his back yard Christmas tree since the early 60s. Ira starts his display by raising a tall pole in his back yard from which he stretches green lights in a triangle shaped Christmas tree seen throughout much of our neighborhood. So if you have noticed and like the big green tree in the middle of the block above Marine View Dr then you have Ira and Jean to thank for it.

Honorable mentions go out to the many other homeowners in the neighborhood who decorated this year, including owners of the following homes: 12158 Shorewood Dr SW, 12692 Shorewood Dr SW, 12654 Shorewood Dr SW, and 12043 Stranding Ct SW – all of whom were also nominated for prizes.

Message from our Ecology Chairperson

Students from New Start High School have been working with the City of Burien and the Environmental Science Center (ESC) to restore the Salmon Creek ravine area. They are removing invasive plants and learning about environmental habitat issues as part of the project.

Teacher **Bev Mowrer** is using this real-life learning opportunity to teach science. "The students are

continuing this plant project by doing an intensive three-week *power session* on invasive versus native plants."

The students are removing the Himalayan blackberry along the hillsides in Salmon Creek Park and will be replanting the slope with native plants propagated in their school nursery. They are also helping remove invasive blackberry and ivy along the stream in Salmon Creek ravine.

"This has been a fantastic partnership between the City of Burien, the non-profit Environmental Science Center, and Highline Public Schools' New Start High School, says Lisa Aumann, Burien Adopt-a-Park Coordinator. "We look forward to building on this initial

project's success and hope to work on some additional collaborative arrangements in the coming year. This project provided a positive outcome for all the organizations involved. We appreciate all the hard work teacher Beverly Mowrer and, more importantly her students, provided to the Burien Community."

The city's role is providing guidance for the outdoor work, some tools, and transportation. The ESC volunteers are helping with classroom education as well as helping provide additional on-site coordination of the students' field work.

Jean Spohn – Director, SOTS CC

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