
THE SHOREWOOD NEWS

JULY 2010

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last year at about this time we worked with our members and neighbors on a shared concern. The issue was a common one - vehicle speed. There was one group who felt the best way to deal with it was to place stop signs and speed bumps all over the place. Another group did some research and found that speed bumps and particularly stop signs were counter-productive in controlling speeding vehicles. Cars stopped by stop signs would speed up after the stop sign, resulting in higher vehicle speeds.

In response to the complaints, we held a special general meeting to review the issues with our members. We had a thorough review of the possible solutions and concluded that we would take every possible measure we could with the city to get folks to slow down. There would be no stop signs or speed bumps but we would do everything else. It seemed we had come up with an approach we could all live with.

Now, a year later, we seem to have the same problem again. This concerns me. Our neighborhood has so many things going for it – it would be nice if we could show some leadership in courteous driving as well. There are no sidewalks in Shorewood. Cars going by on the streets, even at the speed limit of 25 mph seem to be traveling much faster to walkers on the roadside.

We as a collective group can do better. Please make an effort. Watch the speeds. We have a lot of hills here – use your brakes a little more. Think of whether or not you would like people traveling by your house at the speeds you are going. Raise the topic at your dinner tables. Talk about it. Think about it. Let's be conscious of what we are doing driving by our neighbor's homes. And let's be aware of walkers on our peaceful streets. Let's be aware of our speeds and keep this the little peaceful backwater that we all love.

Don't forget about the Summer Fest Street Party on July 24 and the Salmon BBQ at the community beach on August 21. See you there!

Mike Armstrong, President

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

COYOTES IN SHOREWOOD

The coyotes in Shorewood have been seen by almost everyone, often in their own backyards. Some of these animals have been real problems. At least two dogs have been killed and another mauled. It is reported that many cats are missing. The debate rages on about what to do about them, and whether or not we should do anything.

The City of Burien is aware of the problem and is reviewing the information about the coyotes and is passing it along to senior management as well as wildlife professionals. If you have information that you feel would be useful for the city to consider, particularly unusual coyote behavior, please send it to Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager City of Burien, at stever@burienwa.gov.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER FEST IS NEARLY HERE

Mark Saturday July 24th from 11AM to 2PM on your calendars for our yearly Summer Festival of fun, food and music.

Summer Fest is an event for the entire family. The children will enjoy face painting and playing in the Under the Sea jumping house. Save your appetite for barbeque hamburgers, hot dogs and other goodies. For your listening pleasure we are pleased to present local talent: Katya Spielberg and her folk/rock/jazz band members and Barrett Knudsen and Rachel LaFond with folk, rock and easy listening music.

Summer Fest will be located in the vicinity of the Spielberg and Knudsen residences at 12155 Marine View Drive SW.

Hope Y'all can make it.

Barrett Knudsen Summer Fest Chairperson

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Summer Fest Traffic Control Plan:

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club (SOTSCC) publishes The Shorewood News six times a year. Letters to the editor, submissions, updates, advertisements, corrections and questions should be addressed to the editor, Judi Burke. 206 244-0654 or judiburke@comcast.net
Our website: www.shorewoodonthesound.org

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Marine View Drive will be closed to traffic between 26th Ave. SW and 28th Ave. SW. A leaflet will be distributed to the affected homeowners one week before the event.

COME TO THE ANNUAL SHOREWOOD SALMON BAKE

*WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS AND OLD
FIXTURES!*

SATURDAY

August 21st, 2010

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

At the Community Beach

We would like to welcome new neighbors, and reconnect with current residents at the Beach Party.

The menu includes salmon, halibut, hot dogs and side dishes.

Your dues have paid for everything.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a beverage and personal seating options.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SALMON BAKE!

(Call if questions, Joe Cail, Salmon Bake Chairperson-206.715.31499 cell or 206.242.6315 home)

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN SHOREWOOD?

One of our members had a truck stolen from his driveway about a month ago. The truck will be difficult to replace but the tools in the back are likely gone forever. This member would like to do something about this and has offered to place a surveillance camera on one of our main arterials. The camera would record the comings and goings of all cars on the street. We are told the police may be interested in having access to this information from time to time. It has been proposed that SOTSCC purchase the equipment to photograph the cars traveling on this road. Before the club officers and board of directors consider this option we would like to receive some input from our membership. If you have an opinion on this subject, please send your comments to our Vice President, Tim Wilhelmi at timwilhelmi@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Aircraft Noise Hotline: 433-5393

Sewer Smell Hotline: 244-2202

Editor-Judi Burke: 244-0654

THE BOOK REPORT

I just finished a good read - comparing:

Public, parochial, and charter schools

Corporate money vs public money

Broad curriculum vs. math and reading focus

Small schools vs. larger schools

Education majors vs. laypersons doing it

Merit pay vs. nothing else

Charter push vs. survival of public schools.

Test improvement or just dumb downed tests

More students graduating vs. lower graduation requirements.

The book was very readable and easy to get at the King County Library System.

I actually ordered it twice and extended it once.

I would recommend this book as a read.

“The Death and Life of the Great American School System “ by Diane Ravitch, 2010.

Mrs. Ravitch was a proponent of the charter schools, small schools, merit pay, testing accountability, etc.

She worked for the Secretary of Education office in Washington D.C. since the early 1990's.

Interesting thing is that she has now reversed her stand on education policy by saying that we are neglecting our students in the bigger picture.

The usual thought of “the smartest person says what you want to hear,” and “the dumbest person who is out to lunch challenges you to a different paradigm”, still holds true.

Enjoy your summer!

Joe Cail

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Jennifer B Hanson

Guest Column National Night Out and Block Watch

What is Block Watch? Block watch is a grouping of neighbors who live on the same street or in a cluster in the same area. All neighbors in this cluster are in the block watch but not all have to participate. The neighbors working with the Block Watch captain(s) determine the extent that the block watch is active. Block watch captains gather periodically with the City officers and staff to train, share best ideas and to learn how a group could expand a block watch, to say, address emergency preparedness.

Some watch groups share address lists that are updated regularly with all the family members named, contacts by phone, cell phone and email. There are groups that include pets. If the block watch is active, the neighbors keep each other informed of unusual activity in the area. Some let some neighbors know when they will be gone, who may come and go, and who to contact in an emergency.

These groups are invaluable for not only deterring criminal activity, but also for responding to power outages, earthquakes, and snow storms. There are block watches who add to their list information such as who has generators or other special tools or expertises. At their best, block watch groups are about neighbors looking out for and knowing their neighbors.

August 3 (Tuesday) is National Night Out. On this night, at 7 p.m., every one is asked to turn on their outside lights and to go out and walk the neighborhood, greeting and chatting with your neighbors. Some block watches will hold potlucks or meetings. Local officials and officers may drop in on a group who has registered their gathering.

The most active blocks often meet several times a year, informally, in subsets or as the whole group. They may have potlucks, share their garden, or celebrate a holiday or anniversary. They respect each family's privacy and yet care and respond to needs and events as they occur. By regularly seeing each other and talking, they work to keep the communication lines open. I know that I can call anyone in my block watch group and they will know my name and who I am. If I have a question or need, they will help if they can. You say, but that is just being a good neighbor ... Perhaps, but in today's busy times, it helps to have a tool like block watch to keep us working at it. A block watch can be that unidentified asset that came with your home when you moved in. I know that my neighborhood and home are all the more valuable to my family and me, because of the neighbors I share it with through Block Watch and the friendships that have developed.

Jane Lohry Armstrong

ECOLOGY REPORT

On July 10th, 6 neighbors saved 10 more trees by removing the Ivy vines from the base of the trunks and removing the ivy roots and plants from the ground around the tree. This is tough work as the vines can be 3 inches thick! Much of the ivy removal work is now being done in the center of Salmon Creek Ravine where there are ivy barrens, places where ivy has completely replaced all native vegetation. As it was a very hot day, working under the forest canopy kept our dedicated volunteer group cool.

The forest had other gifts to offer; native plants Cooley's Hedge Nettle, Western Trumpet Honeysuckle, Foam Flower and Minor's Lettuce were in bloom along the trail. And Thimbleberry, Red Huckleberry and Salmonberry were bearing edible fruit. At the upper entrance, the seven Ocean Spray planted in March were rescued from Bindweed (Morning Glory) and Himalayan Blackberry. The lovely grove of Red Elderberry down the bank is doing great since the blackberry was whacked back.

The Salmon Creek Ravine work parties on September 11th and November 13th will start at the entrance to the ravine by the Sewer Treatment Plant. Please consider participation in one of the work parties at Salmon Creek Ravine, Seahurst Park or Shorewood Park. These are your parks, common places we all share, so think of caring for our neighborhood parks as you would care for the land around your home. Check for dates on the Adopt-a-park site at <http://www.seahurstpark.org/volunteer.html#shorewood>

Jean Spohn

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SOTS SUMMER FEST: July 24th 11am to 2pm

National Night Out: August 3rd

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: August 14th 10:00AM to 12:00PM

SOTS Annual Salmon Bake: August 21st 12:00PM to 3:00PM

Last day to submit articles and ads for next newsletter Sept. 7th

Shorewood Blog

Have you been following our neighborhood blog? We have recently celebrated our one-year anniversary of representing this incredible neighborhood. A blog works best with input from many sources, and we would love to have you join us as an active participant! Send us your photos, stories, lost pet alerts, wildlife sightings and any and all news bits. If you have something to sell, we'll help you out by posting it. If you have your own business, we can spread the word on that as well. Thanks for the first year, and let's make the second one even better!

Matt and Lynne Crockett

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