
THE SHOREWOOD NEWS

MAY 2010

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Community.... How easily missed...

Your community club board and president have been given an opportunity. It is one of those opportunities that occur when we have under-valued something that is important to us.

A recent neighborhood newsletter article, and now an un-affiliated "underground" mailing, made not-so-subtle references to what could be done with dogs whose owners fail to pick up after them. The authors' claim that it was their freedom of individual speech and that it was humor, no more, no less. To many others, the writings were offensive, racist, and humorless.

Your community board agrees with the latter. We apologize for the offense to people and sensibilities that occurred when these remarks were printed in our newsletter. We have made changes in our process to see that our newsletter will be held to a higher standard and, base humor, if that is what it is called, will not appear again. We also regret, that following this change, someone decided to make unauthorized use of our neighborhood logo (albeit printed backwards) in a direct mail piece that many in our neighborhood received. It is unfortunate that the publishers of this, while clinging to their first amendment rights, will not identify themselves other than by a nameless email address.

But as I started to say, we have been given an opportunity. That opportunity is to look at all that we have in this community called Shorewood on the Sound. You often include these in your surveys.

1. We have neighbors who know our children, our pets and us by name and by sight.
2. We have relative quiet and peace. Our neighbors look after their homes, their neighbors and community. Our block watches not only look out for the physical community, but they serve to help us get to know each other better.
3. We are a diverse community and becoming more so. We are part of diverse greater communities that enrich all our lives.
4. Our biggest challenges are the envy of many other neighborhoods facing far more serious issues.
5. We take in some of the most beautiful sights in the

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Northwest every time we go out our front door, or look out our window.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

AGGRESSIVE COYOTES

Two Shorewood on the Sound families are mourning the loss of their beloved dogs. Both households are in the vicinity of the Salmon Creek Ravine. However coyote sightings are not limited to that area, therefore we all need to exercise diligence and caution so that we do not have to experience the nightmare our neighbors are enduring. If you would like more information on the coyote attacks please check out The Shorewood on the Sound Blog. (<http://shorewoodonthesoundblog.blogspot.com/>)

According to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), once a coyote finds easy prey it will continually hunt in that area. To deter coyotes from entering your yards and neighborhoods, never feed them. (This includes unintentional feeding such as leaving pet food bowls outdoors, uncovered garbage and composting food items.)

If a coyote approaches too closely immediately pick up small children and act aggressively. Wave your arms, throw stones and shout. Keep noisemakers and scare devices nearby if you experience regular sightings. Coyotes usually give birth in April and May; a normally docile coyote may behave more aggressively if she feels her pups are in danger so again exercise caution when walking dogs especially on our park trails.

For more helpful information on protecting your children and pets go to the WDFW website (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/coyotes.htm>).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

16th Annual Street of Garage Sales

Sellers and shoppers unite once again on June 5th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Your SOTS Community Club will help you have a successful garage sale. We advertise the event in several newspapers and on the Internet. Maps are then printed with registered participating homes starred to help shoppers find each location. If you're new to the garage sale business or want to improve on a past sale we have a handout, prepared by Martha Stewart, to help you organized and market your items. Color coordinated balloons will be provided to registered participants to help shoppers identify your location.

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Attention members that have paid dues for 2010. The gate code remains the same for the time being.

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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6. We share space, both public and private in our parks, our yard, and at our tables.
7. We care.

There are much better uses for our time and money than engaging in writing such as what we have experienced. We have food shelves that are often short supplied, parks to maintain, and schools that teach our youth have funding shortages. Every penny counts, as does every neighbor. Your board and I are committed to working on that which lifts up our neighborhoods and the people in them.
SOTSCC President Michael Armstrong

EDITORIAL

Dear Neighbors

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Judi Burke. My husband and I moved to Shorewood about five years ago. While I have never been the editor of a newsletter I am excited to give it a try.

This is your newsletter. I welcome your contributions and comments. You may have noticed a few changes in the format. These aren't etched in stone-just a starting point. I've added a few features, such as, **My Favorite Things**-community members can submit a description of some of their favorite things to see and do. **Guest Column**-submit an essay, story or poem. **The Book Report**-book clubs and individuals can review the books they are reading. **Three Cheers**- acknowledge members achievements. We will continue to include the **Presidents Message, Letters To The Editor, Event Calendar, Community Reports** and **Classified Ads**. Please share your ideas, likes and dislikes.

Ecology Report

By Jane Spohn

The 88-acre Salmon Creek Ravine natural area was purchased by King County in 1989, the first of county land acquisitions for conservation. Aside from a few entrance signs, management of the land was non-existent, so neighbors used it to dump trash and yard clippings. A few trails were established and informally maintained. The primary caretaker of the area was Southwest Suburban Sewer District who maintained the gravel road, channeling water under the road, as much of the water in salmon creek flows from rivulets and tributaries uphill of the road. When Burien became a city the wild ravine came under city management. Continued designation of the land as protected from development was assured as the area is managed as an undeveloped park, in the same category as Shorewood Park. Management of the park continued to be minimal until this year with formal adoption of the Ravine by

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volunteers from the Shorewood on the Sound community.

THE BOOK REPORT

Stones into Schools

By Gary Mortenson

How does a person go from being interrogated by the CIA and Homeland Security to having a "required reading" for the Special Forces Operatives in Afghanistan?

This is the story of "Stones into Schools". A sequel to the popular book club read of "Three Cups of Tea". Both books can be enjoyed without reading the other. However, it does help the continuity of thought to read them in sequence.

"Stones into Schools" follows Gary Mortenson, a former mountain climber who seeks to fulfill a life epiphany, as he orchestrates the Central Asia Institute (CAI) which is responsible for the creation and maintenance of girls' schools in the remotest areas of the world.

The reason for the girls' schools is the fact that when the boys received an education they left the villages and did not create a benefit for the village. The girls remained or returned to the villages and improved the local community by becoming Human Service Providers and entrepreneurs.

Keep in mind that this is in areas of the world where the Taliban is in different degrees of control. Women are in a lower social status in the Taliban view of Islam. They use terrorism to control the women through intimidation. There are cases where Taliban members pulled teachers and students from classrooms and shot them. There are other cases where acid was thrown on the students. How many of our local students would continue school with these severe restrictions placed on them?

"Stones into Schools" follows the CAI as it becomes a model for governments and the US Military by creating desired community hubs. It is interesting what has been internalized to common procedure now by those governments and the US Military due to reading these two books.

This is a "two thumbs up read".

Joe Cail

THREE CHEERS FOR:

Jean Spohn has been recognized by the City of Burien as The Environmental Activist for 2010. The Shorewood resident is a beach naturalist who leads efforts to clean up Shorewood Park and has started efforts to clean up the Salmon Creek Ravine area. She is a longtime active member and director of the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club.

(If you know of a community member that should be acknowledged for an achievement or award please notify the editor.)

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Aircraft Noise Hotline: 433-5393

Sewer Smell Hotline: 244-2202

Editor-Judi Burke: 244-0654

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The map-printing deadline is June 2nd so call Patty Knudsen today at 242-3554. Lady Stewart's handouts are available on request. Balloons may be picked up at Patty's front porch June 2nd -5th, 12155 Marine View Drive
Good luck to sellers and shoppers!
Patty Knudsen SOTSCC board member and Street of Garages Sales Chairperson

Summer Fest Beckons

Don't miss out on the fun. Shorewood on the Sound annual Summer Fest is an event the whole family can enjoy. The festivities get underway at **11 AM and wrap up at 2 PM on July 24th**. The location is the same as last year- in the middle of the street around **12155 Marine View Drive SW**.

There will be face painting, an inflatable jungle jumping adventure for the kids, and delicious food for all. For the third year in a row we will feature folk, rock and jazz music by MotherFolk led by our own Katya Spielberg. Your Community Club Treasurer, Barrett Knudsen, will be gathering together musicians to provide additional entertainment. If you are a musician and would like to work with Barrett to entertain the good folk of your neighborhood, give him a call at 242-3554 or 246-2525.

Barrett Knudson Summer Fest Chairperson

Summer Fest Traffic Control Plan:

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.

The Easter Egg Hunt

On April 3rd about sixty children, accompanied by their significant others and four legged friends, braved gray skies, howling winds and low forty-degree temperatures so they could fill their Easter baskets and buckets. The excitement was palpable, as the children waited, seemingly oblivious to the elements. Mike Anderson had to compete with the roar of the wind to discharge the little hunters by age group. The older children scoured the beach while the toddlers scurried around the picnic area.

According to Patricia Haugen, the event organizer, volunteers filled and hid 800 plastic eggs with 30 pounds of candy. Each child also selected a toy from a wide array of fun things purchased at the dollar store. The cost to our club was about \$170.00. The looks on the children's faces were priceless.

The volunteer's responsible for creating this wonderful experience were: Pat Haugen, SOTS director and Easter Egg Hunt Chairperson, Mike Armstrong, Nancy Breslich, Joe Cail, Angelina Calderon, Joy & Thor Cutler, Kevin DeLashmutt, John Foster, Gary Gibson, Ray Hetrick, Marv Jahnke, Jessie Murray, and Tim Wilhelmi.

GUEST COLUMN

IN PRAISE OF EPHEMERA

By Roberta Jean Bryant

I'm an ephemeral events junkie, and particularly delighted that my most favorite example is arriving a month early. Pink dogwoods are blooming everywhere. They look like clouds of pink butterflies settling on silver-gray bare branches. If I could sing I'd burst into song, but I end up settling for "Look, look! Isn't it glorious?" repeated many times over while driving around in the springtime.

"Ephemera" is a collective noun used to categorize "anything short-lived or transitory." Antiques Roadshow experts refer to "paper ephemera" such as ticket stubs, event programs, letters and such because they are often discarded and most do not survive the years with the same permanency as a blanket chest or rocking chair.

Flowers are perfect. They bloom and die in a relatively short time span. Butterflies and fireflies and houseflies; asparagus and artichokes and pizza; clouds and rainbows and hailstorms. The aurora borealis and shooting stars and comets. All ephemeral.

Friends and lovers can often fall into this category too - much as we might wish otherwise.

One reason I love ephemera is that I'm forced to enjoy them NOW. There's no such thing as, "Wait a minute," or later when a sunrise or sunset is happening. Often you can't properly plan and ephemeral event anyway; too many variables.

Nevertheless, I am planning my annual pilgrimage to Denny Hall on the U of W campus. There I hope to find the huge old pink dogwood festooned with its seasonal costume of rosy butterflies before they fade away as perfect ephemera are wont to do. I don't want to miss the show.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SOTS Streets of Garage Sales: June 5th 9am to 4pm
Sea-Tac Airport part 150 noise study workshop: June 9 from 6:30 to 8:30pm, Cedarhurst Elementary School sign-up at www.airportsites.net/SEA-part150

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: June 12th 10am to 12pm

Burien Strawberry Festival: June 19th & 20th

Livestrong Challenge: June 19-20, ride June 20, Seattle Center.

Three Tree Point Fireworks Celebration: July 4th after dark. Launched from a barge.

Salmon Creek Ravine Ivy Pull: July 10th 10am to 12pm

White Center Jubilee Days: July 14th thru 18th

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

JULY 10TH – The last day to submit articles for newsletter

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Some of My Favorite Things

Walking around our neighborhood enjoying the fantastic views. Taking my dog to our community beach especially at low tide. Hiking in Salmon Creek Park. Taking the 125 (Shorewood) bus from 116th and 26th Ave. SW to White Center or downtown Seattle. Today I went to White Center. I got off the bus on Roxbury and went straight to my favorite place, The Salvadoran Bakery. The display cases were filled with a mouthwatering assortment of pastries, cookies, cakes and bread. I selected a PANUELO DE GUAYABA- a guava filled turnover with cream cheese. I thought I died and went to heaven when the first bite hit my tongue. The light and flaky crust lingered for a few moments before it melted. I was then left with the absolutely marvelous combination of cream cheese strawberry and guava to contemplate and savor.

White Center our neighbor to the north is a wonderful place to shop and eat (both some of my favorite things to do). According to their April newsletter: "White Center has one of the most ethnically diverse collections of entrepreneurs in the state of Washington with 54 languages spoken on White Center streets." I feel lucky to live so close to an area rich with traditions of so many different cultures. Diversity is a gift, and we should honor it as the resource that it is. *Judi Burke*

Friends of Salmon Creek Ravine has met twice as a group to identify priorities for volunteer effort. First priority is to remove invasive plants such as English Ivy and English Holly. Removing trash and yard waste is the second highest priority. Improving trail access is the third. The long-range vision that these priorities support is to restore the wild salmon run to Salmon Creek.

The city of Burien has pledged financial and staff supports for all of these priorities and will work in coordination with volunteers (the more we give, the more we get). Three work parties have already resulted in the protection from Ivy of 70 trees. You may have noticed Ivy dying on trees along Shorewood Drive near the top of the hill where SD meets SW 130th. This entrance to the Ravine has been the first area of volunteer focus and has received over 60 hours of volunteer effort, not only from residents of SOTS, but from residents of the greater community. This year we will host 3 more work parties - on the second Saturday of odd months from 10-Noon, so watch for the signs in July, September and November. Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to join Friends of Salmon Creek Ravine.

The Three Tree Point Fireworks Celebration is supported entirely by donations from residents living in the surrounding communities. If you would like to donate to the 2010 Three Tree Point Firework Fund you can do so by logging onto www.3treepoint.org.

Classified Advertising

Ads are \$10.00 per issue or \$40.00/year for cc members, \$25.00/issue or \$100.00/year for non-members. Advertisers under 16 are free. Deadline for next newsletter is July 15th.

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