

The *Shorewood News*

November - 2011



President's Letter

I'm sitting here at my home office and looking out at my garden and the water, and it's actually not raining. It's cold, but it's not raining. I can't believe some of my roses are still in bloom, but it is cold outside.

So another year has come and is almost gone. I've been your Shorewood on the Sound Community Club President for almost a year now and was just re-elected for a second year term. It's been a good year. My goal was that we would function smoothly and work together in harmony serving this community. I cannot be more pleased at our results.

I pray that this community realizes what a fine Board of Directors it has serving it. I really do appreciate these people, our neighbors. One of my wishes this year was that we could get some new people on the Board, new blood, renewal. We have a full Board for the next year with one new member, Beth Kleparek, elected to the Board at the recent Annual Meeting. She was a tremendous help at our Salmon Bake this summer. Eric LeBerg has not formally joined the Board, but he has attended many of the meetings this year and has participated in Board discussions. Community members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and be a part of what we're doing in the community. In the past, others have joined us for a meeting or two. You don't have to be a Board member to participate in Board meetings.

The Annual Meeting was well attended. Several people expressed an interest in sitting in on Board meetings, including one young couple that are relatively new to the neighborhood. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month. The first one of the new year will be at our house (12155 Marine View Drive SW) on January 19th. Y'all come.

Barrett W. Knudsen, President

ANNUAL MEETING-2011

The Shorewood On The Sound Community Club held its annual membership meeting on November 17, 2011 at Shorewood Elementary School. There was a good turnout of the membership for the meeting and we thank all of the members who took the time to attend. The complete minutes of the meeting will be available in January, 2012 after the next scheduled meeting. Please contact Kevin DeLashmutt (kevinde@msn.com) if you are interested in a complete copy of these minutes.

The featured presentation for the meeting was done by the National Wildlife Federation and discussed creating backyard habitats to support wildlife in the community.

Following that presentation, the annual meeting occurred. The newly elected officers and directors for the year 2012 are listed at the end of this newsletter. The directors remain the same as in 2011, with the addition of as a new director; Beth Kleparek.

Patty Knudsen was reelected and will again serve as the Welcoming Committee Chair for the group. If you know of anyone new to the community please notify her

via email at, pattyvknudsen@hotmail.com.

Lastly, a report was given on the budget. The community beach will require some major work this next year on the stairs and in beach restoration work.

SHOREWOOD CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Back again is our annual Christmas Home Decorating contest. This will be our sixteenth year of bringing to your attention the best and least tasteful displays of illuminating holiday cheer. These are the awards:

Grand Prize – Our neighborhood's most tasteful, elaborate and also most energy efficient display.

Runnerup – Almost grand, but not quite so much.

Most Original – Display themes ranging from "never before seen" to "barely appropriate for the holiday."

Highest Wattage – The gaudiest, most power hungry, blindingest display seen within our borders.

If you want to be eligible for winning one of these categories you need not apply, but you must have your decorations lit by the night of December 18 when the judges will be out prowling around the neighborhood. Winners will find a sign temporarily placed in front of their home designating their superiority over the rest of us and will also receive prepaid club dues for 2012. They may also receive a glorious prize of some kind commemorating the event for future generations. We haven't decided what that will be yet, so we will have to get back to you.

Winners will be listing on the SOTS website at shorewoodonthesound.org, and, made famous in the January issue of the *Shorewood News*.

If you would like to be a judge for this year's contest there is a form you can download from our SOTS website to help you in making your choices. All results must be in by 9:00pm on December 18. Drop the form off to Kevin D at his house at 12637 Shorewood Dr SW, or email to kevinde@msn.com, fax: 805-8119, or just give him a call at 932-3200.

Salmon Creek Ravine News

The last work party of 2011 on October 8 was a rousing success thanks to 20 people from Church of Christ on SW 150th in Burien. It was a group of all ages, from seniors to elementary school students and they all worked hard, buoyed by their wonderful community and the sun shining that day.

City of Burien Parks Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Aumann, Jennifer Buening, author of Salmon Creek Vegetation Management Plan and neighbors Richard Schroeter, and Tom and Jean Spohn also participated. The crew removed roots and vines of Himalayan blackberry and Bindweed along the path west of the fire hydrant and cut Ivy from the fence. A final touch was to plant 20 live willow stakes, a gift from the Stewards of the Cove in Normandy Park.

Please email Jean Spohn, jeanspohn@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to becoming a friend of Salmon Creek Ravine by assisting at a work party.

“Tagging” is not a game

If you notice graffiti anywhere in our neighborhood please take the initiative to remove it or to have it removed immediately. Your quick action will help stop additional tagging from taking place.

To report tagging contact Jim in Burien’s Code Enforcement Department at 248-5507, or you can instead fill out a Citizen Action Request form from Burien’s website: burienwa.gov. Anonymous requests are accepted but they do need to know the address where the graffiti is located.

HOW TO KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN

At the SOTS CC Annual meeting a hand out was given to let neighbors know how to help in keeping our local waters clean. In addition to not pouring things down the storm drains, here are some steps to follow:

- Preserve plantings next to streams, lakes, wetlands and the Sound. Plant trees and shrubs native to the Northwest whenever possible.
- Control pet access to streams and lakes. Pet wastes-poop-degrade water quality.
- Maintain your vehicle regularly. Substances leaking

from vehicles contain toxic metals and are a major local source of water pollution.

- Wash your vehicles on the grass, over dirt or at a commercial car wash to keep suds out of streams.
 - Reduce the use of chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers.
- If you fertilize your lawn, use a fertilizer with the lowest numbers available. Try to use a fertilizer with a zero as the middle number-example 3-0-3.**
- Maintain your septic tank.

Your everyday activities can help preserve the health and well-being of the waters and shorelines of Burien and can help to keep the salmon running and returning to Burien’s waterways.

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