

# The Shorewood News

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### President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Organizations such as ours are comprised of a group of folks trying to lend a hand, contribute time and effort and in some small way maybe make some things better for others. We have for many years been blessed with great people doing just that with some good successes over time.

One key person (of course we are all key persons) in our group who has done a quiet job of excellence and dedication is our Secretary, Nancy Lemmon. It has been my pleasure to work with Nancy for the last 2+ years and enjoy participating with her in what we do. I've said it before but worth repeating; Nancy has the ability to succinctly put into 10 words that which took 1/2 hour to discuss and debate. Nancy will be leaving the Board and the position of Secretary to relocate nearby. Nancy, we all thank you and wish you and your husband John well in your next venture.

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We all love the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, right?? Probably most of can see some of the fine fireworks displays from Three Tree, Vashon, Tacoma and Lake Burien. What a treat.

The other side of the Holiday is the disruptive very loud, smoky, dirty, dangerous and sometimes very inconsiderate illegal neighbors igniting illegal fireworks illegally in our neighborhoods. State, County and City laws and Ordinances make this activity illegal and Burien voters agreed to ban all non-permitted fireworks. (Our animals would probably all agree.)

Why do we allow this activity to continue? Other communities have successfully handled this. That's why many come here to use our neighborhood.

Some of us would like to preserve a quiet, safe, clean and legal environment here and think more could be done to achieve this worthwhile goal!

- *The Prez: Pat Haugen*

### Not So Lovely Garbage Cans

Every Monday of nearly every week we trundle our trashcans to the curb for the garbage man to empty on Tuesday morning. Then, Tuesday afternoon, we drag the empty containers back to our houses so we can begin refilling them for next week's pickup. Week after week we do this. Gets pretty tedious, doesn't it.

All of our neighbors who consistently perform this monotonous chore—to you a heartfelt **Thanks!** You're doing the responsible thing and also helping to keep our community beautiful. For that we'd like to show you our gratitude in a special way:

If you happen to notice any containers still left at the curb by your not quite so consistent neighbor (on, say, Friday afternoon of the following month) please help yourself to the free container with our blessings. You're welcome—and thanks again for doing such a great job!

### Past Event Report

#### **STREETS OF GARAGE SALES**

Nope—it's not a coincidence that everyone in Shorewood decided to sell their cast-off stuff last June 16. This is an annual event with it's genesis as the PackRat Sale once held at Shorewood Elementary School. A tradition maintained and made a resounding success largely due to Patty Knudsen's yearly efforts in organizing and advertising. Thanks (again) Patty!!

### Another Past Event Report

#### **"Here is the story of the creation of the Fred and Ted Steps in Shorewood Park."**

Fred Henzi designed these steps and provided detailed plans for their construction. This is only part of his donation to our community.

Work began on June 12th after the City Parks staff delivered building supplies to Jon Newton's home. Jon's yard became the step-building workshop. In the days proceeding the community work party, he and Fred cut all of the pieces to the correct size, following Fred's plan. The two contributed 40 hours of work to cut the boards, number the steps and have everything ready to go on Saturday morning.

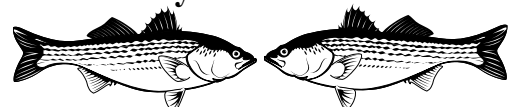
Jon was up at 7AM getting the final details ready. Ted Daley, Jean and Tom Spohn arrived at 9:30. Tom prefabricated the u-shaped steps while Jon, Fred and Ted laid out the step pathway and started digging out the hillside to create level homes for the steps. Tim Riley arrived and Barry Rodda brought a torque drill for making rebar holes that would hold the steps in place.

Tim and Jon carted the heavy steps down the hill. With measuring tapes and levels in hand, Fred and Ted monitored every step to assure the precision of the step placement. It was Jon, Ted, Fred, Tim and Teri Newton that shared the joy of placing the final stake in the steps at 5pm. Note that the steps curve gently giving a graceful appearance, further enhanced by a few rocks, carefully placed by Teri. It is not just a functional installation, but an artistic and graceful one as well.

- *Jean Spohn*

### Upcoming Event Notice

#### **Community Salmon Bake at the Beach Everyone Welcome!**



**Saturday, August 25, 12:00 - 3:00**

All Shorewood on the Sound residents are invited to attend the annual Shorewood Salmon Bake. We haven't finalized the menu yet, but this year's menu *may* include many of the following items: Wild Salmon, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, garlic bread, veggies and deserts of some kind. If you have any menu suggestions, can cook, and/or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Pat Haugen at 246-8821, or contact a board member.

### Events Calendar: July—September

Burien Theatre in the Park at Dottie Harper Park—421 SW 146th St  
July 28: Two Gentlemen of Verona, August 4: Richard III  
Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: August 18—10am til noon  
**Salmon Bake at the Beach: August 25—Noon**  
Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: September 15—10am til noon

**DAMAGED SECTION OF SHOREWOOD  
REMAINS CLOSED (NO KIDDING)**

The section of Shorewood Drive SW just south of Standing Lane remains closed to traffic as a result of the failure of the gabion wall during road repairs last January. In January, a slide occurred during wall restoration that halted repairs to the road. A new contractor has since been selected and construction will resume once contracts are signed and materials arrive. The current bid for repairs is around \$320,000, which will hopefully be paid in part by FEMA and part by the City of Seattle, whose waterline leak is alleged to have contributed to the slide in the first place. The City is hopeful that repairs could be completed by late September of this year. If you have further questions contact Burien's Peter Lau at 438-5533.

**THE SHOREWOOD NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE**

The SOTS Communication Committee met last March to discuss website and newsletter issues. While our website is coming along well, it is doing so slowly as we cautiously consider changes to content. Eventually, our vision is to allow all members of our community 'bulletin-board' type posting privileges to post messages, reports, and even items for sale directly

online. If you have any expertise in this area please let us know. We may see clearly where we're going, but we're still pretty clueless as to how we're going to get there.

Another change of significance effects our venerated Shorewood News. Starting this month we will begin publishing the newsletter every two months—six per year instead of the current four. We just don't have enough space in four newsletters to say every thing we want to say! Lucky you, eh.

Also starting this month newsletter advertising is now restricted to no more than 14 ads per issue with priority first given to items for sale or trade, and kid's businesses and such. Overflow, redundant service ads, and anyone else who needs space will now have their ads and notices published in an insert enclosed with the newsletter twice per year in July and January. Newsletter and insert advertising will still be \$40/year for club members, \$100/year for non-members.

So if you need a stump for your cause we'll do what we can to find space for you in the News. Kids under 16; if you want to start a babysitting business or mow lawns for your neighbors, let me know we'll now have free space for your ad. If you have a passion you want to share with the community (secular, and in words) let us know and as long as it has some neighborhood relevance we'll make you infamous. Email the editor: kevinde@msn.com, or call Kevin at 932-3200, and we'll do what we can to get you published.

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**Classic Committee Chair Report:**

*From the Historian*

Historically the Shorewood Salmon Bake has been the most consistently successful of all the club's social events. In 1951 a true indian style cookout was held. Salmon, corn and clams were wrapped in seaweed and baked in a deep rock filled pit. This early event combined a kids' fishing derby and the salmon bake. Each boat owner took a load of little ones and angled for the biggest, wierdest, smallest or ugliest fish, with prizes for every participant. As years went by the cooking method evolved into another indian style, the "planked" or alder-smoked process. Larry Salterelli took charge in the sixties and seventies. One year the event was call a Clambake, with no salmon appearing on the menu at all. "Clam nectar available to adult married males only." Phil Klukas, was in charge in 1987 when he used a cooking method learned from the Makah Indians. He set up three big salmon laced onto racks with cedar sticks, faced them into the alderwood fire and roasted for an hour. Eighty people enjoyed that dinner. In the nineties creative chefs have given us new taste treats with updated sources of heat (i.e. read gas barbeque grills). The fun and fellowship at the beach has remained constant throught the years. The Salmon Bake has always been THE EVENT of the year.

*Gene Pugh, Historian*

[Gene and Warren Pugh were active members of this community for many years. They retired to Des Moines in 2004.]

**Home sales slow. Marketing times go up as the number of unsold homes increases.**

Despite interest rates remaining relatively low, demand for houses continues to be soft throughout our area. For the most part homes under \$400K are still selling well, but homes priced higher are experiencing lower activity and increased market times.

According to the NWMLS, closed sales of SOTS homes since April 15th are as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Asking</u>	<u>Sold</u>
2129 SW 122nd Pl	\$599,950	\$525,000
2004 SW 120th St	\$540,000	\$540,000
12144 Marine Vw Dr SW	\$650,000	\$650,000
11828 Marine Vw Dr SW	\$775,000	\$775,000
1921 SW Cove Point Rd	\$819,900	\$819,900
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