

The Shorewood News

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President's Letter

So when I started this letter, Sunday March 17th, the sun was shining and it wasn't too cold, so I spent a few hours out in my garden weeding and pruning the roses. It seems like spring has sprung, finally. Happy spring to you all.

So this is now my third year as your President. It's rather unprecedented and not really what I wanted, and I sure hope someone else will step up next year, but things have gone pretty smoothly with the Board and the neighborhood the past few years, and we got four new members on the Board, so I am encouraged. We owe a debt of thanks to Jessica Harrell, Gary Harris, John Kelly and Guy Lawrence, your new board members. February's Board meeting took place at Guy's house. The March meeting took place at John's house and in April we met at Gary's house. These new members are already making their presence felt and are actively involved with their community.

What we didn't have this year is someone to head our Easter Egg Hunt activity. So my wife, Patty, and I had to coordinate it. Fortunately, some of you noted last year when you paid your dues that you would be willing to help in this activity. So the eggs were stuffed thanks to the help of Betsy Wheelock, Lori Buchsbaum and Elena Romanova who came over to our house and pitched in. John and Kathleen Foster and others helped hide the eggs. Joe Cail, who has headed this effort for many years, kept everybody in line on the day of the Hunt.

This is a great community due to the efforts of a relatively small number of people who really do care. How many of you are aware of the endless hours put in by Jean Spohn, our steward of Salmon Creek Ravine and Shorewood Park? Did you know that Kevin Delashmutt puts the Directory out pretty much on his own? Then there's the rest of your Board, several of them have served the community for many years. When you see one of them, tell them thank you. They deserve it. Ask how you can help keep this community great. Upcoming events are the Streets of Garage Sales on June 8, Summer Fest on July 20 and the Salmon Bake on August 24. Please let us know if you can help with any of these.

We have had some crime in the neighborhood lately, and some suspicious people have been seen. One way of protecting ourselves is through the Neighborhood Block Watch groups organized in various parts of our community. You might talk to your neighbors and see if there is interest on your street. There will be a community meeting run by the Burien Police on how to organize Block Watches very soon.

If you have an existing Block Watch group, perhaps send an article to the editor and let us know how it works for you.

Please note the signs at the entrances of our neighborhood thanking those of you who have paid your dues. Your dues do make it work. Directories were sent out recently to those who had paid their dues. We should be changing the combination to the beach gate lock this year. The new combination will be given to those who have paid their dues. By the way, have you noticed the damage on the beach to the drainage pipes on the bluff caused by this winter's storms? The City of Burien has been contacted about this problem and is working with us to remedy the problem.

Your Board is continuing to look into our Neighborhood Covenants. It has been on our agenda at each of this year's Board Meetings with a goal to have a community wide meeting this fall to share our work and draft documents with you.

Barrett W. Knudsen - President
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Shorewood Street of Sales Community Garage Sale Event

Get involved in your community this summer by participating in one of the longest running events in Shorewood! The streets of sales is on Saturday June 8th this year from 9 am to 4 pm. To join in on the fun all you need to do is let the event chair know you are having a sale. This will get you listed on the maps that are given to participants.

To prepare for the sale, gather some items, like books, clothes dishware and videos. The Sky is the limit! There is no time like the present to start gathering unwanted items. Have your items priced and ready to go and set up shop in your garage or driveway on Saturday June 8th. The neighborhood takes care of all the advertising, the event is well attended! Keep up to date with garage sale tips and ideas on the SOTS facebook page!

Make sure to sign up so you get your star on the map. Contact Heather.

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Neighborhood Covenants

"IMPORTANT NOTICE" If you live in Shoremont #1 or #2, or in Shorewood Additions #1 or #3, any covenant changes are due by 1/1/2015

All of the proprieties in these divisions have Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) recorded with their deeds. For the most part these existing CC&Rs, created shortly after WWII, embodied the concerns, needs, and the culture of that time. They also attempted to establish a neighborhood of a particular design and character. Soon, we will have a short window of opportunity where we can update these CC&Rs, bringing them up to current standards while addressing issues and problems we have encountered over the last 60 years as our neighborhood has matured.

Our SOTS website (www.shorewoodonthesound.org) has everything you need to educate yourself on this issue before we bring it to a vote. If you go to the Resources Tab at our website, you can identify on a map which neighborhood division you live in and view a copy of your current CC&Rs along with their renewal dates. Please go there and spend a few minutes making sure the issues important to you are being addressed. Then let us know what you think. Help us create CC&Rs that will maintain our neighborhood's unique standard of living for the next 60 years, and beyond. Comments and changes are welcome! Send To: Shorewood on the Sound, C/O Covenant Committee, P.O. Box 47203, Burien, Wa. 98146.

Thanks,
Ray Hetrick - Covenant Committee Chair

Upcoming Community Events

June 8, 2013-Shorewood Garage Sale
July 20, 2013-Summerfest
August 24, 2013-Salmon Bake at the beach

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

Fred Henzi contributed a lot to our community. Kevin Delashmutt, Jon Newton, Tim Reilly and Joe Cail all attended Fred's memorial service and had some lovely stories to share about their experience with Fred.

My memories of him are as follows:
Fred was a fantastic steward of our local parks, especially Shorewood Park. Over the years he attended every work party and removed huge amounts of ivy from the park using a tool he especially designed for the purpose. He also planted trees. The two Noble Firs he planted 20 years ago are now quite tall. He designed the steps in Shorewood Park, a design so good that it has been used by the City of Burien for steps in other parks. I have been musing on the best location to plant a tree in his honor on April 13th.

Thanks,
Jean Spohn

Editor's note: The City of Burien honored Fred at the City's Arbor Day celebration and planted a tree in honor of Fred Henzi in Shorewood Park.

Burien City News

Currently the City is finishing work on their Shoreline Master Program which is required by the Department of Ecology for the protection of the City's marine areas along Puget Sound and fresh water areas of Lake Burien.

If you have a concern or an opinion on any issue, please contact the City Council at:

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