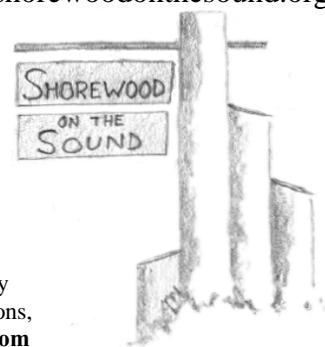


The Shorewood News

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Welcome to another exciting issue of *The Shorewood News*. The flowers are out and the weather is warmer so it must be spring. I hope you survived the winter unscathed.

With spring comes another call for assistance; and we have a plethora of opportunities for you to help out with. We are always in need beach maintenance (we are looking for volunteers in the near future to help build a new wall along the trail), the Shorewood Park clean-up and ivy pull, and volunteers for the many other activities we have going on.

A new *hopefully* annual event we are in the midst of planning right now is a CommunityFest on Marine View Drive in July; music, food, bouncy toys, a fire truck, and good old fashioned neighborly fun. Look for more information to come and watch for the signs at our entry. I hope to see you there in the nice warm sun. Come out and meet, greet and talk to your friends and neighbors. Just one more reason we live in such a great neighborhood!

Thanks for all you do. See you in the hood.

- your Prez: Gary Gibson

2009-2010 Shorewood Directory

As you can see the new Shorewood Directory is printed and now in your hands. We made our best effort to make this issue as flawless as possible but errors are inevitable so we apologize for those in advance. The survey accompanying your dues billing (hint, hint) provided us with many of the updates and your calls and messages provided the rest, but we need your continuing assistance to make this directory the most accurate it can be. Please review your new copy and contact **Kevin DeLashmutt at 932-3200** or at kevinde@msn.com if you have corrections.

Past Event Report

EASTER EGG HUNT!!



A mob of freeloading children ransacked the beach at the annual Easter Egg Hunt this last April 11th. Over 600 pieces of candy and 500 plastic Easter eggs were all gone in moments, as if carried away by a plague of locusts. With all the excitement and milling about it was difficult to get a count, but we think 73 kids with over 120 parents and grandparents pursuing were present. It was all a blur, so we can't say for sure. Trinkets were then distributed to each and every child as a condition they leave the beach area peacefully, without causing more sugar induced damage to CC property. No casualties reported.

Thanks once again to all the volunteers who helped pull this off. And especially to **Patricia Haugen** who chaired again this year, risking life and limb to make this beloved event such a wild and crazy success.

Upcoming Event Notice

Shorewood Streets of Garage Sales!

This year's *Streets of Garage Sales* is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, beginning at 9:00 am. As in past years bargain hunters begin showing up shortly after dawn, so take care not to leave your valuables unattended. Participants can have their house plotted on the neighborhood map handout by calling **Patty Knudsen at 242-3554** before June 10. Color coordinated balloons for marking your sale will be available on Patty's front porch at 12155 Marine View Drive SW on June 12. There is no charge for participating in this event, and all are invited.

Cross your fingers for a sunny and warm Saturday. Best of luck and we wish you great success for your sale.

Forest Stewardship

Some of your wonderful neighbors have been giving hours to remove invasive plants from the forested lands we are privileged to live close to. It has been discouraging to discover that neighbors whose homes border our parks have been dumping yard waste 'over the hill' into our forested parks. This makes the task of the volunteer even more daunting, to say nothing of what this does to the ecology of the forest. Also discouraging is to see carpets and walls of ivy on the private properties along the park border, especially those that have gone to seed. Please take an opportunity to visit Shorewood Park and Seahurst Park and see the results of the forest stewardship by your neighbors who have volunteered. If you have questions, please contact me at **200-7524**. - Jean Spohn

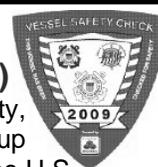
NOTICE: New Beach Gate Code

The gate code to the community beach has now been changed to the new code given on your 2009 membership card. Last year's code will no long open the gate.

Boating Notice

Free Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)

Even if you pay careful attention to safety, dangerous mechanical problems can crop up on the best-maintained boat. That is why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters (including personal watercraft users) take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program every year. VSCs are offered by experienced members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons®, two of the nation's premier volunteer boating safety organizations.



A VSC is your best way of learning about problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws or worse, create danger for you or your passengers on the water. If you would like a VSC for your vessel call Shorewood resident **Jackie Smith at 431-3514**.

Next on the list: Get your Boating License!

The United States Power Squadron is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes boating safety through education. Classes are offered both in person and online. Check them out at <http://www.pbps.org>.

Letters to the Editor:



Dear Kevin,

Thank you for giving us the link to the SeaTac Airport flight traffic website. Very interesting, but now I have lost it. Can you please print it in the newsletter again? I know the phone is 433-5393.

Don't thank me. Marv Jahnke came up with that jewel of information. The web address for Flight Tracker is:

<http://sea.webtrak-lochard.com/template/index.html>

Dear Kevin,

It would be nice to mention something about trimming neighborhood trees in your next newsletter. Many people living here now don't realize this area was logged back in the early 1900s, and that nearly all the trees we have here now were planted by the developer and the first lot owners. Now many have gotten so big they block views. Is there something we can do to make people maintain their trees?

You are correct that nearly all the trees in our neighborhood are "domestic" trees. To the right is a photograph of Shorewood Drive from the 1940s and you can see the trees pictured are all pretty small. Proof this area was logged and then replanted.

Unfortunately, outside of begging or bribery there is really nothing you can do to force your neighbor to be more considerate of you and your view. Try asking them over to see how their trees are impacting you—they may not realize how unneighborly they are being. If that doesn't work then throw a kegger and don't invite them.

Also, there are more pictures of our neighborhood on <http://www.facebook.com>. When on Facebook search the site for "Shorewood on the Sound" and they should come up for you. You can post photographs there too.

Community Reminders

...Burien Strawberry Festival is June 20th and 21st this year, at its usual place near the library:

<http://www.burienstrawberryfestival.org/>

...Shorewood CommunityFest is July 18th on the street in front of 12155 Marine View Dr SW. Time is tentatively set for 11:00—1:00, but check Shorewood sign posts and our website for final plans.

...White Center Jubilee Days is July 18th and 19th with their parade on Sunday the 19th:

<http://www.jubileedays.org/>

...Don't forget: Be Neighborly—Trim Your Trees



Events Calendar: May—July, 2009

Streets of Garage Sales: June 13, 9—4, throughout Shorewood

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: June 20, 10am til noon

Burien Strawberry & Arts Festival: June 20 & 21, 146th and 4th SW

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: July 18, 10am til noon

Shorewood CommunityFest Block Party: July 18, Marine Vw Dr

White Center Jubilee Days: July 18 & 19, 17th & Roxbury

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