



# The Shorewood News

## October 2006

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### President's Message

*Dear Neighbors;*

Well, all of our regularly scheduled events this year have come off well having been orchestrated by very knowledgeable, capable and unselfish persons who are comprised not only of your Board members but a host of Community Club members who contribute their time and effort without reservation to making your membership worthwhile. To all of you a well deserved **thank you** from all of us who are able to appropriately measure our successes.

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 PM at Shorewood Elementary School. The annual election of officers and selection of Board members is important to your community group and we always look forward to your input to this process. Your involvement in your community is something that is needed and heartily encouraged. We find ourselves sometimes shorthanded and occasionally lonely in deciding what might be best for us all; come give us a hand, attend the meeting, tell us what interests you or not and consider joining a very worthwhile effort. We welcome you to become a bigger part of your community.

*- The Prez: Pat Haugen*

#### Committee Chair Report:

#### **Salmon Bake 2006**

The Shorewood Salmon Bake 2006 was a great event attended by over 120 community members. Participants enjoyed 120 pounds of Salmon and Halibut. Again, the cooks outdid themselves this year. Some flavors included wasabi glaze on the halibut and Smokey Raspberry Vinaigrette with hints of dill on the salmon. There was definitely enough for everyone. A *special thank you* to The **Yim Family** for procuring and donating the salmon which was enjoyed by so many of their neighbors. Also a big thank you to the many volunteers who helped carry, set up, cook, serve, transport, and clean-up. "Communities happen because you care"

*- Joe Cail*

#### Past event Report:

#### **Annexation Information Meeting Night**

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Annexation Information Meeting night held on Wednesday, September 20th, 2006 was a very successful event. Over 50 residents and community members attended this event. The idea was to get some information regarding the Potential Annexation of the North Highline Unincorporated Area and how this annexation might affect the Shorewood on the Sound area. Presenters were from: King County, City of Burien, City of Seattle, North Highline in favor of annexing to Seattle, North Highline in favor of annexing to Burien, Burien opposed to annexation, and Burien in favor of annexing the area. A lot of ideas were expressed and definite opinions were discussed. This event was moderated by Becky Cox who is a member of the League of Women Voters King County South. Before you form an opinion you need to find out more information regarding this issue.

*- Joe Cail*

#### (shhh...Secret Book Club Report:)

#### **(Book) Clubbing it in Shorewood**

Our Shorewood community newsletter and website offer a great opportunity for people of like interests to connect. In years past there have been progressive dinner clubs, bridge clubs, and most currently the Shorewood book club. The book club was first formed by Norene Ott and Ruth Williams in 1996 to bring together neighbors who were lovers of reading. Still going strong after ten years, we have enjoyed reading over

100 books from classics to Oprah picks. We take turns hosting the monthly meetings in our homes, which is why we limit ourselves to nine members at a time. Though we've experienced periodic member turnovers, we remain committed to our friendship and shared passion for books. If you are interested in receiving a copy of our complete book list, or would like information on how to start your own club, contact me at 243-4788 or [bangsrus@comcast.net](mailto:bangsrus@comcast.net).

*- Renee' Bang*

#### Neighborhood Real Estate Report:

#### **Area Home Sales Still Active as Prices Soften**

Home prices for homes sold in our neighborhood have moved downward since our early June peak. This is partially shown by the larger spread between asking price and sale price of the many recent sales, and also by houses priced competitively that didn't sell at all. Since June, closed sales of Shorewood on the Sound homes are as follows:

Address	Asking	Sold
12134 Marine View Dr SW	\$499,999	\$465,000
12027 Marine View Dr SW	\$677,950	\$665,188
12515 Marine View Dr SW	\$749,950	\$670,000
12703 Shorewood Pl SW	\$775,000	\$775,000
1810 SW Shoreview Ln	\$839,500	\$820,000
12623 Shorewood Dr SW	\$890,000	\$878,000
12023 Standing Ct SW	\$989,000	\$989,000
12259 Shorewood Ln SW	\$1,200,000	\$1,050,000

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

*- Kevin DeLashmutt*

#### Outstanding Upcoming Events:

#### **CPR Night at the West Highline Fire House**

Mark my calendar (yours too) for CPR and First Aid training by those svelte West Highline firemen. Class is from 6-9 pm at the firehouse: 1243 SW 112th St. Cost is \$25/person, but well worth it; the life you save may be my own. Call Amy or Charlotte at 243-0330 to pre-register. Call early enough and you may get to choose the gender of your practice partner.

#### **Aviation High School Auction**

The first ever Aviation High School auction and dinner is less than a month away. The "Sky is Not the Limit Auction" will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006, 6:00 pm, at the Museum of Flight on Boeing Field.

This is *the* social event of the year and we would love to have you there with us! We offer a great meal catered by McCormick & Schmick's, a silent auction, a live auction, and the wonderful company of the many plane people involved with supporting, promoting, and instructing at AHS.

Individual tickets to the Dinner and Auction are \$40 - Group and Sponsored Tables are available. Call Bebe Hoyt at 444-9900 or Kevin DeLashmutt at 932-3200 to order tickets or if you have questions. Bring your friends, business associates, and your checkbook and count on having a super evening!

#### **CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST**

This year we will again have a Christmas lighting contest. If you want to be eligible for winning glorious prizes you need not apply, but you must have your decorations lit by the night of Dec 22nd -the *Night of the Judging*. Four prizes will be awarded. While we're not yet sure what those prizes are, we do know there will be one prize for each category (which we haven't decided on yet either). Results will be in the next newsletter. So put up all your lights and hope for the best.

#### **Events Calendar: November - February**

CPR Night (see details above).....6-9 pm, Nov 6th  
**Annual Meeting @ Shorewood Ele..7-9 pm, Nov 16th**  
Christmas Home Decorating Contest, Everywhere: Dec 22th

## Guest Author Section

### The Wilds of Shorewood by resident Renee' Bang

While observing with quickened pulse magnificent leopards, lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, buffalo, rhinos, impalas, etc. on a recent African photo safari I couldn't help but sadly wonder if the less grandiose wild-life in our Shorewood backyard would seem pale in comparison upon our return home. Would Mike, our two daughters, or I yawn in response to a soaring bald eagle or close the windows when the coyotes howled, both causes for pre-African excitement and appreciation?

Our family has had countless joyful encounters with a myriad of Pacific Northwest wildlife over the 10 years we've lived in Shorewood (Mike grew up in Shorewood though). My favorite one-time-only experiences include watching a quail family and a ring-necked pheasant walk along Shorewood Drive; being visited in my backyard by a curious red fox on Mother's Day several years ago; startling a coyote just inside the park gate, with my hound dogs begging to be let off leash to give chase (not a chance!); and watching an owl maneuver between branches trying to catch a squirrel. Of course, with the good comes some bad. Had we known that river otters lived in the ravine, we would have taken preventative measures to safeguard our large koi pond. After the first

attack by an otter, we evacuated the surviving koi to a portable pond in our garage and hired a trapper. Three weeks later the otter was caught and released many miles away. Believing it a fluke visit, we were horrified to find a mother otter and her four kits several months later with most of our koi littering the lawn. Soon after we had fencing installed but it was penetrated two more times before we added the successful final touch of electric fencing. Phew!

Each post-African day brings a new wonder-filled wildlife experience, whether sighting a skink or garter snake sunning on a garden rock, watching a hummingbird, bat or swallow skim our koi pond for gnats, listening to the coyotes howl in response to a siren, finding yet another robin's nest under deck eaves, rescuing disoriented birds from our glass-enclosed decks, studying spider hatchling nests (and maybe blowing on them to watch the spiders regroup), chasing away springtime flickers that hammer on our gutters to attract mates, or spying a raccoon raid a bird's nest in a nearby treetop.

So while we won't be witnessing a leopard stalking impala in Shorewood, we may see osprey carrying glistering, defeated fish from the Sound, glad they're not our koi. And glad we co-exist with such awe-inspiring, varied neighbors.


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