

The Shorewood News

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President's Letter

Fellow denizens of the Seattle bedroom community known as Shorewood on the Sound:

For the first time in the twelve or so years that Patty, my wife, and I, have lived in Shorewood on the Sound, we attended the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd and helped a little where we could. What a gas! About 100 people, half kids and half adults, or people pretending to be adults, attended. I don't think too many of the adults scarfed too many of the eggs, but everyone seemed to have a great time. And, wonder of wonders, the weather cooperated. We had a wonderful day for such an adventure. Many thanks to Pat Haugen and her oversized bunny rabbit helpers, Joe Cail and Kevin DeLashmutt. Joe was the guy with the whistle around his neck. And, he knows how to use that thing. Lot of practice I guess.

The oldest kids and their eggs were parked the farthest from the beach steps. The middle kids and their eggs were parked in the middle and the youngest kids found themselves closest to the steps. Afterwards each kid got to choose from a stack of additional gifts. Well done, wabbits!

Next up is the Street of Garage Sales on Saturday, June 4th. The coordinator of that event is my wife, Patty Knudsen, with some help from her husband. If you have any questions, contact Patty at pattyvknudsen@hotmail.com. On July 23rd we have the SummerFest. If you're interested in performing, please contact me at barrettk@bkbusiness.com.

Barrett W. Knudsen, President

Easter Egg Hunt 2011

Wow! An amazing day and lots of Easter Egg Hunters. The Weather cooperated extremely nicely for the 2011 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, 2011. The tide was going out and the Olympics were majestic in their white crowns.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt saw over 80 kids of all ages. They were monitored by over 50 adults. All of the hunters were able to find Easter Eggs and then get a prize at the end of the hunt.

Many thanks to Directors Patricia Haugen and Joe Cail who co-chaired this event. Patricia was the master egger who procured the brunch buffet and prizes for the hunters.

This event came together with the efforts of volunteer who were both board members and community members. A great **BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped make this activity come together. They stuffed eggs, cleaned the beach of dog poop and glass, hid eggs, signed members and guests in, and generally made this event happen. Thanks go to Nancy Breslich, Joe Cail, Jeanie Carlson, Mary Carlson, Kevin DeLashmutt, Susan Fromm, Gary Gibson, Patricia Haugen, Ray Hetrick, Marv Jahnke, Barrett Knudsen, Patty Knudsen, Jeff Kelsey, Mathew Kelsey, Pam Snider, and Betsy Wheelock.

Green Flags Signify New Plants

If you look up at the bank at Shorewood Beach you will notice some little green flags. These mark locations of Garry Oak trees that were planted in March. The trees were obtained from the King Conservation Native Plant Nursery as a good choice for a bank that gets lots of sun in the summer. They will provide stability to the bank and more shade as they mature.

Shorewood Park also has been gifted with new native plants thanks to students from T.E.C. High School. Their Senior Culminating Project titled 'Invasive Species Removal, Habitat Restoration and Environmental Education' was sponsored by the Environmental Science Center and mentored by Kent Horton and Jean Spohn. These students removed all of the English Ivy from a large site in the forest and then planted Snowberry, Oregon Grape, Douglas Fir and Hemlock trees. These plants were obtained from the native plant nursery at New Start High School. Check out their site with lots of green flags marking the plants.

If you chose to walk along Salmon Creek starting at the Treatment Plant, you will encounter a wide area along the creek that has been restored. The site was covered with Himalayan Blackberry. This plant is especially harmful along a stream bank as it crowds out all native plants and does not provide shade, food or habitat important to the health of the stream and young salmon. The plants placed so far will be augmented by additional plants in the fall. Check out the new plants as they are just starting to leaf out.

SOTS GARAGE SALE-June 4, 2011

Now that nasty April is gone, we can start planning for our SOTS "Street of Garage Sales". The sale will be on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9am to 4pm. To register and have your house starred on the map handout, call Patty Knudsen at 206-242-3554 or email pattyvknudsen@hotmail.com before June 2, 2011.

I have a Martha Stewart handout available on how to have a successful garage sale. Contact me, if you are interested in having a copy of this handout. This may help you to have a more successful garage sale.

We advertise the sale in the Seattle Times, the Highline Times, on our own SOTS blog site and on Craigslist. This has been a very well attended event by buyers for years and we have many repeat buyers from previous years. It is a favorite event.

There will be buyers who will want to start buying as early as 7am in the morning. Please do not feel pressured to start selling at that time. We clearly

announce that the sale starts at 9am. Buyers do keep coming right to the end time of the sale, 4pm.

Color coordinated balloons to mark your house are available Wednesday –Friday before the sale at 12155 Marine View Dr. by my front porch. The morning of the sale, I put out sandwich boards on the streets directing people to the sale. For those of you selling, happy selling! For those of you buying, happy hunting! **Patty Knudsen, Garage Sale Chair**

The Burien Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Burien is updating their Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with state, regional and countywide laws and policies. The Plan guides how long-term decisions regarding the community can be made. This process happens every 8 to 10 years and is a state requirement for the city.

One of policies of the Burien Comprehensive Plan states, "Design guidelines may be used to support and enhance the design characteristics of the City's

neighborhoods. Neighborhood Plans may address these issues, and if so, the City will accommodate such plans by varying design guidelines, standards and requirements within and between the residential areas of the City, based on the neighborhood's unique "character." Another policy states, "The City will encourage and support the development of neighborhood plans. These plans will carry out and refine the vision of the Comprehensive Plan at the neighborhood level."

During the review process we will be requesting that the current Salmon Creek Neighborhood Plan, which includes the Shorewood Community, be open for review so that it is in compliance with state, regional and countywide laws and policies and continues to address our neighborhood's unique character. View the plan at: <http://www.burienwa.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=78>. We will be asking for volunteers to help solicit ideas and draft changes to the neighborhood plan. Please contact Kevin DeLashmutt at Kevinde@msn.com.

Bob Edgar, Communication Committee Chair

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