

# The Shorewood News

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## President's Letter

Happy Fall to y'all. We've had a busy and productive Summer here in the Shorewood on the Sound community.

In June we had our yearly Streets of Garage Sales. This was led once again by Randy and Jennifer Ingersoll's daughter, Heather, and a good and profitable time was had by all. Our streets were filled with happy shoppers.

In July we had our annual SummerFest led by yours truly. Rand and Laurel Fullington were ably assisted by Nate, Patty and others in food acquisition and preparation. Music was by the Shorewood duo of Eric LeBerg and Barrett Knudsen and Maya and Alena, the twin daughters of Bernd Friedrich and Katya Spielberg. Katherine Brecht, granddaughter of Colleen Webster and Al Falco, painted the faces of every child who approached her table, and some adults, too. A children's bouncy toy was enjoyed by a continuous stream of kids. A wonderful group of volunteers helped in setting up and tearing down. It was a beautiful day and I'm guessing about 150 people attended.

We just enjoyed our August Salmon Bake led, as usual, by the wonderful, witty and irrepressible Joe Cail. Joe did most of the cooking, with help from Kevin DeLashmutt and others, and the food was great. Patty Knudsen was in charge of food acquisition and Guy Lawrence just seemed to be everywhere. I spent most of my time eating and talking to people, so I'm sure I missed out on observing a wonderful group of volunteers who helped set up, tear down, clean up and otherwise serve those who attended the festive atmosphere on a beautiful day. Joe will probably have more to tell you in his summary. Again, I think about 150 people attended.

We've had some significant cleanup efforts in the neighborhood and on our beach property, and your dues make these efforts possible. One of our beach tables was seriously damaged by July 4th revelers who had no right to be setting off firecrackers on our beach, and certainly not on our tables. The other two tables were just plain worn out. So we brought in a carpenter, Richard Reidt, to repair all three of them. At the same time, Richard repaired our two benches and created three new benches from logs and wood that had been sitting on the beach. In a second phase, Richard repaired the railing on the trail down to the beach. The railing is now solid which will make the trail much safer.

So the above are just some of the examples of how your dues are put to work in your community. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. If you can, please volunteer to help. We have a list of volunteers and we consult it regularly. Two ladies on the volunteer list, Lori and Betsy, have stepped forward in service to their community and have even volunteered to head up next year's Easter Egg Hunt. This community works as well as it does due to the

contributions of both time and treasure by people who live here.

Work continues on our neighborhood covenants. At the time of writing this column, I am waiting for confirmation on the date of a neighborhood meeting to further discuss the covenants. Stay tuned.

**Barrett W. Knudsen** – President, 206-246-2525

## Salmon Bake

The Shorewood Salmon Bake 2013 was a great event attended by over 175 community members.

Participants enjoyed over 140 pounds of Salmon. This year we were able to enjoy Wild Red King Salmon caught in the pristine waters of Alaska. The salmon was prepared in two different and scrumptious styles. There was the traditional barbequed salmon with the Soy Sauce with Olive Oil marinade. Rosemary branches were added to the coals for scent. The second style was the Johnny's Seasoning Salt rub on a hot griddle for a blackened crisp covering. It was definitely noticed that a number of Salmon Bakers tried both styles of fish.

In addition to the Salmon, also offered were potato salad, baked beans, three bean salad, veggies, fruit, watermelon, rolls with butter, ice cream, cookies, juice, and water.

Big thanks to the community members who helped stage this special event. The food procurement was exceptional and headed by Patty Knudsen. The food was very tasty and there was definitely enough for everyone.

A special thank you goes to The Stephani Scanlon Family for their help in procuring the salmon which was enjoyed by so many of their neighbors. I think a special request was given for "Wild Caught Salmon" by Stephani so that the club members could get the most flavorful and nutritious fish available. Also, a big thank you to the many volunteers who helped beach clean, carry, set up, cook, serve, transport, and clean-up! This list includes many of your neighbors: Nancy Breslich, Tim Butler, Margaret Barrett, Jim Chrisinger, Terry Cullin, Kevin DeLashmutt, Wesley DeLashmutt, Dr. Bob Edgar, Jacqueline Foster, John Foster, Kathleen Foster, Jon Hartley, Pastor Dan Johnson, Alex Kane, Jillian Kane, Steve Kane, Lan Choy Kao, Jeff Kelsey, Patty Knudsen, Barrett Knudsen, Guy Lawrence, Bill Milne, Kitty Milne, Stephani Scanlon, Pam Snider, and Tim Wilhelmi.

It is appreciated and noted that there are those bodies who actually stay after setting up in the morning, check in during the bake, and come back or stay until the end so that they can get a little cardio workout schlepping items to the top of the trail. Whew!

"Communities happen because you care."

Joe Cail – Chair

## Meet the Candidates Night

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from 7-8:30 PM at Shorewood Elementary School from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. This is a traditional date for us which allows two weeks before the general election. We include: City of Burien Council positions, School Board positions, small taxing districts-fire, sewer, water; and, Port Commissioners.

Also, the B-Town Blog will host two forums for the City Council candidates. Those forums will happen on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at ERAC/the Highline School District Administration Building.

You are invited to attend, listen, learn and, if you wish, quiz the candidates yourself. These forums are free and open for anyone and everyone to attend.

Joe Cail - Director

## Neighborhood Block Watch

1. Do you have a reason to expect being comfortable and safe in your home or neighborhood?
2. Do you have any concerns regarding crime, car prowls, home invasions, security, and theft of items?
3. Does your neighborhood have a plan when the next "Big One" hits?
4. Can you and your neighbors survive for three to five days without any governmental or societal support of any kind?

The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club is reorganizing the Community Block Watch Program for the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club. In 1993 there were 21 active Block Watches within the Shorewood Community Club boundary. In 2013, there are three active Block Watches within the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club boundary. And, we are not sure if two of them are really within the club boundary.

The Block Watch program is designed to help neighbors work together to protect their neighborhoods and it works because neighbors care enough to be neighbors. They look out for each other. The Block Watch is also the Disaster Preparedness Group for your neighborhood.

At each of our community events, we display a community map which has push pins to place on your property denoting interest in the Block Watch program and if you would be willing to be a Captain of your neighborhood. The Captain merely gets everyone together at least once a year so that everyone can be neighbors once again.

If you have an active Block Watch you meet at least once a year. Please contact Joe Cail at 206.242.6315 to register your Block Watch in the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club Block Watch list.

If you would like to start a Block Watch in your neighborhood the community club can help you get organized. It is easy. Just be a neighbor.

Joe Cail - Director

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2013 CLUB DUES?

## Neighborhood Covenants

Covenant Committee representatives were on hand to answer questions and collect comments at both this summer's SummerFest and at last month's Salmon Bake. It is clear from our interactions with our community members that a rewrite of our covenants is needed and long past due. Removing outdated language is important, but adding minimal view protections have become the driving force for change. Version #7 of our proposed covenant update is now posted at our shorewoodonthesound.org website and on our Facebook group page. Please go online and let us know what you think. We will hold a public meeting to go over the proposed changes on September 26th in the Shorewood Elementary School multipurpose room, 7 PM. Please plan on attending. We need all the informational help that we can get!

Covenant Committee

## Could you use a little help?

Every two weeks or so, I take my almost-elderly mother-in-law to the grocery store. We have room for more in her minivan, and if we have some neighbors who would like to come along that would be great. We have a tab for 'up-front' parking, plus I'm happy to help anyone load and unload and get everything home safely. Friendly conversation will also be provided. Days and times are flexible but we've found that stores tend to be less crowded around 10 AM so this is the better time for us to shop. We do a variety: Safeway, QFC and Fred Meyer. Requests welcome.

Contact Betsy Wheelock, 988-5852

## Salmon Creek Ravine Work Party

We are planning two work parties for the Fall. Please place these two events on your calendar:

> On Saturday, October 19th at Shorewood Park, 28th Avenue SW & SW 119th st, volunteers will be working 10 am-Noon to remove Himalayan Blackberry and English ivy shoots that have appeared this summer along the trail. Also, we will add a few baby native conifer trees. Shorewood forests boast grand seventy-year old conifers but not much representation for the next generation.

> On Saturday, November 9th at the Shorewood Waste Treatment Plant entrance to the Salmon Creek Ravine, volunteers will be working 10 am-Noon to remove invasive shoots that have appeared this summer that are choking all of the new native plants along the trail. Also we will have some new native plants to add. All residents of Shorewood on the Sound are welcome (and even urged) to participate. Meet your neighbors and help make our community just a little bit better. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided.

Contact Jean Spohn at jeanspohn@centurylink.net.

## Upcoming Community Events

September 26, Community Covenant Meeting  
October 8 and 15, B-Town Blog Candidate Forum  
October 19, Shorewood Park Work Party  
October 22, Shorewood Candidate Forum  
November 9, Salmon Creek Ravine Work Party  
November 21, Annual General Community Meeting, Discussion on Covenants  
December, Christmas Lighting Event