

# The Shorewood News

## January 2008

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### President's Message

*Dear Neighbors;*

One day washes into the next. When trying to recall all of the wonderful and exciting things that have happened in Shorewood On The Sound this year you may find that all of the events seem to have melted together. 2007 certainly had its challenges; from the storms that racked our area trying to wash away our community beach, the record rainfall, the snow, the mudslides, trees down, etc. We were also blessed with beautiful weather for our annual garage sale and our fantastic community salmon feed (another hearty thanks to Drew & Angel Yim for donating the fish – again!) and the many wet days of volunteers pulling ivy in Shorewood Community Park.

While we have made progress and improvements to our beach and park many items are still in need of your help. We still have many blocks to place at the beach and monthly clean-up activities at Shorewood Community Park (watch for signs). We also need to fill one board member...

As we enter a new year I encourage and ask that you become involved in your community; attend board meetings, volunteer to help with the many different activities, show up at work parties. Shorewood On The Sound is only as good as you and your neighbors make it to be. To plagiarize a famous quote: Ask not what your community can do for you; ask what you can do for your community. Best wishes for a great New Year.

- *Your NEW Prez: Gary Gibson*

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATION WINNERS

There were some great choices, some unique displays and **everyone** was a winner in our book; but someone had to get prizes and here are the winning selections:

- GRAND PRIZE:** Eric & Jennifer Moe (Upper Shorewood Drive)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up:** Kevin & April Sutherland (Marine View Drive)
- Highest Wattage:** Chris & Heather Peeler (Lower Shorewood Drive)
- Most Original:** Doug Denton & Mark Whittman (Stranding Court)

Each winner was awarded the appropriate custom hand made lighted yard display sign (which we take back after the contest), a winner's certificate, 2 new SOTSCC coffee mugs, and membership dues prepaid for 2008.

Also worth mention is a very beautiful display just outside our territory (annexation candidate??) on SW 120<sup>th</sup> just east of 21st Ave SW. All displays are worth a couple minutes drive by.

Other than the contestants themselves, Kevin DeLashmutt and Patricia Haugen did most of the work involved in this project. And, as is customary, the crack, national search winning, hand picked, blue ribbon panel of judges will remain anonymous. Thanks everyone! - *Patrick Haugen*

### The New Shorewood Elementary School PAVING STONE PROJECT

To anyone wishing to contribute, and especially those of you who attended Shorewood Elementary, here is a new way to become a permanent part of the new Shorewood Elementary School. No, not by failing 5th grade. Instead, you can have your name engraved on a paving stone to be placed in the entrance walkway of the new school. What better way to commemorate the past and show support for your alma mater than having your family or student's name engraved on a paver. Better yet, a note engraved to your school sweetheart, or engrave that message you carved into your old desktop. These too can be engraved on a paver. A lasting testament for all posterity to see.

Order paving stones by March 1st, 2008 for the low price of \$40 each (SOTS-CC is buying 6). You are allowed up to three lines of text—16 characters per line including spaces. Write clearly and send to Shorewood PTA at the interim site of 11427 3rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98168. If you have questions contact Chrissy Ryckman at [shorewoodpta@comcast.net](mailto:shorewoodpta@comcast.net), or Kevin at 932-3200.

#### Events Calendar: January—March

- Empty Bowls Dinner: Moshier Comm Art Center—450 S 156th \$10 min donation, bowl included. Jan 25, 4 pm—8 pm.
- America's Boating Course—Des Moines: Feb 9, 8 am—4:30 St Bernadette Athletic Assoc. Italian Dinner, Dance, and Auction 1028 SW 128th St. \$25/person, starts at 6 pm. Tickets? 244-4934

Emergency Preparedness:

Let's Get Ready Now

You know it is coming. You keep telling yourself you have to be ready. Then the next emergency happens and you find you are not prepared. Okay—It is time to stop procrastinating. Let's make a commitment now to ourselves, our family and our community to take the time, set aside the resources, open the communication channels and get crisis ready at all levels: Individual, Family, and Community.

**Individual Readiness:** Educate yourself about the risks by reading information, attending classes, and asking questions. You have to have a plan - make one. There are many published guidelines you can use or can be modified to fit your needs.

**Family Readiness:** Educate your family by sharing what you've learned, by plan development, and by practice. Information is available for this planning too. Putting a kit together is not a costly event. Failing to have a kit prepared when you need it, on the other hand, could be very costly. Even tragic.

**Community Readiness:** As a community we must have a plan to provide mutual assistance and support in the time of disaster. We can not rely on the government to provide immediate assistance. Our plan must be for 7 days at the minimum.

Should our community be an epicenter of a "significant event," we will eventually receive appropriate aid. But if we "just" lose power for a week, we are on our own. We need a plan. We need to talk to neighbors. We need to use our existing network, church, and Block Watch organizations to bring together the entire Shorewood Community. Even those areas not part of the SOTS Community Club. We must plan to actively help each other.

Please, let me be a resource. Let me help you. If you will organize a neighborhood group or other meeting I will come and provide the tools you need to achieve readiness at all levels. There is so much we can all do, regardless of age, health or training level. I can show you how.

If we are lucky, we won't get hit with any disasters this winter and can use the spring and summer to organize fully for the inevitable onslaught in the fall and winter of this year. Let's take the time and expend some effort and energy so we can mitigate possible catastrophic events in our community.

The response priority is always: 1) Take care of yourself. 2) Take care of your family. 3) Take care of your neighbors. If we all are prepared and follow this response priority, we will interconnect families into neighborhoods and neighborhoods into the community as a whole. **Everyone** can make a difference. No man, or woman, is an island. To use an old adage, "We don't plan to fail, we fail to plan." Let's not fail.

- Jon M. Newton

(continued from previous column)

Jon Newton is a SOTS-CC past president, a current Block Watch Captain, and community activist. He is a former US Army Military Intelligence Corps First Sergeant with first hand experience with readiness, planning and execution of worldwide deployments. He has completed emergency training at the national, state and local levels. He is a trained member of the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), and a Burien Planning Commission member for many years. He can be reached by e-mail at [njtechnologies@comcast.net](mailto:njtechnologies@comcast.net).



**BOATING NEWS**

Did you know that 10 of your neighbors are members of Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron? As a local chapter of the United States Power Squadron we provide Public Boating Classes, free Vessel Safety Checks and promote safe boating through education.

Members also enjoy additional benefits such as fun weekend rendezvous at various locations in Puget Sound, advanced boating classes and discounts on marine supplies. The member classes range from marine electronics, engine maintenance, and cruise planning to celestial navigation.

The Vessel Safety Check program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal, state and local recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It also heightens the boater's awareness of safety issues through one-on-one contact with volunteer Vessel Examiners. A decal is awarded after passing the VSC for display on your boat.

If you spend much time on the waters of Puget Sound you know that there is an increased presence of Coast Guard boats. The VSC program was initiated by the Coast Guard in order to reduce boating accidents and prevent loss of life. Since 9/11 the Coast Guard has increased the number of boats they board for safety inspections. Having a valid current VSC is one way that you can ensure that you meet safety regulations and prevent fines. You can impress them even more by attending one of our Public Boating Classes.

For a VSC of your boat on a trailer or on the water: Call Jackie Smith at 419-4721. For the schedule of Public Boating Classes provided by Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron go to [www.pbps.org](http://www.pbps.org)

- Jackie Smith

**Did you know.....?**

2008 is the first year a Boater's Education Card will be required for some people when operating a vessel of 15 hp or larger. For boaters 12-20 years old this is your valid boat-driver's license.

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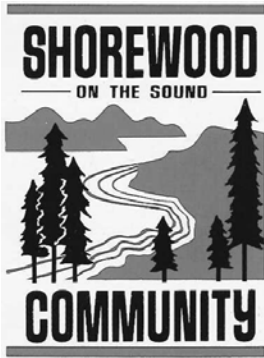
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Shorewood resident Janice Milliman created a website to encourage charitable donations as a gift giving option. Visit the website at [www.wishlistcomplete.com](http://www.wishlistcomplete.com) for more info. We all play an important part in helping those who are less fortunate.



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## January 2008 EXTRA Insert

### Upcoming Event Notice:

#### **Highline School District Public Hearing:**

#### **The Emerald Pointe Condo Project.**

When: Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 PM

Where: Mt Rainier High School—22450 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

The Highline School District is conducting a public hearing on the possible sale/easement of school property to Westmark, a condominium developer. This sale is being considered for the purpose of providing road access to the site of a new condominium project located right above Seahurst Park. The hearing will be held during the regular board meeting and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and comment on this proposed action.

**Background:** The proposed Emerald Pointe Condos project (which would add 201 units and about 600 new residents to the area) is located on the northwest side of 136<sup>th</sup> & Ambaum and is immediately adjacent to land owned by the school district. The 9.8 acre Emerald Pointe Condo site has no easy vehicle access and can not effectively be developed unless easy vehicle access to the site is obtained.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submitted by Westmark in August 2007, proposes the purchase of property or of an easement from the Highline School District. As early as January 2007 Westmark was already creating many site sketches depicting access across the Highline School District Property as the only access to the site. Additionally, Westmark is asking that Burien vacate a portion of SW 136<sup>th</sup> St—already a highly congested traffic area due to local businesses, a gas station and being near the entrance to the 543 unit Vintage Park Apartments.

Another area of concern is soil stability of the site. A Stability Analysis has not yet been completed and shared with the public. This development will strip off nearly 10 acres of second-growth forest, will degrade the headwaters of North Creek and impact the adjacent wetlands. In light of the most recent mudslide at Cove Point Rd (Highline Times, December 12) involving at least a dozen homes, citizens have a valid concern about new construction on these slide-prone lands.

It is the structural and environmental soundness of the project that has continued to concern citizens for 18 years. Ironically, by providing an easement or agreeing to the potential sale of school district property for site access, the resulting development would ultimately impact additional school district owned property below it along the Sound—the salmon hatchery at the Marine Technology Center.

*- Bob Edgar (SOTS Board member)*

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