



The Shorewood News

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Shorewood Hero Honored

(paraphrased from the Seattle Times—12/7/2006)

Steve Cox 1960—2006

Steve Cox, oldest son of JoAn Cox and Ronald Cox, was born in Seattle April 29, 1960, and lost his life in the line of duty December 2, 2006. He was 46.



Steve was raised here, in the Shorewood area, where he graduated from Evergreen High School, class of 1978. He earned his Bachelors Degree from Central Washington University, and his Law Degree from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and then began his law career in the Tri Cities where he served as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Franklin County. Later, Steve took a position as a prosecutor in King County, but soon gave that up to pursue his lifelong desire to become a police officer. One of Steve's proudest moments was becoming a Deputy with the King County Sheriff's Department, where he tirelessly devoted the last 9 years of his life.

Many people go to work to make money. Steve went to work to make a difference. Steve's work in White Center, where he served as a deputy for the last 3 years, brought him where he felt he was most needed—back to his old neighborhood. He was awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service by King County Sheriff Sue Rahr for his dedication to his neighbors. He was also President of the North Highline Unincorporated Area Council, worked as a volunteer in the community and at community events, and was instrumental in formulating the Weed and Seed program in our area. Steve will be deeply missed by all whose life he touched, including the King County Sheriff's Department where he proudly served, and the community of White Center where he was a vital part of their community.

Steve's passions in life were his family, serving his community, working on his rental properties, exercising, loving his dogs, Luna and Danny, and being a devoted husband and father. His family can only hope his legacy will live on.

Family was a cornerstone for Steve. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Maria, and the proudest of fathers to his 1 year old son, Bronson, and his step-daughter, Nicole. Steve's family brought a light to Steve's world that no degree ever could. He was truly at the happiest time of his life.

Steve will be deeply missed by his loving parents, Ronald E. Cox and JoAn E. Cox, and his younger brother, Ron Cox, all from the Shorewood area, as well as his other surviving family members: His sister in law, Ingrid Cox, nephews, P.J. and Drew Cox, niece, Nicki Cox, brother in law, Pedro (and wife, Ximena) Arango, sister in law, Luzma (and husband, John) Woods, sister in law, Clara (and husband, Harry) Hettinger, his Aunt, Patti and Uncle Doug Leifeste, cousins, Sandra Owen, Gary Leifeste, Cindy (and Chris) Golob and Judy (and Randy) Querin.

Steve also leaves behind many friends who loved him. No words can properly say good-bye to a man who was larger than life. We will miss him, and will love him forever.

Donations to the Cox family may be made to the **Steve Cox Memorial Fund** at any US Bank branch. Members of our Shorewood on the Sound neighborhood are considering changing the name of *Shorewood Park* to a name better memorializing the life of Steve Cox. Contact Kevin with any questions you may have, or if you would like to volunteer to assist in this process.

Past event report:

SOTS CC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held last November in the Shorewood Elementary School Gym. Around thirty members attended, including Board Members and Officers. Cecil Tice, one of the club's founding fathers and our first president was also there, helping to commemorate the 60th anniversary of SOTS. Thanks to four new volunteers we now have a full complement of Board Members serving in 2007. Names and contact numbers for all are listed in the new Directory.

The agenda also included reports from committee chairs and presentations on our nearby natural habitat areas. Jean Spohn and Ted Daley introduced Lisa Aumann of Burien Parks who encouraged us to become involved with the Adopt-a-Park program. Work parties to improve and maintain our nearby parks will be scheduled throughout the year, with the schedule to be posted in upcoming newsletters. [see next page]

Meeting highlights and other club notices will soon be available on our website: <http://shorewoodonthesound.org>. Thanks to all who attended this event.

Another past event report:

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

Your crack, blue-ribbon, select, (and anonymous) Christmas Home Decorating Contest Prize Selection Committee (CHDCPSC) has advised us of the following results for this year's contest. While contestants have likely already taken down their displays, the CHDCPSC would, nonetheless, like to honor them individually for their charismatically creative Christmas decorations, the beauty of which greatly benefited us all.

- Most Original:** Jim & Joyce Littlejohn
12049 Stranding Ct SW
- Highest Wattage:** Chris & Heather Peeler
12104 Shorewood Dr SW
- Runner Up:** Kevin & April Sunderland
12237 Marine View Dr SW
- Grand Prize:** Mike & Kathy Ellis
12827 Shorecrest Dr SW

Each category winner was presented with a yard sign, a custom Christmas tree ornament and prepaid club dues for 2007. Congratulations everyone—great work!

Also worth noting; Honorable Mention to Tim and Diane Siebel at 2012 SW 120th St. While not officially within the neighborhood, they do qualify for a potential future category: **"Most likely to be seen from space."** (We strongly suspect they are the cause of this December's week-long power outage.)

The new Directories are here!!

You should have received your new directory by now. Though we strive for perfection we sometimes fall a little short; please check for errors. In the **Alphabetical Listing** section we have these corrections so far:

- Smith, Bill & Beulah: 243-1150
- Smith, Jim & Ellie: 433-8771
- Smith, Wayne & Patty Summer-Smith: 246-4287
- Williams, Ruth & Steve Starkovich: 246-8885
- Williams, Dr Darrell & Dr Barb: 901-1964

Please update these entries in your new directory. If you find other errors, or if you are a new resident and want to be included, let Kevin know and we will list any new corrections in the next newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT

A car was stolen this month from the 12100 block of Shorewood Dr SW. Prowlers are lurking. Do not leave any keys in your car - hidden or not.

Area home sales still slow, but no lasting sales slump expected.

Interest rates remain low and demand for houses is strengthening as we move into spring, so a nearly normal spring selling season is expected. Closed Shorewood on the Sound sales since October 15th are as follows:

Address	Asking	Sold
12004 21st Ave SW	\$569,900	\$555,000
12255 Marine View Dr SW	\$599,500	\$590,000
12698 Shorewood Dr SW	\$675,000	\$675,000

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

2007 - The Year of Shorewood Habitat Stewardship Adopting Shorewood Park – by Jean Spohn

Our community is very fortunate to have forested areas within its boundaries. We have 3.4-acre Shorewood Park and 87.6-acre Salmon Creek Ravine managed by the City of Burien, as well as our private community beach property with its forested bank. These forests have been standing for over 60 years and contain an abundance of plants native to the Pacific Northwest.

At the SOTS Annual Meeting, Lisa Aumann from the City of Burien Parks Department described a program whereby a neighborhood can adopt a local park. I submitted the paperwork and we are now officially on the record as having adopted Shorewood Park.

Why would we do this? Because our parks, just like most other forested parks in urban areas, have been invaded by imported, aggressive plants that have found easy living in our local environment. The Burien Parks department does not have funding to actually remove these invasive plants from forested parks, but it does have the Adopt-a-Park program in place to educate and nurture volunteers from the community to do this work. Neighborhoods that demonstrate local park stewardship can qualify for other assistance, such as grants or professional expertise for future projects.

If you would like to walk through Shorewood Park for an introductory to native vs. invasive plants, please join us on Saturday, Feb 17 at 10 am by the lower park entrance at the end of the cul-de-sac on 27th Place SW. If you would like to help with the project, or take a personal tour, please call me at 200-7524. Work parties are tentatively planned for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon.

Please: Don't Feed the Animals!

Several residents in our neighborhood have asked us to post this warning in the newsletter, so here goes: Feeding wild animals, particularly raccoons, causes these critters to be uncharacteristically bold, even aggressive, around people. That's right, if you let them think they are entitled to a handout they will soon become even more demanding, stop foraging for food in their own habitat, and might even try to move in to yours (not unlike your typical UW graduate). **STOP THE MADNESS!!** Please don't feed - let the little bandits fend for themselves.

Road Maintenance

Shorewood Drive is again closed just south of the water treatment plant due to slide potential from the boxes of rocks recently placed there by the city of Burien. Peter Lau of Burien Public Works is the man in charge and he tells us that January 29 is the scheduled date for reopening the street. That is "if" the county gets it repaved in time. You can reach Peter at 248-5533 if you have further questions..

OLD, WORN DOORSTOPS NEEDED



Also found as closet fillers, dirt tampers, and bird houses with a common theme: They resemble baseball and softball equipment, but are no longer used as such. We are again coaching grades 3/4 and 5/6 girls softball and grade 4/5 mixed baseball and would like to introduce these unused items back into the arena for which they were created.

As volunteers we have no budget for equipment, so any help you can give will be much appreciated. Girls, in particular, seem to need their own equipment, so please drop by (or call and we'll come pickup) any gear no longer used by your household. Including mitts, balls, bats, helmets and catcher gear. Softball gear goes to Joe Cail, Hazel Valley PTSA coach: 12291 Marine View Dr SW, 242-6315. Baseball stuff to Kevin DeLashmutt, Highline YMCA coach: 12637 Shorewood Dr SW, 932-3200. No tax deduction available, but we'll have the kids send you a hug in thanks for your generosity.