



The Shorewood News

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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Happy New Year! It is my honor and pleasure to serve you as the 51st president of the Shorewood On The Sound Community Club. The history of our organization goes back to 1946. It is a recognized and respected effective advocate for our neighborhood. And, we try to build and encourage pride and a sense of community in our area. We are your organization and we'll try to do whatever we can to improve it.

We have a number of events planned for the upcoming year that have been successful and popular in the past. There is a list of them in the questionnaire on the back of the dues invoice. Please check off any area that interests you. The list is a bit shorter this year as some of the things that were not attracting much attention were taken off. They were beach patrol, power lines, third runway and Halloween. If any one has interest in any of these areas, please let me know and we will see what we can coordinate. If there are any other items, issues or causes that interest you, let me know about those as well, or note them on the survey form. This community is what we make it. It is pretty good now but what can we do to make it better? Call me at 439-9823 with your ideas.

Lastly, if you want to see what we do as your directors, join us at one of our monthly executive meetings. For your calendar, our next scheduled event is the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2010. - *New SOTS President: Michael Armstrong*

Community meeting report:

NEW! Salmon Creek Stewardship

Members of our community met to discuss stewardship of Salmon Creek Ravine on January 7th. This 88 acre park hosts many small creeks and wetlands that feed Salmon Creek, spectacular forests of native evergreen trees, many birds, small mammals, and even frogs. The interior of the park is pristine and nearly untouched by its urban surround. The creek is of salmon-hosting quality.

Since this area was originally purchased as a green preserve by King County, it has not been actively managed as a park or protected from misuse. Without understanding the consequences, neighbors to the park have dumped refuse, toxic chemicals,

and yard clippings for years into the park. They have allowed plants used for landscaping to migrate into the park. As result, most of the areas on the boundary of the park have been compromised by invasive plants and have trash. We estimate that at least 200 trees are threatened with death by English Ivy climbing their trunks. Thousands of native ground cover and shrub plants have been lost because they cannot compete with English Ivy.

So please participate in a Salmon Creek Ravine work party! On January 16th at 10 AM 16 of your hardest working neighbors met at the Goat Hill SOTS sign for our first work party. We worked until Noon, then gathered for a snack to appreciate our stewardship together. Tools, gloves and instructions were provided. There is still much to do.

Future Salmon Creek Ravine Park work parties will be at 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday of every other month; on March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11 and November 13.

We will continue our stewardship of invasive plant and trash removal, native plant restoration and protection at Shorewood Park on the alternate months – the dates are February 13, April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9 and December 11.

- *Chairperson: Jean Spohn*

Past event report:

SHOREWOOD HOME DECORATING CONTEST 2009 Contest Winners

Your Christmas Home Decorating Contest Prize Selection Committee (CHDCPSC) has advised us of the following results for this year's contest.

Most Original: The Bangs: Ron, Evie, Mike & Rene'e
12688 & 12692 Shorewood Dr SW

Highest Wattage: William & Wesley DeLashmutt
12637 Shorewood Dr SW

Runner Up: Scott & Holly Martin
12158 Shorewood Dr SW

Grand Prize: Eric & Jennifer Moe
12805 Shorewood Dr SW

There were many creative displays this year, but the contest was not without its casualties. Word is the Moes had some of their livestock go missing just prior to the December 20 judging. Also, an arrow was found lodged in (but failed to bring down) one of their matched set of illuminated polar bears. Jealous neighbors are suspected in these

criminal acts. We pray their other display animals will find their way back home safe and unharmed.

Each category winner was presented with a temporary illuminated yard sign proclaiming their standing, and prepaid club dues for 2010. Congratulations winners! And thanks to everyone else who participated by decorating their homes this year. You helped to brighten our dreary December evenings!

Dog-doo doings:

Ewwwww.....



According to neighborhood reports a few Shorewood residents have again been using our hiking trails as poo depositories when walking their pets. The worst reported spots being the bottom of the trail between Shorewood and Marine View Drives, and the area just up hill from the community beach. Some here have actually been leaving their poo bags behind after filling them with various sized doggy turds—The very acme of vile pet-owner behavior, right here in our very own neighborhood!

There is no neighborhood “Poo-Fairy” people!!

That *crap* you leave behind is carried away on other peoples’ shoes, or must be cleaned up by your friends and neighbors who also use the trails—a severe strain on neighborliness, to say the least.

At our next community club meeting we will be discussing penalties for anyone caught not cleaning up after their pets. Something equally if not more egregious, like maybe catapulting flaming bags of poo through their windows, or sending their beloved pets to White Center to be recycled (eaten).

The Board welcomes any solutions you may have to this problem. Please send your suggestions to any handy Club Officer, Board Member, or to your SOTS News editor at Kevinde@msn.com. I am sure our new Club President would be tickled to hear from you about this issue too.

Meanwhile, please don’t use the neighborhood paths as doggy dodo depositories. Really (yuk).

Disclaimer: The Shorewood on the Sound Community Club, its officers and directors, do not condone or encourage the consumption of any house pets. Except for rabbits, chickens, and apparently some breeds of cat. Its okay with a few of us if you eat those. But not dogs.

Local Fund Raiser: Exchange Club of Highline Italian Dinner & Auction at St Bernadette's: January 30th starting at 6:00 pm. \$20 per person at the door. Go, help them.

Events Calendar: January—April, 2010

Empty Bowl at Mosier Art Center: Friday Jan 29, 11-1:30 & 4-8pm
Exchange Club Dinner & Auction: January 30, 6-10pm (see above)
Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: February 13, 10am til noon
Salmon Creek Ivy Pull: March 13, 10am til noon
Easter Egg Hunt: April 3rd at the Beach. Time TBD
Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: April 10, 10am til noon

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