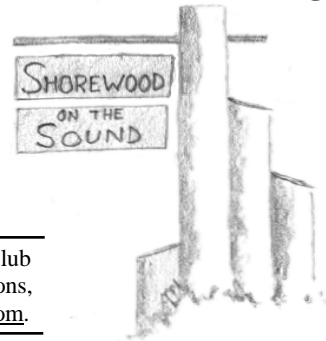


The Shorewood News

March - 2010



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President's Message

Dear Neighbors;

Shorewood's Natural Wonders

We in Shorewood are fortunate to have some wonderful parks, recreation areas and woodlands within walking distance of our homes. For an area so close to the big city we have a lot to appreciate so close by. Here are four of them.

Shorewood Park is 3.4 acres of wooded, neighborhood parkland including a short, leisurely walking trail. Our community has taken the leadership in cleaning up and maintaining this little park at 119th Street & 28th Avenue SW. It adjoins the south side of the Shorewood Elementary School. It is a little neighborhood jewel.

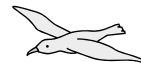
On a much grander scale, we have Seahurst Park. It adjoins our southern boundary with some walking trails around the end of Shorewood Drive near Cove Point or 16th Avenue just south of 131st Street. Those trails will wind you through the woods all the way down to the beach. It is a park with many facilities including picnic grounds, washrooms and paved parking areas if you want to drive there. There is an informal group that meets almost every nice day to walk down to the beach and back. They can be found at 9 am at the south end of Shorewood Drive. It is a bit of good exercise getting back up the 400 feet of vertical elevation – it is not steep but it is a steady upward trek.

The Salmon Creek Ravine Park at 120th and Marine View Drive has 88 acres of riparian vegetation along Salmon Creek. It is popular for hikers with its trails that wind and branches throughout the woods. This particular area is about to receive the attention of Shorewood Board Member and Community Award Winner Jean Spohn who previously spearheaded the community effort to fix up Shorewood Park. Jean will be looking for volunteers to assist in the project to clean up the park and deal with some troublesome invasive species.

Last and certainly not least is our own community beach on 30th Avenue near the north end of Shorewood Drive. This is a nice little beach front park with picnic tables and a small grassy area. This is where we have our Easter Egg Hunt and our Salmon BBQ in August. We, as a community, are very fortunate to have this asset and it is available to all our paid up members.

On a different issue, the Shorewood Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of the month. If you have anything you would like us to have a look at, please call or email me. And, if you'd like to see how we do what we do, put it on your calendar and give me a call and join us for a look-see. - **SOTS President: Michael Armstrong**

Burien Masterplan Update:



Planning Shoreline Usage

The Burien Planning Commission is continuing to review the Shoreline Master Program. When completed, the Commission will forward a revised document along with their recommendation that the Burien City Council adopt or reject the document. Prior to forwarding the document to the Department of Ecology, the City is planning to conduct a Public Hearing.

The past three Planning Commission meetings have each drawn 100 - 190 concerned citizens who have expressed their concerns in both written and oral formats on numerous topics including the apparent push to promote public access rather than protect the city's shorelines, questionable baseline data, rebuilding of homes with more than 50% catastrophic damage, and allowing public access to shorelines where none currently exists (The Shorewood portion of the marine shoreline is one of those areas).

Now is the best time in the review process to make corrections and to introduce suggested wording before the document is sent to the City Council. Burien citizens are encouraged to submit written comments to the Planning Commission and to attend their meetings (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) to demonstrate the public's interest as well as to listen to the Commission's dialogue as they discuss the various portions of the document. These meetings are now being broadcast live on the Burien television station and can also be retrieved from the City's website: <http://www.burienwa.gov>. - **Bob Edgar**

Upcoming Event Notice:



Shorewood Easter Egg Hunt

One of our Club's longest enduring, most favorite events—fun for young and old! This year's hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd, at 11:00 am down at the community beach. As in past years we will queue up on the street above the beach and all walk down together, clustered by age group. The beach property itself will be divided into three areas with the youngest hunters up near the picnic tables and the old kids down on the beach and tidelands. Nuns with rulers will be posted, guarding these boundaries. Poaching candy from outside of your area is forbidden.

We plan for about a zillion children and hope for a sunny day. All club members, their families and friends of club members can attend as long as they are accompanied by a member of the club. If you would like to help out with this event there will be a pre-hunt carnage control meeting down at the beach around 9:30 to prepare, hide stuff, and to sample the candy. Patricia Haugen runs the show. Call her at 246-8821 if you have questions or want to help out.

Open Casting Call:

Shorewood's Got Talent

Last year's SummerFest was a blast and one of the reasons for its success was the talent from our own community, young and old, singing and playing up a storm.

We're doing it again this year on July 24th. If you'd like to audition to sing and/or play an instrument, give me a call at 246-2525 and let's talk. We'll mix and match people and talents and have a great time together. - *SummerFest Chairguy: Barrett Knudsen*



January Newsletter Followup:

Just like Déjà Vu!

(the dance club, not the disorienting illusion)

We received thousands of beautiful feedback comments from the "Dog-doo doings" article in the January *Shorewood News*, and 3 ugly ones.

Well, okay, maybe not thousands of comments, but a lot. Much more feedback than was generated by the controversial *Tree Letter* our Board sent out with last July's *Shorewood News*. So I know this is an important issue to many of you out there and I now fully understand how widespread this problem has become. Not just in those areas mentioned either, but throughout our neighborhood.

There was a common message in the comments I received too. For those of you who are not cleaning up after your pets that message is this:

"Stop turning our streets into open sewers!"

Your neighbors are angry. Most who contacted me seemed to know the parties responsible for a good portion of the mess being left behind. I have even been asked to print offenders names in the *Shorewood News*.

Where this goes from here is now up to you. Please—properly dispose of your pet waste. Don't leave it along our streets, paths, or beaches. Okay, 'nuf said on that.

Oh, one more thing: Bette Allen contacted me to say she has the ScooPup Pocket™ by Tiny Growl available for anyone who needs one. I'm pretty sure you can purchase those locally from her, or you can go to the website at <http://www.tinygrowl.com> and order from there. I've heard great things about this product, and they come in 5 different colors. One is sure to complement your pet!

Thanks to you Bette for being proactive about this issue by offering a great homegrown solution.



Another Upcoming Event Notice:

Livestrong Challenge—Seattle

Mark your calendars! Lance Armstrong's Livestrong Challenge will be held at Seattle Center on Father's Day weekend again this year. Lots of granola-based people and products getting together to fight cancer, enjoy the great outdoors, and parade around in bike shorts. Bonnie, you can ride this one with Larry because there are several courses to choose from: 10, 45, 70, & 100 miles. Sheryl Crow will not be there, but come anyway; June 19-20 with the big bike ride on the 20th. More info online at <http://www.livestrongchallenge.org>.



Boating Notice:

Boat Checks and Classes

The Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron is continuing to offer education courses to help keep you safe on the water. As a local chapter of the United States Power Squadron they provide Public Boating Classes, free Vessel Safety Checks and promote safe boating practices throughout our region.

You can check out their class schedule online at <http://pbps.org/>, and call Jackie Smith at 419-4721 for a free Vessel Safety Check of your boat.

Jackie performs Vessel Safety Checks for me every year and I recommend she do one for your boat too. It never hurts to have second set of eyes going over the vessel and its safety equipment. And the VSC window decal is said to help you stay out of trouble during Seafair.



COMING SOON: A New Beach Gate Code!

Thanks to all members who paid their dues by the arbitrary due date shown on your dues invoice. The gate code to the community beach will be changed soon after we send you your new 2010 membership card having the new gate code. Last year's code will then no longer open the gate. If you haven't yet paid your dues and would like to be a CC member we are still accepting 2010 dues payments. Send \$50 to: **"Shorewood of Sound, P.O.Box 47203, Burien, 98146."**

Ecology Report:

Forest Stewardship



Some of your wonderful neighbors have given many hours to remove invasive plants from the forested parks that surround our community. It has been discouraging to discover that residents whose homes border our parks have been dumping yard waste 'over the hill' into our forested parks. This encourages invasive plants to take hold and kills any native plants struggling to survive. Please do not dump yard waste into a wild, natural area. Instead place it in a clean and green container and it will be turned into compost.

Please take an opportunity to visit Shorewood Park, Salmon Creek Ravine and Seahurst Park and see the results of forest stewardship by your neighbors who have volunteered. If you have questions, please contact me at 200-7524.

- *Jean Spohn*

- *NEWS continues in the supplement with "Letters" -*

Message from the Editor

Dear Shorewood People;

I am relieved to inform you that after this issue I will no longer be the Editor of *The Shorewood News*. It has been fun and enlightening writing for you all these years, but eventually even best friends can wear on each other. Time to bring in some new blood, new ideas, a fresh face, and hopefully, a better quality newsletter editor for you to enjoy.

My goal as your Editor has been to report on issues and events dear to us, while scandalizing some, occasionally making you angry, and then hopefully causing you to laugh a little bit. Failing this, I hope to have at least raised your awareness of local issues and helped you to understand that everyone, all of us, contribute to making this into the outstanding community that it is. To help out, you just go do it.

I am still on the communications committee so feel free to write or call me with comments or questions—**932-3200**. And don't forget our open forum on **Facebook.com** - just search there for Shorewood on the Sound to find the site. AND, a warning: I hear rumblings that an underground version of the *NEWS* may be in the works. If you see a knockoff version of the *NEWS* in your mailbox don't read it! Use tongs and dispose of it immediately!

I do so very much enjoy living here and being a part of this community. For better or worse, it has been my privilege to have been allowed to make this contribution to Shorewood on the Sound.

- *SOTS NEWS Editor: Kevin DeLashmutt*

Events Calendar: March—June, 2010

Easter Egg Hunt: April 3rd, 11:00am sharp at the Beach.

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: April 10, 10am til noon

Salmon Creek Ivy Pull: May 8, 10am til noon

Shorewood Park Ivy Pull: June 12, 10am til noon

Streets of Garage Sales: June, date TBD, 9—4

Livestrong Challenge: June 19-20, ride June 20, Seattle Center

(Continued from the Shorewood News, back page.)

Letters to the Editor:



Dear Kevin;

"I enjoy most of your newsletter. Thank you again for doing such a great job of writing it. We were recently broken in to and some of our belongings taken from our house. Is there a blockwatch organization currently active in our neighborhood? Also, whatever happened with the Moe's stolen animals? Did they get any of them back?"

Thanks - most of the newsletter is fun to write too.

Jennifer Moe says thanks for asking, but they are sure the animals taken are gone for good. She says this year only one buck was taken, but that they have lost about one animal for every year they have lived here. A small herd gone missing then, at least.

Blockwatch-es. We have several. Your best bet for contacting the correct one is to call Roy Galusha at the KC Sheriff's office. He has a map there showing the districts and who you can call to reach the captain in yours. Call Roy at 296-3370 then press #1, or email him at Roy.Galusha@kingcounty.gov. Nice helpful guy.

Hi Kevin;

"Since buying my home several years ago some of my neighbor's trees have grown up into my water view. I want to convey my concerns to them without actually having to confront them directly. I find the thought overwhelming. But my views are so important to me and the reason I chose to live here. Can you offer any guidance?"

One word: Pie. Homemade pie always works on me. No, I don't mean I accept pie for getting in the middle of these negotiations (Although I have. Cookies too). Instead, invite your neighbors over for pie and let them see firsthand how their trees have impacted your view.

You might also want to have some of the hard stuff on hand, incase they prove more difficult to convince. Repeated applications of Pie should keep your view open for years to come. By the way, if you get invited over to your neighbor's house for pie, be sure to check out their view. In these instances it is not a faux pas asking for seconds (or for martinis).

Dear Kevin;

"Thank you for writing about people who don't pick up after their dogs. Our neighborhood is full of irresponsible dog owners. Hopefully they read the [January] newsletter and will start picking up after themselves. Go get 'em!

Do you know what do we do about stray dogs? King County Animal Control can do nothing to help us with this problem."

I didn't know contacting Animal Control was a problem until hearing from you. You are right though—I was told it would take 3 weeks to get an officer over here to pick up a stray dog. I then called Burien and asked Jim Dibby in code enforcement for a solution. He said killing stray dogs, raccoons, and coyotes within city limits is illegal and could well end with you in jail. So hunting them down yourself is not recommended. The Precinct #4 duty officer suggested calling PAWS or Wildlife Rescue, as there appears to be no traditional government supplied solution to this problem anymore.

If that fails, you might try rounding up the kids you know who have paintball guns to see if they can come up with some kind of solution. I'm betting they would.

(No animals were harmed in the making of this newsletter.)

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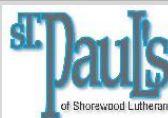
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