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Shorewood News



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Monthly Board Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month.
Everyone is welcome! Contact Angelica Spates at 206-769-0889 for location

President's Letter

Woohoo, spring is here and Shorewood on the Sound is sprouting and blooming all over the place. I love walking around the neighborhood and seeing all the beauty that is ever changing with the seasons. It's my personal favorite season. It's a time for recharging, replanting, redoing, and rebirth and of course also getting rid of things that no longer serve you. The Streets of Garage Sales is just around the corner on June 2nd, more details in another article.

Our new website is about to launch or may have launched when your Newsletter arrives. This has been a project that we've been working on for over a year and hopefully brings us into current technology. It will now easily be viewed on cell phones and tablets as well as a computer. Having a secure portal for membership business and bill pay is also a nice step forward.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues for 2018. If you haven't yet paid, please consider doing so. A dues reminder has been sent to all non-paying residents along with this Newsletter.

I want to give a huge thank you to the Board for their great work so far this year. Thanks also to all the volunteers who help with work parties to keep our community beautiful. Thanks to our back end tech folks who update our website and keep our database updated. Our SOTS Blog person moved away, so if anyone wants to manage our Blog please let me know. We currently don't have one. People are getting their SOTS news from FB and Next Door Neighborhood. We are extremely grateful for any and all help on our projects. Getting involved and offering a hand of support will make you feel even more a part of this great and unique community. It's so fantastic to see so many new faces willing to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand. Please also consider joining the Board and participating regularly to help make the decisions that run The Club. We will be electing 3 new Board members at our Annual Meeting in November. Why not be one of them? We will also be electing the Vice-President and Secretary positions and of

course President. This is my third and final year that I'll be taking the lead, however, I will still be in a guiding position as the immediate Past President. It has been an honor.

See you around the neighborhood. I'm always available for questions or information. My email is angelicawre@comcast.net or phone 206-769-0889

-Angelica Spates, President

The Streets of Garage Sales June 2nd

The Shorewood on the sound community invites you to participate in the celebrated annual event "The Streets of Garage Sale"! Each year neighbors dust off a few tables and put out their treasures for sale. This year the sales will be held on Saturday June 2nd at 9 am. Spread the word to all your friends! The deals and fun will be non-stop in Shorewood!

This is the neighborhood's longest running annual event and even if you don't hold a garage sale, you can team up with other neighbors or just shop around the 'hood! Each sale gets a star on the map and a balloon to display that helps local shoppers get from sale to sale!

To participate contact me by email: hing12133@gmail.com or 206-369-9080.

-Heather Ingersoll, Event Coordinator

Upcoming Improvements and Request for Volunteers

Stair Upgrade Update (Apr – Aug)

Safe access to our beach is very important and the Board is taking steps (literally) to create access for all. We have a budget line item for \$5,000 for the stair project. We wanted to update you on the vision and project timeline. Jon Newton, the project manager, has been to the City of Burien (COB) for the "Pre-Pre Meeting" to make sure we understand the policies and procedures. We are in two restricted zones on the beach, so have additional steps in the process, nothing

of concern. In the ideal world the project will be completed in time for the Salmon Bake. Based on the results of further meeting with COB, we will determine if we will contract the job or DIY with the awesome Community Members we have. Either way, construction will be short to maintain beach access. The stairs will be evenly spaced vertically (run) and horizontally (rise), wide enough and with handrails for adults and children to safely navigate the stairs. Side protection is based on current code. We plan on a landing at the foot of the stairs, where the current gate is. The height is about 3 feet above ground at gate level. We will connect the landing and trail with a gradual ramp with side protection extending down and merging with the trail. A bench area is incorporated into the landing as a resting point. We are looking at materials that will be durable and low maintenance with an expected life cycle in the 10+ year range. The current chain link fence and gate will likely be removed during the build since they are no longer needed with the code access gates.

Picnic Table Refresh

On a separate project, the path, in-ground stairs, and railing will be maintained as is, with a few improvements as needed. The three picnic tables will receive new benches and tops. The removed wood will be repurposed to build additional benches on the beach. We will drill an umbrella hole in each table so you can bring your own umbrella.

Volunteers

We are looking for a list of volunteers with skills, tools, and the heart to help where needed on these projects. The timeline is not set, but if you would like to volunteer, please contact Jon Newton through the SOTS website. He will stay in contact as the process moves on and we transition to the build phase. We are excited to create better access for you to our most used resource, our SOTS beach, where we all can enjoy walks, picnics, SOTS events (Easter Egg Hunt, Salmon Bake), and just sitting and thinking sometimes. If you have comments, suggestions or contributions, please send them to Jon Newton.

-Jon Newton, Project Manager

Easter Egg Recap

The Annual SOTS Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 31st. We had a great turnout, with 75 kids - toddlers to twelve year olds - hunting for 1,000+ plus colored eggs on Shorewood beach and in the picnic area. The enthusiasm and community spirit of this event is inspiring, as families and friends share candy, prizes and our amazing beach. Thanks to all who helped with egg stuffing, egg hiding, set up and clean up.

We are looking for new coordinators for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested please contact Lori Buchsbaum at 206-240-4639 or lori@bermuda-associates.com. It is a fun and easy job; hugely rewarding and a fun way to connect with other families in the neighborhood. Lori and Betsy have really enjoyed coordinating, but our kids are getting older and moving on to other activities. We are happy to share our tips and tricks."

-Betsy Wheelock, EEG Coordinator

Food For Thought

Quiet Skies Coalition

Restoring the quiet skies over the greater Burien area.

<https://www.quietskiescoalition.net/>

As many in our neighborhood have noticed, more air traffic over SOTS, please be aware of this group that is hard at work to make sure we don't become another noise polluted neighborhood. Go onto their website and sign up for their emails and notification of their meetings. It only happens when people get involved and take the time to participate.

-Angelica Spates, President

Transform Burien

When giving donations of food, clothing, or monetary please consider "Transform Burien".

Started by a group of 17 Burien churches, they provide a variety of services, including meals, a clothing bank, a food bank, laundry services for those in need of them, showers and some medical and dental services.

Having this in our own back yard is amazing and another option for your charitable giving.

-Angelica Spates, President.