

The 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



2019 Annual Meeting – November 21

The SOTS Community Club Board needs your participation and your vote to elect the Board for 2020. This is your opportunity to VOTE and make a difference. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM at Shorewood Elementary School. We will start with our usual business portion which includes elections of new Officers and Board Members.

We will be electing 3 board members (Directors) and 3 officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary. Only one person per parcel can be on the Board. The qualifications follow.

- Directors: Have been a voting member of the club (meaning you own your property and paid SOTS CC dues) in 2019 and will maintain voting status (pay dues) in 2020. Term is 3 years. The main requirement for a Board member (director) is to show up as often as possible to Board meetings and cast the vote on issues that need voting on.
- Secretary: Same as above. Term is 1 year.
- Vice-President: Same as above. Term is 1 year.
- President: Has been a member of the board for 2019 and attended 50% of meetings (including Annual meeting and monthly Board meetings), and will maintain voting status in 2020.

If you or someone you know would like to join or would like more information, please contact Angelica Spates, Nominating Committee Chair/President at 206-769-0889, or angelicawre@comcast.net.

There is more information of how the Club operates in SOTS Community Club Bylaws /amended 2017, which is available on our website shorewoodonthesound.org. The link can be found on the welcome page, after you login (included in the first paragraph).

Following the elections, we will have a guest speaker (still TBD).

Get involved to make the neighborhood you live the neighborhood you love. It does take a "village", and I encourage your participation. Nothing happens without YOU!

Angelica Spates, SOTS Community Club President

Christmas lights contest – December

This year we will again have a Christmas lighting contest! If you want to be eligible for winning you do not need to apply, but you must have your decorations ready a week prior to Christmas. Four Christmas Décor Awards will be

given out in the following categories: Grand Prize, Runner Up, Highest Wattage, Most Original. The Awards will be given in form of large decorated wooden candy canes which winners will find in their yards the next morning – an amusing surprise and a full year of bragging rights to those around them. And besides this priceless prize, each of the four gets complimentary dues the following year.

Let us all welcome and light the way for Santa to come visit us on December 24th!

Kyle Lonzak, Christmas Lights Chair

Salmon Bake recap

Our Annual Salmon Bake was a great success this year with Brett Lyons and Lori Davis organizing the salmon and sides. It couldn't be done without all of the community volunteers who helped clean up the beach, haul everything up and down the beach, recipe planning and shopping, salmon marinades and the GRILL. Wow what a GRILL!

Fortunately, the weather was beautiful and we had over 120 neighbors that attended. A great time was had by all.

A big thank you to everyone who helped! Brett, Shannon and Mike were on the BBQ. Sides by Lori, Debra, Shari, Jackie, Brett and everyone who brought a dish. Guy and Jon were awesome and skilled in organizing us to get all supplies, tents and everything setup and broken down, and for being so great at greeting everyone. Thanks to Angelica, Sadie, Conner, Shari, Roger, Alp, Katya, Guy, Jackie, Debra, Mike, Roger and even more friends who helped make this such a success and fun community event. We also made eleven deliveries to neighbors that were not able to make it to the beach and they loved it!

Make sure to mark your calendar for next year, usually Salmon Bake is held on one of August Saturdays. It's even more fun to join in. Contact Lori Davis 206-371-0202 if you would like to be contacted to help in any way.

Lori Davis, Brett Lyons, Salmon Bake Chairs

Halloween candies – where to?

We are getting closer to that darkest night of the year, full of dressed and excited kiddos knocking our doors. I love that night! But not so much leftover candies. You can never estimate how much you need, since from year to year the number of guests varies so much.

Here are a few helpful ideas of where you can give those candies to save your family from sugar shock.

The Halloween Candy Buy Back program has dental offices across the country that will buy your candy for \$1 a pound (or in exchange for dental products) and send the candy and tooth brushes to troops. It usually is a scheduled buyback event, which needs to be set by participating dentist. The closest participating dentist office to Shorewood is Seattle Kids Dentistry on Elliott Ave W in Seattle. Or you can do your own search on this website <http://www.halloweencandybuyback.com>.

Another way is to ship candies directly to non-profit troops or veteran support organizations, or those who help sick kids and their parents. Check out the following:

- Operations Gratitude (www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/halloween-candy),
- Soldier's Angels (soldiersangels.org/TreatsForTroops.html),
- Move America Forward and Operation Shoebox (www.halloweencandybuyback.com),
- Ronald McDonald House (www.rmhc.org).

The same non-profits may have drop off collection locations, which are hosted by local businesses, so they are yet to be determined. Check those websites closer to October 31.

Or, perhaps, local food banks would accept them too.

Ekaterina (Katya) Nechaeva, newsletter editor

Easement and beach access

In 1958 an easement was granted to the Shorewood on the Sound Community Club that at some point became commonly known as the "boat ramp". That label has caused confusion and misinterpretation of what the easement was intended to do. As stated, "said easement is for the purpose of allowing access to Block "H", Shorewood Addition No. 1, and Block H of the unrecorded plat of Shorewood Addition No. 2, known as the Shorewood Community Beach, and for the purpose of loading and unloading small boats." the easement also clearly states that there will be no parking on 30th SW except as is necessary for access to the community beach or for loading and unloading small boats across the described easement. There is no parking on the easement itself.

In the last year there has been confusion around its location and use, and it seems some amount of disrespect of the residents adjacent to the easement during its use. The easement and use of the easement are rights of the residents of Shorewood on the Sound. But those residents must use it at all times in a way that respects the rights of the easement's neighbors.

The road on SW 30th Street behind the gate is a private road. The residents of 30th SW have reported people walking the private road and, when asked about it, were disrespectful to those residents. Users of the easement have been reported using private garbage cans to dispose of animal waste. To them it might seem OK, but it is not to the residents without their direct approval.

Shorewood on the Sound has a garbage can and garbage pickup directly at the top of the stairs going/coming up from the beach. If there is a

need to dispose of anything, it should be there, and not in the containers of residents on 30th.

As a Community we are only as strong as the respect and consideration we give to all the members of our Community. Kindness and consideration are always warranted behaviors when communicating with the members of our Community. As the President of the Community Club these past 4 years and as a resident of the Community for over 20 years, I see not as many complaints as someone might expect. However, the complaints have been fairly consistent around certain issues. I have always done my best to listen and address each and every concern with respect to the complaint and the resolution of it. However, let us always remember that our opinion may not be the only way of looking at things. With that in mind it might be easier to find the common ground that brings a friendly resolution.

And one more thing regarding beach access. We are initiating repair/ upgrade of stairs going down the beach. Those who can share professional opinion or help practically, please contact Kelsey Wildstone at kelsey@kelseywildstone.com.

Angelica Spates

President's Letter

How do 4 years fly by soooooo fast? When I took on the position of President it was a little intimidating even though I'd held most other positions on the Board during our residency in Shorewood on the Sound. When we moved here in 1999 my husband Cal and I wanted to get to know the Community and our neighbors. We both felt that getting involved would do the trick which it definitely did. It's a decision I haven't regretted even though at times it was frustrating at best. As you can imagine the most challenging part is always the situations with differing views and facilitating a good outcome for everyone. That part will never go away. However, in the role of attempting a mediation or facilitating a solution I not only got to learn different views but also grew as a human being. I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to be on the Board and continues to be on the Board. Also, thanks to the many Committee Chairs, the volunteers at events and most of all the Community for paying their dues, for being supportive of change and continuing to support Shorewood on the Sound Community Club. In an ever-changing landscape in so many ways, this Community continues to strive to be supportive of the greater cause of "Community". That alone is unique. I will continue to be on the Board as Immediate Past President next year to help facilitate a smooth transition and to bring my knowledge of running the Club. I look forward to meeting and working with the New Board Members in 2020.

Best wishes to all!

Angelica Spates