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## Plan for fun at this year's Strawberry Festival



CHILDRENS PARADE AT 2019 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

- PHOTO BY BOB PFEIFFER

### By Katie McNeil Strawberry Festival Committee

Plans are coming together for the annual Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, May 6!** This beloved annual event has been on hiatus during Covid, and we are thrilled to bring back some traditions and create some new ones. For neighbors who have never attended the Strawberry Festival, expect an afternoon of live music, food trucks, kids activities and, of course, strawberry shortcake!

#### Children's Rainbow Parade

This year's theme for the Children's Parade is "rainbow"! Dress in your favorite color(s) and march the perimeter of the park led by our very own Shorewood High School drumline. Start planning your costume and props for your wagon, scooter, tricycle or stroller. (No bikes or pets, please.)

To participate, meet at the rainbow balloon arch on the west side of the park by the playground. Staging begins at 11:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 11:45 a.m. The parade route is two laps around the path (parental support encouraged). We can't wait to see a rainbow of colors light up our event!

#### Live Music Lineup

Tom Petersen has lined up some great Seattle-based bands for the event that are sure to get you dancing. BroHamM is a funk, soul, R&B band made up of three brothers Larry, Curtis and Len Hammond. Country Dave and the Pickin' Crew's honky tonk tunes will be followed by Commander Mojo, a classic 70s horn rock band. All three bands were lined up to play in the canceled 2020 Festival, and we're so happy to bring them back.

Rounding out the lineup will be Whey, a Shorewood High School neo-funk band that we can't wait to

see up on stage. Between sets, be sure to pop into the library for the Friends of Richmond Beach Library Book Sale!

#### Help Us Make it Happen

These beloved community events can't happen without you. Please consider sponsoring or volunteering to make the Strawberry Festival a success.

- **Sponsor Opportunities**

If you or your local business are interested in sponsoring this event, please reach out. Sponsoring offers a great opportunity for exposure in our Richmond Beach and Greater Shoreline community.

- **Volunteer Opportunities**

From cutting strawberries to setting up carnival games, we need many helping hands. Please view our volunteer slots at this link: [bit.ly/3yEg5SB](https://bit.ly/3yEg5SB).

The Strawberry Festival will be held **Saturday, May 6, from 12:00-5:00 p.m.** at Richmond Beach Community Park. Parking is limited,

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## Shoreline Firefighters Association annual Egg Hunt - April 8



2019 EGG HUNTERS

- PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

### By Lauren Chase

All are welcome to attend the Shoreline Firefighters Association annual Egg Hunt at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (upper shelter) on Saturday, April 8, (rain or shine) from 12:00-2:30 p.m. (official egg hunt starts at 1:00 p.m.).

There will be three age groups (0-3 years, 4-6 years and 7-10 years) able to participate in the Egg Hunt. There may even be a special prize for some lucky parent, too!

We will have entertainment, fire engines to explore, prizes and hopefully a food truck to celebrate this community event. Hope to see you there!

### May 9 Community Meeting

Mark your calendars to **join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** for an important RBCA community meeting.

We'll celebrate the Marge Unruh award winners and elect new RBCA board members.

The location is TBD.

Watch the May paper and the sign at the top of the hill for the location.

## Save the Date(s)!!

- May 6** Strawberry Festival / NOON-5 PM  
RB Community Park
- May 9** Community Meeting / 7 PM  
Location To Be Announced
- May 20** Community Garage Sale / 9 AM- 4 PM
- June 3** Garden Tour / 11AM - 4 PM



## Catch and release

By Mandy Marinos Jeppsen

I like simple, healthy food that I can toss in the Instant Pot, 5-minute makeup that covers my dark spots, a 30-minute yoga video that makes me feel good each morning. So today, I am sharing a very simple exercise to help bring about change from the inside out. I call it “catch and release.”

The premise is that we all have an inner dialogue going. Since we were children, we have constructed a mindset based on how we were raised and based on what we have been taught. Sometimes, our “usual” way of thinking gets in the way of our growth.

A good example could be an adult that was often told “we can’t afford that” as a child. Perhaps that person has struggled with feeling anxious about money, never feeling like they will have enough. They might tell themselves, “If only I won the lottery. Then I would be happy.” How can they work with this belief?

Here’s a simple exercise to help release old thinking that no longer serves. An example might look like this:

Belief: “When I become rich, I will be happy.”

Catching the phrase and releasing it, might look like:

“When I am happy, I will be rich.”

Another example: “When I lose the weight, I will like myself.”

Releasing: “When I like myself, I will lose the weight.”

It may sound too simple, but it can be quite profound. If you scoff, give it a try! Try each day for 30 days. Take one negative belief\*, and when you catch yourself thinking or saying it, switch it around to release. Let me know how it goes in the next month.

\*Don’t know what your negative beliefs are? There’s lots of great information online—research “negative core beliefs.”

*Mandy Marinos Jeppsen has lived in Richmond Beach for ten years. She is a momma of three who loves singing, the desert, fashion, books and eccentric people. She is constantly bothered and curious to discover what we’re doing here on planet Earth. She is currently learning Shamanic Studies and has an interest in reminding people to love themselves, as-is, right now. Her Richmond Beach newspaper writings are not intended as one-size-fits-all fixes—rather, they are lifehack experiments that she uses copiously in her own life. She hopes you might experiment with them too. Let her know how it goes.*

**Editor’s note:** Look for Mandy’s articles on Richmond Beach artists in future issues of this paper.

## RBCA Marge Unruh Community Service Award nominations are due April 10

By Tom Petersen  
Chairperson for the awards

Have you made your nomination? The deadline for entry is April 10. The RBCA created the annual RBCA Marge Unruh Community Service Award in 1999 in recognition of the late, great Marge Unruh’s contributions to our community. Up to three recipients per year are selected based on their outstanding service to the community. Candidates may be a person, business or organization. They are not required to reside in Richmond Beach.

Merit-worthy examples include service to the Richmond Beach Community Association, promotion of issues benefiting the community, fundraising for community projects, formal or informal service to others in the community or beautification projects in the community. Award winners from 10 years ago or more who have continued to make positive contributions may be nominated again. Recipients will be announced in May.

Make your nomination now by filling out the form on our website, at [richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award](http://richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award).

### Previous recipients:

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2002 - Maggie Fimia, Linda Jo Pym, Scott Jepsen

2003 - Richmond Beach Congregational Church, Donna Spee, John Thielke

2004 - Everett Ellis, Paul Gorgen, Nancy Shaw

2005 - Mary Bannister, Dr. Art Kruckeberg, Vladimir Oustambassidis

2006 - Starla Hohbach, Harley O’Neil, Dave Bannister

2007 - Jerry Girmus, Sean and Christie Quigley, Chris Riveland

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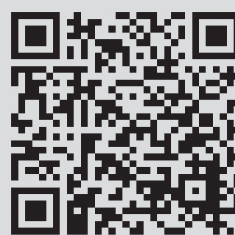


KIDS ENJOYED CARNIVAL GAMES AND MARCHED IN THE KIDS PARADE AT THE 2019 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. -PHOTOS BY BOB PFEIFFER



so please plan to walk or carpool to this popular event if possible. Off-site parking will be available at Syre Elementary.

Scan this QR code (to the right) for more details: Questions or suggestions? Email the Strawberry Festival committee at [strawberryfestival@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:strawberryfestival@richmondbeachwa.org).



Strawberry Festival  
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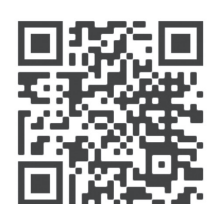
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You can help build community together by joining the Richmond Beach Community Association today! Support community events, neighborhood enhancements, communication and fun!





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## Richmond Beach Community Association seeks board members for upcoming term



### By Richmond Beach Community Association Board

The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) is seeking to fill four board positions in the upcoming **May 9** meeting. The positions are open to all interested parties, and applicants can reach out to the organization at [board@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:board@richmondbeachwa.org).

RBCA is a non-profit organization that has been serving the Richmond Beach community for over 100 years. The organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents and promoting community involvement through various programs and initiatives.

The board positions are volunteer roles that require a commitment to attend monthly meetings and actively participate in RBCA activities. Applicants should have a passion for community service and a desire to make a positive impact in the Richmond Beach area.

Some of the responsibilities of board members include setting the organization's direction and goals, developing and implementing programs and events, managing finances and budgets and representing RBCA in the community.

Current board members describe their experience as rewarding and fulfilling, providing an opportunity to make a difference in the community they call home. The organization is seeking candidates who are enthusiastic and committed to contributing to RBCA's mission.

Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to the organization at [board@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:board@richmondbeachwa.org) for more information and to submit their application. The deadline for applications is April 15, and interviews will be conducted in late April.

The upcoming board positions offer an exciting opportunity for community members to get involved and make a positive impact in the Richmond Beach area. RBCA looks forward to receiving applications from passionate individuals who share their vision for a vibrant and engaged community.

## Community Garage Sale May 20



By Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen

The annual Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association is fast approaching on **May 20**. No registration necessary. Simply round up your sale items and post some signs in your front yard and at nearby intersections. RBCA takes care of the publicity and advertising for you. Road signs will be placed at major intersections leading to the neighborhood. Ads will be placed in The Seattle Times online, Richmond Beach News, Craigslist, Patch, Shoreline Area News, Edmonds Beacon and on various social networks. Printed and on-line maps of the sales will be available.

If you would like your sale placed on the garage sale map and Yardsalesearch listing, please email your street address to Elisabeth at [garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org) by **Monday, May 15**. For your online yardsalesearch listing, any information you would like to share about your sale for the description will help draw people to you. We can include much more information on this post than on the printed maps. Let us know if you are a multi-family, estate or moving sale. Feel free to include a brief description of your items or just a short list.

If your address is outside the range of the map (Richmond Beach), we can include nearby addresses (Hillwood or Innis Arden) to the list, but the marker will not appear on the printed map. The maps will be available online (yardsalesearch.com) and printed versions at the Richmond Beach Coffee Company starting on Thursday, May 18.

It's fun to connect with your community and give your things new life, keeping them out of the landfill. If you don't sell all of your items, Deseret Industries, Salvation Army or Goodwill will gladly accept donations of unsold garage sale items. In 2022, over 33 households participated, the weather was great and participants reported plenty of visits to their sales.

Some tips for a successful garage sale:

- Go through your entire house to locate and sell anything you no longer want or need.
- Don't base what you sell on what you would buy.
- Offer to sell stuff for family and friends.

- Take the time to clean sale items.
- Be safe, don't let strangers into your home.
- Use an apron or fanny pack for money. (Do not use a cash box.) Carry your money with you at all times.
- After the sale, remove all signs that you have set out in the neighborhood.
- Pricing: Know the value of your items by doing some research on eBay or Craigslist. Don't price your stuff too low. People like to bargain, so allow some wiggle room. Price items like a store. If you have a lot of something, "Buy 3, get 1 free."
- Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start. Don't cut prices by much the morning of the sale, unless they are buying a ton of stuff. By the end of the sale, it's best to practically give things away rather than face the prospect of having to deal with it later. Include a "free" section.

## Graduation announcements due May 10



By Sheri Ashleman

Each year in June, Richmond Beach Community News publishes announcements for Richmond Beach graduating students. All students from Richmond Beach graduating from high school, college or a vocational trade school are eligible.

The deadline for submitting a paragraph is May 10. The entry should include information about the student's school experience (sports, music, clubs, academics, awards) or other memorable experiences (church activities, employment, volunteer work, travel) and what their plans are for the next chapter of their life. Space is limited, so keep submissions to 100 words or less. Please save personal accolades for the yearbook baby photos. All submissions to the newspaper are subject to editing.

If you need help getting started, visit [richmondbeachwa.org/newsletter](http://richmondbeachwa.org/newsletter) and look at the article in last year's June issue of the newspaper.

Pass the word! If you or someone you know from the neighborhood fits this description, please email the graduating senior's information to Sheri Ashleman at [sashleman@comcast.net](mailto:sashleman@comcast.net) by May 10.



## Birdhouses from 2022 Garden Tour

(Meet the creator, Brent Rogers, in the next issue of RBCN)



LOCAL ARCHITECT AND ARTIST BRENT ROGERS' "BIRD BOXES" REFLECT HIS INTEREST IN MATERIALS, CONTRAST, DESIGN AND SIMPLICITY.



ROGERS SAYS HIS BOXES ARE COMPOSED OF "FOLDED PLANES" OF DIFFERENT CONTRASTING MATERIALS COMPOSED IN ARCHITECTURAL WAYS. . PHOTOS BY BETTY NGAN

## It's about time



-PHOTO BY LUKAS BLAZEK ON UNSPLASH

By Adam Star

We all recently experienced the shift to daylight saving time, which can be both a little annoying and confusing. Twice a year, we set our clocks forward or back an hour, disrupting our sleep patterns and throwing off our daily routines. But did you know that daylight saving time has a long and fascinating history?

The idea of daylight saving time was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784, but it wasn't widely adopted until the 20th century. The concept behind daylight saving time is to make better use of natural light and to reduce energy consumption. However, not all countries observe daylight saving time, with most of Asia, Africa and South America choosing not to participate.

Here in the United States, most states observe daylight saving time, with the exception of Hawaii and most of Arizona. This means that during the summer months, we are one hour ahead of the states that

do not observe daylight saving time. This can make scheduling phone calls or flights a little trickier.

The shift to daylight saving time can also have an impact on our sleep patterns and overall health. Studies have shown that the disruption of our circadian rhythm, or internal body clock, can lead to fatigue, irritability and decreased productivity. It can also have a negative effect on our physical health, with an increase in the risk of heart attacks and strokes in the days following the time change.

Despite the challenges of adjusting to daylight saving time, there are also benefits to having more daylight in the evenings. It allows for more outdoor activities and can improve our mood and overall well-being.


Although it can seem like a nuisance when you are resetting your clock on the oven (for what also seems like the third time this month with all these power outages—what's been up with those?), it's important to remember the history and purpose behind this tradition and to take steps to minimize the negative effects on our health and productivity. So, the next time you're struggling to adjust to the time change, take a deep breath and enjoy the extra daylight in the evenings.

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# The promise of spring . . . time to get ready for the 31st annual Garden Tour



By Kris Fordice

I took a stroll through the neighborhood this week and was amazed at the trees starting to bloom, even though as I write this it is snowing . . . again! A little sunshine here and there gets me out in my garden to cut grasses back, prune and generally clean up after the winter. My goal is to fill up my green compost bin every week, and so far I've been able to do it even with the cold, snow and rain. I love walking through the neighborhood and seeing everything coming back to life and people out in their yards.

What I don't love is the bunny activity. I don't know about you, but my garden seems to be a favorite

spot for them to feast on my tender plants and bushes. The ceramic bunny at the base of my coral bark maple is a good bunny. And while they are cute, the real bunnies have eaten back some of my plants to the point I can't tell what they are. I'm learning what plants they don't like and will plant more of them soon. I commiserate with my neighbors about the little destroyers and get ideas on how to deal with them. Regardless, I still love to garden and will continue the battle.

This year, the Richmond Beach Garden Tour is on **June 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** So once again I am calling for gardens to include on the tour this year. What are the things you love about your garden that you would like to share with your neighbors? We welcome all gardens and gardeners! Contact Kris Fordice at [gardentour@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:gardentour@richmondbeachwa.org).

This is an all-volunteer event sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. Please become a member of the RBCA to keep events like this happening! To join, visit [richmondbeachwa.org/membership](http://richmondbeachwa.org/membership).



SCENES FROM 2022 GARDEN TOUR—  
SCULPTURE FROM HASTINGS GARDEN (TOP LEFT);  
VIEW FROM HEINEMANN PHISUTIKUL GARDEN (ABOVE RIGHT);  
GATE TO HEINEMANN PHISUTIKUL GARDEN (BOTTOM RIGHT)  
-ALL PHOTOS ON PAGE 5 BY BETTY NGAN



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## Kudos

By George Buswell

Kudos to **Kirk Peterson** and **My linda Sneed** at the city of Shoreline, who quickly responded to an RBCA Board request to clear brush away from the Reflex Solaris reflector panels at the Saltwater Park.

The work crew did an amazing job that was completed just in time for the vernal equinox on March 20.

## Spring calls for lighter, crisper beers

By Adam Star



PALE ALE AT HOLY MOUNTAIN  
- PHOTO BY ADAM STAR

Although fall conjures up steins of Marzen overflowing at Oktoberfest, winter has its rich malty stouts and summer, of course, invokes an ice cold pilsner at a 4th of July barbecue. Spring beers tend to be overlooked. However, there is still much to appreciate this time of year as spring beers are known for their lighter, crisper flavors that pair perfectly with the mild weather and sunny days. Let's explore some of the most popular types of spring beers and what makes them so special.

**Hefeweizen** is a German-style wheat beer that is perfect for springtime. It's light and refreshing, with a slightly fruity and spicy flavor. Hefeweizen is brewed with a high percentage of wheat, which gives it a cloudy appearance and a soft, creamy texture. This beer is often served with a slice of lemon or orange, which adds a refreshing burst of citrus flavor.

**Saison** is a Belgian-style beer that is known for its complex flavors and aromas. It's typically brewed with a variety of spices and herbs, such as coriander, ginger and peppercorns, which give it a unique and refreshing taste. Saison is also a bit stronger than other spring beers, with an alcohol content of around 6-7%. This beer pairs well with grilled meats, salads and spicy foods.

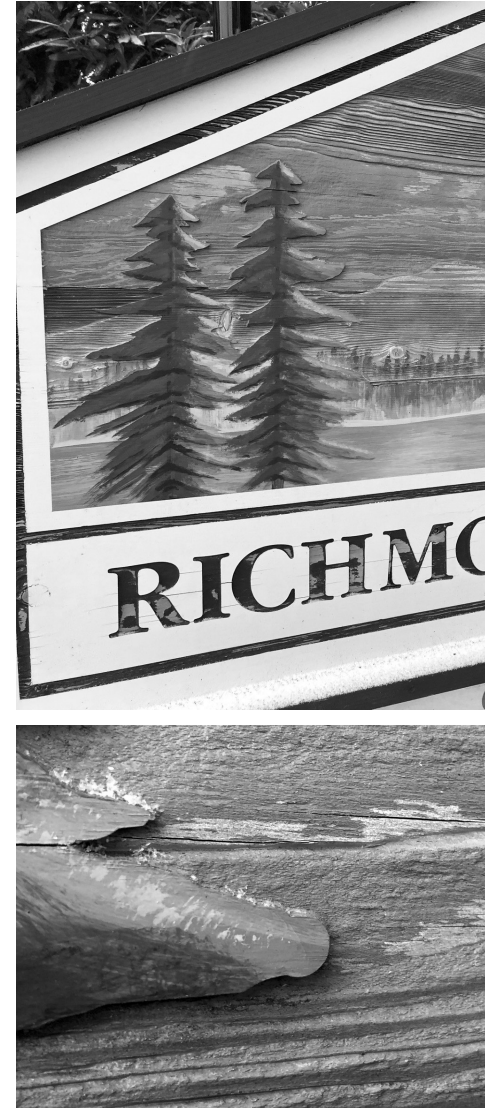
**Pale Ale** is a classic American beer that is perfect for springtime. It's light and crisp, with a hoppy flavor that is not too overpowering unlike its older sibling the IPA. Pale Ale is brewed with a variety of hops, which give it a citrusy, floral aroma. Great if you want a lighter alternative while outdoors.

**Kolsch** is a German-style beer that is perfect for springtime. It's light and refreshing, with a subtle sweetness that comes from the use of malted barley. Kolsch is typically served in a tall, slender glass, which shows off its golden color and foamy head. This beer pairs well with lighter foods, such as salads, seafood and grilled vegetables.

**Maibock** is a German-style beer that is traditionally brewed in the springtime. It's a strong beer, with an alcohol content of around 7-8%. Maibock is brewed with a high percentage of malted barley, which gives it a rich, malty flavor. This beer pairs well with hearty dishes, such as roasted meats, stews and casseroles.

Whatever you choose, these beers are a great way to celebrate the season and enjoy the mild weather. Whether you prefer a light and refreshing Hefeweizen, a complex and flavorful Saison or a classic Pale Ale, there is a spring beer out there for everyone. So grab a cold one, sit back and enjoy the sunshine!

## Craftsman found for RB sign repair



DETERIORATION OF RICHMOND BEACH SIGN  
- PHOTOS BY GEORGE BUSWELL

By Michelle Healy and George Buswell

In last month's paper, we put out a call for a volunteer to repair the sign at the entrance to Richmond Beach. Our request was quickly met, and we selected Dwight Jacobson to do the repair. Dwight is a resident of Richmond Beach and has been a professional woodworker for over 40 years.

A team met at the sign on March 11 to review the repairs needed, to disassemble it and to move it to Dwight's workshop. I can attest that this sign was designed and built to last; it did not come down without a struggle. With a bit of effort we successfully wrestled the sign to the ground (without the use of any foul language I am happy to report), and it was safely removed for repairs.

Based on the extent of weather damage to the sign and the repair processes required and materials needed, Dwight determined it was best to work with the original sign manufacturer to accomplish these repairs. The sign has been transferred to that site, and the repair process is underway. Our sign is in good hands!

The repair is only expected to take a few weeks, and the sign might be back up by the time you are reading this. If not, it will shortly be in place. A temporary "Sign Under Repair" notice has been put in place while the repair is on-going.

Kudos in advance to Dwight Jacobson for stepping up and volunteering his services. And a big shout-out to Rick Ashleman, who was the brains and the brawn in getting the sign taken down for repair. Keep your eye out for the reappearance of the new, refurbished sign!

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## Spring is here



- PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

By Adam Star

Spring is here in Richmond Beach, and one can sense the community is buzzing with excitement. After a long and dark winter, the sun is shining (if not always, at least a little bit longer each day), the birds are chirping and the flowers are starting to bloom. There is a sense of renewal and rejuvenation in the air, and everyone is eager to embrace the joys of this season.

One of the most common sights around town during spring is the abundance of colorful flowers that dot the landscape. Tulips, daffodils and cherry blossoms will soon be seen in gardens, parks and along the streets. The sight of these flowers bursting with color after a long winter is enough to lift anyone's mood and bring a smile to their face.

Another joy of spring in Richmond Beach is the return of wildlife that had gone into hiding during the cold winter months. Birds such as robins, finches and sparrows can be seen darting around, building their nests and singing their melodious tunes. It's a pleasure to watch them go about their business and add to the cheerful atmosphere of the community.

As the weather warms up, our neighbors will also start to enjoy outdoor activities that were not as accessible during winter. Parks and trails become popular destinations for hiking, jogging and picnicking. The sound of children laughing and playing in the playgrounds fills the air, and families take advantage of the longer days to spend time together outside.

Spring also brings with it an opportunity to spruce up our homes and gardens. People in Richmond Beach can be seen cleaning their yards, planting new flowers and giving their homes a fresh coat of paint. It's a time to declutter and get rid of anything that is no longer needed, making way for new beginnings.

Spring is a season of hope and renewal, and it brings with it a sense of joy and excitement that is infectious. As the community comes out of the dark and cold winter, we are all looking forward to the warmer weather, longer days and the beauty that spring brings to Richmond Beach. So let's get out there, soak up the sun and embrace all the joys that this season has to offer.

## Friends of the Library boutique book sale on May 6



2019 BOOK SALE BROWSERS

- PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

By Karen Thielke

The Friends of the Library boutique book sale will once again be part of the Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival on May 6. The library display case will feature top treasures for sale on May 6 in the weeks prior to the festival . . . check it out! All proceeds from the book sales are used to support Richmond Beach Library programs for children, teens and adults. We appreciate your support as donors and purchasers!

The Richmond Beach Friends of the Library are looking for the best books you are willing to donate . . . make it 5 to 20 books published within the past five years—fiction, history, mysteries, gardening, cookbooks, children's titles and other subjects of note. Outstanding vintage books in excellent condition are also top sellers.



- PHOTO BY CALUM LEWIS ON UNSPLASH

### Calling Richmond Beach cooks!

Share your favorite family recipe. Send it to [editor@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:editor@richmondbeachwa.org). Please tell us why your recipe is a favorite and provide a little info about yourself. Submissions are subject to space limits and editing.

### Missing a paper?

Know someone who is not getting a Richmond Beach Community News delivered to their Richmond Beach address? This may be because a resident at the address has restricted their mail to exclude bulk mail. Check with the post office.

## Anina's Corner



RICHMOND BEACH SCHOOL IN 1960  
- PHOTO COURTESY SHORELINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Anina Coder Sill

I attended Richmond Beach Elementary school in the 1960s, located on the current site of the Richmond Beach Library. I enjoyed the short walk with my siblings and friends, the games played on field day to celebrate the end of the school year, small classes with neighborhood kids, good teachers and spending the day at Seattle Center's Fun Forest as a reward for being a crosswalk guard.

The school served elementary grades through high school until 1945, closed in 1971 along with several other schools and was demolished after the Shoreline School District and Seattle suffered an economic bust. "Will the last person to leave Seattle turn off the lights" billboard was a local headline.

The two-story brick building, constructed in 1924, replaced two previous Richmond Beach schools on site or nearby built in 1891 and 1909. Shoreline Public Schools was formed in 1944 and encompassed our area formerly run by the Seattle School District. The gym, approved by the Seattle School Board for construction in 1919, was retained as a community center for years and used for the annual Halloween carnivals, with the cakewalk on the stage. In December of 1989, it was demolished.

The steps leading to the property still exist, though I do not approach them with quite the same enthusiasm. My sixth grade teacher, George Snow, used to send the class out to the flights of 78 stairs to expend some of our bottled up energy. My sister and I enrolled in orchestra, playing my grandfather's wooden cased violin, and it made at least one very rapid escape down a flight of those cement stairs.

The fifth and sixth graders held classes in the portable building, later occupied by a Montessori school after the school closed. The cafeteria and orchestra room were in the lower level, the gym on the main level and the furnace room in the basement beneath the school library.

I still have school class photos from Grade 2—Mrs. Adams, Grade 3—Mrs. Strong, Grade 4—Miss Jellison, Grade 5—Mr. Baerwald, Grade 6—Mr. Snow and enjoy the memories. It is fortunate I treasure local history, since this is still my neighborhood!

## RBCA Board seeks local creative professionals

By Adam Star

A new board initiative seeks to bring together creative professionals in the community to create engaging and informative content that showcases the unique offerings of Richmond Beach.

We are hoping to connect individuals with experience in graphic design, photography videography and social media management. These skills are critical to the success of the initiative, and the organizers believe that the residents of Richmond Beach have the talent to make it happen.

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about our community and who are willing to go the extra mile to help us make these projects successful. Together, we can create something truly special that will benefit our community for years to come.

The projects will seek to highlight what makes Richmond Beach a vibrant and unique community. The organizers hope that the initiative will not only benefit the organizations, community events and local businesses being promoted, but also help to foster a sense of community pride and identity.

If you are a creative professional with skills in graphic design, photography, videography, or social media management and are interested in contributing to these projects, please reach out to the board at [board@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:board@richmondbeachwa.org). We would be more than happy to discuss the details of the projects and how you can contribute.

# Save the Date!

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Annual Richmond Beach  
Community Garage Sale



## Richmond Beach Cooks!

### Light and fluffy buttermilk pancakes

By Betty Ngan

My mother-in-law, Blanche Mailhot, who raised eight kids, was a genius at making food stretch. Buttermilk pancakes were served for dinner on Fridays to the delight of everyone in the family. Her handwritten recipe on a 3x5 card lives in a little wooden recipe box in our kitchen, but my husband, Tom, has the recipe in his head.

Many people, who have tasted these wonderfully light and fluffy pancakes, have asked for the recipe. The pancakes seem to be even better when the batter is made ahead and allowed to sit overnight.

### Blanche Mailhot's Buttermilk Pancake Recipe

#### Ingredients

2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 ½ tsp. salt

Stir the dry ingredients a few times to combine, then add  
2 cups buttermilk  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 egg, lightly beaten

#### Instructions

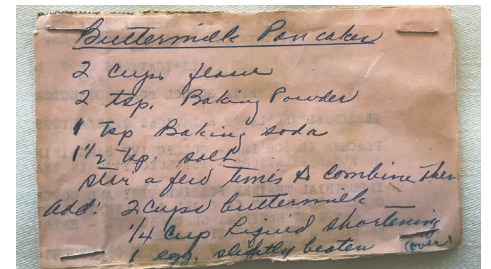
Using a fork, gently combine the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients. Stop stirring when the ingredients are just barely combined. **The batter should still be lumpy; this is the secret of light and fluffy pancakes.** Don't stir into a smooth batter or use mixers, whisks or food processors, as these methods will create dense, tough pancakes.

Cook pancakes on a lightly oiled griddle or pan set to a medium-low to medium heat. Check the color by lifting the edge, and flip when a few bubbles rise to the top of the batter. Lower or raise the heat to get the right golden color.

If there is any leftover batter, store in the refrigerator, and skim off the top layer of darkened batter before using the next day (do not stir darkened batter in). The batter will keep for three or four days. Enjoy!

**Note:** Makes 8 large pancakes. If you are out of buttermilk, make a substitute by adding 1 tablespoon vinegar to one cup milk. Let stand 5 minutes.

Betty Ngan and her husband, Tom Mailhot, have lived in Richmond Beach for 37 years raising two sons in this neighborhood. They are proud grandparents of two girls, ages 4 and 7 months. Tom plays soccer three days a week, and Betty is the production manager of RBCN and paints in her spare time.



BLANCHE MAILHOT'S PANCAKE RECIPE (TOP);  
BATTER READY TO GO (BOTTOM)

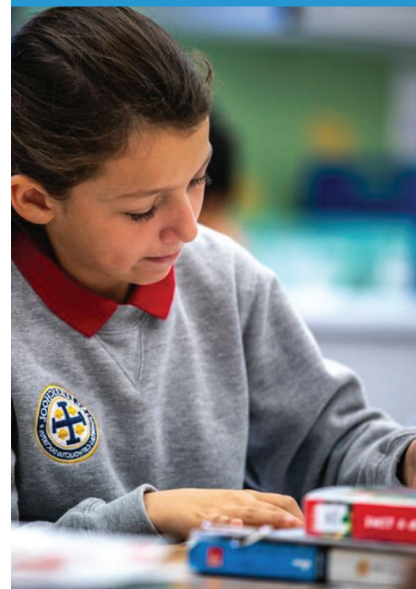
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