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Community profile

Caitlin McNulty, teacher at Syre Elementary School

By Joanna Stone
RBCN Contributing Writer



CAITLIN MCNULTY
- PHOTO BY JOANNA STONE

Kindergarten teachers have a special power—they can shape a child’s relationship with education for a lifetime. If used wisely, the consequences for the child’s learning, self-esteem and outlook on life can be life changing. “I love that I can help kids see school as something positive—that they are good at—and help them feel successful,” says

Caitlin McNulty, a kindergarten teacher at Syre Elementary School. McNulty found her way into teaching kindergarteners 11 years ago through Teach for America—an organization which encourages high-achieving recent graduates and professionals to teach, for at least two years, in low-income neighborhoods in the U.S. Although she also coached other teachers for a brief period of time, she eventually returned to teaching because “she just missed students too much.”

When schools in Washington State shifted to remote learning in the spring of 2020, McNulty, as many other educators and parents that year, was really concerned. The fear that some students with no internet access—or who relied on school for their meals and social interactions—would be missing out was making her feel uneasy. “Kids that age need to be touching things,” says McNulty. “And some subjects, like writing, are simply hard to teach online.”

Although teaching during the pandemic, undoubtedly, takes a lot more intention, McNulty admits that she’s been so impressed with the level of effort and the amazing job that her students, parents and colleagues have displayed. “So much has been asked of parents to be working full time and be full-time teachers at home,” she recognizes. “It’s important for me to build strong relationships between kids and parents to ensure they continue to learn and thrive in the years to come.”

So how does McNulty shape her five and six-year-olds’ experience and keep them engaged from a distance? First of all, she creates a safe and welcoming environment where students know that they matter. In each virtual class, McNulty displays reinforcing messages to her students to constantly remind them that they are unique, smart and can accomplish great things.

At the beginning of the year, McNulty gathered information about each students’ favorite things, such as colors, animals or friends and put them together in two separate books. The first one introduced each student—and their family members—to each other through various photos. The second one helped them learn about what their classmates loved doing outside of school. “This really teaches kids that what they do matters and that people care,” says McNulty.

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Local business owners cope with COVID restrictions

By George Buswell
RBCA Board Member

The RBCA Board recently reached out to local business owners to learn how they were coping with the challenges of running a business within the restrictions due to the COVID outbreak. We were very happy to hear their responses and grateful that they took the time to share their stories. We hope that you, too, will appreciate their input.

We are all very fortunate to have these businesses within our community. Richmond Beach is a very nice residential neighborhood that is enhanced by having local businesses that we can rely on and enjoy without having to drive for miles. Please keep them in mind during this holiday season—and support your local businesses!

“The main thing that our community can do to help right now is order food for takeout.”

By Joe Montero, Vault 177

Hello, I am Joe Montero, the new owner of Spin Alley Bowling and the remodeled Vault 177 restaurant. I purchased Spin Alley in September 2019 with the intention to remodel the bowling facility and restaurant. We were well on the way to completion when the pandemic hit just eight months into my ownership.

COVID-19 and the mandatory reduced capacity/closures by our governor’s office have been devastating to Spin Alley Bowling and Vault 177. My businesses are now in the tenth month of operating at a loss. The re-opening of bowling in October gave us a glimmer of hope that things might incrementally begin to go back to normalcy. Even at reduced capacity, the new restaurant was gaining traction. We were operating at 84% of pre-COVID revenue. The bowling was still struggling due to the highly reduced capacity and was only doing 24% of pre-COVID revenue. We were, however, on the cusp of break-even status. The most recent closure requirements in mid-November were once again devastating. With just take-out service, we are now operating at 5% of pre-COVID revenue. It is an

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Turkey run recap



- PHOTO SUBMITTED BY OUR READER..

By Teresa Pape
RBCA Executive Director

Even though the RBCA did not host the “official” Turkey Day Fun Run this year, we encouraged the community to be safe and to find their own way to exercise anytime and anyplace during the whole month of November. Although that may seem like a long time ago, the pride of our community still lingers.

There were many people who took to the streets both in person and virtually through our YouTube channel’s videos. On Thanksgiving Day, the RBCA had a selfie station at the Saltwater Park to capture the faces we have missed seeing. We were so happy to celebrate with all the turkey families that shared their photos with us. Some groups started at sunrise and others chose to complete their route near sunset showing us how they were staying active and healthy running wild through the community.

It just goes to show that even during a pandemic year where things

Community tree rises again



- PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

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Waiting for ruling

By Tom Mailhot

RBCA Point Wells Subcommittee

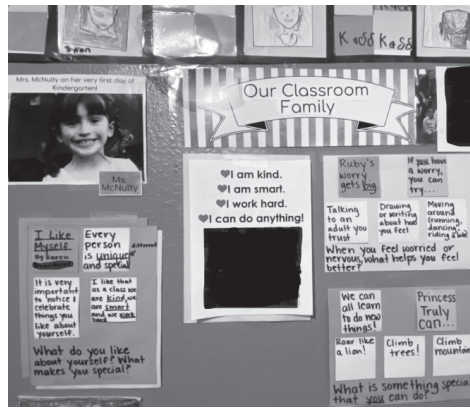
As this article is being written in mid-December, the Snohomish County Hearing Examiner has completed and closed the open record hearing on BSRE's revised development proposal for Point Wells. Everyone is in waiting mode for the examiner to issue his ruling. It is possible the hearing examiner issued his ruling after the paper was sent to the printer and before the end of the year, but with the large number of submitted documents to review, the ruling may be delayed until sometime in January.

A ruling by the hearing examiner to deny the application will probably not be the final end of the project in its current form. BSRE will have the option of appealing the ruling back to the hearing examiner, then to the county council and then finally to superior court. If the past is any indication of the future, BSRE will push as far as they can to have any denial reversed.

While the hearing examiner is considering BSRE's revised application, BSRE's appeal of the 2018 denial of their original application is still on-going in the Snohomish County Court of Appeals. The court announced in December that the appeal will not include any additional testimony. The court will meet in private on January 13, 2021, to review the record of the superior court trial and decide whether superior court erred in refusing to rule on whether the county properly interpreted its code provisions and regulations concerning building setbacks from neighboring properties and the requirements for granting BSRE the right to construct buildings taller than 90 feet.

The appeals court gave no date for issuing a ruling, saying only that the litigants will be notified when the ruling is available. A win for BSRE will likely result in the case being sent back to superior court for further consideration.

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VIRTUAL CLASSROOM DISPLAY AND PICTURE OF "MS. McNULTY ON HER FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARDEN"

- PHOTO BY JOANNA STONE

Secondly, she simply makes it fun to be in her class. "Kids feed off of positive and silly energy, and they love playing games," says McNulty. By referring to them as "letter experts" in virtual scavenger hunts, to engaging them in fun science projects, like drawing a frog cycle and sharing it in class, she's been able to keep her students attentive and involved.

For all the love that she surrounds them with every day, the kids have been very generous in their own little way in return. "I'm often rewarded with sweet surprises from my students when I check their work on our digital platform, Seesaw," she says. From short videos and drawings of her, to charming notes letting her know that they are going to their grandma's house over the weekend, the students have been keeping McNulty smiling throughout the year.

McNulty is a teacher that everyone wishes they had growing up. With her warm personality, positive reinforcement and inclusive nature, every child feels safe and valued in her classroom. During these trying times, she remained optimistic and became an even stronger example for her students—especially when they, too, were worried about the well-being of their own family members and friends because of the pandemic.

Although she admits that she would "100% prefer to be with her students in person," she reminds herself that the situation we are in is "not forever." She serves as a great reminder to always "be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle you know nothing about (Plato)."

A glowing response for safety

By Teresa Pape

RBCA Executive Director

Last month, the RBCA was happy to support Jerry Patterson with his idea of putting together *See and Be Seen* safety packs.

The small packages with a reflective vest and a flashlight were available at Vault 177. The packs were so popular the owner of Vault 177, Joe Montero, kept contacting Jerry for more. Jerry was very diligent in supplying over 60 packs.

Now Jerry is working with the 4-Corners organization to continue making packs with only vests.

We are so thankful for Jerry's dedication to the safety of the community. If you picked up a safety pack, be sure to use it as you stroll through the community glowing and reflecting in the evening light.

Winter is here!

By Teresa Pape

RBCA Executive Director

Winter is here and with that comes all kinds of weather events. It is time to be prepared. Do you have enough toilet paper? Actually, that isn't as important as checking to make sure the batteries in your flashlight are fresh. This is a reminder that now is the time to be prepared for when those cold, wind, rain and snow storms blow. Here are some suggestions and phone numbers for you to keep and have handy when Jack Frost comes nipping at your nose or neighborhood.

During a storm, please stay home unless there is an emergency. This will keep the roads clear and open to emergency and utility support vehicles.

Always call 911 for life-threatening emergencies. Non-emergency issues, such as downed trees, signs or drainage issues caused by rain and snow, should be reported to the **City of Shoreline at (206) 801-2700**.

When the power goes out, the Seattle City Light website allows you to check the status of a power outage with updated information approximately every 15 minutes. Call **(206) 684-7400** to report an outage or check the status of an outage at your business or home. You will need either the account number for the location or a phone number listed in association with the account.

When it snows, the City of Shoreline sends out snow plows concentrating their efforts on primary snow removal routes first. These can be found on the City of Shoreline's website: www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=23597. A primary route would be one that

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unsurvivable situation unless we can open soon or get help.

The most recent extension of the closure in December is rubbing salt in the wound. The Washington Bowling Proprietors Association meets every week via Zoom, and a discussion point was that there have been zero COVID-19 outbreaks associated with a bowling center in Washington. ZERO! Even though we have 17,000 square feet of space and ample room to keep distance, we have been forced to close. I have laid off 14 employees since the closedown began in March. As of now, I just have one cook working part time. Most of my laid-off employees are still not working, and their unemployment benefits are close to running out. They are struggling to survive, and it is especially tough with the holidays here.

The main thing that our community can do to help right now is order food for takeout. This is our only source of income at this time, and it is not even close to paying the bills. We have also added a section to the menu for making a donation to our business. Every little bit helps.

Spin Alley has been supporting the Richmond Beach community since the 1960s by hosting school bowling, special needs and seniors at heavily discounted prices. We have offered the Kids Bowl Free program for many years giving the local youth a free summer activity. We could really use your support.

Spin Alley Bowling and Vault 177 plan to be here for a long time, and we love this community. I am optimistic that we can weather this pandemic. There is a light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine. We just need to survive a few more difficult months.

Cheers Richmond Beach!

“I think the Richmond Beach community has done a wonderful job of making the best of an awful situation.”

By Rachel Alexander, State Farm

In March, when the stay-at-home order went into effect, as an essential business we were allowed to stay open and collectively decided to remain in our office. We knew that we would all be isolated enough as it was, so being able to have some kind of normal routine (going to the office) was welcomed. Of course, nearly no one came into the office during the first couple of months; but we were there to answer phones, and we used this time to check on our clients, especially our older, more isolated clients to make sure they were doing okay.

The hardest part about the

pandemic has been the limited in-person contact. We really miss seeing many of our clients who are more like friends and family. I know that I really look forward to being able to see the smiles and expressions on people’s faces again!

I think the Richmond Beach community has done a wonderful job of making the best of an awful situation. Our office really enjoyed being a part of the Halloween Scavenger Hunt. We made certain that we decorated our office for the various seasons and holidays. It was our small effort to create a bit of cheer in the community.

In 2020, I believe we all discovered we were more resilient than we thought we could be. Everybody took more time to be compassionate and caring, to listen; and I hope these changes stay with all of us in the community long after the pandemic is over.

“This season has sharpened our awareness of the strength of our community and of what others in our neighborhood may be going through.”

By Vivian Bennett, USmileUSA and uSmile Orthodontics

Due to the shutdown and the need for environmental and procedural changes prior to reopening, appointments are not yet back to normal levels. The greatest challenges have been the need to quickly adapt to respiratory protection protocols and fit test each staff member to keep them safe. But we are proud of how our staff responded, keeping morale up and learning and implementing new protocols. We have all come through this as a more collaborative group.

Our patients have expressed appreciation for opportunities to talk about changes implemented regarding appointments and measures taken to ensure their safety—from mandates to the extra touches—such as covering door handles with plastic sleeves. And the response from the larger community has been creative and helpful. For example, local business ElectroImpact created made-to-specs face shields, while a patient made wraps to pad and better fit the shields.

This season has sharpened our awareness of the strength of our community and of what others in our neighborhood may be going through. Let’s continue to work together. And to support local businesses and organizations, such as the shelter system, which has lost its volunteer staff. Let’s continue to be patient with each other so we can look forward to meeting face to face in the coming year.

“Communication is the key to our success as a community and as a business.”

By Greg Bye, Streetzeria

We were fortunate to assemble a plan the weekend before the initial shutdown in March 2020. I am very lucky to have family members versed in business adversities, and the watchwords were “get all of the information, make a decision, act quickly.”

With these principals, we opened on the first day of Phase 1 with a revised menu and website, King County Board of Health procedures installed and a changed business model for takeout only. Overall, the plan worked. No transition is seamless, but we honed our process and continued to change.

It was hard to be forced to change a business model that had been carefully thought out, budgeted, paid for with hard work and dreamt over for years. Thankfully, the Richmond Beach community responded, and we maintained a good business level throughout the summer.

Our challenges have been the changes from Phase 1 to 2, to 3 and back to Phase 1. It is difficult to plan and anticipate needs. The positive outcome has been the empowerment of employees who have accepted increased responsibility, contributed their creative thinking for products and ideas and worked cohesively as a team.

We really like our customers and want to do our best for them. What helps us is communication and feedback. That is why we post on social media; we are working to communicate with our guests. It is a great help to let us know what you as a customer are looking for, be it different hours of operation, menu items, delivery options or something that we may not know. Communication is the key to our success as a community and as a business.

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A pleasant surprise was the support of the t-shirt sales. All the shirts were sold online and sold out. We are so thankful for the local business sponsors and for all of you who purchased a shirt.

Please enjoy the photos sent in by the community. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year.



ABOVE OUR YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT

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LOTS OF TURKEY RUNNERS YOUNG AND OLD WERE SEEN AROUND RICHMOND BEACH DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. See Turkey Run, page 8 for more photos

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Streetzeria Benefit Dinner returns with a special offer

By Greg Bye, Owner

Streetzeria welcomes Richmond Beach residents and neighbors to the seventh annual benefit dinner for the Richmond Beach Community Association on Tuesday, March 16, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

During the pandemic year, Streetzeria has modified the restaurant to a retail wine store with counter service for pizza, pasta, salads and desserts. For the benefit dinner, the food service will be a meal package of a whole 12" pizza and either an organic mixed green salad with house tomato vinaigrette or the popular kale Caesar salad. The minimum suggested donation for the package, which feeds two to three people, is \$30. Payment can be made by credit card, cash or check to Streetzeria.

The pizza selections for the night will be the four most popular pizzas on the menu. The Magnuson Park pepperoni pizza; the Golden Gardens pizza with house made Italian sausage and caramelized onions; the Carkeek Park pizza, which has mushrooms, fresh thyme and truffle oil; and the Magnolia Park, the ever-popular cheese pizza. With the anticipated volume, modifications or alternatives will not be offered that night.

Please join us in celebrating the return of daylight saving time, a pre-St. Patrick's party and a night of neighborly fun.

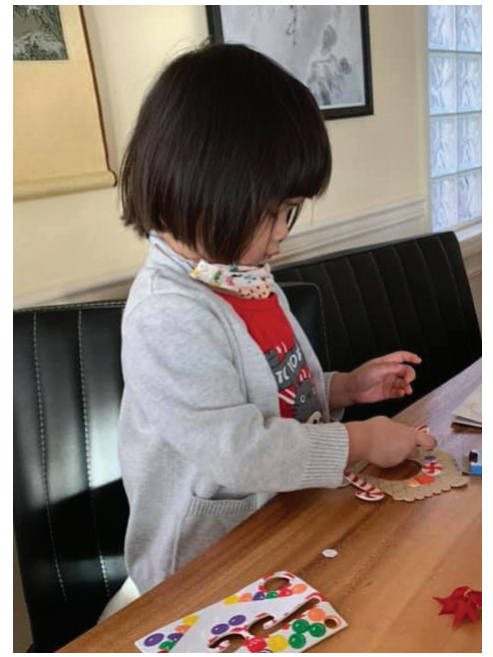
Streetzeria would like to thank the community, neighbors, customers and friends for their support and dedication over the past years, and we look forward to serving you throughout 2021.

Holiday crafts were a party in a bag

By Teresa Pape
RBCA Executive Director

The annual Children's Holiday Craft Party looked different this year, but it didn't stop the creativity. Nearly 100 holiday craft kits were placed outside the Richmond Beach Library and were assembled at home. A YouTube video provided instructions while candy canes were enjoyed throughout the land.

Special thanks to the Richmond Beach Library staff and to the Mouttet family for serving as hosts of the party and for assembling all of the snowman themed craft bags. The cards and pictures made for the Richmond Beach Rehab Center helped carry on the tradition of spreading holiday cheer to those who truly need it. We would also like to thank Beach House Greetings for collecting those as well. And finally, a big thank you to the community for helping us celebrate the holidays.



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To **Jerry Patterson**, for creating and supplying the See and Be Seen safety kits for the community. Jerry is keeping the community safe one vest at a time.

To **Joe Montero, Owner of Vault 177**, for being the pickup location for the safety vests. Joe is always on board to help the community.

To **Nate Mouttet and family**. The Mouttets are the magic elves behind the Holiday Craft Party. They do it without a lot of fanfare and "host" the event as a gift to the community. We couldn't imagine the holiday season without them.

To **Greg Bye, Owner of Streetzeria**, for once again hosting the Community Tree for the holidays. Greg selflessly gives up part of his parking lot for the tree every year, and we are so thankful.

To **George Buswell, Tom Mailhot, Rich Kline and Chris Drake** for putting up the Community Tree. The tree is huge and heavy. This team of volunteers spent hours making sure the lights were shining bright for the community to enjoy.

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What is the RBCA?



By David Davis
RBCA Vice President

Recently we were discussing how much we all miss the community events we enjoy here in Richmond Beach. As the board looked back on past events and forward to future events we all so desperately wished to have soon, we returned to a question we get the most from members of the community.

Quite simply: "What is the RBCA?" and "What do you guys do?" In all the business to put on events and organize materials to keep the community informed, we sometimes forget the role of the Richmond Beach Community Association may not be known to all. So, I hope I can outline a good sense for what we are all about.

Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) facts

RBCA is a non-profit organization founded in 1908 and is currently governed under the laws of the state of Washington.

Any person of legal voting age and residing within the geographic area of Richmond Beach is eligible for membership. Annual membership dues are \$20 per person. Set up a membership online at www.richmondbeachwa.org/joinrenew/index.php.

RBCA is managed by a board of nine members elected for two-year terms at the May community meeting. A maximum contiguous service period of six years applies.

RBCA Board mission

The mission of the Richmond Beach Community Association Board is to promote the well-being of the Richmond Beach community.

RBCA Board vision

All residents of Richmond

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Beach demonstrate a sense of belonging and pride in our neighborhood and the greater Shoreline community. We feel safe, fully informed and actively engaged in helping to make our community even better.

RBCA Board values

To inform our residents about issues and topics that affect our community. To foster a sense of neighborhood, social interaction, volunteerism and community pride among our residents. To engage the Richmond Beach community with the City of Shoreline and surrounding communities.

RBCA activities and events (made possible through memberships and volunteers)

The RBCA conducts monthly community meetings on topics of concern to the community—September through May, except December.

We publish the Richmond Beach Community Newspaper monthly from September to June.

We organize and conduct community events such as: Strawberry Festival, Halloween Carnival, summer Food Truck Wednesdays, Turkey Day Fun Run, Christmas Ship Celebration, Holiday Tree Lighting and several other fun events.

The RBCA organizes and execute community arts projects such as the Beach Orcas (pods throughout Richmond Beach), Historical Street Signs, vinyl wrap on the transformer box at 8th Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road, community map and mural (former Wildhorse wall).

RBCA social platforms

- Instagram: *richmondbeach*
- Facebook page: *www.facebook.com/RichmondBeachWA*
- Website: *www.richmondbeachwa.org*
- YouTube Channel: *“RichmondbeachTV”*

Making all the above possible is the fact that so many of our great neighbors volunteer their time to execute on all the fun. Without volunteers and RBCA memberships, none of this would be possible. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped and for those that join us in the future!



SLEDDERS AND SNOWMEN SHOWED UP IN RICHMOND BEACH COMMUNITY PARK IN 2019. - SNOW PHOTOS ON PAGE 7 BY BETTY NGAN

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first accommodates fire, medical and police response, as well as Metro Transit, school buses and commuter traffic. As long as it continues to snow, these primary routes will be plowed. Once the snow stops, the plows will begin to work on level two roads continuing down the list of priority. If it starts snowing again, the process of clearing main roads will start over. Richmond Beach is classified as a fourth level removal area. This means that it may take a while, even days, for the snow plows to head our way.

While you are waiting for those plows, Shoreline homeowners and business/property owners are responsible for clearing ice and snow off sidewalks and driveways around their property. Once the snow plow comes by, owners are also responsible for clearing away the brim of snow left along the edge of driveways.

When the calm returns and you have time to check your property and its surroundings, it is also a good time to connect to your neighbors. Make sure they are well and don't need any additional help. Help remove snow, ice or debris from their driveway and sidewalks. If someone does something nice for you and you would like to thank them, we at the *Richmond Beach Community News* want to hear about it. There is no better way to show your appreciation than by giving them a quick shout out and a thank you; it is these types of selfless actions that make our community strong.



HEAVY SNOWFALL IN FEBRUARY 2019 MADE THE ROADS SLICK



Desperately seeking mural artist!

By George Buswell
RBCA Board Member



- PHOTO BY TERESA PAPE

By now, most of you will have noticed the Richmond Beach landmark map that is located on the corner of the old Wildhorse building at the intersection of 20th Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road. This artwork has been a great addition to the neighborhood and has become something of a landmark of its own!

However, the map hangs in front of a plain green wall, and it begs to be spiced up a little. So, the RBCA is looking for a local artist who is handy with a paintbrush and willing to add a little something to the wall to pep it up a bit. We do not want to distract from the map, but perhaps some flowers, a border or a small pop of color to brighten up the area around the image. We are open to creative suggestions!

Since the future of the site is still undetermined, the new artwork will not be commissioned; and the duration for how long the artwork will be in place is undetermined. However, the community would be able to enjoy the artwork for as long as it is up there, and the artist would be able to sign their name to the wall if desired. It is a great way to use your skills to serve your community!

If you are interested in helping the RBCA jazz up the space, please contact Executive Director Teresa Pape at *execdirector@richmondbeachwa.org*. If there are multiple applications, information will be collected from the applicants and all interested artists will be presented to the board for review and final selection.

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GEORGE BUSWELL, TOM MAILHOT, RICH KLINE AND CHRIS DRAKE BUSY PUTTING UP THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE.

- PHOTO BY TERESA PAPE

Anina's Corner

By Anina Coder Sill

Here are some my pleasant memories of the season in regards to snow in Richmond Beach:

- Happy children and some adults, as snow doesn't stick very often in Richmond Beach.
- The cheerful, sloppy clamor and mess of children coming inside after playing in the snow.
- The litter of wet gloves, hats, socks.
- Drinking hot Ovaltine.
- Collecting the plastic bread bags we used to slide a foot into a boot and make it waterproof.
- Linking arms and holding hands with family or friends, trying to keep our balance and sense of humor. I once went cross country skiing with my husband and marveled that he could successfully ski down a slope. I asked him how he kept his balance; he said he never had it!
- The quiet and peaceful solitude of snowfall.
- A dusting so fresh and starkly beautiful.
- The welcome and hopeful sight of a brightly colored primrose blossom, peeking through the snow, bravely welcoming warmer weather. (And it was planted by a dear one who is no longer by my side, so that makes it even sweeter.)

Happy winter!

Looking back and ahead

By Teresa Pape

RBCA Executive Director

We made it to January. Usually in the May edition of the paper, at the end of our “year,” I address the community listing all the things the RBCA has accomplished that year. That will still come, but right now I want to take a moment to reflect on 2020.

When the pandemic hit, the RBCA was already well into planning the Strawberry Festival, and we were in a bit of shock that the event was canceled.

So with the newly founded free time, we learned how to make videos and created the Richmond Beach TV YouTube channel where we uploaded virtual garden tours.

Soon after that, the RBCA founded the We “heart” RB website and campaign, highlighting local businesses and finding ways to support all the businesses that continually support RBCA activities.

Then in the fall, the RBCA planned and replanned the Halloween Carnival. What came out of all that hard work was a widely popular scavenger hunt and a haunted homes

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tour. This kept us inspired.

We opened an online store to sell Richmond Beach gear.

We turned the Turkey Run into a virtual run and were amazed at how many people participated.

Next up were the holidays. The Holiday Craft Party became take home kits that we quite frankly could not make enough of. In December, the community tree was assembled in the parking lot of Streetzeria, and the RBCA kicked off the first ever Holiday Home Decorating Contest and Tour.

The year was full; and as we continue to adapt and pivot with changes and challenges, we are already looking forward into the new year. There are already plans for a pizza party, and we are creating activities related to strawberries,

but we need your help. We will soon have a few open chairs on the RBCA Board. If you feel inspired about what we accomplished during a pandemic and have ideas on how we can keep bringing events to the community, we need you. Please consider joining the board; it really is more fun than work.

This is also a good time to remind everyone that without large events, the revenue of RBCA has been affected. Be sure to renew your membership; and if you participated in one of the events this past year, consider making an additional donation to the RBCA. The funds will be used to keep building community together.

Thank you for the support this past year and for the year to come. Happy New Year!

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