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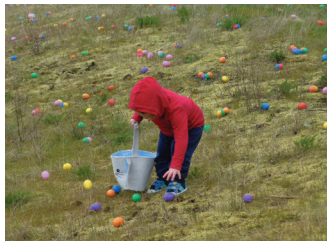
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Get your sale on the map by May 15

By Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen

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Association. RBCA takes care of the
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maps will be available at the
Richmond Beach Coffee Company
and online at yardsalesearch.com
starting Thursday, May 19.

Mark Your Calendar Richmond Beach Garden Tour June 3 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SUMMER GARDEN

-PHOTO BY KRIS FORDICE

By Kris Fordice

As I write this, it's April and I
don't think we've had a 60 degree
day yet. The garden hosts are all
hoping for warmer weather so
their gardens will be in full bloom
for the garden tour this year.

We have 10 gardens this year
and each one is different from the
others and all are labors of love by
the gardeners. We have some new

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL POSTER DESIGN BY LEAH MALMOS

Strawberry Festival: food and activities for all!

By Katie McNeil

The annual Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival returns **Saturday, May 6**. You've saved the date, now here's what you have to look forward to.

From the children's parade to live music, Strawberry Festival activities have one goal in mind—building community. Bring your family and invite your neighbors to join us for a day of fun, food and togetherness after four years apart.

Kids Activities

While parents enjoy strawberry shortcakes, kids can get wiggles out in the bounce houses, play carnival games, create a card with Beach House Greetings, blow bubbles, draw with chalk and, of course, play on the playground with friends.

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Save the Date(s)!!

- May 6** Strawberry Festival / NOON-5 p.m.
RB Community Park
- May 9** Community Meeting / 7 p.m.
RB Congregational Church
- May 20** Community Garage Sale / 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- June 3** Garden Tour / 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Let's keep moving



ARNAB BANERJEE FINISHING BIGFOOT, A 210-MILE ENDURANCE RUN IN 2022
- PHOTO COURTESY ARNAB BANERJEE

The magical power of simple movement

By Arnab Banerjee

The benefit of exercising is very well documented nowadays. Being physically active not only reduces various types of health risks, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and even developing many types of cancers, but also makes your bones and muscles stronger, enabling you to live a healthy life and enjoy your favorite activities.

What's not as documented or not as proven by peer-reviewed studies is the benefit you get from the mental health side—how it helps with fighting depression, reducing anxiety or even improving self-esteem and cognitive functions. But for now, it's a well-accepted notion in our society that exercising or moving the body is overall a good thing.

No wonder we see so many people in our own neighborhood—walking, running, biking, climbing stairs in the beach park and so on. Our Richmond Beach area provides a pretty and scenic background to do all those things in a safe, relaxing environment. You only have to brave the rain sometimes or embrace that as part of the beauty.

When I moved here around nine years ago, I was not much of a runner. I have been a mountain climber all my life, but going out for a run every day was not my thing. But around four years ago, I discovered the power of simple movement—like running for even just 30 or 40 minutes a day—how magically it can change your life and uplift your approach to every single thing in life.

I have now become a regular runner, who enjoys the beautiful stretches of roads around the beach and the hills and dreams of what else he can do by being a runner and endurance athlete. Within just the last few years, I have run the famous Boston and Chicago Marathons, ran several 100 miles and even one 200 miles ultra-running event, and I feel like I am just getting started. Running has changed my life. Though I am almost 50 years old, every day I look forward to the future with a lot more energy, optimism, kindness and

See Let's keep moving, page 7

May 9 deadline drawing near for scholarship applications

By Alicia Schroder, RBCA Board

The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering a \$500 academic scholarship to high school seniors currently living in the Richmond Beach community.

Qualified students are those who are planning to pursue full time continuing education through a technical program, community college or a university in the coming (2023-24) academic year.

Applicants must submit a one-page essay that addresses one or more of the following: (1) Describe an experience of how living in Richmond Beach, and partaking in the various community functions, has enriched your life and the community. (2) Describe what volunteering within Richmond Beach has meant to you. (3) Describe a valuable experience you have had while growing up in the Richmond Beach community.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by a committee based on defined criteria and a final recipient selected. The scholarship winner's essay will be published in a future print edition of the neighborhood newspaper.

Further information regarding the scholarship application process and the application form can be found on the RBCA website (richmondbeachwa.org). Applications are due by **Friday, May 19**, and the results will be announced on Friday, June 2.

Please remind all eligible students of this opportunity and encourage them to apply for the scholarship.

Welcome new contributor, Arnab Banerjee

RBCN welcomes Arnab Banerjee, one of our newest contributors. Banerjee lives in the Richmond Beach area with his family. His two sons, one at Syre and the other at Shorewood, both love to ski, play tennis and soccer.

Banerjee (pictured on this page) works for Microsoft as a product manager, but he is also an endurance athlete (mountain climbing, skiing, running), a running coach (RRCA certified) and a photographer. He also writes an online blog (arnabbanerjeeblog.wordpress.com) to share his adventure stories. He has run many of the major marathons and grueling ultra endurance races up to 200+ miles and can be seen training in the Richmond Beach area, rain or shine.

Celebrating Richmond Beach Graduates



By Sheri Ashleman

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbor graduating this year? We would like to hear about their accomplishments and activities and share them with the community in the June issue of the Richmond Beach Community News. All Richmond Beach students 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 and look at the article in last year's June issue of the newspaper.

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 by May 10. The deadline is coming up fast—don't miss this opportunity!

Shoreline Blood Drive on Memorial Day

By Tom Petersen

After a three-year COVID-imposed hiatus, blood drives are back! The Bloodworks Northwest mobile unit will be at Shoreline City Hall on Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Appointments to donate whole blood are made by going online at bloodworksnw.org or calling (800) 398-7888. Walk-ups are only accepted if the person happens to arrive and there is an opening—no waiting or lines allowed—so it is far better to reserve a spot.

Donating blood is something most healthy adults can do; it takes about 45 minutes from welcome to cookies. All donors are screened for medication risks and travel history to ensure a safe blood supply.

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Architecture for the birds



BRENT ROGERS SHOWS ONE OF HIS BIRD-HOUSES

-PHOTO BY MANDY JEPPSON

By Mandy Jeppson

Brent Rogers builds bird boxes that reflect his uncluttered and sophisticated architectural aesthetic. His designs are simple, and they accentuate wood's own natural beauty—like mahogany's luxurious rusty brown or gorgeous poplar that has been charred black creating its own alchemy using blow torch heat. Simple designs are easy to overlook—but in their blending with their surroundings, they become timeless. What could be better when making a house designed for winged friends?

Brent is a native Washingtonian with deep roots in Richmond Beach. Brent's grandmother was born in Innis Arden, then "Happy Valley." His grandfather was a captain of the tug and barge that sails out of Point Wells, and his father grew up in Richmond Beach and attended the Richmond Beach School, formerly on the Richmond Beach Library site. His mother grew up in Alderwood Manor and attended Edmonds High. Brent and his wife, Julie, have lived in their current home 30 years, raising their three daughters, Rebecca, Rachel and Molly, all of whom attended Syre, Einstein and Shorewood.

Brent's four-decade-long career as design principal architect at NBBJ, ZGF Firms allowed for work on many of Greater Seattle's large scale buildings. Notable projects include Alley 24 across from REI, Adobe HQ in Fremont, Microsoft, Boeing, Google HQ, PNW Ballet School and Seattle Opera HQ.

A tour of Brent and Julie's home demonstrates a love for art and simple, good design. Brent redesigned his home inside and out, and he and Julie have filled it with lovely art pieces: paintings, screen prints and antique furniture from around the world. Many works in his painting collection were traded for his own pieces, as he used to paint and do printmaking. Pacific NW artists like Lockwood Dennis and Portland's Bill Brewer now grace his halls.

With five grandchildren, an active travel schedule and occasionally still designing
See Brent Rogers, page 4

Call for RBCA Board candidates

Former RBCA board members to speak about their service and urge you to be a candidate for one of the open positions.

By Tom Petersen

Richmond Beach is a great place to live. We do lots of great things and have a lot of fun as a community. If you like it here, like the fun we have and want to see that continue, come be a part of making it happen. You are the "somebody" that the neighborhood needs to maintain the connections that make Richmond Beach mean something.

Serving on the RBCA Board is fun: it's creative, it's purposeful, it's fulfilling. It connects you with people inside and beyond the neighborhood whose talents combine with yours to make a lasting difference, whether it be something visible like public art or the strengthening of community bonds. You build powerful, lasting friendships.

RBCA Board members and volunteers have been making fun things happen, and have been having fun doing it, for 115 years. But it stops without you.

Think of what you want for Richmond Beach next, and come run for a board position.

By George Buswell

Richmond Beach is a great community in which to live. It is in a great location away from the roar of the freeway and the bustle of Aurora Avenue, it has very nice public spaces for our families to enjoy and it has those wonderful views of the Olympics and the Sound.

But beyond all that, Richmond Beach also has a nice sense of community that we enjoy, and that makes it fairly unique. This sense of community is greatly enhanced by the neighborhood activities that we partake in and by the community newspaper that we all enjoy. Those are only possible through the efforts of Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) Board members and other volunteers within our community.

Right now, the board is in dire need of new members; and without more people volunteering to serve, all of the activities that we have come to enjoy, and to take for granted, are at risk.

I served on the RBCA Board for four years and would recommend the experience to anyone. It does require effort, and it does take time, but it is not overwhelming. And the reward of helping out with community projects and activities and the great friendships that you develop along the way, make it more than worthwhile.

Board elections



**RICHMOND BEACH
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

By RBCA Board

The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) in Shoreline, Washington, is pleased to announce that the upcoming board elections will be held at our May community meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Richmond Beach Congregational Church meeting space (Lena Voreis room) located at 1512 NW 195th Street, Shoreline.

We still need candidates! See George Buswell's and Tom Petersen's articles on this page and Board Busy-ness on page 6.

The RBCA serves the community by organizing events, promoting community spirit and addressing concerns raised by residents. The association also works to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

The RBCA board is comprised of volunteer residents who are elected to serve a two-year term. This year, there are several seats up for election. We encourage all eligible residents to consider running for the board and to participate in the election process.

To be eligible to run for the board, candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of Richmond Beach and a dues paying member of RBCA 30 days prior to the election. Candidates will have the opportunity to share their qualifications and vision for the community during a candidate forum, which will be held at the meeting, prior to the election.

The RBCA is committed to ensuring that the election process is fair and transparent. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot. At least 19 members of the RBCA whose dues have been current for at least 30 days prior to the election must be present to constitute a quorum for the elections. The results will be announced at the May meeting, immediately following the forum and election.

We encourage all residents to take an active role in their community by running for the board or by voting in the election. The RBCA is a vital organization that plays a critical role in shaping the future of the Richmond Beach community, and your participation is essential.

For more information on the election process and to obtain a candidate application, please contact board@richmondbeachwa.org.

From Brent Rogers, page 2

residential buildings, Brent creates his bird houses in his spare time as a hobby. He started because a neighbor gave him some old cedar fence boards, and he had some spare time. He liked the look so much he started experimenting with different styles, wood and materials. He has made over 80 bird boxes and says he gifts many to friends; and when they sell, it's mostly by word of mouth.

This year during the Richmond Beach Garden Tour, Brent and Julie will share a peek of their lovely half-acre yard. Look for Brent's gorgeous bird boxes. They are for sale ranging in price from around \$75-\$130. And, if you visit, be sure to check out Julie's lovely butterfly bee garden in the traffic triangle in front of their house.



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From Garden Tour, page 1

gardens on the tour and some favorites from the past—everything from a small space garden, to edibles and raised beds, to the historic Holloway house and garden, to Asian inspired, and even a ditch that has been adopted by one of the gardeners. I'm hoping for good weather for the hosts and guests to enjoy the tour.

Maps for the tour will be available on the RBCA website starting the third week in May at Sky Nursery, Richmond Beach Library, Vault 177/ Spin Alley and Beach House Greetings.

The garden photos in this issue are from local gardens. As always, the tour is free and all involved are volunteers. In order to keep events like this on the calendar, please consider becoming a member of the Richmond Beach Community Association or make a donation on the website richmondbeachwa.org.



SUMMER GARDEN -PHOTO BY KRIS FORDICE

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LENDER

From Strawberry Festival, page 1

The main event for our youngest attendees will be the Children's Parade, starting at 11:45 a.m. and led by the Shorewood High School drumline. (Several children in last month's front page 2014 parade photo are now Shorewood High School students, evidence of the strong ties the Richmond Beach community holds.) This year's theme for the Children's Parade is Rainbow! Dress in your favorite color and march the perimeter of the park together.

Music Lineup

It's not a festival without music, and Tom Petersen has lined up some great bands. While you browse the booths of local businesses and grab some food truck grub, jam to four different bands playing everything from R&B and soul to honky tonk and classic rock. Don't miss Whey, a Shorewood High School neo-funk band, in their first-ever Strawberry Festival performance!

Strawberry Shortcake

Whatever you munch on, save room for our traditional strawberry shortcake, a Strawberry Festival must! The Richmond Beach Community Association serves up this treat as a nod to our neighborhood's strawberry farm heritage. Fresh strawberries and whipped cream are piled on top of

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fresh shortcakes from Edmonds Bakery.



Food Trucks

Be sure to come hungry because you'll have plenty of options for food. Food trucks will be serving everything from Indian to Mexican to Southern food. Grab a street taco from Isidro's, a paratha roll from Foody Moody or an authentic po'boy from Where Ya At Matt.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of this event. It can't happen without community support. Check out the volunteer opportunities available at bit.ly/3yEg5SB.

Come Together after Covid

The RBCA's mission is to build community. The annual Strawberry Festival is our signature event to do just that. We hope to see you and your neighbors there!

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



walk or carpool to this popular event. Off-site parking is available at Syre Elementary, a 10-minute walk from the venue.

Scan the QR Code below for more details.

Questions or suggestions? Email the Strawberry Festival committee at strawberryfestival@richmondbeachwa.org.



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A FIREFIGHTER HELPS AN EGG HUNT PARTICIPANT - PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

collect the eggs.

As the hunt came to an end, the children brought their baskets filled with eggs to the designated area to tally up their haul. Special prizes were awarded to the children who found golden eggs, and everyone walked away with plenty of candy as a reward for their hard work.

One of the highlights of this year and every year's Egg Hunt is the chance for children to interact with the firefighters and explore the fire trucks. The Shoreline Fire Department also brought along a fire engine and a rehab unit for the children to see up close.

Children and their families were given the chance to explore the fire trucks and see the equipment used by firefighters. For some children, it was their first time seeing a fire truck up close, and the excitement was evident on their faces. The firefighters were patient, kind and happy to explain how everything worked, making the experience both fun and educational. The opportunity to see and talk to real-life heroes was a unique experience for many of the children and left a lasting impression.

The Shoreline Firefighters Association did an excellent job of planning the event, and the volunteers

By Adam Star

The Richmond Beach community celebrated together at the annual Egg Hunt, organized by the Shoreline Firefighters Association. Despite the cool and misty weather, the event was a huge success and attracted hundreds of children with their families.

Hundreds of eggs were scattered amidst the bluffs, which the children hunted for with great enthusiasm. It is always a sweet sight after the initial rush to watch the younger children, accompanied by their parents, toddle about and

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Board Busy-ness

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By RBCA Board Members

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To promote and produce social events and projects that generate a sense of neighborhood and enjoyment among residents.

To nurture engagement among the Richmond Beach community, the City of Shoreline and surrounding communities.

Opposite is the RBCA's mission statement. Rather than simply updating you on recent board activities, we would like to take this opportunity to convey the pressing need for assistance that our organization faces.

In Richmond Beach, we place great emphasis on fostering a sense of community and connection among our neighbors, but achieving this requires a coordinated and sustained effort.

What we are about to express is not a generic plea for help; rather, it is a final request for additional and ongoing involvement from community members to ensure that we can continue to organize events that

foster these important relationships.

To provide some context, our newspaper currently reaches 2,700 addresses, which means that for every 385 households, we have only one board member. This has placed a significant strain on our resources, and we are stretched thin. Moreover, with the decision to no longer pay an executive director to handle event coordination, board members have effectively taken on additional responsibilities. However, as we all have full-time jobs and family commitments, we cannot sustain this volunteer workload indefinitely without your help.

While we are fortunate to have many dedicated community members who lead various events, the board plays an essential role in supporting and facilitating these gatherings. Currently, our seven-member board is responsible for planning and promoting neighborhood events, but we urgently require additional support to ensure that we can continue to offer these large-scale community events in the future.

To this end, we will have five open positions this year (our board has historically had nine members), and we are seeking individuals who share our commitment to this wonderful community. If we do not fill these positions, we will unfortunately have to cut back on RBCA-supported events. Therefore, we implore you to consider volunteering and contributing to the neighborhood that you undoubtedly cherish.

Please email board@richmondbeachwa.org if you are interested in helping us maintain our important goals, which by the way do not require fundraising, but instead prioritize "FUNraising."

Kudos

By RBCA Board

Kudos to **Leah Malmos**, graphic designer extraordinaire. Despite having a new job and raising three children, she managed to crank out all the graphics (posters, event signs, street signs, etc.) for the Strawberry Festival in a timely manner and always with a can-do attitude. The event graphics turned out to be way more work than originally anticipated, but Leah never complained. She is a very talented and delightful volunteer. Thank you for all your hard work!

Many thanks to **Dwight Jacobson** for his donation of time, talents and offsetting financial costs in getting the "sign at the top of the hill" looking gorgeous again! Repeated thanks to **George Buswell** and **Rick Ashleman** for always being ready to help get things done!

Kudos to our new writers **Mandy Jeppson**, **Arnab Banerjee** and **Bill Christianson**, whose stories will appear in future issues of RBCN. Thanks for answering our call.

We're grateful to the **Richmond Beach Congregational Church** for offering us meeting space for the May 9 community meeting.

Kudos to **Sheri Ashleman** for sharing details for planning the Strawberry Festival. With her years of experience of planning this festival, her time spent passing information along has been invaluable.



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Richmond Beach sign springs back



RICK ASHLEMAN (LEFT) AND DWIGHT JACOBSON (RIGHT) WITH THE NEWLY RESTORED RICHMOND BEACH SIGN. THE ICONIC RICHMOND BEACH SIGN HAS NOW BEEN REPAIRED, REPAINTED AND RE-INSTALLED AT THE TOP OF RICHMOND BEACH ROAD. THE SIGN LOOKS GREAT;—THE COLORS BRIGHTER AND IT SHOULD BE GOOD FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS. MANY THANKS TO RICO FROM O'REILLY SIGNS FOR HIS EXCELLENT PAINT JOB AND TO DWIGHT JACOBSON AND RICK ASHLEMAN FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT WITH THE SIGN INSTALLATION.

—CAPTION AND PHOTO BY GEORGE BUSWELL

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aspirations than I have ever done in all my life.

People often ask me how to get started or how they can improve their physical energy as we all lose aerobic fitness with age. The truth is it's never too late to start, and even a little makes a big difference.

The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous activities—preferably a combination of both. There is a key point here—try to do not just moderate activity (like walking or gardening or biking slowly), but mix it up with activities that can raise your heart rate safely (like jogging or walking or biking uphill or stair climbing, etc.). These can dramatically increase the health benefits of being active by boosting cardiorespiratory fitness, insulin metabolism and shed some extra pounds. Consult your doctor if you haven't had vigorous exercise in a while.

A recent study by Alan Couzens (triathlon coach) suggests that the amount of aerobic fitness loss in a year can be perfectly compensated by one hour of increased physical activity—which boils down to only 15 minutes a week. In other words, find an extra 15 minutes every week to do what you love to do (running or biking or brisk walking) every year and you can stop your biological clock. Sounds like magic—doesn't it?

Welcome new contributor, Bill Christianson



-PHOTO COURTESY BILL CHRISTIANSON

Bill Christianson is a new contributor to the Richmond Beach Community Newspaper.

Christianson has 20 years of journalism experience with stints at several Puget Sound community and daily newspapers, including The Seattle Times. He is involved in the local youth sports scene as a coach/manager for the Sno-King Youth Club, Shoreline Little League and Shorewood Select Basketball program. He is married to Holly Christianson, owner of Lake Union Escrow. His 11-year-old son, Blake, is a fifth-grader at Highland Terrace Elementary.

Watch the next issue of this paper for Christianson's article on petanque.

Student life



Guide to Spring dance/dress
By Finley Stroh

Prom, spring flings, graduation, grad parties and more. Spring is filled with the ramp up of events, warmer weather, celebrating the end of the school year; raising the question of "what do I wear?!"

Most events fall into the category of semi-formal, formal and cocktail attire depending on the event, time of day and social gathering. A range of dress options also comes with a range of expenses and options of where to shop for your outfit for your big event.

Semi-formal (spring flings, spring dances, end of year events, banquet or graduation): Typically, shorter dresses and suits or blazer jackets are worn.

Formal (prom): This is typically worn during the nighttime, longer dresses/gowns, tuxedos, dress suits, ties and dress shirts.

Cocktail attire (parties, social events): This is typically during early evening, bridging the gap between daytime wear and nighttime wear. In contrast to formal attire, cocktail dress is the same niceness yet ranges from shorter dresses to pantsuits and jumpsuits.



EVENING DRESS
-PHOTO BY JENS HOLM ON UNSPLASH



TUXEDO
-PHOTO BY HUNTER NEWTON ON UNSPLASH

Boutique Book Sale
May 6



By Karen Thielke

Over a hundred children's books will be on sale at the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library Boutique Book Sale on May 6 in the meeting room of the library at the park—it's part of the community Strawberry Festival! Watch for a sneak preview of some of the special items in the library display case starting in late April.

Recent best sellers, top cookbooks, Northwest titles and unique publications are some of the other items for sale. A kids' activities table will be set up as well, so come and browse for a new book or two, or more! Proceeds from this boutique sale, and the ongoing lobby book sales, support library programs for children, teens and adults. A big thank you from FRBL. We look forward to meeting many community members in person on **May 6 from noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Shoreline Historical Museum presents "Field Day at the Museum" June 3

By Anina Sill

Save the date for Saturday **June 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for Shoreline Historical Museum's fundraiser event.

Field Day at the Museum will be on the grounds of the museum and across 185th in the Shoreline Masonic Temple building. See re-creations of the games and the atmosphere of the historic Playland amusement park. Featuring food, games, trivia, a silent auction and much more.

This is your opportunity to enjoy the history of our communities while supporting the future of the Shoreline Historical Museum.

Learn more at shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org.

Calling Richmond Beach cooks!

Share your favorite family recipe. Send it to 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.

Richmond Beach Cooks!

Brown's Clam Chowder

By Betty Ngan

Many of you remember Brown's, the restaurant at the top of the hill near QFC. You could get a gourmet dinner in Brown's cozy white tablecloth dining room without leaving the neighborhood. Brown's clam chowder was one of our favorites, because it had an intense clam flavor in an unthickened cream base. Versions of Brown's famous clam chowder recipe can be found on the internet, some with flour thickened milk instead of heavy cream. Here's the original recipe from my files with my notes. This chowder is great the second day.

Ingredients

- 6 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, thin sliced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 medium size carrots, thin sliced
- ½ small green pepper, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1½ pounds red new potatoes, diced ½"
- 8 cans (6 ½ ounces each) Snow's minced clams (get the minced, not the chopped kind)
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon Tabasco or hot sauce
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ¾ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 4 cups whipping cream

Cook

- Separate the clam juice from the canned clams and set aside the clam meat
- Saute in 2 Tbsp. bacon grease or oil the carrots, celery and onion, about 5-8 minutes.
- Add minced garlic the last 30 seconds.
- Add two 8 oz. bottles clam juice and the juice from the canned clams (reserve the clams until the last 10 minutes of cooking).
- Add bay leaf, Tabasco or hot sauce, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and 4 cups whipping cream and potatoes.* (*To avoid mushy potatoes, add them during the last 10 minutes of simmering.)
- Simmer 45 minutes.
- Add clams (*and potatoes) the last 10 minutes of simmering.
- Salt to taste. (The original recipe called for 1 tsp. of salt.)

Note: There are different versions of this recipe on the internet. The original one presented here can be found at cooks.com/recipe/759ov851/brownys-clam-chowder.html. A lighter version of the recipe appears in Sunset (sunset.com/recipe/brownys-clam-chowder-revisited).

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who helped out were amazing. We appreciate all the great work they do each year for this Egg Hunt and for keeping us safe every day. The event was a great success, and we look forward to next year's Egg Hunt with anticipation. Thank you to everyone who made this year's event such a great success, and we hope to see you all again next year!



PAUL, PAM AND NORA SIMONICH AT THE EGG HUNT (ABOVE)
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