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A day on the light rail! Tips and tricks and navigating light rail as a teen

By Finley Stroh

Visiting Seattle for the first time? Coming from the airport? Sightseeing? Commuting to work? Or even just a teenager wanting to find something to do with your friends? You can check all these boxes utilizing Sound Transit's light rail system traveling between Northgate through Seattle to Angle Lake, all while beating the city traffic and exploring Seattle's destinations!

Coming from the perspective of a teenage girl, I took it upon myself and can tell you that riding the light rail is an inexpensive, comfortable, efficient and sustainable experience I will do again! As a teen you are able to gain independence and quick access to so many parts of the city to explore for an inexpensive price, while ditching those high gas prices.

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FINLEY STROH AT NORTHGATE STATION
-PHOTO BY PHIA CALANDRILLO,

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BOY ON BEACH
- PHOTO BY KATHRYN MUELLER

Upcoming RBCA events Save these dates!

By Chris Drake

Oktoberfest is returning Oct. 1

The leaves are turning, sausages are curing and lagers are fermenting, which can only mean one thing—Oktoberfest! After last year's successful inaugural event, Vault 177 and the Richmond Beach Community Association are welcoming the entire community to Richmond Beach Oktoberfest.

Your RBCA will be partnering with Vault 177 once again to host this outdoor tented benefit event, located at the Spin Alley/Vault 177 parking lot.

Authentic German sausages and potato salad, a variety of locally produced German beers, kids meals, family activities and festive music will be offered by Vault 177 and friends this October 1, 2022.

All proceeds will directly benefit the Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA), which supports events, our community newspaper and information resources and activities that help keep the Richmond Beach community connected and engaged.

Join your community, friends and neighbors at this fun, family friendly, festive event.

For more details and discounted pre-purchased tickets, visit the event webpage at richmondbeachwa.org/events.

Other fall activities see Save the date, page 7

Second annual Beach Blanket Bingo is a winner



- PHOTO BY ALLISON TAYLOR

By **Brian Osborn and Tom Petersen**

In what is quickly becoming a new favorite neighborhood tradition, our second annual Richmond Beach Blanket Bingo happened this past July 23 in Richmond Beach Community Park. The event was again sponsored by Christie Quigley of Windermere Real Estate and presented by the Richmond Beach Community Association.

The evening consisted of ten rounds of play, with music in between rounds as winners picked their prizes, and periodic pauses to use a giant slingshot to launch Beanie Babies into the crowd of kids in attendance.

Attendees commented on what an incredibly accessible, fun, family friendly event this was. For just \$1 each, attendees got to play 10 games of bingo, and daubers were \$2 for those that wanted something special to mark their cards.

See **Beach Blanket Bingo**, page 5

RBCA announces 2022 scholarship recipient

By Jessica Jain

The RBCA is pleased to announce the recipient of our 2022 scholarship is Shorewood graduated senior, Wolfgang Earhart. Wolfie, as he is known, was very involved at Shorewood. He was the Drumline Captain, as well as a starter on the varsity football team. He was also an officer for the National Honor Society. Wolfie will be attending the University of Notre Dame and plans to study pre-medicine.

We wish him all the best in his future studies and are very happy to have him representing the Richmond Beach community.

Please enjoy his winning essay submission on page 7.

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Welcome RBCA board members and new appointments

By Kathryn Mueller

The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) Board is excited to announce new appointments, including a new president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

RBCA is a “century corporation” having been incorporated for over 100 years. RBCA remains a vital force in maintaining the neighborhood’s quality of life by bringing neighbors together at events, keeping them informed, and facilitating neighborhood enhancements.

Board members include Allison Taylor, Kathryn Mueller, Adam Star, Brian Osborn, Alicia Schroder, Patrick McNulty and Chris Drake. See their bios below.

Allison Taylor, President



- PHOTO COURTESY ALLISON TAYLOR

Allison joined the board in June 2022. She is a long-time volunteer with the RBCA.

“I was hopeful my historical perspective on events and the community in general would be valuable. I’m the board president and also handle all ad management for the paper. As an introvert (who just happens to be friendly and loud, so no one believes me), I’ve found working in tandem with people with a shared purpose is the way I am most comfortable and effective in relationships,” Allison said.

Allison has worked in administrative support in independent schools for most of her professional career. Currently, she is the COVID/Operations coordinator at a Shoreline independent school. She has also worked as the Deputy City Clerk for the City of Shoreline for three years.

She has two kids, two dogs and one husband and can’t believe her luck to live in Richmond Beach.

“I’m so proud of what we do to make this community feel like home!” Allison said.

Kathryn Mueller, Vice President



- PHOTO COURTESY KATHRYN MUELLER

Kathryn joined the RBCA in 2021. She moved to Richmond Beach in 2015 with her husband, Kevin Mueller. Together, they own a winery called Virtue Cellars.

“We feel so lucky to have found this amazing community,” Kathryn said.

When searching to buy a house, they stumbled upon Richmond Beach. As soon as they drove down Richmond Beach Road and saw the mountains towering above the Puget Sound, the pristine parks and quaint shops, they knew they had found what they were looking for: a place to call home.

Kathryn has three children ages 5, 4 and 2 years old. She works for Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington as the Marketing and Communications Manager. Previously at Seattle Children’s Hospital for more than a decade, Kathryn enjoys healthcare communications. She has a masters in Strategic Communication from Washington State University.

“I joined the board because I wanted to give back to the community that has given us so much,” Kathryn said. “Richmond Beach isn’t just where we call home, it’s a place filled with millions of precious, formative memories – our kiddos’ first steps, our roots and our business. I love serving and giving back.”

Adam Star, Treasurer



- PHOTO COURTESY ADAM STAR

Adam joined the board in June of 2022. He enjoyed the wonderful events the RBCA coordinates each year and wanted to be a part of it. He will take on the incredibly important role as treasurer, taking the reins from Tom Mailhot. He is an attorney at Amazon and Amazon Web Services. He has been in his role for more than 10 years.

Adam says he appreciates being on the board because he gets to be a part of the community and has fun spending time with the other board members.

When asked what he loves most about Richmond Beach, he said, “the family-friendly atmosphere, bountiful parks and beautiful views from all over.”

His vision for the future of the board is rooted in engagement: continue to grow our roster of

events and increase our engagement with the wider community.

Brian Osborn, Secretary



- PHOTO COURTESY BRIAN OSBORN

Brian is one of the most senior members of the board. He joined in May 2019.

“I was so impressed with all the effort I saw our community members putting into making Richmond Beach a vibrant place to live,” he said. “I wanted to be a part of sustaining that as our young family grows up here.”

He says he enjoys the opportunity to serve the community and create connectedness and fun experiences for people in Richmond Beach.

He currently works at Providence PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). He leads an incredible health care team specializing in medically complex, low-income geriatric patients.

Looking ahead, he says he is excited about the future.

“There’s no doubt what the RBCA can do for the community has been seriously challenged by the pandemic, and yet I see us evolving in exciting ways that build on the past,” Brian said. “We are a hard-working, fun, creative, inclusive and representative board that sustains the vibrant community that those who’ve come before us established.”

Brian and his wife moved to Richmond Beach in 2017. They have three kids—8, 6, and 1 years old.

Alicia Schroder, Board Member



- PHOTO COURTESY ALICIA SCHRODER

Alicia joined the board in January 2020. She said she wanted to get more involved in the neighborhood and activities. Her current role has taken over many administrative duties previously covered by the executive director.

“My primary interest on the

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board is strategic planning and event support,” Alicia said.

When asked what she likes about being on the board, Alicia said she is excited to see how the board evolves.

She joined the board during the beginning of the pandemic.

“I am excited to see how the board evolves from the prior pre-pandemic version to a different set of priorities to meet the needs of the neighborhood,” she said.

Alicia has worked in public service—local and federal government since 2005.

“I was with the Seattle PD from 2005-2010 with my longest role being the Regional Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator for the Seattle Metro Area,” she said. “In 2010, I came to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and served as the District Emergency Response Coordinator, where I helped facilitate emergency response activities and major recalls related to FDA regulated products and public health emergencies. In 2016, I took a role as the Program Manager for Produce Safety in the FDA Office of Partnerships where I manage FDA’s largest federal/state grant program.” Alicia has a BS in Clinical Laboratory Pathology with a minor in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin—Madison and a master’s in Strategic Planning for Critical Infrastructure from the University of Washington.

For Alicia, Richmond Beach feels like a small town.

“We love the little community we have made here, so many neighbors we feel lucky to call friends,” she said. “We love being able to walk to the beach, and there is something magical on a clear day when you can see the sound and peninsula.”

Patrick McNulty, Board Member



- PHOTO BY KATHRYN MUELLER

Patrick has been on the board for two years. He joined because he wanted to contribute to the community in a meaningful way by sharing some of his talent and time. His current duties on the board involve working with the RBCA webmaster, including the website, email newsletter and social media. He says he likes being on the board because, “our board has a real passion for seeing our neighborhood thrive and truly wants to boost the

well-being of our community.” Richmond Beach for Patrick is a place that has a small town feel and a sense of belonging.

Patrick is a SaaS GTM revenue leader. His expertise converges product context, marketing competency and sales leadership. He has a passion for driving sales, motivating and leading B2B SaaS organizations for nearly 20 years.

His vision for the future of the board is to continue the longstanding tradition in which the board was formed.

Chris Drake, Board Member



- PHOTO COURTESY CHRIS DRAKE

Chris and his wife, Gina, discovered Richmond Beach in 2013 when searching for a safe, friendly and active community to raise their family. As northwest natives, they enjoy everything Richmond Beach has to offer. From the local parks to beaches, community events and neighbors, Richmond Beach is perfect for them. Chris is a media technology executive for Verizon and when not traveling to Los Angeles for work, he can often be found taking conference calls from the shores of Richmond Beach with his oversized Sheepadoodle, Finnegan. Chris is a proud graduate of Washington State University.

Chris has been on the board for more than two years. He said he joined the board because he “wanted to give back somehow to this amazing community that has been so special to and had such an impact on my family.

On the board, Chris is a “Jack of all trades.” Last year, he spearheaded the Oktoberfest event at Vault 177.

“I’m always striving to identify ways we can support and help better connect this amazing community of so many wonderful people,” he said.

Chris leads a sales team for a video technology startup based in Toronto. His team is globally dispersed across Canada, the U.S., Hong Kong, India and Europe, which results in odd office hours. As a result, he works from home and can be found taking conference calls from local beaches and pathways throughout the day, often on a paddleboard or with a large

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Letter to the editor

A public thank you

As a mother and previous 20-year resident of Richmond Beach, I would like to express a public thank you.

Thank you so much to the three good Samaritans who provided CPR and life support to my son, Spencer Westmoreland, three years ago on the evening of September 17, 2019, in the parking lot of the Rite Aid on Richmond Beach Road.

Because of your heroic efforts and those of the 911 medics who quickly arrived and took over artificial respiration, my son would not have been a candidate for organ donation soon after arrival at Harborview Medical Center.

As it was, the loving care of strangers willing to give their skills of life support kept Spencer’s heart beating and allowed my son to be a prime candidate for donating his many vital organs, in addition to tissue and bone, to needing recipients. These organ and tissue donations were deftly administered by two wonderful local organizations, LifeCenter Northwest and SightLife.

Spencer was able to be the donor of his heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, corneas, skin, and bone. He gave life even after his had ended. He lived his life as a giver (of humor, intelligence, and caring for youth), and he gave his body to others through science and medicine in the end.

Thank you, three years later, to Richmond Beach’s good Samaritans. I am forever in your debt and in deep appreciation and love.

Sincerely,
 Suzanne McAteer (formerly Westmoreland)
 Camano Island



SPENCER WESTMORELAND
 - PHOTO COURTESY SUZANNE MCATEER

Editor’s Note: One of the good Samaritans involved spoke about the importance of CPR training and recognized Michelle Pidduck from the Shoreline Fire Department for the invaluable knowledge she has provided to many members of our community (see shorelinefire.com/education/cpr/).

From Riding light rail, page 1

My friend, Phia Calandrillo, and I rode the light rail to the U-District Station from the Northgate Station, spending the day at University Village and window shopping in the U-District. We were both shocked at the quickness and seamlessness of the process and are eager to explore more locations as the light rail continues to grow!

Purchase one way, return or all-day inexpensive tickets (one-way adult fares—\$2.25 to \$3.50, depending on how far you travel; one way low-income adult and youth fares—\$1.50 regardless of distance; day passes—twice the cost of one-way fare) at ticket machines located at stations, the Transit Go mobile ticket app or invest in an ORCA card to save time and money in the long run. If you're hooked on spending a lot of time using the light rail, the ORCA card can be purchased for \$3.00 for adults and free for youth at myorca.com and other locations mentioned on the website. Money can be loaded onto your E-purse (electronic purse) and then used to scan at the station and act as a ticket, while receiving discounts! With continued innovation and inclusion, the ORCA card also offers the ORCA Lift reduced fare program where income-qualified riders, seniors, youth and riders with disabilities can save up to 60% and Regional Reduced Fare Permit for senior and disabled riders on Puget Sound public transportation. See info.myorca.com for more info on the ORCA card, as well as soundtransit.org to find light rail pick up and drop off times every few minutes, and more info about all Sound Transit modes of transportation.

Our shopping outing via the light rail began at our closest station, the Northgate Station. Our ride to the U-District only took about seven

minutes! Signs were easy to navigate on and off the train. And it wasn't crowded; the train runs every few minutes for convenience. Our day started at 2:00 p.m., parking for free at the Northgate Station, departing from Northgate at 2:13 p.m., and arriving in the U-District at 2:20 p.m., making for a very efficient ride. We followed the the signs to navigate out of the underground U-District Station taking us into the heart of U-District full of shops and restaurants to browse!

With quick access to other parts of the city, you are able to ride the light rail to the University of Washington Station, which is closer to University Village, but we played "college students for the day" and took the 20-minute walk from the U-District through campus to University Village and then back up to the U-District Station to catch the 4:15 p.m. light rail back to Northgate. We arrived home about two and a half hours after our departure from the Northgate Station—saving time, the cost of gas and the parking nightmare in Seattle! I gained independence, learned to navigate the transit system and I'm ready for my next adventure exploring our beautiful city and what it has to offer, all the way from the Northgate Station to Angle Lake!



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Richmond Beach: A great place for families

By Kathryn Mueller

When my family moved to Richmond Beach in 2015, we were thrilled by the many parks, family friendly restaurants and things to do in the community. Over the last 7 years, we've scoured the community for all the hidden gems that might ignite our little explorers' creativity and adventurous spirit. Entertaining three children ages 5, 4 and 2 can sometimes prove to be a challenge, and so we are always on the look out

for new activities, parks and anything to help exert their boundless energy.

Here are a few of our favorite, kid-friendly places near Richmond Beach—from playgrounds, programs and trinket havens.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

The highly trafficked Saltwater Park is a staple of the community. The park offers stunning views, a playground, bluff and endless amounts of fun at the beach. My kiddos love hunting for shells and rocks, digging in the sand and

watching the kite surfers who flock to the beach on windy days.

Kayu Kayu Ac Park

One of the best parks for train-loving tots, Kayu Kayu Ac Park is almost like a second home we spend so much time there. The park has a bathroom, picnic areas, a viewing area, open lawn and playground.

Richmond Beach Library

The library has so many great activities for kids of all ages. Great for little ones ages 0-5, story time is held at Richmond Beach Community Park, adjacent to the library. Families can enjoy stories, music, movement and rhymes that help develop a child's early literacy skills.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

This four-acre public garden contains a unique blend of Pacific Northwest native plants and unusual exotics set in a naturalistic wooded setting. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden offers many amazing programs, feature lessons, games and activities. Their youth programs aim to help kids create meaningful connections to natural spaces. Youth programs include summer camps, nature clubs,

field trips, Garden Tots and weekend events.

Beach House Greetings

Beach House is full of so many great finds! My kids and I love perusing the store for toys, books, cozy socks and more.

Vault 177 and Spin Alley Bowling

Vault 177 is a wonderful place for food and entertainment packaged into a one-stop shop. We frequent Vault 177 when cooking isn't in the cards. The bowling alley offers bumpers for kids, balls and shoes for little hands and feet and games.

Foyolicious

On hot summer days, there is no better place to be than Froyo. With rotating flavors and a plethora of toppings, my kids love walking to the Froyo shop and taking a bowl to go.

Richmond Beach Coffee Company

We always enjoy making a trip to the local coffee shop for our favorite treat—hot chocolate with a huge dollop of whipped cream and rainbow sprinkles. Enjoy games and books in the corner of the shop, and the indoor and outdoor seating.



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TIM THOMPSON AND PATRICK McNULTY HANG ON TO THE GIANT SLING SHOT WHILE BRIAN OSBORN (OFF CAMERA) LAUNCHES A BEANIE BABY INTO THE CROWD

- PHOTO BY ALICIA SCHROEDER

This year's crowd of ~175 enjoyed a typically warm evening, social distancing themselves throughout the lawn and tucking into the shade where possible. Kool Kidz Ice Cream was there to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth and take the edge off the temperature, and the RBCA did a brisk business in neighborhood-themed merchandise.

Former board member and Richmond Beach super-supporter Tom Petersen reprised his role as bingo caller, assisted on the mic by DJ Brian Osborn. Supporting these raucous festivities were fellow board members Alicia Schroeder, Allison Taylor, Kathryn Mueller, Patrick McNulty, Adam Star, as well as former board members George Buswell and Jessica Jain.

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By Richmond Beach Community Association Board

To **Heinz Streng and Randy Ziegler** for developing a new method for storing the Beach Orcas over the winter months. This space-saving approach allows us to eliminate one of the storage units we rent, thereby saving the RBCA \$1,750 per year! Thanks, **George Buswell**, for making this happen!

To all the **annual volunteers** who just keep showing up and to all the event volunteers waiting in the wings for whatever this year of events brings for us!

To **Amy Borg**, who is stepping down from her role as board member and ramping up her involvement as membership coordinator. We are so thankful for the intentional and directed energy you dedicate to the community!

To **Teresa Pape, Tom Mailhot and George Buswell** for their above-and-beyond level of support during the RBCA Board/Executive Director transition this summer. Someday we'll stop calling you, but not quite yet!

To the great people and businesses involved in making the second annual Richmond Beach Blanket Bingo a success. A big BINGO to board member **Brian Osborn** (and his whole family) for prepping and planning the event. **Tom Petersen** reprised his role as caller extraordinaire, and former and current board members were present to help out where needed. **Andrew, Noah and Evie Lohman** and **Leslie and Alexsy Amman** helped with clean up. **Kool Kidz Ice Cream** stayed for the whole event, fueling many for the much-awaited Beanie blast! Winning players chose from an amazing array of prizes from our gift sponsors: **Le Petit Paquet, Beach House Greetings, Froyo (Foyolicious), Sugar and Spoon, Virtue Cellars, The Paper Feather and Vault 177**. The event sponsorship from **Christie Quigley** helped make the magic happen. Thank you to all!

Call for writers

By Betty Ngan

If you are a good writer and interested in sharing stories about the community around you, please consider joining our staff of contributing writers for the Richmond Beach Community News (RBCN). You will be working with a group of dedicated volunteers to make this newsletter successful.

The award-winning RBCN is published from September to June of each year by the Richmond Beach Community Association.

RBCN features stories about our community and upcoming neighborhood events. Our paper is uniquely one of the few neighborhood newsletters that have survived in the age of the internet.

Writers may submit stories of general interest or topics suggested by the editorial board.

Want to do a regular column? Share your expertise in gardening, traveling, cooking or other areas. We're open to ideas.

Please contact editor@richmondbeachwa.org to learn more about this opportunity.

Mobile/pop up hybrid blood drives coming this fall

By Tom Petersen

Bloodworks Northwest has determined that the mobile units can return, reviving neighborhood blood drives after a two-year hiatus because of COVID. The "hybrid" drives will have people donating in the buses like the old days, but moving to a nearby building for the juice-and-cookies recovery period, which is like the "pop up" model that has maintained blood supplies recently.

Locations are being scouted; several Shoreline venues have expressed a willingness to host.

The first events will be September 1 and 2 at the Shoreline Stake Center, at 102 N 132nd Street, Seattle, and at the Haller Lake Community Club, 12579 Densmore Avenue N, Seattle, on September 7 and 8.

Donations can also be made at the permanent sites; the closest to Richmond Beach are in Lynnwood and North Seattle. Appointments are still required; call (800) 398-7888 or go to bloodworksnw.org.

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RBCA Scholarship Essay

By Wolfgang Earhart

If I had to describe Richmond Beach with one word, it would be 'home'. It is the place where I grew up, the place where I met my best friends, and a place that I will always be able to come back to.

Ironically, I haven't even lived in Richmond Beach my whole life. After living in the Vancouver, WA area for around 7 years, my family relocated to Richmond Beach in 2011. Even after some time, Richmond Beach still didn't feel like home to me. This can likely be attributed to the fact that I attended Meridian Park Elementary, instead of Syre, to be a part of their highly capable program. While I loved it there, this circumstance fostered an instant disconnect from the neighborhood kids that I lived around. Simply put, it was hard to make close friends as I didn't know them and they didn't know me.

Fortunately, this all changed when a family moved in across the street from me in the summer of 2014. This family had a young boy, two years younger than me, by the name of Zoran. We had an instant connection and an inseparable bond. I vividly remember spending nearly every day that summer biking through Richmond Beach's numerous alleyways and exploring the entire coastline from the Saltwater Park to Point Wells. This was a huge turning point in my life, as I finally had a friend in my new home.

While I still enjoyed my younger years here, I would argue that my true love for and connection with Richmond Beach began in my freshman year of high school. That year, I began volunteering at the Shoreline Historical Museum under Vicki Stiles. While the museum is technically not located in Richmond Beach, during my time there, I got my first exposure to the history and culture of this neighborhood. I would always look at old photographs at the museum, then go home and walk around trying to match them up. Additionally, I would constantly scour the museum's database of photos and bug my family, showing them familiar locations and sights. Nevertheless, the over 300 hours I spent volunteering at the museum gave me an appreciation for the tradition and substance behind the place where I grew up.

A few months after I started at the museum, I also began volunteering at Wonderland Child and Family Services. Their headquarters is located directly across the street from my house. Funny enough, for years after they moved there, I never knew

what they did. My first interaction with them was actually at the 2019 Strawberry Festival when I walked up to their tent. We exchanged contact information and the rest is history. A few weeks later, I was a camp counselor at one of their programs for children with special needs. While I only interacted with these kids for one to two weeks, that event was quite possibly one of the most enjoyable and impactful volunteering experiences I have ever had. The connection I had with one of the campers was the basis of my college statement and has influenced a potential career path that I see for myself.

With the transition to college looming in the distance, I have begun to continuously catch myself appreciating the beauty of Richmond Beach. Every day when I drive home from school, I enjoy passing by the Library Park and imagining what life was like decades ago. Then I pass by Zoran's house and reminisce about all the playful mischief we used to cause. Finally, I get one last glimpse at the Olympics across the Sound before I turn into my driveway, and feel so fortunate to be able to call this beautiful place home.

Friends of Library invites book donations and book shoppers

By Karen Thielke

The Friends of the Richmond Beach Library had a busy summer, keeping the shelves stocked with your generous donations.

For those who would like to donate to our sale, we have found that recent books sell best; children's books, fiction, gardening, military history and current politics are all good sellers. Cookbooks are always popular and we are especially looking for those from the last 10 years, as well as the classics that kept your mother's or grandmother's kitchens filled with delicious food.

If you are a book shopper, the shelves are available to you whenever the library is open: Tuesday/Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Thursday/Friday/Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The sale is cash or check only, so bring small bills to drop into the payment box.

Thank you to all those who support this community effort. The Friends look forward to using our funds to sponsor upcoming in-person events in the library as we come out of the COVID shutdown and get back to regular programming.

From Meet the RBCA Board, page 3 sheepadoodle in tow.

His family is also deeply involved with our neighboring community of Edmonds through his wife's fitness business, Barre3 Edmonds. Chris has two kids, Benjamin (5) and Elena (9), and two dogs.

When asked about the board, he said, "we are so fortunate to have a passion driven board that brings a diversity of viewpoints, backgrounds, and talents to our mission of community. My main interest is in creating more opportunities for our community to become more active and connect through our various activities and events as well as encourage everyone to participate and volunteer at whatever level they're comfortable with."

We also wanted to thank Amy Borg who recently left the board. She was a tremendous member, and we are thankful for her many contributions.

The RBCA is incredibly grateful for our volunteer board. We are seeking new members to join our team of fun, passionate board. Do you want to help plan events in the community? Do you enjoy meeting neighbors and building community together? You can join! If you are interested in joining the team, please email Board@richmondbeach.org.

From Save the date, page 1

Friendly Fall Carnival- Oct 22

The Fall Carnival is coming back to Syre School this year. Volunteers wanted.

Turkey Day Fun Run - Nov. 24

Start training now for the Turkey walk run. Planning is underway.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of these events, please email board@richmondbeachwa.org



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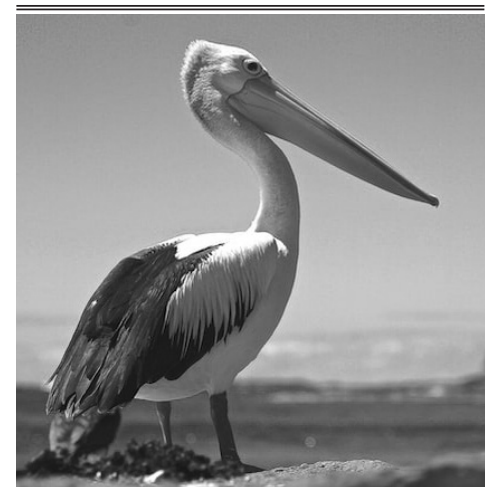
By Anina Coder-Sill

Summer is flying by and along with many others, I'm trying to fit in all the fun I can, plus make a dent in some of my chores. I did get another dump truck load of free wood chips and this time it was successfully delivered to my yard instead of the neighbor's. We were both relieved!

I'm trying to eliminate lawn as an ongoing project without a specific plan in mind, but as long as there is enough lawn for clover and dandelions to thrive and feed the rabbits and bees, I'll be happy. Mowing is satisfying, and more enjoyable to me than vacuuming a carpet, but it seems a little silly to waste the fuel and time.

I am taking note of low tides for beach walks and enjoying kayaking more this year. I have seen pelicans in our area for the first time, along with osprey diving and catching fish, eagles, terns, gulls, cormorants, seals, sea lions and porpoise.

When I was growing up in Richmond Beach, we had the freedom and time to play for hours at the beach, waving at the train engineers, (and the caboose person), floating on logs and getting slivers, making seaweed slip and slides, swinging bull kelp above our heads, and exploring tide pools. I am thankful I can still enjoy most of those activities in the same beautiful location. The changing of the seasons is looming with the arrival of September, even though I am not starting a new school. Here's to a grand fall (maybe on a seaweed slide) to all my neighbors!



- PELICAN PHOTO BY JAMES WAINSCOT ON UNSPLASH



- OSPREY PHOTO BY MATTHEW SCHWARTZ ON UNSPLASH

Orca statue still missing



MISSING ORCA, "BELLY FULL OF SALMON" BY MELISSA COLE

- PHOTO BY WAYNE PRIDEMORE

By Brian Osborn and Jessica Jain

The Richmond Beach Community Association regrets to report we still have one missing orca statue.

As you may recall, on May 16 of this year, two of our beloved orca statues were stolen from their posts at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. One was recovered shortly after the theft, found discarded in the brush at Boeing Creek. The other, titled "Belly Full of Salmon" and pictured here, remains missing.

"Belly Full of Salmon," is about 3 feet long and 2 feet high. Created by artist Melissa Cole as part of the Beach Orca project in 2017, it

is made of fiberglass and decorated with vividly colored, textured and patterned mixed media paintings and mosaic sculptures with fused glass accents.

RBCA is still offering a "no-questions-asked" drop-off of the orca at the Richmond Beach Library, regardless of its current condition.

Let's work together and hold out for someone to do the right thing and keep our Beach Orcas from becoming an endangered species.

If you have information about the missing orca, please contact RBCA volunteer Jessica Jain at (425) 306-8268.

A Guide to Accessing the RBCA Social Media

If you're feeling lost on how to access our Instagram, Facebook, and/or Youtube channel, this guide is for you!

Instagram: @richmondbeach

- 1 Open a new tab in your browser (chrome, firefox, etc.) on a computer or phone
- 2 Search "Richmond Beach Community Association Instagram"
- 3 Click on the first link which should say "RB Community Association (@richmondbeach) - Instagram..."
 - 1 If you have an Instagram account already or would like to make one, you can download the app in the app store
 - 2 Click on the search icon and type in "richmondbeach"

Facebook: RichmondBeachWA

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 - 2 Click on the search icon and type in "Richmond Beach Community Association"

Youtube: RichmondBeachTV

- 1 Open a new tab in your browser (chrome, firefox, etc.) or open Youtube as an app or by searching "Youtube"
- 2 Search "RichmondBeachTV" and click on the channel

ACCESS FROM THE WEBSITE:

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