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## Point Wells Digest

### Point Wells development gets a new life

By Tom Mailhot  
Point Wells Subcommittee

In a disappointing ruling, King County Superior Court Judge Wiggs-Martin ruled on February 22 that BSRE must be given another try at getting their urban center application approved by the county. The judge ruled that the county did not act in good faith in the previous review period because they refused to meet with BSRE to negotiate some of the outstanding issues.

Here's a brief summary of the judge's order: BSRE gets six months, until August 22, 2022, to submit its revisions to the application based on the comments in the May 2020 report they received from the

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### Streetzeria Benefit Dinner a bittersweet celebration



GREG BYE -PHOTO WAYNE PRIDEMORE

By Sheri Ashleman  
Event Coordinator

A steady flow of Streetzeria loyal customers attended the last benefit dinner hosted by Owner Greg Bye on March 16 to say goodbye to the retiring restaurateur; meet new owners, Zephyr Paquet and Emily Woods, and pick up their pizzas. It was a festive atmosphere and guests gave bigheartedly and generously to the cause.

Twenty-Three customers added an extra \$10 to their donation and received a set of embossed wine glasses, compliments of Virtue Cellar Winery. Kathryn Muller, winery owner and RBCA Board

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### Le Petit Paquet (formerly Streetzeria) to shift to fine dining experience under new ownership



ZEPHYR PAQUETTE AND EMILY WOODS, OWNERS OF LE PETIT PAQUET -PHOTO BY SHERI ASHLEMAN

By Sheri Ashleman

Streetzeria is about to morph into Le Petit Paquet (which means "the little package"). While the name of the restaurant has been determined, other changes will evolve as the community's desires become known.

Welcome new owners Zephyr Paquette, a known restaurateur in the Seattle area who has focused much of her experience on working with local farms, and Emily Woods, a woman who has traveled and lived away a fair amount and found that this locale is her favorite.

The two moved to Shoreline last year and dreamed of having a restaurant close to home. And then ...a locally loved pizzeria in the gem that is Richmond Beach became available. The two took ownership on March 1, followed with a two-week transition period in which former owner, Greg Bye, passed along his methods and fulfilled his commitment to Richmond Beach Community Association to host his last Streetzeria Benefit Dinner on March 16.

The new owners plan to personalize the space over time. There will be some rearranging inside, along with a fresh coat of paint and personal touches to the décor. They also hope to expand the hours and outdoor seating.

Paquette and Woods' goals revolve around enhancing neighbors' lives in a way that honors current

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### Garden Tour update and a bit of history

By Kris Fordice  
Garden Tour Coordinator

I've been doing some research on the history of the Richmond Beach Garden Tour as we prepare for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual event. The tour is on Saturday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I haven't been able to find information about the initial event and how it got started, but I've been told it was the first garden tour in the area.

What I have found, with the help of the Shoreline Historical Museum Executive Director Kenneth Doult, is some information

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### Egg-cellent!



By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director

It's time to shake, rattle and roll with Shoreline Firefighters as they bring back this beloved event on Saturday, April 16, at the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The egg hunt will begin sharply at 1:00 p.m. for three age groups ranging from one to ten years old.

Little bunnies need to bring their own baskets, and parents are encouraged to take lots of pictures. Parking is always limited. Please consider carpooling or walking, and come early to make sure you don't miss it!

### Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 21  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

By Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen

We are happy to announce that the annual Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association is back this year and just

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## Student life

### Five things to do this spring!

By Finley Stroh

Now that the weather is a little warmer, mask mandates are lifted, COVID-19 is on the downturn and it's SPRING, there are so many activities to check out!

**1. Visit some museum exhibits!** Visit the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) and the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP). SAM has a spring exhibit, "Our Blue Planet: Global Visions of Water" open from March 18 - May 30, 2022. MoPOP has ongoing exhibits, "Contrast High: A Visual History of Hip-Hop" open now until January 2023 and "Heros and Villians: The Art of The Disney Costume" open now until April 27, 2022. Visit [seattleartmuseum.org](http://seattleartmuseum.org) and [mopop.org](http://mopop.org) for more information.

**2. Shop with your friends!** Walk around U Village to get outside, check out the new glossier Seattle location on Capitol Hill and shops in Fremont, Ballard and Downtown Seattle.

**3. Thrift!** Go thrifting at Goodwill, the Seattle Goodwill Outlet (Goodwill bins), Salvation Army, Buffalo Exchange or local Seattle area thrift stores and vintage malls such as Crossroads, Red Light and the Fremont Vintage Mall for fun, inexpensive and unique finds.

**4. Enjoy more of our Seattle parks!** Gasworks, Olympic Sculpture Park and Discovery Park are all great places to walk, hike, have picnics and enjoy nature and more of Seattle.

**5. Watch the sunset and sunrise!** Go to the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Brackett's Landing, and Sunset Hill Park for the sunset and Louisa Boren Park, Olympic Sculpture Park and Kerry Park for the sunrise.



-PHOTO BY AMY BORG



GREG BYE AND CREW PREPARE PIZZAS FOR BENEFIT DINNER - PHOTO BY WAYNE PRIDEMORE

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Member, set up a beautiful display. If you are interested in purchasing any of the remaining wine glasses, they are available at Streetzeria.

The sold-out event raised a total of \$1,915 for the Richmond Beach Community Association. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to its success! If you were unable to participate in this fundraiser, but would still like to make a donation to RBCA, please go to [richmondbeachwa.org/donate](http://richmondbeachwa.org/donate) to do so.

Many thanks to Bye for carrying on the tradition of the benefit dinner since Streetzeria's inception. Bye, his crew and the new owners worked tirelessly for days before and throughout the night, and the well-oiled machine ran smoothly. A crew of RBCA forever volunteers, Christie Quigley, Jan Manfredini and Sheri Ashleman, helped out at the event and deserve a round of applause. Photographer extraordinaire Wayne Pridemore took professional photos at the event.

Streetzeria, under Bye's leadership, has been a true community partner. Not only did Bye participate in events (food vendor at Strawberry Festival, "Beach Eats" progressive dinners and a Valentine dinner, Food Truck Shoreline, home of the Community Holiday Tree), he advised us on how to execute our plans and always found ways to make them better. He also mentored other restaurants who were new to the Strawberry Festival and advised us on which food trucks to hire for Food Truck Shoreline. Whenever asked for a donation to support an event or cause in the community, Bye was always ready with a gift card in hand. Streetzeria also supported the local newspaper through advertising.

The event Bye will most be remembered for, however, will be that of the Streetzeria Benefit Dinner. Over the past eight years Bye has been hosting, over \$12,000 has been donated to RBCA. That is an amazing contribution! Bye can retire knowing he left his mark in Richmond Beach and made it a better place to live.

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## RBCA accepting scholarship submissions

By George Buswell  
RBCA Vice President

In last month's edition of the newspaper, the Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) announced 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 (2022-23) 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.

Further information regarding the scholarship and the application process can be found on the RBCA web page ([richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org)) or use the QR code below.



From that web page, interested applicants can also download the form needed to apply. Applications are due by **Friday, May 20**, and the results will be announced on Wednesday, June 1.

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

## Take the RBCA Survey

Next month the results of the RBCA community perception survey will be published in this paper. This survey will help the RBCA Board plan for the future. There is still time to take the survey. Go to the RBCA website ([richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org)) or use the QR code below.



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## Graduation announcements



By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director

It's time to think about graduations and celebrations. In the June issue of the Richmond Beach Community News, we celebrate Richmond Beach students who are graduating, show how proud we are of them and recognize their hard work by printing a paragraph about each of them.

All students graduating from high school, college or a vocational trade school can be listed. 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 lives. Space is limited, so please keep paragraphs to 100 words or less. All submissions to the newspaper are subject to editing.

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

## Longtime Teen Librarian Aarene Storms leaving for Everett Public Library



AARENE STORMS IN HER STORYTELLING  
ROLE AT KCLS  
-PHOTO COURTESY AARENE STORMS

By Tom Petersen

The effusive purple-haired dynamo of the Richmond Beach Library, Aarene Storms, is leaving the King County Library System for Everett, after 22 years as the teen specialist and instigator of fearless programming and bold community partnerships.

The move to Everett was long contemplated—especially during her hour-each-way commute from her little farm near Oso. Aarene says she will miss Richmond Beach terribly—her co-workers and the families she has grown close to while watching and helping kids grow up.

After 21 years, starting as a teen-aged page working in libraries in her native Bellingham and in the Sno-Isle system, Aarene came to KCLS in June of 2000 and split her time between the Kenmore and Richmond Beach branches. She arrived in time to play an integral role in moving the Richmond Beach Branch from its 1912 building to its current location.

Aarene was instantly popular for her enthusiastic visits to area schools, the creation of book clubs, read-a-thons and other engagement. See Aarene Storm, page 7

## A letter from the RBCA President

By Jessica Jain  
RBCA President

Where do we go from here? This is a question I have been thinking about in depth these past few weeks. So much has changed in the last three years, like we have discussed in previous letters. Although the world is slowly returning to “normal,” that does not mean that we are returning to the state we were in before the pandemic hit.

The RBCA Board has weathered the storm as best we could, and now it is time for some restructuring. I have asked for feedback from the community in my last three letters in the newspaper, and I haven't received any comments. I don't think that the community as a whole has nothing to say; I think that we are all overwhelmed and all asking the question “where do we go from here” in so many aspects of our lives.

As you know, we have canceled many of our upcoming events. I want to reassure you that while the board may be dormant for a bit, it will not be gone forever. There is some restructuring and reworking going on behind the scenes.

I offer again, if you have any thoughts or questions about what is happening, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [president@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:president@richmondbeachwa.org). We will keep you informed as we manage through these changes.

## Spring food drive at RBCC

By Todd Stein  
Member and Vice Moderator of  
RBCC

Richmond Beach Congregational Church's Spring Food Drive will be held on **Saturday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at RBCC, 1512 NW 195th Street, Shoreline.

Please join us in the upper parking lot at Richmond Beach Congregational Church - United Church of Christ for another drive-through food drive benefiting the Edmonds Food Bank. For more information about the food bank, go to [edmondsfoodbank.org](http://edmondsfoodbank.org).

Some food items the Edmonds Food Bank can really use in the upcoming food drive include granola bars, beef jerky, any other shelf-stable snacks for high school students, gluten-free pasta, cereal, etc., as well as regular pasta and cereal, masa flour, enchilada sauce, rice and sardines.

We look forward to seeing you on April 9! Thank you for your generous giving in our community.

## Brewfest is back this summer!



BREWFEEST 2019  
-PHOTO COURTESY 4-CORNERS ORG

By Tom Mailhot  
RBCA Treasurer

After two years of waiting, the 4-Corners Brewfest is coming back this summer for its big 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

This popular event at the Innis Arden Clubhouse has hosted up to 20 local brewers for an afternoon of brew tasting, music and brat eating.

More event details will

be posted soon on the 4-Corners website at [www.4-corners.org/brewfest-2022.html](http://www.4-corners.org/brewfest-2022.html).

The event is put on by 4-corners.org. They are looking for volunteers who want to help plan this event. I can attest that it's a fun group to work with. If you are interested, please reply to [4cornersshoreline@gmail.com](mailto:4cornersshoreline@gmail.com) with your contact information.

4-corners.org is made up of four neighborhoods, which touch at the corner of Richmond Beach Road and 8th Avenue NW, including Hillwood, Innis Arden, Richmond Beach and Richmond Highlands.

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### Wandering Richmond Beach - Part 2 of a 3-part series

By Amy Borg  
RBCA Board Member

Last month, I wrote about moving back to the Pacific Northwest after having been away for 40 years. I grew up in Mount Vernon and knew very little about Richmond Beach. I decided the best way to get to know Richmond Beach was to explore by foot, finding places that are not on my frequently traveled routes, to see friends and family who live around Seattle.

I bought new all-weather, walker-friendly gear and have really enjoyed figuring out what is where and seeing the beauty and great places we have right here in Richmond Beach.

This month, I will share two routes that venture into Woodway and Edmonds. Each of these takes me 45-60 minutes and each has their share of nice big hills. Depending on whether I want a long slow hill or a steeper hill, I walk these routes clockwise or counter-clockwise.

I hope you will try these and maybe I will see you wandering around Richmond Beach!

#### The Big Hill

I actually made up this route by looking at a map and set out going counterclockwise. Imagine my surprise when I turned left off Deer Drive onto Wachusett Road. That whole stretch up to the 90-degree turn is a steep, unrelenting hill. Since then, half the time I do this route I go clockwise, which still has hills, but they are not as long and steep. This route is great on sunny or rainy days because of the tree cover.

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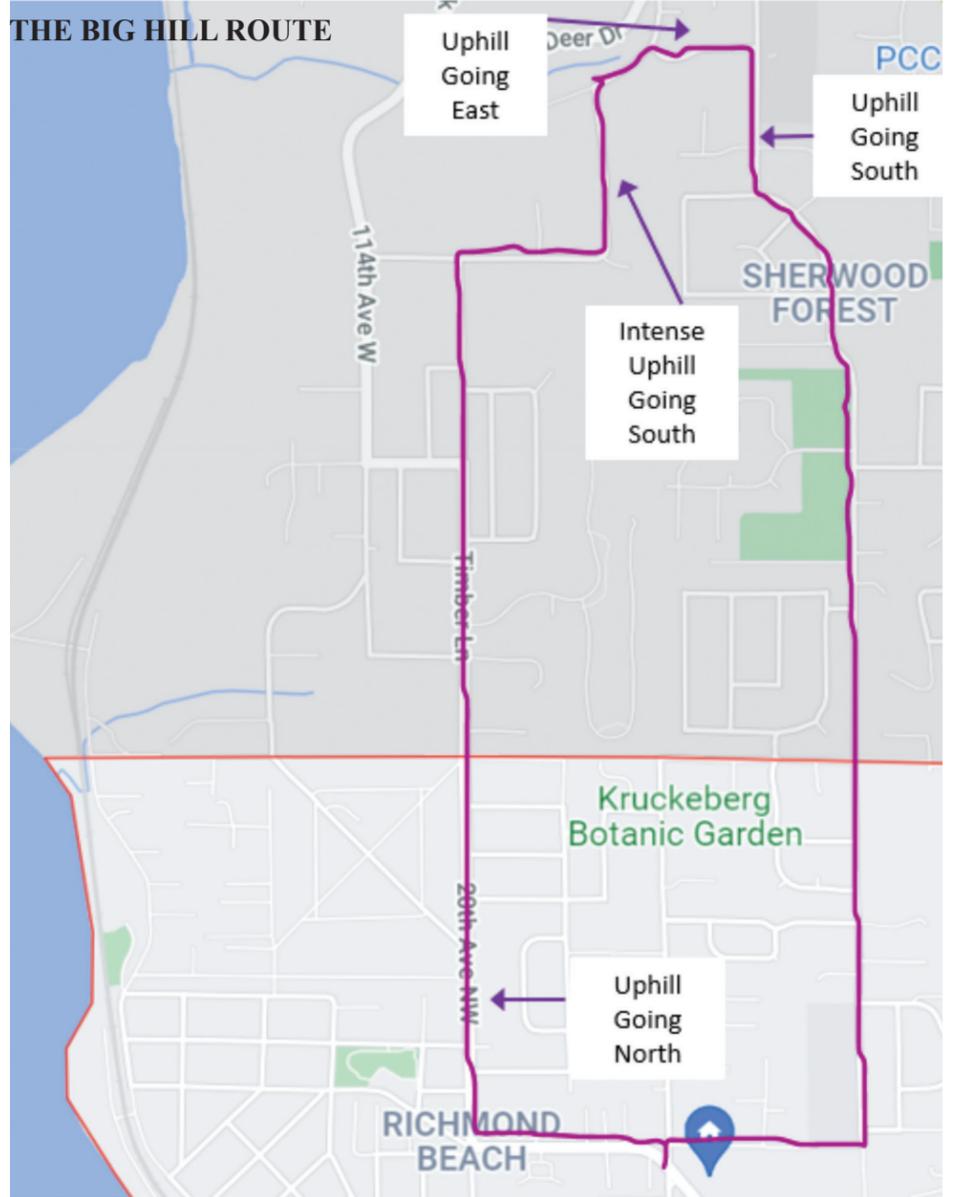
HEADING SOUTH ON THE BIG HILL ON WACHUSETT ROAD, EDMONDS  
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LOOKING NORTH ON 20TH AVENUE NW, RICHMOND BEACH  
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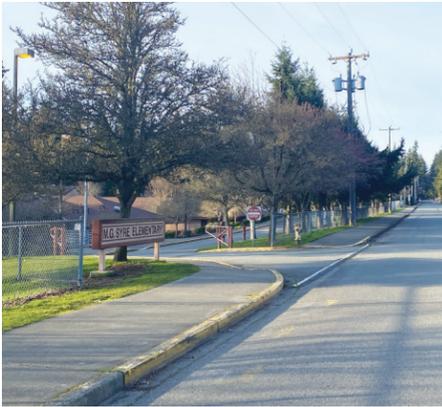
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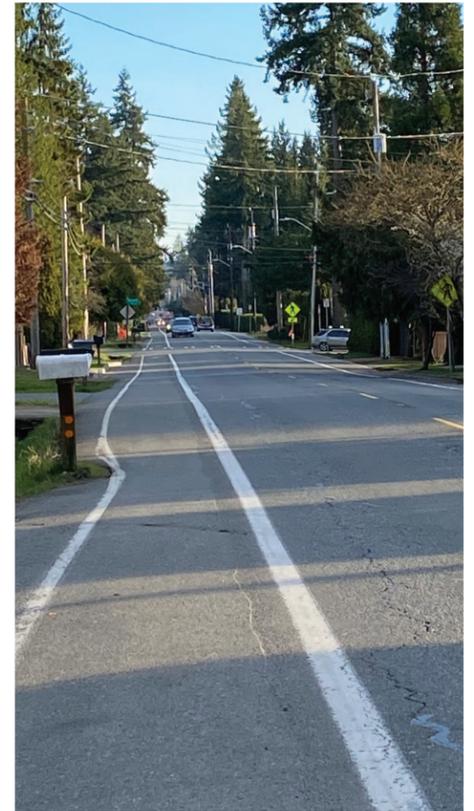
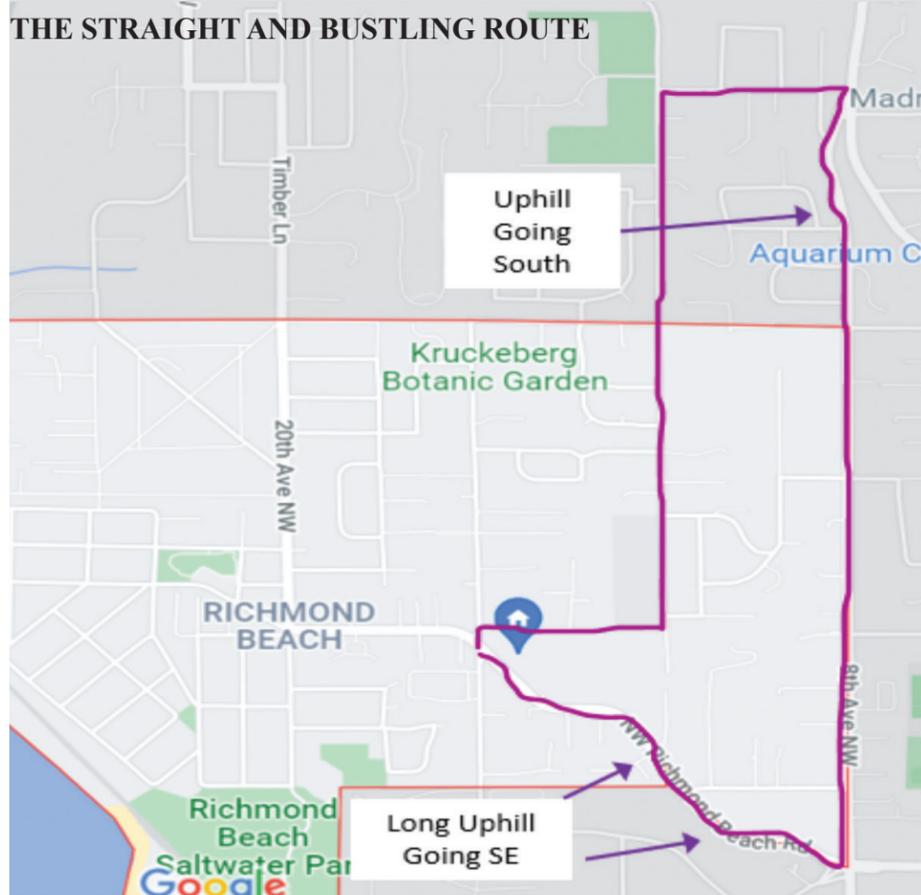
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**Straight & Bustling**

I can't call this one flat because of the two hills—one long and one that's pretty steep—but on 8th Avenue NW from 244th Street SW to Richmond Beach Road, it's flat and bustling with traffic. However, it's perfectly safe thanks to the great shoulders on both sides of the road. Not much tree cover on this route.



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**Thank you, members and donors!**

By Amy Borg  
RBCA Board Member

We have made good progress on the 2022 Spring Membership Drive. Our membership has doubled since the beginning of our fiscal year in July 2021. Thank you to everyone who has become a new member or renewed their membership.

You can still sign up or renew your membership by (1) going to the RBCA home page at [richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org) and clicking on the membership tab, (2) sending us your check along with a paper membership form that you can request from our membership coordinator at [membership@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:membership@richmondbeachwa.org), or (3) asking about joining at any of our community events.

We are also making progress on our 2022 Donor Campaign. With the "soft launch" of the new Donor Program last month, and thanks to those of you who donated earlier this year, we are already \$1,500 toward our goal of \$15,000 in donations this year.

As mentioned last month, we are establishing three donor levels of Bronze (\$50), Silver (\$100) and Gold (\$250), and donors at each level will receive new, RBCA-branded gear commensurate with the level.

We will have more information about the gear in September when we officially launch the Donor Program.

The website is ready for you to make a donation.

We will keep a list of all those who donate in 2022 to ensure they receive their new gear in the fall.

Simply go to the website and click on "Donate" at the top of the home page and pick a level. Richmond Beach, thank you!!

**Book sale update**

By Karen Thielke  
Friends of the Richmond Beach Library

The Friends of the Richmond Beach Library would like to thank the members of the community who have been supporting our lobby book sale by purchasing donated books, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide in-person programs at the library for adults, teens and children—we can hardly wait!!!

With the cancellation of the Strawberry Festival, the Friends will not hold its annual May book sale, but will be having some surprise activities in the months to come. Watch for special displays such as summer cooking, new books published in 2021-2022 and "beach reads"!

The book sale is made possible by donations from our loyal supporters. Experience has shown that new (published in the past 10 years) books sell the best. Popular genres include current fiction, mysteries, histories, cookbooks, gardening and children's books and, of course, CDs and DVDs. We do ask that all donated materials be in very good condition.

Please limit donations to two grocery bags per household per month and give your donations to the library staff during open hours (do not place them in the book drop). To get more information, stop by the library on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. when the book sale committee is busy refreshing the sale items; they are happy to chat about the book sale.

**Volunteer vest update**

By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director

Way back in October, the RBCA hosted Pumpkins in the Park in chilly, windy weather. Volunteer Marilyn Lary noticed that many of the red volunteer vests didn't fit over winter coats very well.. The red vests, which help identify volunteers during events, were really designed for indoor or for warm weather activities.

Lary generously donated money to be used to purchase new vests in larger sizes. Tom Petersen assisted and helped fund these vests. The RBCA now has volunteer vests in a variety of sizes ranging from small to 4XL.

Now there really isn't any excuse not to volunteer for an event. You can stay warm and bundled up and still sport a volunteer vest as an accessory. We are thankful for our volunteers who help make the RBCA better.

**Become a RBCA member**

Use the QR code below to find the membership info on the RBCA website. Just aim your smart phone camera over the code and a link will appear to the RBCA website membership page.



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**From Aarene Storms, page 3**

activities. A gifted and trained storyteller (she had a show on KSER for 15 years), the annual Scary Stories participatory show at Halloween and the summertime tales under the trees in the park were highlights for her and the neighborhood.

People who found little slips of paper with poetry on the library shelves were seeing Aarene's doings. She self-published collections of her own work every year and was also the co-author of a reference book for librarians, school administrators and parents, "Sex in the Library," a guide to controversial books.

Ever inventive and community-minded, Aarene started the modern-era Richmond Beach Community Blood Drive in 2007. When COVID canceled both her Scary Stories and the RBCA's Halloween Carnival, Aarene came up with the popular replacement, the Haunted Richmond Beach Walk.

Aarene's new position in Everett will be as part of that system's Youth Services Team, serving young peoples' literary needs from "cradle to college." Her much shorter commute will leave more time for her other passion, caring for and riding horses.

**From Garden Tour, page 1**

about garden clubs. There was an active Richmond Beach Garden Club in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Kenneth found several news articles on meetings and events. On page 1 is one of the news items from November 1958. The club had guest speakers and luncheons, and it sounded like they had fun. Gardens and gardening have been a part of Richmond Beach for many years.

Times have changed, but the love of gardening continues. I'm so glad we continue the tradition of the Richmond Beach Garden Tour and encourage my fellow gardeners to consider being a garden host this year. Please contact Kris Fordice at [gardentour@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:gardentour@richmondbeachwa.org).

**From Point Wells, page 1**

county's planning and development services department (PDS). The two parties must engage in a back-and-forth discussion of outstanding issues during this time period.

—PDS gets four months, until December 26, 2022, to provide a comment letter based on the revisions submitted by BSRE; the comment letter must be limited to the issues already identified in the November 2020 hearing before the hearing examiner. The two parties must engage in a back-and-forth discussion of outstanding issues during this time period.

—BSRE gets two months from the date of receipt of PDS's comment letter to submit any further revisions to the plans. The two parties must engage in a back-and-forth discussion of outstanding issues during this time period.

—The whole process described above must be completed no later than 12 months.

After receiving the final revisions, PDS will either recommend denial again if it believes there are still substantial conflicts with requirements in the county code or allow BSRE's applications to proceed, including the preparation of a complete environmental impact statement (EIS).

If PDS recommends denial, there will be another hearing at Snohomish County followed by further appeals to the county council and most likely superior court.

If PDS allows the application to move forward, the EIS must include discussion of all of the traffic and other issues that haven't been addressed yet.

Unfortunately, the judge did not rule on the two main points of contention: whether buildings could be higher than 90 feet and whether there are height restrictions near Woodway's residential zoning area at Point Wells' eastern border. If these issues remain unresolved, it's likely that BSRE will re-submit their plans with buildings still taller than 90 feet, the county will reject it, then BSRE will file suit to determine whether BSRE or the county is correctly interpreting the county code height requirement.

The Snohomish County Council voted on March 7 to authorize PDS to appeal the ruling, so that will push the final resolution out even further since the 12-month period mandated in the ruling does not start until all appeals are completed.

**Kudos**

**By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director**

**Patrick McNulty** for spearheading the 2022 Community Perception Survey. Collecting and analyzing the data takes a lot of extra time. The results will be in the next edition of the paper.

To **Sheri Ashleman** for coordinating this year's Streetzeria Benefit Dinner. Sheri has been organizing this benefit for the past eight years, and it is a great fundraiser for the RBCA.

To **Christie Quigley and Jan Manfredini** for supporting the RBCA by volunteering at the Streetzeria Benefit Dinner. It is wonderful to be able to have help at such a community-focused event.

To **Kathryn Muller**, owner of Virtue Cellars Winery, for her partnership with Streetzeria and the RBCA to create special wine glasses to help increase donations to the RBCA.

**Volunteer at the  
Kruckeberg Botanic  
Garden**

**By Rejean Idzerda  
Kruckeberg Botanic Garden  
Board Member**

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden is looking for volunteers during open hours on spring and summer weekends.

Please visit our website at [kruckeberg.org](http://kruckeberg.org). Find a complete description of the volunteer position (with its perks!) and how to apply at [kruckeberg.org/volunteer](http://kruckeberg.org/volunteer).

**Anina's Corner**

**By Anina Coder-Sill**

This winter in the dark of the night at low tide, a friend and I went on a shellfish hunt, an oyster venture, a clam dig, a muddy trek at a Pacific Northwest vacation beach house we rented.

We harvested a few pounds of oysters clinging to rocks, a few oyster shells filled with sand, some real live oysters without rocks, several clam shaped rocks and some real live clams. We hauled the bucket back to shore, and I went back out later when the tide came in to retrieve fresh salt water.

I had an unexpected sit down when my boots decided not to move at the same pace as the rest of my body; and as I sat there in the gooey muck, I laughed out loud because (1) I didn't get hurt and (2) it reminded me of being a child—it was a little bit fun!

The oysters provided food for thought *and* a lovely dinner, and our appreciation for mollusks increased. Growing up in Richmond Beach, our dad would take my brother, sister and I out clamming and fishing, but he did most of the work.

What I remember the most was spending time with my family, creating fake clam holes with mounds of sand and a poke of our fingers and my dad cooking up a seafood meal. We are very lucky to live in this part of the world.

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**Last call for Marge Unruh Community Service Award nominations**

**By Tom Petersen  
Chairperson for the awards**

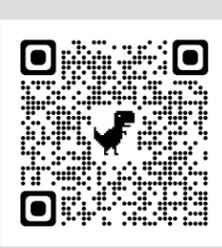
This is the last call for the Marge Unruh Community Service Award Nominations. **The deadline for entry is April 10.** The RBCA created the annual RBCA Marge Unruh Community Service Award in 1999 in recognition of the late great Marge Unruh's contributions to our community.

Up to three recipients per year are selected based on their outstanding service to the community. Candidates may be a person, business or organization. They are not required to reside in Richmond Beach. Merit-worthy examples include service to the Richmond Beach Community Association, promotion of issues benefiting the community, fundraising for community projects,

formal or informal service to others in the community or beautification projects in the community. Award winners from 10 years ago who have continued to make positive contributions may be nominated again.

Nominations can be made by filling out the online form at [richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award](http://richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award). Recipients will be announced in May.

*Use the QR code below to get a nomination form on the RBCA website.*



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**From Le Petite Paquet, page 1**

tastes, offers new tastes and listens to desired tastes. They are confident the additions will delight the neighborhood! Over time, they plan for a gradual shift to a fine dining experience with beers and wines to compliment the dishes being served. So, what culinary delights can customers expect?

Short term: Bye's delicious pizza crust and the pizza fan favorites will remain and small plates will be added to rouse palates. Paquette has a history of making fun bites, like burrata with her delicious "tom-tom jam."

Mid-term: Small plates and pizzas will remain; pre-ordered boxed picnics will be added for lunch in the summer. The meals will be primed for the beach with delicious tastes and an accompanying wine, beer or soda (in easy-to-pack-out boxes).

Long Term: Once established, Mondays and Tuesdays may be open/available for private events or guest chefs invited to showcase.

With Paquette's extensive background in the culinary world, they anticipate becoming both a community favorite and a destination on any Seattle area foodie tour. Locally sourced ingredients, direct from the farms when possible, and superb service are the intended focus of Le Petit Paquet. "We'd like to create a delightful experience, a memory to be savored and shared," proclaimed Woods and Paquette. "We don't need to be the best; we just want to be your favorite."



NEW OWNER, EMILY WOODS, ASSISTING A CUSTOMER AT LE PETIT PAQUET - PHOTO BY WAYNE PRIDEMORE

**From Benefit Dinner, page 2**



SHERI ASHLEMAN WELCOMES THE FIRST CUSTOMER, JAN SHIER.

- PHOTO BY WAYNE PRIDEMORE



KATHRYN MULLER WITH VIRTUE CELLARS' WINE GLASS DISPLAY

- PHOTO BY SHERI ASHLEMAN



SHERI ASHLEMAN, GREG BYE AND JAN MANFREDINI AT BENEFIT DINNER

- PHOTO BY KATHRYN MULLER

**From Garage Sale, page 1**

around the corner. No registration is necessary—simply round up your sale items and post some signs in your front yard and at nearby intersections. RBCA takes care of the publicity and advertising for you. Road signs will be placed at several major intersections. Ads will be placed in The Seattle Times on-line edition, Richmond Beach Community News, Craigslist, Nextdoor and Patch.

If you would like your sale placed on a garage sale map, please email your street address to Elisabeth at [garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org) by Monday, May 16. Feel free to include a brief description of your items or a short list of key items being offered.

Maps will be available online at [yardsalesearch.com](http://yardsalesearch.com) and at Richmond Beach Coffee Company starting on Thursday, May 19.

After the sale is over, remove all the signs!



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**Selected Tips for a Successful Garage Sale**

- Go through your entire house to locate and sell anything you no longer want or need.
  - Don't base what you sell on what you would buy.
  - Offer to sell stuff for family and friends.
  - Take the time to clean sale items.
  - Use an apron or fanny pack for money. (Do not use a cash box.) Carry your money with you at all times.
  - Avoid accessibility inside your home.
- Pricing**
- Know the value of your items by doing some research on eBay or Craigslist.
  - Don't price your stuff too low. People like to bargain, so allow some wiggle room.
  - Price items like a store. If you have a lot of something, "Buy 3, get 1 free."
  - Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start.
  - Don't cut prices by much the morning of the sale, unless they are buying a ton of stuff.
  - By the end of the sale, it's best to practically give things away rather than face the prospect of having to deal with it later.

- Signage 101**
- Use bright colors to attract attention.
  - Use a thick marker of a contrasting color to make big, bold text.
  - Have large arrows pointing in the correct direction.
  - After the sale is over, remove all the signs!

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