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## Richmond Beach draws kite surfers - Meet a local who rides the waves off Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



STEVE ANDERSON IN KITE SURFING GEAR  
-PHOTO BY KATHRYN MULLER

By Kathryn Mueller  
RBCA Board Member

It's a breezy morning in Richmond Beach. The wind is blowing from the south, whipping the flag Steve Anderson, 47, erected outside his home. He lives just steps away from the bluff that sits above the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The flag tosses in the wind in a fluttering frenzy. He peers outside his window and sees the white caps frothing over the crested waves of the Puget Sound. The conditions are perfect for one of his favorite pastimes: kitesurfing.

It's a Tuesday, and he just completed a shift at the fire station. He's a firefighter at the local fire department. He packs up his gear and heads to the beach—two boards, a large 10-meter kite, harness and

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**Mother's Day Plant Sale -  
a RB tradition**  
**May 6-8**  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m**



-PHOTO COURTESY KRUCKEBERG BOTANIC GARDEN

By Joe Abken  
Kruckeberg Botanic Garden  
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Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, an annual tradition started over 30 years ago by Mareen Kruckeberg, continues. What began as a way to downsize her propagation proliferation is now the second-largest fundraising event for the garden.

MsK Nursery, our onsite nursery at the garden, started in the early '70s when Mareen purchased a business license for one dollar. While the focus on native plants was a key component, Mareen was known for her propagation prowess with rare and non-native species. Today, we continue to propagate from the garden's collection, utilizing her note cards and the same greenhouse that Mareen purchased in 1970, leveraging the profits from the sale to support the garden and staff.

Our modern version of the plant sale includes outside vendors and plants acquired from craft growers in our region. Notably at the Mother's Day Sale are the ever-popular trillium. This year's sale will be on **May 6-8, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** May 5 is our members-only preview sale from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Check out the kid's Sprout Spot activity on Saturday and Sunday. Parking is limited.

All proceeds go directly to the support of the garden. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director

The month of May is when we celebrate the great community of Richmond Beach. Although there is not going to be a Strawberry Festival this year, there are still wonderful things happening around town.

There is the annual **Mother's Day Plant Sale at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden**. See the Mother's Day Plant Sale story on this page.

The annual **Friends of the Richmond Beach Library Book Sale** returns this year, and they have special sales planned all month long. The first event starting on May 7 is a book sale featuring gift worthy items. For more information on this and other events, look for the Book Sale story on page 7.

**Celebrate small businesses by shopping local** and supporting the services our local community

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## Egg Hunt 2022



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**FRBL Book Sale**  
**May 7, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m**



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## Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale

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

By Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen  
Event Coordinator

It's time to round up your items for the annual Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association. No registration necessary—simply 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, Yardsalesearch.com, Shoreline Area News, Richmond Beach Newspaper, Craigslist, Nextdoor and Patch.

If you would like your sale placed on the printed garage sale map, please email your street address to Event Coordinator Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen 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, and also mention if you are raising funds for a cause. Maps will be available online ([yardsalesearch.com](http://yardsalesearch.com)) and at Richmond Beach Coffee Co. starting on **Thursday, May 19**.

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# Spring '22 Community Perception Survey results

By Patrick McNulty  
RBCA Board member

With planning afoot for 2022 events, the RBCA Board of Directors (the "Board") wanted to hear from our community in a standardized way to inform our approach to data-driven decision making.

On February 17, we launched a survey very similar to the 2019 RBCA survey to analyze period-over-period changes.

Initially, we delivered this survey inside our mid-month February RBCA newsletter. We also promoted the survey in the March 3 email and again in the March 2022 RBCA newspaper.

The Board sends those who responded a huge "thank you" and encourages everyone in our community to please let your voice be heard.

We will use the findings of this survey at our upcoming board retreat meeting and will continue to reference them in our monthly Board meetings and ongoing subcommittees to guide our decisions.

In this article, we'll break down our survey methodology, results and share other relevant statistics with the goal being to keep our community "aware and informed," per RBCA objectives.

The RBCA has an email distribution list of ~1,050 people. We have an **above-average overall engagement score with our twice monthly content**, based on open and click-through activity reported through our Mailchimp service. In fact, over 55% of our subscribers are highly engaged and often open and click our emails with 13% of subscribers moderately engaged and the remaining 31% not very engaged.

So, the most logical place to launch and distribute a survey was via our email newsletter, with our secondary mechanism being a call to action via the association president's message to our residents in the March 2022 newspaper. As of March 13, 57 responses have been

received. Statistically speaking, 57 responses is representative of the larger population in our community.

Our methodology was to ask how much a person agrees or disagrees with a particular statement or question. (The five possible responses were: 1- strongly disagree, 2-disagree, 3-neither agree nor disagree, 4-agree or 5-strongly agree.)

Among the findings of the survey, here are some basic demographics:

- 50% of respondents are between the ages of 35-54, with the other 50% ages 55+.
- 71% have lived here 6+ years, with 50% having lived here 11+ years and 34% having lived here 20 or more years!
- 55% do not have children under the age of 18 living in their household.
- 72% are dues paying RBCA members.
- 50% have volunteered time to support an RBCA event or activity.

Here are some findings regarding the questions measuring "community engagement":

- 96% of respondents feel a neutral to strong (3-5) "sense of community."
- 100% have neutral to high satisfaction with the "quality of life" in Richmond Beach, with 60% of respondents ranking this as "high satisfaction."
- 88% say the quality of life in the future will be either the same or better. Those who answered worse are predominantly concerned with traffic and crime, and those who answered better believe in the sense of community growing stronger.
- 91% of respondents feel the RBCA does a neutral to strong job of keeping residents informed and aware in the community.
- 97% of respondents feel the RBCA promotes and produces social events and projects that generate a sense of neighborhood

and enjoyment among residents. •93% feel the RBCA nurtures engagement within the neighborhood and surrounding communities.

We sought to measure the efficacy of our efforts in keeping residents aware and informed in our community through email and print, our top two communication channels. Here are some findings:

- Our top ranked two communications mediums are email newsletter and printed newspaper, respectively, and the community sign at 4-corners outranks social media like Nextdoor, Facebook and Instagram.
- While the overall efficacy of both our email and print are rated 97% neutral to strong, the print received 59% of responses as "strong" vs. 37% of "strong" for our email.
- We currently send the printed newspaper 10 months of the year, and 80% of respondents would like to receive the printed newspaper the same or more.
- The content most enjoyed across email and newsletter is community history, news about residents and members, community news and projects and information about events.
- The content least enjoyed across email and newsletter is advertisements, although it was noted their importance in sustaining the RBCA, while also helping inform residents of new businesses.

Finally, we sought survey feedback for our events and recent community works. Here are some findings:

- The top five events in descending order are the Strawberry Festival, Tree Lighting, Halloween Carnival, Turkey Day Fun Run and Community Garage Sale.
- 100% of respondents found neutral to strong "community welfare" in both the Beach Orcas and Historic Street Signs.

When the Board thinks about events, public works projects

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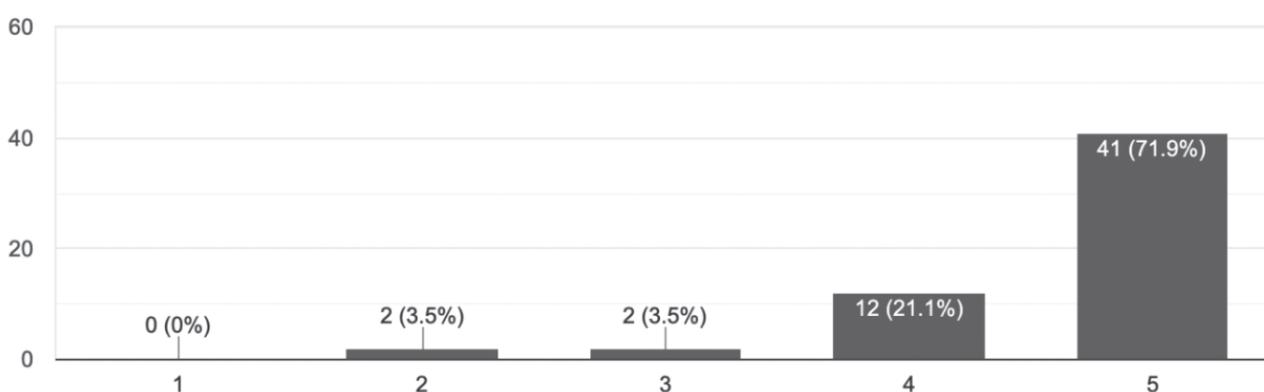
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Purpose Alignment: Do you agree the RBCA promotes and produces social events and projects that generate a sense of neighborhood and enjoyment among residents?

57 responses



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## RBCA President's Message - Goodbye



TOM MAILHOT (L), JESSICA JAIN AND GEORGE BUSWELL

### By Jessica Jain RBCA President

This month I would like to tell you about three board members that will be leaving the RBCA Board at the end of May—Tom Mailhot, George Buswell and myself.

Tom joined the board in 2016 and has served three two-year terms. Having reached term limits, he must now step down. He has served as an integral part of the board. Not only was Tom the secretary for four-plus years, he stepped up when the board was in desperate need of a treasurer. This was no small task, and Tom took it on and made it look easy.

The transition for the new treasurer will be much smoother thanks to Tom's hard work. Tom also served many years on the Point Wells Subcommittee, attending countless meetings and writing numerous articles for our newspaper to break down the legal technicalities and keep our community up to date on the latest proceedings.

Tom and George are our behind the scenes go-to men. They set up and take down the tree for the holidays, and they hang and take down the Orcas for us all to enjoy in the spring. There is so much that goes into each of these tasks, and Tom and George are always quick to take it on so that the whole community can enjoy these traditions without interruption.

George joined the board in 2018. He will be leaving to travel with his wife, who recently retired.

- PHOTO BY TERESA PAPE

They have many bike trips planned all around the Pacific Northwest and U.S.

George has been instrumental in all of the new art installations around our community. And while he always had enthusiastic support from the board, most of them he spearheaded and ran with all on his own. He worked with the 4-Corners neighborhoods to design and wrap the junction box at the top of the hill. He commissioned the beautiful watercolor map of our neighborhood, which highlights some of the well-known landmarks.

Have you seen the amazing mural on the old Wild Horse Tavern? While the artist was Erin Vikstrom, the idea and project management was all George! He has so many more great ideas; we can only hope that once he's done a bit of traveling, he will share a few more with our community.

And finally, myself. I joined the board with George in 2018, then took on the role of president in 2020. It has been my honor to serve our community. I have had so much fun, and learned so much. There have been difficult times, as we all know. The pandemic definitely threw a wrench in most of our plans, but we have come out the other side, and I know this community will continue to thrive. While I am stepping away now to focus on a new job and spending time with family, I fully expect that I will serve on the board again at some point in the future.

## Wandering Richmond Beach - Part 3 of a 4-part series



- PHOTO BY AMY BORG

### By Amy Borg RBCA Board Member

In the March Richmond Beach Community News, I wrote about moving back to the Pacific Northwest after having been away for 40 years and getting to know Richmond Beach by creating and walking various routes around the area. I also shared one of my favorite routes that has amazing views of Puget Sound.

Last month, I shared a few routes that I enjoy around Richmond Beach and into Woodway and Edmonds. This month, in my last installment, I will share a route through some residential areas of Richmond Beach and a couple of routes that go into Innis Arden.

As mentioned before, each of these takes 45-60 minutes and 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.

Give these a try, and maybe I will see you wandering around Richmond Beach!

### Residential stroll

I like this route because there is little traffic for most of the route through the residential areas. There are plenty of hills, both up and down regardless of the direction you go, and lots of views of Puget Sound.

### Innis Arden hilly and shorter

This route includes the big Richmond Beach Road hill and some rolling hills through Innis Arden, but it's a lot of fun and has beautiful views of Puget Sound. The road from Richmond Beach Road into Innis Arden has a small shoulder, so be careful and stay on the left side for that section.

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## Donating blood this spring in Shoreline and Edmonds

### By Tom Petersen

The Bloodworks Northwest mobile units remain on hiatus, but regular donors (and newbies!) are encouraged to make appointments at either the North City branch, 10357 Stone Avenue, N., Seattle, 206-526-1970, or the Lynnwood branch, 19723 Highway 9, Suite F, Lynnwood, 425-412-1000.

There will also be "pop-up" blood donation days at Shoreline Community College on May 10 and 11, in the PUB Quiet Dining Room, and at the Edmonds Senior Center, 200 Railroad Ave, Edmonds, on June 16, 17, 20 and 21.

Appointments are necessary; go to [bloodworksnw.org](http://bloodworksnw.org) or call 800-398-7888.



Applications are being accepted  
for RBCA's \$500 scholarship  
through May 20th



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cold-water gear.

“Kitesurfing is freedom,” Anderson said. “It changed my life. I’ve never had an addictive personality, but it’s like an addiction. It’s fun.”

Anderson moved to Richmond Beach in 2002, nearly two decades ago. He was drawn to the neighborhood because of the scenic views (and opportunity to learn to kite surf). It didn’t take him long to pick up the sport; and from then on, he was hooked.

## Taking in the views

If you’ve visited Richmond Beach on a windy day, you’ve probably encountered kite surfers (also called kiteboarders) or seen the brightly colored kites soaring above the water—spinning, twisting and dipping as they tow someone across the water.

According to local kite surfers, Richmond Beach is one of the best places along the idyllic Puget Sound shoreline to kite surf, especially if the winds are blowing from the south.

When I took a trip down to the Saltwater Park, I was surprised by how many kite surfers were launching from the beach. Even with a puffy jacket, the wind crept into my bones, leaving my fingers frigid and goosebumps running up and down my arms. I couldn’t imagine how the adrenaline-seeking kite surfers were managing to grip the power bar that helps maneuver the giant kite. I was enthralled as I watched from the rocky shores.

Anderson was a high-flying acrobat, skimming over the water as if he was born from the waves and propelling himself into the sky 20 to 30 feet above the water. It was truly a show to behold.



LEFT - STEVE ANDERSON IN ACTION; RIGHT TOP AND BOTTOM - CHARLES WENZEL FACING CAMERA AND WENZEL AIRBORNE  
- ALL PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE BY KATHRYN MULLER

As other kite surfers took to the water, it became clear why this sport has gained so much traction in recent years. Above the sound of the gusting wind, I could hear a joyous whooping and hollering of delight coming from the kite surfers. In 2024 it will make its Olympic debut at the Olympic Games in Paris. The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recently approved the events, and kite surfing made the coveted cut!

Charles Wenzel, 26, was at Richmond Beach as well, taking advantage of the ideal kite surfing conditions. Wenzel, from Seattle, is a teacher, but the serendipitous wind that happened to occur during his spring break drew him to the beach. He said he’s been kite surfing for more than seven years and is also an instructor. He grew up hiking through the Columbia River Gorge where kite surfing is incredibly popular. As a child, he loved watching the riders fly through the air and glide over the waves.

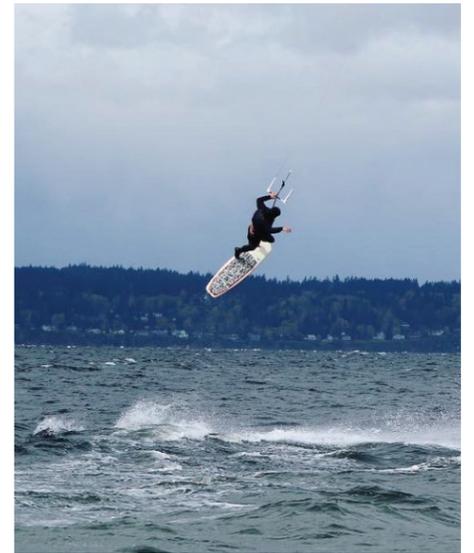
When Wenzel was in high school, he saved up enough money running a pressure washing

company to afford his first kite. Prices for kites vary. Differing wind speeds require different kites, so kite surfers may have an arsenal of kites at their disposal depending on the day. Some kites cost upwards of \$1,000.

Wenzel said the kite surfing community is a really tight-knit, welcoming group. Many of the members stay connected through a group chat or Facebook groups and share wind and weather reports with one another, stoking the hype on blustering days. He says the best thing you can do if you’re interested in learning to kiteboard is to take lessons.

Anderson and Wenzel both agree that you need to know what you’re doing before you put the board in water and get your kite in the air. A great learning ground is located in Everett at Jetty Island.

Next time the weather looks windy, and the tops of the trees around the neighborhood sway, turn your eyes toward the beach and keep them peeled for high-flying kites. You might see them! Be sure to wave.



TOP - CHARLES WENZEL FACING CAMERA; BOTTOM - WENZEL AIRBORNE

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**By Allison Taylor and Sheri Ashleman  
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The 2021-2022 year has been one of reevaluating priorities and rebuilding relationships in our community, as we move from pandemic to endemic and have greater knowledge and access to ways to minimize the transmission and impact of COVID-19. Right now, we can hear the hustle and bustle of neighbors getting ready for the Community Garage Sale, and it is a reminder of why our neighborhood is so great—we take care of each other and share an interest in maintaining a vibrant community. As residents, we do that by keeping our membership in the Richmond Beach Community Association current (join or renew now, if you haven't already!) and volunteering when there is a need.

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**Kudos**

**By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director**

To **Leah Malmos** for designing the Richmond Beach Celebration event logo. The design was created in 2021 and is updated yearly with a new color.

To **Tom Petersen** for coordinating the Marge Unruh Community Service Awards. Tom is a perfect example of someone who embodies the award by providing outstanding service to the community.

To **Betty Ngan** for working to bring the community this amazing newspaper. As Production Manager, Betty spends hours each month crafting the paper's layout. The newspaper is a valuable commodity to the community, and Betty volunteers her time with little recognition.

To **Jill Brunsch** for picking up the newspaper bundles from our publisher and distributing the newspaper throughout the community. Jill has been delivering the newspaper since May of 2018. We are saddened that Jill is moving away. Thank you for your four years of service.

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**From RBCA Survey, page 2**

and maintaining the permanence and continuity of our community association, which has been incorporated for over 100 years, we must always consider our overall objectives.

As we discuss the survey results for 2022 during our upcoming Board retreat, we will keep in mind the three main purposes of the RBCA:

- Keep residents aware and informed of issues by providing forums that create the opportunity for residents to form and express ideas, opinions and needs.
- Promote and produce social events and projects that generate a sense of neighborhood and enjoyment among residents.
- Nurture engagement among the Richmond Beach community, the City of Shoreline and surrounding communities.

If you didn't get a chance to take the survey and would like to, we'll keep it live for another few weeks and check it again prior to our Board retreat.

The Board would always love to hear from our community, either via this survey or direct outreach; so please, if you feel your voice is not being heard, contact the RBCA Board directly.

Thank you for your participation in this survey. We loved hearing from you!

**From RB Celebration, page 1**

provides. We have restaurants, pet grooming, coffee and gift shops, as well as realtors, insurance agencies, health care services and even a bowling alley.

Spend a day at a park, by the beach, at the library or even searching for all of the orcas. There are hidden gems everywhere you look.

Take a **stroll down Richmond Beach's memory lane with a self-guided tour of the old town of Richmond Beach**. There is a map and walking tour, the result of a wonderful collaboration between the Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) and the Shoreline Historical Museum (SHM). From the museum's website at [shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org](http://shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org), you can download a map and numbered descriptions of the historical locations, then follow along with a series of 35 recorded vignettes located on the Richmond Beach YouTube Channel. Search for Richmond Beach at [youtube.com](http://youtube.com). Each vignette describes a stop on the map, and many have accompanying historical photos.

We hope that you and your family will make some time this month to get outside to experience, support and celebrate Richmond Beach and the amazing community that we share together.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Protect our Northwest trees by removing English ivy and English holly**

Dear Editor,

This spring as people work in their yards and gardens, please be on the lookout for English ivy growing on the ground and near tree trunks. Also watch out for English holly trees and sprouts. These two plants can cause significant damage to our trees and native plant landscapes that are already under stress from climate change with drought and high temperatures through the summer.

Ivy literally strangles the life out of trees and weakens their ability to survive environmental stresses and lessens their life span. If ivy reaches the tree canopy, it blocks sunlight to the leaves of trees. Ivy will use valuable nutrients and water that the trees need to survive. Ivy is an ongoing menace to our northwest trees and landscapes and removal is important to do before it becomes a serious threat. According to forest stewards of the Green Shoreline Partnership, there are simple actions one can do to keep trees healthy. They suggest removing the ivy and build a survival ring around the trees. They provide this YouTube "how to video" for information on removing ivy: [youtube.com/watch?v=XTwYAAXISL4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTwYAAXISL4).

For more, one can go to: "The Truth about English Ivy" Green Seattle: [greenseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/English-Ivy-Brochure-Web-reduced.pdf](http://greenseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/English-Ivy-Brochure-Web-reduced.pdf)

And watch for English holly that is considered a plant of high concern in King County and is banned in Kirkland, Washington. According to King County Weed blog, "...the best approach is to find holly when the plants are still young and easier to dig up. Make sure not to confuse our native Oregon grape plants with small holly plants"; [kingcountyweeds.com/2018/12/13/english-holly-december-2018-weed-of-the-month/](http://kingcountyweeds.com/2018/12/13/english-holly-december-2018-weed-of-the-month/).

For more on this invasive plant, go to: "English Holly – December 2018 Weed of the Month" [kingcountyweeds.com/2018/12/13/english-holly-december-2018-weed-of-the-month/](http://kingcountyweeds.com/2018/12/13/english-holly-december-2018-weed-of-the-month/) and "English holly identification and control": [kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/weed-identification/english-holly.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/weed-identification/english-holly.aspx).

If each person monitors and removes English ivy and English holly from their yards and gardens, it will go far to keep our Northwest trees healthy and promote better survival for our trees and native plant landscapes.

Nancy Morris, Richmond Beach

**Special Friends of  
Richmond Beach Library  
Book Sale  
May 7  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**By Karen Thielke  
Friends of the Richmond Beach Library**

To honor the tradition of the Richmond Beach Library sale at the Strawberry Festival, the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library are featuring a series of special sales during May. On **Saturday, May 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, there will be a mini-book sale at the library, which will feature gift-worthy books published from 2020 to 2022. Also available will be cookbooks devoted to summer cooking and grilling along with new cookbook donations. And don't overlook our special vintage titles, beach reads and half-price titles. The sale is cash or checks only—please bring small bills.

Another special feature this month will be the sale of Richmond Beach note cards with artwork by the late Tom Olsen. Sale books will be featured throughout the month; and for the foodies in our community, there will be a special sale of valuable Martha Stewart Living magazines along with many issues of Gourmet magazine.

We plan to feature your best donations in May—DVDs and CDs, your best children's books and recent fiction and non-fiction would be appreciated. Feel free to bring your donations and check in with us on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. when we are restocking the book sale shelves!

Donations can also be brought to the library staff during open hours. As always, the proceeds from the book sale support extra programs for children, youth and adults at our wonderful library. The meeting room will be open to the public again starting May 4, so watch for in-person programs to start up this summer.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**30th annual Richmond Beach Garden Tour  
Saturday, June 4  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



**RB Garden Tour information**

Go to [richmondbeachwa.org/events/gardentour](http://richmondbeachwa.org/events/gardentour) or

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## We're getting ready for the Richmond Beach Garden Tour June 4



FARLOW GARDEN - PHOTO BY KRIS FORDICE

By Kris Fordice  
Event Coordinator

As I write this in April, we just had a 70 degree day and now a chance of snow—typical springtime in Richmond Beach. Gardens are starting to come to life and will be in bloom for the tour.

Our garden hosts are getting ready for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Richmond Beach Garden Tour on **Saturday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Each garden is different from the others, and all are labors of love by the gardeners. We have some new gardens on the tour and some favorites from the past. New to the tour this year is the Farlow garden. Heidi has a steep hillside garden that includes a tree house. A combination of native plants and woodland hillside with selected perennials creates a lovely space with a gnome looking over the scene.

Maps for the tour will be available starting mid-May at Sky Nursery, Richmond Beach Library and Beach House Greetings.

As always, the tour is free, and all involved are volunteers. 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 at [richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org).

## Calling all graduates!

By Teresa Pape  
RBCA Executive Director

Do you have a family member or friend getting ready to graduate? We want to know about them! This is your last chance to participate in this annual tradition of highlighting all of the accomplishments your graduating student has achieved.

In the June issue of the Richmond Beach Community News, we celebrate Richmond Beach students who are graduating, 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.

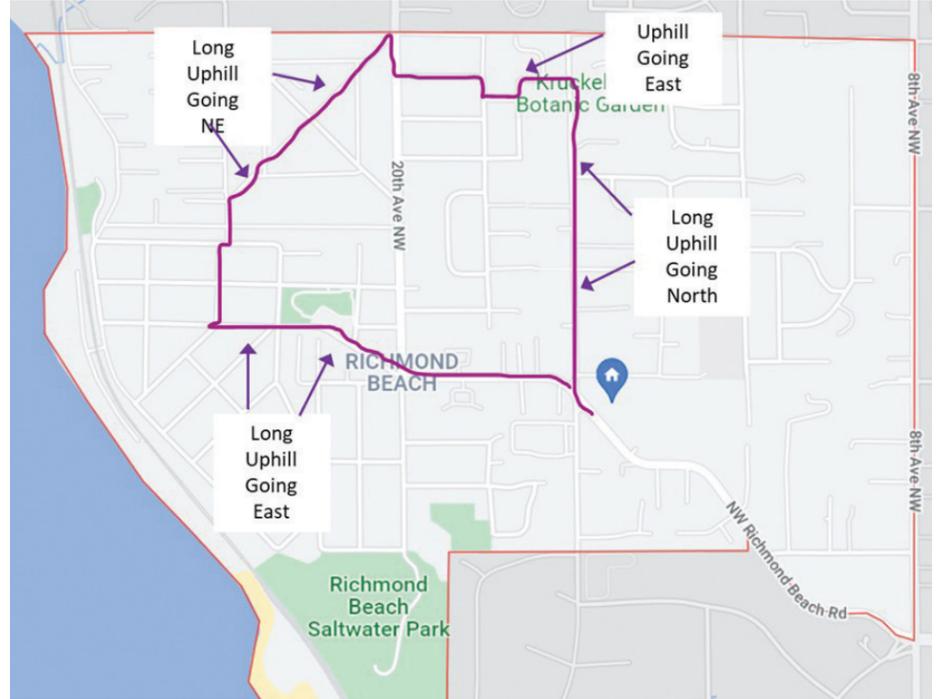
If you or someone you know fits this description, please email the Richmond Beach graduating senior's information to Sheri Ashleman at [sashleman@comcast.net](mailto:sashleman@comcast.net) by May 10. That deadline is coming up fast; don't miss this opportunity.

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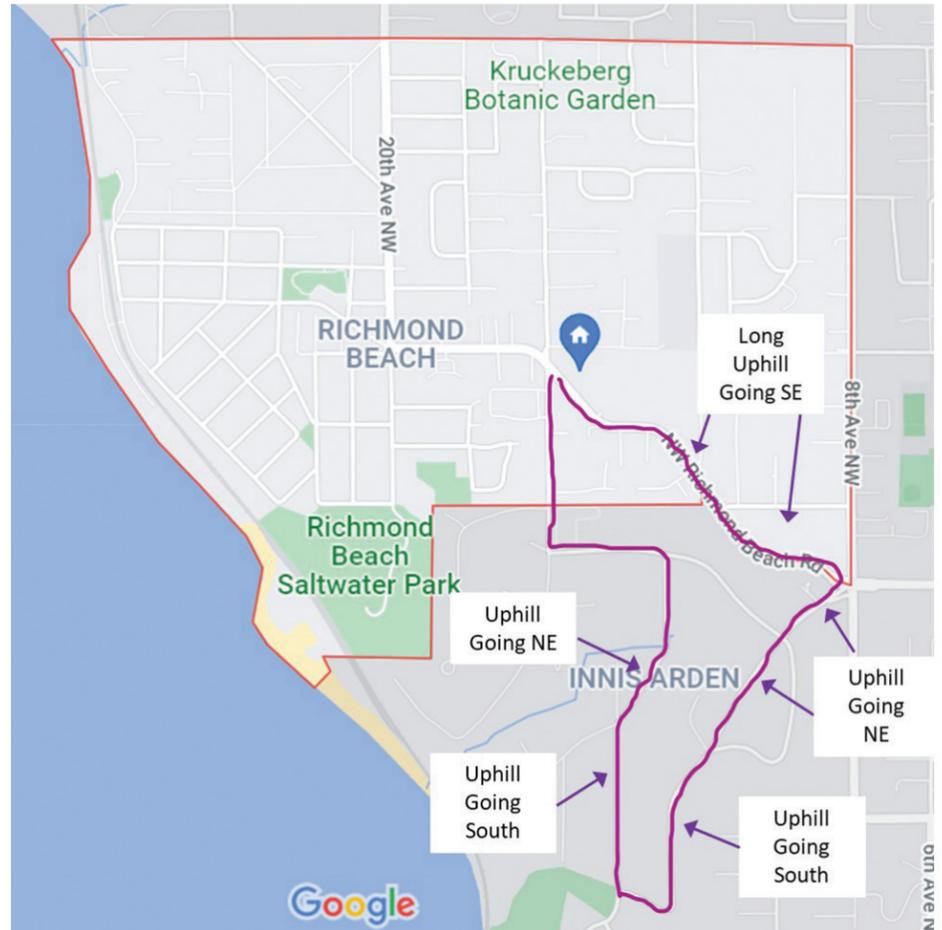
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