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Richmond Beach Community Association **General Meeting**

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008
7:30 pm
Congregational Church

No December General Meeting

By Ed Adams, Vice President

Because of the holiday season, there will be **no General Meeting in December.**

The general meeting in January will be on the 15th. This is a change of date from the normal second Tuesday of the month, but with the new year starting on Tuesday, we wanted to provide enough lead time for the paper to announce and publicize the January meeting. We hope you will attend the January 15th meeting.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help with the Richmond Beach

Community Association events every year. Without all of your help and time, none of this would be possible. I cannot possibly name each and every one of you but if you have donated your time, energy, resources or money to the Association then these thanks are for you. Your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated— just not recognized enough.

Please enjoy your holiday season and we'll see you in January (on the 15th).

Fun for all and always room for more at RBCA events

by Tom Petersen

The annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by the RBCA was a great success, as was the November community meeting, which had the theme, "Home For the Holidays."

The mood was light and festive at the carnival, which attracted a large crowd on a pleasant afternoon at Syre Elementary. A large crew of volunteers decorated the gym and assembled an elaborate haunted house. The haunted house is designed and directed by Jack Hutt, and grows in complexity and "scariness" every year. Ghouls were played by drama students from Shorewood High.

The association's experiment with a fun, participatory community meeting drew about 40 neighbors to see displays by local businesses. Classic Framing showed off some dazzling mounted photographs,

paintings, and curios, and consulted with people about preserving family history and holiday memories. Beach House Greetings brought examples of their unique cards and stationery and decorative items. Sky Nursery had examples of seasonal plants and decorative foliage. Hill's Restaurant was there to share their menu and remind people that holiday entertaining includes going out, while Curves set out a display that encouraged folks to work off any overindulgences!

The Richmond Beach Community Association thanks all the participants and volunteers that made these events successful. People with suggestions for future events are encouraged to bring ideas to the community meetings, and to volunteer so that the association can continue to hold these great events in Richmond Beach.

President's message

By Sean Quigley, President

Season Greetings. 'Tis the season to be jolly and busy, and our Richmond Beach Community is in full swing on both!

I will start by thanking Rick Whetzel of EHS Electrical Contractors for helping light up our community Christmas tree. This year we have a new location for the tree, next to Spin Alley. The Annual Tree Lighting was a big success again this year and we thank you for turning out. Thanks to all who helped to make it happen—it does not happen by magic! Many people work hard to make this addition to the season something we are all proud of.

Our first annual Turkey Run had a great start with more than 200 entrants. Thank you to all of you who ran, helped behind the scenes, or just cheered everyone along. An impressive start for this new, sure to be annual, event.

The November general meeting was a full house. We tried a little different format from our regular meetings. Our idea was to bring in some



Sean Quigley, President
Richmond Beach
Community Association

of our local vendors and give those attending a chance to see what's available here in our community, and mingle with their neighbors.

With the lights on the new living Christmas tree and all the activities that keep us so very busy, take time to stop, relax, and look around at the beauty shared this time of year. In closing, from the board and myself, we all wish you and your family the very best this holiday season and a safe, happy and prosperous new year.



Photo by Don Wilson

Fun Run Really Fun

By John Thielke

Who would have believed Thanksgiving day could be so beautiful? And who would believe that hundreds of runners and walkers would turn out for the first Richmond Beach Turkey Day Fun Run? Over 200 people registered for the event, and even more people just showed up. The ages spanned from 3 to 83 years old. The run started at 9 am on Thanksgiving morning and followed a course through the community. There were young people, senior citizens and even dogs who zipped from the starting gate at the entrance to the Salt Water Park.

Don Wilson and Sheri Ashleman were responsible for organizing the event. Also helping on the day of the event were Ed Adams, Rick Ashleman, Rick Sola, Tara Ashleman, Rachel Ashleman, Debbie Mills, Bill Stanton and Ben Stanton. Three people won pumpkin pies: Jennifer Fox, Peter Jones and Tami Johnson.

Many of the sponsors participated with members of their staff, family or friends. The event sponsors were:

- Tom & Diane Schultz/TGC Top Grade Construction
- Harley O'Neil/Spin Alley
- Matthew Fairfax/James Alan Salon
- Richard T. Jones, DDS/Jones Orthodontics
- Jeff & Linda Brons/Bronscapes
- Dr. Mark Simons, Orthodontics

Nona Martin reflected the thoughts of all participants when she said in a note to Sheri Ashleman, "Bravo on your first Richmond Beach Turkey Day Fun Run. We had such a good time. It was a perfect way to welcome Thanksgiving day and the weather was glorious. I do hope it happens next year!!"

A black "Seirus" glove was found during the race. Please call Sheri at 542-9147 to claim it.

Photo by Don Wilson



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Anina's CORNER

by Anina Coder-Sill

Someone who shall remain nameless received a phone call from an authoritative-sounding woman named "Roberta," who claimed to be from the fraudulent theft department. She said recent credit card transactions may have been made without the knowledge of the credit card holder, and she needed to verify that the homeowner was in possession of the card. She solicited the credit card number, his wife's birthday, and additional personal information.

When he couldn't readily provide answers to all of her questions about other accounts, she said she would call back. The spouse contacted the credit card company and the bank after the topic of the phone conversation was shared, and neither of those institutions was responsible for the call. "Roberta" actually did phone back, asked to speak with the mister, and was told she could speak to the spouse instead. She was asked the institution with whom she was affiliated, and her phone number. "Roberta" became rather huffy, gave more false information, and the call ended. Calls to banks were then made, a block put on the credit card, a report was filed with the City of Shoreline police department and the Federal Trade Commission, and the three major credit rating companies were contacted. An automated call to one of the credit companies said "we have captured 98177," which apparently is recording lingo for "this is what this machine thinks you

said—is that correct?" The caller hoped it was going to say "we have captured... 'Roberta'!" When a call was made to not only block the credit card, but to cancel it, the spouse was informed that they had received a call from the homeowner's residence that evening authorizing it to be unblocked and a purchase had been made! Verizon answered an inquiry as to how that could occur: **spoofing** allows someone to enter any telephone number they choose into a system and that number will appear on the caller i.d. of the receiving party.

This is one of those times when I think "that would never happen to me." Surprise! I guess sometimes your guard just isn't up, even though you've been warned about this kind of thing. Permission was granted to share this incident in hopes that others will not be spoofed and scammed during the holiday season—or any other time of the year!

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Richmond Beach Community Association Board
 c/o Ed Adams, Vice President
 1202 NW 199th Place
 Shoreline, WA 98177

Dear Richmond Beach Community Association Board:

Thank you for the plaque expressing your appreciation for City of Shoreline support of the community and its neighborhoods. On behalf of the City Council and City staff, we truly appreciate your recognition.

I also want to thank Mr. Adams and Ms. Ashelman for their remarks at the City Council meeting on October 15. The comments Mr. Adams made regarding strong, active neighborhoods providing a forum for engaging citizens and for developing community leaders are exactly the reasons the City is committed to encouraging and supporting active neighborhoods.

The Richmond Beach Community Association exemplifies active, involved citizens creating a strong community through information and activities. The variety and success of the events and projects Ms. Ashelman listed in her statement at the Council meeting is a testimonial to the commitment of time and energy made by dedicated citizens such as the Richmond Beach Community Association Board and volunteers.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your commitment to your neighborhood and the larger community. Your efforts enhance Shoreline not only for your neighbors, but for all of us, by connecting residents to each other and keeping them informed and aware.

Sincerely yours,


 Robert L. Ransom
 Mayor

cc: Shoreline Councilmembers
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Join now and support the Richmond Beach community. There are many opportunities to be involved and you and your family will enjoy the fun of working with others to make our community a better place to live.

Halloween Carnival Thanks

By Sheri Ashleman

The October 27 Richmond Beach Community Association's annual Halloween Carnival was once again a huge success, drawing hundreds of people to enjoy the fun and games. "Each year we add a few new games and attractions to make it a little different, while keeping the traditional games kids love in place. We try to keep costs down to make it affordable for families," says Donna Spee. Spee was one of the original organizers of the carnival 21 years ago and has never missed a year since.

This is truly a community-building event as evidenced not only by the number of families that attend the carnival, but by the sheer number of volunteers it takes to make the carnival happen. While we try our best to keep track of all the good people who lend a hand, it is inevitable that we will miss some names. Rest assured, however, that each and every one of you is appreciated. The Richmond Beach Community Association would like to extend its thanks to everyone who volunteered in any way, shape or form: to those who helped plan the event; to everyone who helped set up, run a booth or clean up; to everyone who brought a cake for the cake walk and to everyone who made a donation to the carnival. And a special thanks to everyone who attended for making this a successful community event!

Thank you carnival committee: This phenomenal group of volunteers spends countless hours putting the carnival together. They are dependable, hard working and extremely creative.



Games/Prizes - Donna Spee and Myra Adams; RBCA Board Liaison/Facilities - Sheri Ashleman; Volunteers - Sherry Edwards; Publicity - Beth Molvik; Food - Sue Psaty and Wanda Boykin; Raffle - Doris McConnell, Patty Holmquist and Debbie Bowen-Mills; Cake Walk - Felicia Forrest and Gail Turk; Haunted House - Jack Hutt; Flyers - Susan Will; Set Up - Linda Jepsen.

Thank you ticket sellers: Scott Keeny, Sean Quigley, Ed Adams, Jill Gardner, Rick Sola, Tom Peterson, Starla Hohbach, Lisa Buchheit-Ekdahl and Jerry Girmus.

Thank you haunted house volunteers: Jack



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Troy Olinger.

Thank you volunteers who helped set up, run booths or clean up: Debbie Read, Gayle Edwards, Lynn Bronson, Barb Kristek, Cindy Brediger, Marty Hartman, Taylor Hartman, Sherri



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Thank you local merchants for raffle donations: James Alan Salon; Carolyn Beaulaurier of Simply Sinful; Vivian Bennet, DDS, of Highlands West Dental; Blue Apple Gallery and Frame Makers; Cabin Tavern; Central Market; Ellen Forgett; Garden Gate; Harbor Square Athletic Club; QFC (Richmond Beach); La Playa Restaurant; Lake City Florist; Les Schwab Tire Center; Scott's Bar & Grill; Mark Simons, DDS; Shoreline Chiropractic; Sky Nursery; Spiro's; Starbucks of Richmond Beach and Sub Shop of Edmonds.

Saltwater Park Update

By Maureen Colaizzi

For the second year, the University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network is working with the City of Shoreline to restore a portion of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. University students will work closely with park staff and community members to create a native beach dune habitat surrounding the park's playground. Native plant installations will attract wildlife, increase biodiversity, control erosion and suppress weeds. Scotch Broom removal will open up view corridors around the playground and increase park safety.

There will be a variety of opportunities for community members to participate in work parties throughout the year. Training, tools and refreshments will be provided by the City. The first work party is scheduled for Sunday, December 16, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The goal of this work party is to begin Scotch Broom removal while planting native grasses in its place. Five volunteers are needed for this date. To learn more, please contact Maureen Colaizzi at 206-546-0232, or by email at: mcolaizzi@ci.shoreline.wa.us. Thank you for your support!



Come to the first Salt Water Park work party on Sunday, December 16th from 1 to 4 pm.

Scouting Groups

Rhonda Plesha and Donna Spee's Girl Scout Troop 2291
Red Robinson's Scouts
Eric Yamada's Troop 686

Shorewood High School Serve Club-Tammy Ceesay, Advisor

Alora Howard, Andrew Haug, Anna MacCamy, Brian Goldberg, Emily Molvik, Emily Osborne, Emily Tran, Hannah Clements, Helen Jenne, Jackie Lykstad, Jeannie Marinella, Jen Danner, Kate Burton, Katie Penrod, Kelsey Gegren, Kendrick Tang, Kimberly Lindgren, Kristen



O'Loughlin, Lisa Santroch, Marguax Rotter, Mayuri Reddy, Michael Gross, Molly Martin, Nicole Pepe, Olivia Jacobs, Peter Odell, Ronni Tikka, Sadie Kent, Saron Agbazghi, Stella Lee, Stephanie Ruiz, Tanya McDonald, Tasha Tieu, Taylor Wilson, Tristan Reni and Yi Liang.

Shorewood High School Interact Club-Tim Murray, Advisor; Dale Hanberg, Rotary Advisor

Alex Dizenzo, Andrew Ling, Angelica Rilveria, Anna Chatilo, Cecilia Jeong, Chris Lewis, Ellie McIntyre, James Liu, Jennifer Tse, Kari Haakenstad, Katherine Naten, Leah Butterfield, Matreya Vanous, Mia Jepsen, Peter Odell, Regina Scroggins, Tara McIntyre, Valerie Benson and Xana Bartlett.

Special thanks: A huge thank you to Nancy Shaw/AA Party Rentals who each year donates equipment for use at the carnival. Her commitment to our community is amazing! Many thanks to all the Richmond Beach merchants who helped advertise the carnival at their places of business throughout the month of October. We appreciate their support in publicizing community events. Thanks also go to Richmond Beach QFC for putting their Halloween cakes on sale for the carnival. Our gratitude goes to Top Food and store manager Lynda Tickner for donating donuts and to Alf's Pizza in Lynnwood for giving us a discount on pizza. To local resident "Mary," we express our appreciation for the decorations she donated to the carnival. Our warmest thanks to Officer Deneese Elfenson for providing security at the event. We also wish to thank Syre custodian, Fred Lieu, who worked a 12-hour shift on his day off. Thanks to Nancy, school district cook, who supervised the kitchen and to Syre Cook Sandy Renando for her help. A note of appreciation is also due David Tadlock, Syre Principal, for his support of this event at the Syre facility.

We Need You

by Deborah Bowen-Mills

When I joined the Richmond Beach Council Board I was quite naive. I knew how important volunteers were and how much our local businesses played a role in the success of our many activities, but I never realized how important the annual dues are to the success of our events and our important community newspaper. I am sure that many readers just don't notice the little membership annual dues form on page 2 or just tell themselves, "I'll sign up next time."

Currently we have about 500 people who are members and yet we deliver 2,500 papers and drop off another 500 to local businesses. Now that's a lot of households in Richmond Beach! We are among the very few neighborhoods that enjoy having a local newspaper. This little paper keeps us all updated and on top of local news. The paper is one of the RBCA's largest expenses and all of our events do cost money.

As a board member I see how important it is to double RBCA membership. I know it's possible because I know the people who live in this wonderful neighborhood, and we would not have such a fun place to live without all the support. You can join the Richmond Beach Community Association for only \$15.00 per person. So please make one of your New Year's resolutions to become a RBCA Member, and remember to act locally. Also I would like to say a great big thank you all of our paper's contributors and advertising supporters. Lets make 2008 a kick...a year for membership in the Richmond Beach Community Association!

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council
Presents:

Jazz It Up! with Special Guest Pete Christlieb

January 19, 2008 7:30pm
Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$18/15

For 20 years he could be heard every night of the week playing the tenor sax in Doc Severinsen's band on Johnny Carson's the Tonight Show. An integral part of pop culture, the Tonight Show showcased Pete Christlieb's amazing talent. The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is proud to welcome Pete as our Jazz It Up! special guest this year. You won't want to miss this incredible performance as Pete plays with local middle and high school jazz musicians and joins the Shoreline School District's Friends and Faculty All Star Big Band in this special benefit concert for the Arts Council's Scholarship Fund.



Tickets can be purchased online at www.ShorelineArts.net, over the phone by calling the Arts Council office at 206-417-4645 or by visiting our office at 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. The Arts Council office is open M-F from 12-5pm. The Shorecrest Performing Arts Center is located at 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, Wa 98155.

New Zero-Energy Building Program at Shoreline Community College

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has endorsed a proposed professional-technical program, "High Performance and Zero Energy Building Practices," a pathway certificate program to be offered at Shoreline Community College beginning Fall Quarter 2008. For information about the program, contact Dean, Workforce Education, Berta Lloyd at 206.546.4595 or blloyd@shoreline.edu.

To learn more about professional-technical programs at Shoreline Community College, visit the web site at <http://www.shoreline.edu/ProfTech01>.

Sr. Center Bazaar a Big Bonanza

By Sandra Plush

Christmas shoppers and bargain hunters crowded the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center last week looking for a good buy and they must have found them. The annual Holiday Bazaar grossed over \$11,000, according to Bob Lohmeyer, Center Director. He is grateful for the turnout that made it the most successful bazaar ever. Lohmeyer thanked staff and volunteers for their hard work and planning to put on the two-day event.

The bazaar is just one of a variety of fundraising efforts held each year with a goal toward raising 60% of the Center's \$330,000 annual operating budget. An on-site thrift store raises at least \$18,000 a year. According to Lohmeyer, support from the community is extremely important. Funds raised help pay for Meals on Wheels, a foot care program, social services counseling, and a daily lunch served at the Center.

Memberships for 2008 are now on sale to seniors 60 years and over. The cost is \$20 for singles or \$30 per couple. Classes and services are discounted to members. An information guide is mailed every other month listing class offerings, available services, and the Center's daily lunch menu. Classes include computer basics, foreign languages, hula dancing, chair yoga, craft making, and many other activities. Pool tables, a reading room, pinochle, and a knitting group also draw great interest. Social work services offer family problem solving, grief/loss issues, and individual health problems. Lohmeyer said that without membership sales and outside donations it would be impossible to offer such a variety of services.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center is located at 18560 1st Ave. NE, Suite #1 in Shoreline. Center hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All classrooms and activities are handicap accessible. For more information phone (206) 365-1536.



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Conifers that Turn Golden in Fall and are Bare in Winter

by Art Kruckeberg

Much of the "living architecture" of our Garden is created by cone-bearing (coniferous) trees. Most are needle-leaved evergreens: pines, hemlocks, firs and spruces. But a notable number of conifers are deciduous. Plant scientists are still puzzled by the "purpose" or adaptive role of deciduous cone-bearers. After all, they usually coexist with evergreens. Here in the Northwest, larches keep company with evergreens like ponderosa pine, spruce and grand fir. Both types endure frigid winters and hot summers. Just witness them in late fall, thriving together just east of Chinook Pass. Both our native larches occur east of the Cascade Crest.

Larches most resemble their evergreen kin, the true cedars, in the old-world *Cedrus* (like Atlas or Deodar cedars). All bear their needle leaves in clusters on stubby, short, lateral shoots.

Larches in variety offer a major display in our Garden. Besides our native western larch (*Larix occidentalis*), we feature a European larch (*L. decidua*, the pendant form) and two Asiatic larches (*L. gmelinii* from northern China and *L. kaempferi* from Japan). A third, the golden larch, is placed in a related genus, *Pseudolarix*. Our

other native larch (*L. lyalii*) is a high mountain species that just won't survive in our lowlands, so be content to see it in the wild. Lyall's larch can be seen in all its subalpine glory at Washington Pass on the North Cascades Highway (US 20). For backpackers, their autumnal gold is stunning in the Enchantments or at Ingalls' Pass (both Alpine Lakes Wilderness).

Yet we do have a taste of Lyall's larch in the Garden: progeny of an intentional cross of Lyall's larch with western larch.

Two other deciduous conifers grace the Garden. We grow several of that remarkable living fossil, dawn redwood, much admired by Garden visitors. Its near relative, bald cypress, likes a moist site in our Garden; it is native in cypress swamps in the southeastern United States.

Deciduous conifers appear most striking in autumn; golden yellow just before leaf-fall, and then in spring, when their buds break open with new leaves. These elegant trees form vivid contrasts with their evergreen kin. The kinship of larches with many other conifers is revealed by their inclusion in the pine family (*Pinaceae*). Besides larches and cedars, the family embraces pines, Douglas fir, true firs, hemlocks and spruces.

Gardening Notions

By Deborah BowenMills

December is here and what I've been hearing is that we are in for a cold winter. You can still plant your bulbs as long as they are not rotten—it is still a good time to plant and transplant. This is the time of year that our plants are resting (dormant).

You may still have a little problem with slugs if it's not cold enough; they love to nibble on pansies. So use your favorite way to keep them under control. There are a lot of organic remedies but pouring salt is not a very good one. A lot of times the slugs will still be able to crawl out from the oozing slime they produce. I try to find their hiding places and squash them. Sounds bad but once a slug is punctured they are going to die.

Now for all those important questions about what to do when we are in for a big freeze. First, snow acts like an insulator and will keep roots protected. If we get a lot of snow and your plant or tree branches are bowing down with the heavy snow then yes, go out and shake off the snow. A lot of plant material can be broken this way. The most important thing you can do is water any shrubs that are looking a little droopy or any of your newly planted material. Check your Rhodies as they have very shallow roots and can get frost damage. The cold damage is from lack of water and usually when we have very cold weather we also have those bright sunny days, so watering is one of the best things you can do to protect your plants. Any plant that is semi-hardy like palms, flaxes, etc. you can wrap with burlap or other material Use compost to cover the roots. Especially keep an eye on your plants that are in containers.

I wish everyone have a very happy holiday season.

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By John Thielke

In last month's issue, there was a problem with the Hill's ad which you see to the right. For some reason, when we transferred the file to our printer, we lost the Hill's Food & Wine and address portions of the ad. We have talked to the

printer and we cannot identify why there was a problem. We really appreciate the graciousness with which Hill's understood that these things do happen. We are pleased to run their ad again and hope that you will enjoy the wine special.

City of Shoreline Event Calendar

Submitted by Susan Will, City of Shoreline

Nov. 21 - Dec. 12: Aurora SEPA Comment Period—Send comments to Joseph W. Tovar, SEPA Responsible Official, City of Shoreline, 17544 Midvale Avenue N, Suite 100, Shoreline, WA 98133 by 5:00 p.m. Dec. 12. The City issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance after reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act environmental checklist for the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 205th Streets. Documents are available for review at City Hall, local libraries or online at www.cityofshoreline.com. More info: Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.

Monday, Nov. 26: City Council Budget Adoption—7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Additional topics: Appointment of Economic Development Advisory Committee, Kruckeberg Purchase Agreement. More info: Finance Director Debbie Tarry (206) 546-0787.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: Westminster Traffic Open House—6:30 to 8:00 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church, 722 N 145th St

Preview a draft of the Westminster Triangle Neighborhood Traffic Action Plan recommending future improvements to address neighborhood traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. Learn more about the concerns residents identified and share your thoughts about the recommendations being proposed. More info: Associate Traffic Engineer John Marek (206) 546-4223.

Monday, Dec. 3: City Council Meeting—6:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Topics: South Echo Lake Buffer Property Proposal, Special Needs Housing Discussion. Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190.

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Neighborhoods Annual Training—7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Spartan Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Looking to strengthen your neighborhood? Sign up for this community building presentation by Ed Medeiros, Executive Director, Phinney Neighborhood Association. Register: Shoreline Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith (206) 546-8564.

Thursday, Dec. 6: Ronald Bog South Drainage Improvement Community Meeting—5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Meridian Park Elementary, 17077 Meridian Ave N. Please join us to see the City's proposal for Ronald Bog South storm water improvements and share your comments. More info: Capital Projects Manager Ross Heller (206) 546-1921.

Thursday, Dec. 6: Planning Commission Meeting—7:00 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Topic: Continuation of the Plateau at Jackson Public Hearing. Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190.

Thursday, Dec. 6: Hamlin Park Public Meeting—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Aurora Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Join consultants and City Staff for the first public meeting about the Park Bond Improvements planned for Hamlin Park. Learn more and share your thoughts. More info: Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi (206) 546-0232.

Thursday, Dec. 6: PRCS Board Meeting—7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Aurora Room, Shoreline

Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Directly following the public meeting for Hamlin Park, join consultants, City Staff and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board for their monthly board meeting. More info: PRCS Administrative Assistant Robin Lesh (206) 546-5667.

Saturday, Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa—9:00 - 10:15 a.m. or 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, Craft Room, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Bring the whole family for a delicious breakfast with Santa. There will be games, prizes and activities for the entire family. Santa will make a special appearance for pictures. Two breakfast seatings are offered and reservations are required. Cost is \$6 per person (\$4 with Resident Discount). Register: Online at www.cityofshoreline.com/parks or call (206) 418-3383.

Monday, Dec. 10: City Council Meeting—7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Topics: Shoreline Master Program, Cromwell Park Draft Master Plan and Leiser/145th Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Application. Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190.

Monday, Dec. 10: Christmas Ships Visit Shoreline—7:30 to 8:50 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street. Enjoy school choirs, coffee and cookies by the bonfires while waiting for and watching the Argosy Christmas Ship to arrive. Ships arrive at 8:20 p.m. More info: Spartan Recreation Center (206) 418-3383.

Monday, Dec. 17: City Council Meeting—6:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Topics: Speed Limit Ordinance, City Hall Development Agreement, Public Hearing on Moratorium. Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190.

Saturday, Jan. 5, & Sunday, Jan. 6: Tree Recycling Event—The City will be holding its annual tree recycling event the first weekend in January. Time and date are to be determined so check online or future "It's Happening" flyers for more details. More info: Shoreline Customer Response Team (206) 546-1700.

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Disorder in the Court

By Chris Riveland

"Grandma, can you believe this?" Her voice on the phone sounded disturbed. "Listen to this, grandma! I am so angry! Someone is trying to ruin Christmas! Remember what happened last year when the people took away all the Christmas trees at the airport? You have got to read what is in the paper this morning!"

She spilled a tale of woe, about a newspaper announcement that a couple of advocates from the American Civil Liberties Union are taking Santa Claus to court for violations of children's rights. Well-paid ACLU spokesman Mr. Ebenezer Grinch Scrooge stated, "Mr. Claus has violated children's rights to privacy and created a vast database on all the children. The law enforcement arm of Mr. Claus's organization—his elves and all of Mrs. Claus's relatives, and grandmas and grandpas all over the land—use this information to determine which children are naughty or nice. Memos and other company materials having come into our possession make it appear Mr. Claus has violated children's rights. We are convinced Mr. Claus was engaged in mind control experiments!"

Among the documents presented to the court today was a memo that reads, in part:

You better watch out,
You better not cry,
You better not pout -
I'm telling you why,
Santa Claus is coming to town!

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake,
He knows when you've been bad or good
So be good, for goodness' sake...

One of the workers in the distribution department of Mr. Claus's organization had smuggled this document into Mr. E.G. Scrooge's hands. "This is clear proof there is a concerted attempt to restrict the rights of children to free expression and free thought. In addition, there are security concerns. What would happen if worldwide law enforcement agencies had access to such a database? We are simply shocked by this outrage!"

I was stunned and pondered how I might soothe my distraught granddaughter. I must quickly think of something reassuring to say. I promised to call her back in a few minutes. But first I read the next comment. "Justice Department lawyers confirmed the likelihood that Mr. Claus is at the core of a vast conspiracy against children. Anonymous Justice Department insiders stated, 'We believe a large number of parents, clergy and teachers are involved in this business. We expect several of them will testify for the government, in return for a lighter

sentence. Furthermore, contraband charges against Mr. Claus will be considered."

By now I was at a loss what to tell my granddaughter over the phone and I read on, "Our records do not show that Mr. Claus, or any one else in his organization, has paid import duties or taxes on the items he has delivered, not even on those made in China. Since Mr. Claus has representatives in all states of the Union, we believe he should also have to pay state and local taxes on all of the goods delivered."

Lawyers for Mr. Claus countered, "The ACLU charges are absurd! Mr. Claus is a well-known and highly respected figure. His supporters hail from around the world, and his message of love and fondness for children can neither be construed as a form of 'mind control,' nor as a violation of children's civil rights."

I pondered the legal opinions and also wondered about Santa's future. Mr. Claus is neither a U.S. resident nor a citizen of any nation that has an extradition treaty with the U.S., which complicates this loony lawsuit. To seat an unbiased jury panel would be preposterous. Might the Three Wise Men volunteer? Mr. Claus's present whereabouts are unknown, but it is surmised he is in seclusion at his North Pole enclave.

Mr. Claus made a brief cell phone statement through his lawyer: "I find the ACLU-levied charges absurd and am confident the courts will reject them. As for any criminal charges, I believe the Justice Department will discover they have no basis."

Experts are uncertain what effect the lawsuit or its outcome might have on Mr. Claus's Christmas travels this year.

I inhaled hard and dialed my granddaughter's phone number. Her hopeful tone compelled me to restore her faith in the Christmas Spirit. "Listen, dear girl, no one in the entire world would be so foolish as to actually sue Santa Claus and accuse him of any wrongdoing. This whole affair is a huge mistake. Don't you worry! You simply send your wish list to Santa, as usual, and believe in people's goodness and sanity. Everything will be fine!"

Her voice had resumed its customary upbeat tone as she said, "Thanks, grandma, I am so glad you called me back and told me everything will be fine for Christmas!"

Suing Santa Claus? He is an institution—how utterly bizarre! I hope no one ever dreams of actually doing that :)



Health check

By Dr. Fran M. Pinault ND, LAc, MS
Director, Shoreline Natural Medicine Clinic

Preventing Colds and Flu

There has been much concern expressed in the news lately about the shortage of the flu vaccine. Many people feel that the flu vaccine has helped them remain flu-free for years yet others feel the vaccine should be avoided at all cost. As standard of care, the flu vaccine should be considered for the elderly or very young, as their immune systems are not fully functional. The vaccine is also recommended for those with compromised immunity such as those who are receiving chemotherapies for cancer, or who have other diseases such as tuberculosis or AIDS. Most people do not die of the flu but there are thousands of people each year who die of flu-related illnesses. Prevention of these deaths warrant trying a flu shot although last year's flu vaccine was reported by the Center for Disease Control to have been only 30 percent effective. Some reasons to avoid the flu shot include thimersol, a preservative in many vaccines which contains mercury is toxic to the body; and one researcher has found a link between flu shots and development of Alzheimer's disease.

I have found that prevention is the most important factor when it comes to cold and flu development. This is achieved through hygiene and keeping your body, mind and spirit feeling vital. Here are some suggestions for keeping your body healthy so that you can enjoy the coming holidays.

Hygiene is a crucial when it comes to preventing transmission of viruses (which cause ALL flus) and bacteria. Be mindful to wash your hands throughout the day. We constantly pick up organisms when we shake hands, open doors, use gym equipment and other means of contact. Daily sinus washing with saline can flush out organisms that try to harbor in our nasal passages and cause the common cold. Simply mix 1/2 teaspoon salt and baking soda in one quart distilled water to make saline. Snort the saline into each nostril tilting the head back to allow it to go back into the sinuses. Then blow the saline out into the sink. Repeat several times in each nostril.

Swabbing the ear with garlic oil each day after you shower kills organisms that try to settle into the middle ear and eventually cause sore throats. Crush three cloves of garlic and let it soak for two days in two ounces of olive oil. Store the oil in a jar with a tight lid. Using a Q-tip swab the ear each day with the oil. Also eat fresh garlic each day which has anti-viral and anti-bacterial action. One clove a day keeps the doctor away.

Support your immune system by taking care of the basics with diet, exercise, rest and time to renew. As Louis Pasteur said "The microbe is of little consequence if one's internal environment is in order". Eat five servings of fresh vegetables or fruit. Avoid refined sugar and mucous-forming cow milk products. One study showed one tablespoon of refined sugar inhibited the immune system for 24 hours. Drink one half your body weight in ounces of filtered water each day. Participate in movement activities that get your heart rate elevated five days a week to keep your energy and immune system healthy. Get eight hours of sleep each night, more if you need it. Don't become over stressed with too many activities or worries. Seek entertainment that makes you laugh and take time to connect with an inner state of calm.

Daily contrast hydrotherapy is very helpful in keeping your immune system functioning. End your hot shower with a cold rinse, as cold as you can tolerate. Let the water rinse over your chest and throat where your thymus and lymph glands are. This tones the lymphatic system, which is somewhat like our sewerage system; it filters out impurities of the blood.

Take fish oil or cod liver oil daily. OK, don't cringe yet. A good quality fish oil should taste clear with a slightly mild fish taste. If your fish oil tastes like an old dead fish it is probably rancid and will be more harmful than good.

Lastly, there are many things you can do when you begin to feel the first sign of a cold or flu. Take several grams of vitamin C each day in divided doses. Echinacea, Golden Seal, licorice root, Maitake mushroom, myrrh and other herbs are excellent in their ability to kill unwanted organisms. Do not take these if you are pregnant and do not give them to infants. If you start to feel achy and think you have something coming on, sweating is nearly full proof at preventing a full on infection. At bedtime take a hot shower or bath, then bundle up in warm pajamas or sweat suit. Drink a cup of double strength chamomile or mint tea, and then get into bed. These teas promote sweating and help raise your body temperature that creates an environment where bacteria and viruses cannot thrive.

Take time to take care for yourself this holiday season, do not overindulge in sweets or alcohol, rest well and take time to smell the mistletoe!



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Where to Find Information

By Tracy Tallman

A Richmond "Beachite" (I have decided this is now a word) suggested that I write a column pointing people to places they can research their property and local history online, so here goes! This is primarily a list for those with computers, but some phone numbers are available and we do have a wonderful library staffed with extraordinary librarians.

Suggestion #1:

The **Shoreline Historical Museum**. A small portion of their photos are online by going to www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org and clicking on the "research" button. They also have many more photographs in their extensive archives at the museum at 185th and Linden near Shorewood High School. They have regular archival hours on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and can be reached by phone at 206-542-7111.

Suggestion #2:

The **Puget Sound Regional Archives** – a branch of the Secretary of State's office – is on the Bellevue Community College campus. It is an easy drive off of I-90. They have the King County Tax Assessor's records from the formation of King County. If you would like to find an historical picture of your house or do any kind of historical research, this is the place to go. You can now do most of this online by emailing them at Archives@bcc.ctc.edu. Their web site is: http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/archives_puget.aspx with contact information and a list of what they have available for viewing. Their phone number is 425 564-3940.

Suggestion #3:

The **University of Washington** has a fabulous digital collections web site at <http://content.lib.washington.edu/> where you can search with keywords to access dozens of photographs, documents and newspaper collections, as well as art work and governmental papers. They have a new Henry M. Jackson collection, but their content isn't limited to the Pacific Northwest; try entering "Frank Lloyd Wright" to see some amazing photographs of properties he designed. Anyone can go to the University of Washington microfilm collection in the lower level of the Suzzallo Library and use their microfilm readers. They have newspapers from all over the country. Parking is free on Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday.

Suggestion #4:

Sam Reed, our **Secretary of State**, has made a big push to create digital access to the records under his control. The index for birth, death and other miscellaneous records is at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx>. If you had relatives who were incarcerated, generated early lawsuits or simply lived their lives, this is a good place to try. They have current records as well as historical records. New items are constantly being added.

Suggestion #5:

In a separate section of the **Washington Secretary of State web site** you can read old books and newspapers that have been digitized. The web portal is www.secstate.wa.gov/history/ and you can click on "View Classics in Washington History" to read some historical publications online. Or click "View the Newspapers" for *The Columbian* and other newspapers from the days when Washington was a territory.

Suggestion #6:

If you would like an obituary or birth notice from the **State of Washington**, and you know the approximate date and place of death or birth, the Secretary of State also offers a research service where their staff will search for the obituary or birth notice in historical newspapers. They can be reached by email at: askalibrarian@secstate.wa.gov. You can also get a general question answered here. You can contact them by phone at 360 704-5221.

Suggestion #7:

With your **King County library card**, you can access Heritage Quest while sitting in the

comfort of your home. Just pull out that card, go to www.kcls.org and click on "databases," then "genealogy" under "browse KCLS databases by subject" and Heritage Quest. Here you can search each U.S. federal census, from the formation of our country through 1920. The 1930 census has not yet been indexed, but you can browse by selecting King County, Richmond Precinct to see who lived in Richmond Beach in 1930. You can also search for your relatives in the books section. If your family came from Fargo, North Dakota, chances are there was a tome written about that area in the early days of the century that has been digitized and is readily accessed through this site from the comfort of your armchair. There are several books available here on the history of King County. There is also an index of historical journals accessible by choosing "Persi." You might be surprised what you can find.

Suggestion #8:

The **Washington State Historical Society**, which runs the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, also hosts a digital collections web site at <http://washingtonhistoryonline.org/collections/index.htm>. This is a bit separate from the actual museum web site at: <http://washingtonhistory.org/> and I'm not quite sure why.

Suggestion #9:

Washington State University offers their own digital collections at <http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/Holland/masc/imagedatabases.htm> and these include some items from the western side of the mountains. They also have an amazing collection of early Washington maps.

Suggestion #10:

Since many of our families came through Oregon on their way to Washington – and we were once known as Oregon Territory, you might look at the **Oregon Secretary of State web site** at <http://genealogy.state.or.us/> where they have a searchable index with many varied records available.

Suggestion #11:

To get to the very beginning of land ownership in Washington State (or any state excepting the original 13 colonies) the **Bureau of Land Management** has a comprehensive site at www.glorerecords.blm.gov. Here you can get information on the original land grant system and search for your relatives to see if they were the original non-native owners of any land in the U.S. by clicking on "land patent search." Richmond Beach is in Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 3 East.

The BLM office covering Washington and Oregon is in Portland and they have the original cadastral surveys for our area available at <http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/ySrvy1.php>. The actual survey for Section 2, Township 26 North, Range 3 East can be found at http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/yPlatView1_2.php?path=PWA&name=260n030e_001.jpg where you will see that some of the first Europeans to set foot on our land surveyed the property on the September 1, 1858.

Suggestion #12:

The **Everett Public Library Northwest Room** can be found at <http://www.epls.org/nw/digital.asp>. They have a biographies index you can search by last name and several special photographic collections.

New digital collections are coming online all the time. Every time I dig around I find something completely new. If you are interested in another state it is likely that they also have their own digital collections, so I encourage you to explore. Most anyone can find some family detail online without much effort.

Thanks for all your comments. If you have any suggestions for future articles, please let me know at lacquer@comcast.net.

Richmond Beach Youth Jam

By Sheri Ashleman and Scott Becker

Are you a young musician who dreams of taking the stage in front of a live audience? Does your band hope to one day make a successful recording of your music? Well, who needs Simon Cowell?! We would like to help you take a step toward your dream!

The youth of Shoreline with aspirations for musical performance are invited to compete in the first annual "Richmond Beach Youth Jam," sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. On **Saturday, February 23rd, from 6 to 10 pm**, the lower level of the Richmond Beach Congregational Church will be the venue for a musical showcase of our local youth, during an evening of performances to be judged by local educators and guest musicians. The best performances in several categories will be awarded prize money to encourage and support your music, made possible by a donation from Fourfold Architecture, PLLC.

The contest, which is open to any musical performer or group living in Shoreline and under the age of 18, will feature a live audience and professional sound reinforcement. The show will even be recorded, with copies reproduced and provided free to each performer! Musical acts will be arranged into short performance segments (2-3 songs max), and judged according to categories, for example: solo performance, group performance, original composition, etc. Every kind of musical style is welcome, and bands are encouraged to apply! Refreshments will be provided. Tickets for the show will be sold at the door for \$2, and will be good for a raffle held during the show.

Entrants to the Youth Jam are asked to submit information about your act, a recorded sample of your performance, and a \$20 entrance fee by the **January 15, 2008 deadline**, to be considered for the show. Entrants are asked to contact Scott Becker at 533-9112 for details.

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a.m. all meal tickets become available on a first-come, first-served basis. Gifts and servers sponsored by Remington Retirement Inn.

Friday, December 28: **Red Hat Society**, 12:30 p.m. in the Bridge Room. The group has great plans for events and activities. Co-Queen Mums are Gwen Elken and Mary Jane Lake.

BASIC COMPUTER ORIENTATION: For the very beginner with NO computer experience. Classes will be 2 two-hour sessions. Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please. Mondays, December 3 and 10, 10 am to noon. Instructor: Zels Johnson

DIGITAL CAMERA BASICS: Learn to use your digital camera more fully, how to take interesting and beautiful pictures and how to download pictures to a computer and edit them in order to enhance the subject. Classes will be 4 two-hour sessions. Bring your camera; we'll

be going on a "field trip" around the center complex, taking some shoots, then coming back and applying your computer knowledge. You will also learn how to navigate the digital photo processors at a local store. Fee: \$40 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please. Bring with you to class: the cable that came with your camera to download or a card reader such as a SanDisk for your size card. Wednesdays, November 28, December 5, 12, and 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Instructor: Dick Harrison

NEW CLASS: CHAIR YOGA: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Exercise Room. Practice a safe yoga; learn basic positions seated in a chair. Please bring a yoga mat or bath-sized towel and wear loose clothing to class. Instructor: Carolynne Kast. Fees: \$3.50 for members, \$4.00 for nonmembers. Please pre-register at the Front Desk.



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Study Zone

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Need homework help? Get it at the library! The Study Zone is a great place to study, do homework, and get help with your questions.

Pajamarama Family Story Time

Wednesdays, December 5, 12 & 19, 7:00 pm
All young children welcome with parent or caregiver.

Wear your pjs and join us for books, stories and songs!

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, December 6, 13 & 20, 10:15 am
Join us for books, finger plays, stories and songs just for toddlers! Ages 2 to 3 with adult, siblings welcome.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, December 6, 13 & 20, 11:00 am
Share the wonderful world of books with your preschooler! Ages 3 to 6 with adult, siblings welcome.

Adult and Teen

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 3, 7:00 pm.
Join us for a discussion of *Stuart: a Life Backwards* by Alexander Masters.

Talk Time

Tuesdays, December 4, 11 & 18, 4:00 pm
Improve your speaking and listening skills in this English conversation group.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 13, 2:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of *Family Man* by Calvin Trillin.

Shorewood High School

Shorewood Drill/Dance Competition
Saturday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.
Shorewood Gym

Principal's Brown Bag Lunch
Tuesday, December 11, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Orchestra Concert
Tuesday, December 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Winter Sports Assembly
Thursday, December 13, 9:35-10:30 a.m.

Choir Concert
Thursday, December 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Big Band Dance
Friday, December 14, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Food Drive Ends
Tuesday, December 18

Einstein Middle School

Holiday Food Drive
December 4-14

1st Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
Week of December 10

Einstein Choir Performance at Christmas Ship Celebration
Monday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

Einstein PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Faculty Lounge

Orchestra Concert with Shorewood Orchestra
Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
Shorewood

Principal Clark Coffee
Wednesday, December 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Holiday Assembly
Thursday, December 20, 9:20 a.m.

Einstein PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.
Faculty Lounge

Martin Luther King Assembly
Friday, January 11, 9:20 a.m.

Syre Elementary

Holiday Food Drive
December 3-14

Early Release - Parent Conferences (Grades 1-6)
December 17-20, 11:50 a.m.

Evening Parent Conferences (Grades K-6)
Tuesday, December 18

Kindergarten Parent Conferences
December 19-20

Multi-Cultural Holiday Sing-A-Long
Thursday, December 20, at 11:00 a.m.

Shoreline School District

School Board Meeting
Monday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.

No School - Winter Break
December 21 - January 2

School Resumes
Thursday, January 3

School Board Meeting
Monday, January 7, 7:30 p.m.

Book Review by Aaren Storms

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret is truly a fast-moving novel in pictures and words. This fascinating mystery novel features 12-year-old-orphan Hugo, who keeps the clocks of the Paris train station running by day, and works long hours by night to reconstruct a mechanical automaton damaged in the museum fire that killed his father.

The illustrations dominate the book—pages of text are greatly outnumbered by gorgeous runs of full-page pencil drawings, movie stills and archival photos that rapidly advance the action of the story, reminiscent of a silent film with occasional “boards” of text and dialogue. The silvery drawings simulate a camera’s actions of zoom, pan, and fade, adding to the film-like feel of the story.

Reluctant readers and fans of graphic novels will be drawn to this 533-page book which can be read and enjoyed in an hour or two. Recommended for ages 8 to adult.



Other Community Events

Holiday Shop 'n Nosh

Date: Friday, December 7th
Time: 12 - 7:00pm
Special Wine Reception from 5-7pm

It's the season for finding that perfect gift for friends, family members, or for yourself! Our current *Renew Your Spirit* exhibit includes: paintings and drawings by Ron Farrell, photography on "stone" by Darel Grothaus, B&W photography by Ron Hammond and ceramics by Denny Sargent.

We have a wonderful selection of pottery, textiles, original paintings, blown glass, photography, jewelry and distinctive home decorative items by Pacific Northwest Artists! Relax and shop while enjoying a bit of holiday cheer at the Gallery at Shoreline Center

The Gallery is located in the Community Wing of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE in Shoreline, in the building adjacent to the Senior Center.

Questions or directions? Please call 206-417-4645

Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
SUPPORTS For more information, call (206) 418-2383 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com/parks
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Breakfast with Santa Claus!

Bring the whole family for a delicious breakfast with Santa. There will be games, prizes and entertainment for the entire family. Santa will be making a special appearance for pictures. Start your Holiday season off right with the 1st Annual Breakfast with Santa! We will be offering two breakfast seating.

#40256 Date: Saturday 12/8 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

#40292 Date: Saturday 12/8 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Age: 1 month and up
Fee: \$6 w/Resident Disc.: \$4
Location: Shoreline/LFP Senior Center Lunch Room



RBCA Community Events

Christmas Ship Celebration

Monday, December 10
7:30 p.m. – Syre and Einstein choirs
8:20 p.m. - Christmas Ship arrives
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
Sponsored by City of Shoreline and Richmond Beach Community Association

Richmond Beach Youth Jam

Saturday, February 8, 2008, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Richmond Beach Congregational Church
Musical showcase and prize competition for local youth
Admission: \$2 per person
Entrants contact Scott Becker at 533-9112
Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association and Fourfold Architecture, PLLC

Senior Center

Tuesday, December 4: **Ice Cream Social**, right after lunch, sponsored by Richmond Beach Medical & Rehabilitation Center. A yummy treat!

Saturday, December 8: **Breakfast with Santa**: Bring the whole family for a delicious breakfast prepared by our own breakfast crew! There will be games, prizes and activities for the entire family. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Shoreline Parks Department. There will be two seatings: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. You must preregister through the parks department; tickets will not be sold at the door. To register call: 206-418-3383 or go online: www.cityofshoreline.com/parks. \$4.00 for Shoreline residents, \$6.00 for all others.

Monday, December 18: **THE IRISH TENORS HOLIDAY CONCERT**, 7:30 p.m. at Beneroya Hall. A special benefit concert for Shoreline-LFP Senior Center and Ballard-Northwest Seniors. Tickets on sale at Beneroya Hall Ticket Office: 206-215-4747 or at Brown Paper tickets, www.brownpapertickets.com, or 1-800-838-3006. (Not a bunch of added charges with this ticketing group.)

Tuesday, December 18: **PROBUS**, 11:00 a.m. in the Exercise Room.

Thursday, December 20: **Happy Birthday and Holiday Lunch**. Holiday tunes by Brad Young. Birthday guests and their guests must pick up reserved meal tickets by 11:15 a.m.; after 11:15

Help wanted?

Are you involved with a non-profit organization that seeks volunteers? Perhaps we can help. The *Richmond Beach Community News* plans to start a monthly “Help Wanted” column in the January issue that will provide a space for organizations to ask for volunteers. There are many ways Richmond Beach residents can help others in the community and we would like to advertise these opportunities. Send an email with your “Help Wanted” ad to grahmarc@ctr.net. Notices should be less than 50 words. Please provide a telephone number for contact.

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