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## Richmond Beach Community Association General Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007  
7:30 pm  
Congregational Church

## And now for something completely different...

By Ed Adams, RBCA Vice President

The RBCA has decided to try a few things different this year to boost the attendance at the general meetings. The general meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. between the months of September and May, with December being the only exception. This month the meeting date is November 13<sup>th</sup>. In the past the attendance has been spotty at best. When a topic such as last month's candidate forum takes place, we see a huge spike in the crowds, but when the city sends people to give us an update on the Brightwater Project or how to prepare your home for emergencies, you can hear crickets in the background. With that being said, November is our first attempt at something new and different, or as they always said on the TV program *Monty Python's Flying Circus* "now for something completely different..."

The theme for the November meeting will be what the board is calling "Home for the Holidays" or the "Holiday Expo." Thanks in large part to the efforts of board members

Tom Petersen, Lisa Buchheit-Ekdahl and Debbie B. Mills, local businesses have been contacted about putting on a holiday-idea session. The thought process is to provide the public with hints and ideas on how to prepare for the upcoming season along with a sampling of their products.

Many businesses in and around the community have been contacted and asked if they would like to participate in this event. As of press time of the newspaper, we have confirmation from Sky Nursery, Tweedy and Pop's Ace Hardware (new to Richmond Beach, welcome) Central Market, Beach House Cards, and Hill's Restaurant. You can see by the list of businesses that there will be plenty to see, plenty of people to talk with, and a diverse offering of ideas. As the time goes by, more can be added.

Please make an effort to come out and see what these great local businesses have to offer, thank them for being part of the neighborhood, and maybe pick up some ideas.

## Community Service Available To Students Through The RBCA

By Tom Petersen

The community service requirements for high school graduation and for membership in the National Honor Society can be met through volunteering for Richmond Beach Community Association events and activities. The RBCA is always in need of help setting up and taking down tents, tables and equipment at events. Students can escort people needing assistance at events, or work with children at the Strawberry Festival, Holiday Tree Lighting, and Sandcastle contest. Some types of writing and reporting for the *Richmond Beach Community News* may qualify for service credit, too. Litter and graffiti clean-up, park beautification, noxious plant removal and native plant reseeding are also volunteer opportunities that are constantly open. Interested students should watch for upcoming events, or contact an RBCA Board member to volunteer.

Students with ideas for larger, individual projects should attend the Community meetings held every second Tuesday and speak to the Board. In the past, individual students (mostly scouts earning badges or higher ranks) have built things for the community, and the RBCA welcomes this sort of involvement.

## President's message

By Sean Quigley, President

The Candidates Forum was great! With over a hundred neighbors in attendance, it was one of our largest general meetings ever held. The high turnout, I believe, is an indication of the degree of importance our voters are placing on the direction of both the City Council and the School Board. Whether you vote absentee, or at your local precinct, elections are often determined by very small margins; the outcome on November 6<sup>th</sup> could be all about your one vote! Please be a part of the decision.

Our November's general meeting will be something a little new and different. Usually our topics for this meeting are updates on issues regarding the neighborhood. Though we continue to focus on these, our next general meeting will be all about the up coming Holiday Season. We are inviting vendors from the local area to give new inspiration to this busy family time. It is a little different angle but we hope to bring more of our neighbors out for a fun evening. Please see the related article. I urge everyone to attend.

The Halloween Carnival is always a big success. I would like to thank all who helped in making it happen again this year. It is a huge endeavor and it runs like a well oiled machine. Special thanks to Sheri Ashelman, who heads this great event. The RBCA is very proud to be the sponsor of this long time tradition of community fun.

In closing, with Thanksgiving around the corner, I hope you take time to remind yourself of what you are thankful for—family, friends, and living in this great community of Richmond Beach.



Sean Quigley, President  
Richmond Beach  
Community Association

## Point Wells a Hot Topic at Candidates' Forum

By Tom Petersen

Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom forcefully promised that Richmond Beach's interests would be defended if the proposed Point Wells development is ever built. He also reminded the audience that any development at Point Wells is years and years away, and might yet be scuttled by overwhelming environmental cleanup costs.

Paramount Oil, owner of the peninsula that lies to the west of Woodway but is only accessible through Richmond Beach, filed plans with Snohomish County last spring to build 1400 luxury condominiums, a promenade, marina, and several shops on the site. Point Wells has been an oil transfer station, tank farm, and asphalt plant for 100 years. The specter of as many as 3,000 additional cars coming and going on Richmond Beach Road has alarmed residents, as have conflicting plans given out by Paramount and its associates in recent months.

This paper reported that the architect and project planner insisted in a presentation before the Snohomish County Council that any Point Wells development would be oriented toward Edmonds and would include primary access to the north. Meanwhile, *The Seattle Times* found that in its plans filed with Snohomish County, Paramount listed Richmond Beach Road as the primary access. An unnamed Paramount consultant told the *Times* that "all that was needed was a light at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup>

and Richmond Beach Road." Paramount's architect and project planner did not return requests for clarification.

Shoreline officials asked for calm, but pledged that vigilance and early action were necessary. Mayor Ransom stated that, as much as legally possible, the owners at Point Wells would be persuaded to annex to King County, so that Shoreline could exercise more regulatory control over the project. Ransom and Council Member Maggie Fimia both alluded to the troubled history between Shoreline and Woodway, Fimia suggesting further that Snohomish may view a Point Wells development as "revenge" for King County's siting of the Brightwater waste treatment plant in north Woodinville. Both Fimia and Ransom called for extensive mitigation, should Point Wells be developed. This call was echoed by other candidates.

There is some doubt as to whether Point Wells can ever be made fit for habitation. The careless practices of early-20th century industry, and a century of accidents, deterioration and equipment failures that are bound to happen to even the best-run companies, have saturated the peninsula with millions of gallons of oil, tar, and aviation fuel to depths exceeding 40 feet, much of it below sea level. Cleanup costs could exceed the value of even the ritziest development.

# Anina's CORNER

by Anina Coder-Sill

This is the first year we've invited people to Thanksgiving dinner more than a week in advance. I realize it's because as we grow older, our family and friends are more spread apart than before (quite literally, in the case of my deceased parents!) We're lucky to have my husband's parents join us; our daughter will be home for a few days from college; our long-time friend Vern will come; an aunt and uncle; and siblings and

their children. Maybe our 90-year-old friend will surprise us and come. For years, I invited an older friend, and each year she declined. The one time I didn't phone and invite her, she gave me a hard time.

When we got married, my mom was happy to hand over the hosting of the traditional meal. I remember the holiday meals she cooked fondly, but I also remember she experienced a certain level of stress. She'd get up really early and put the bird in the oven, and then various relatives would descend with contributions of food. My grandma made delicious pumpkin pies, and transported them in metal movie reel canisters. My aunt brought surprises—I specifically recall her Jell-os with interesting ingredients. My mom would try to make

room for these goodies in an already crowded kitchen, and I remember her saying "get out of my kitchen..." I don't know who exactly she was talking to, but I know that at anything we host, the kitchen is a very popular place. We never did the traditional carving of the turkey at the table; instead my dad would carve it in the kitchen and we got to nibble at it during the process. He'd mash the potatoes with an old-fashioned potato masher rather than the electric mixer that so rapidly spreads white bits around the kitchen. We'd get out the card table...yes, it was the "kids' table," and feast away.

We invite people into our kitchen. We need them there! Gravy assistance is gratefully accepted, and so are our family and friends.

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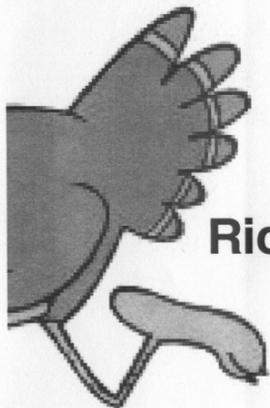
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Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

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## Turkey Day Fun Run

By Sheri Ashleman

Are you thankful for your health, for the beautiful area in which you live, for the wonderful friends and neighbors that surround you? Start off your day of thanksgiving with a noncompetitive jog or walk through scenic Richmond Beach with others who share your appreciation for these gifts. On Thursday, November 22, meet at the entrance to the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park at 8:40 a.m. for warm up. Parking is available in the park's lower lots. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. After a group photo, participants will be off and running shortly after 9:00 and be finished by around 10:00. The course for joggers/runners is 3.4 miles and a shorter 1.6 mile course has been planned for walkers. Come as a family, bring a friend or attend solo and meet your neighbors!

While the deadline has passed for ordering event t-shirts, you can still register to participate in the event by contacting one

of the organizers listed below with your name, age (youth or adult), email address and whether you will be walking or running. Participants will receive a digital copy of the group photo by email. There is no entrance fee.

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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.

## Tree Lighting and Caroling

By Sheri Ashleman

Kick off the holiday season with your neighbors on Saturday, December 1! At 5:00 p.m., you are invited to attend the annual tree lighting ceremony. This year, the community Christmas tree will be a live tree located between Spin Alley and the Meadowbrook Apartments. (Thank you, Harley O'Neil, for your generosity.) Enjoy musical entertainment, cider and cookies, and a special visit from Santa Claus! Santa will have a treat for all the good little boys and girls! There will be no ornament making party this year.

At around 5:30, after the tree lighting festivities, join your neighbors at the Richmond Beach Rehabilitation facility on 15<sup>th</sup> NW to spread some holiday cheer through song to the shut ins. Sonya Jacobs will again be leading the caroling. While this activity only involves about an hour of your time, it has a tremendous impact on the residents of the rehab. They really, really appreciate the attention. And that is truly what the holidays are about—caring and sharing. Please join us, even if you can't carry a tune!

## Christmas Ship

By Sheri Ashleman

One of Richmond Beach's most cherished traditions is the visit from the Christmas Ship. This year's festivities are scheduled for Monday, December 10. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. with music from the choirs of Syre Elementary and Einstein Middle Schools under the direction of Janet Allison.

The Christmas Ship, followed by a fleet of Argosy vessels, private yachts, sailboats and other small crafts decked out with holiday lights, will arrive off Richmond Beach Saltwater Park at 8:20 p.m. Gather around one of three warm bonfires while harmonious voices from the northwest's finest choirs serenade beach guests. This event is provided free of charge and jointly sponsored by the City of Shoreline and Richmond Beach Community Association. Complimentary hot beverages and cookies will be served. Since parking is limited, please plan to walk if possible. For more information, contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

## "The Holiday Home" Theme Planned for November Community Meeting

By Tom Petersen

The Richmond Beach Community Association has a zesty November meeting planned. "The Holiday Home" will feature presentations by local restaurants, gift shops, and other businesses that can bring color, excitement, and grace to the winter months and holidays. Representatives will be on hand to show what's available to make things merry and bright, and to talk to Richmond Beach residents about meal planning, decorating and entertaining. The presentations will range from the practical to the whimsical, and people will be able to find the advice that fits their needs, tastes and budgets.

"The Holiday Home" will be the first of many regular community meetings planned around themes. Proposed presentations for 2008 include Gardening (winterizing and spring planting), Spring Cleaning, Pet Health and Safety, and Summer Activities. The RBCA welcomes and encourages suggestions. "We want to

have meetings that are fun and are about what people in Richmond Beach want to see and do and learn about," says RBCA President Sean Quigley. Adds RBCA Board member Debbie Bowen-Mills, "Think of all the things we do, like work in the yard or decorate for the holidays, but we do these things alone. Neighbors can share ideas or come get help or fresh ideas!" The themed meetings will alternate with forums and discussions of important political and neighborhood business, such as news about the Point Wells development, Brightwater, Park improvements, or Traffic revisions. Previews of themed meetings will appear in the Richmond Beach Community News.

Suggestions for the Community Meetings can be made to any Board member (see the list in this paper). The RBCA also encourages anyone to join the fun in volunteering to help with these meetings and other community events.

## NEW Early Registration for Richmond Little League

By Doug Smith

As we enjoy our fall and winter sports season, The Richmond Little League wants to remind you that it's NOT TOO EARLY to remember baseball and softball. In fact, registration for Spring Little League begins this fall. The new beginning date for registration is November 15, 2007. The league plans on making this the date that registration begins every year from here on out. Registration is ONLY online this year. There is no longer in-person registration. Anyone who does not have online access can contact the league at 206-546-BALL and registration forms can be mailed to you.

There are a number of reasons for the earlier registration date. One is to give the public and the league more time to organize teams and reserve fields. This extended time

also allows the League to possibly plan some off season training programs for players and coaches. The sooner the League knows who's playing, the sooner they can start planning.

Boys and girls within the RLL boundaries are encouraged to sign-up for Richmond Little League baseball or softball. RLL boundaries are 145<sup>th</sup> to the south, county line/205th to the north, I-5 to the east, and Puget Sound to the west.

Costs for playing are posted on the website, and range from \$85 up to \$150. There is a family maximum of \$250. After 12/31/07, the fees go up by \$20. So be sure to register early at the RLL website, [www.RichmondLittleLeague.com](http://www.RichmondLittleLeague.com). Coaches, umpires, and volunteers are always needed. Contact 206-546-BALL for more information.



## Congress Proclaims New National Holiday

By Chris Riveland

Last Monday, Congress declared a new national holiday! Did you miss it, the latest announcement from Washington? The House had long ago passed it! As if the present scramble for position in the race for the presidential candidacy were not time-consuming enough, our illustrious senators added another burden to their already overly full agenda—to ponder a new national holiday! Our challenged, overworked elected individuals met in committee and debated late into the night, often suffering from caffeine overload, to make this momentous decision. The vote, oddly enough, was unanimous—beginning 2008, to designate September 12th as **National Fall Fruit Fly Day!** Congress had determined that this insect species was ignored for too long.

Each state, based on population counts, not fruit fly numbers, will be awarded sufficient federal funds to stage a proper, one-day celebration. The money will be deposited to each state in a bank account of each senior congressperson's choosing. The congressional big wig will designate an official Fruit Fly Festival chairperson for their individual states. Such man or woman is responsible for properly disbursing these allocated funds, and is charged with keeping accurate accounting of moneys spent, but none must be squandered on advertising! Vendors at these events are to pay for their own propaganda. Ten percent of all proceeds will benefit scientific research, to discover beneficial reasons for the existence of fruit flies, if any. The congressional allocation is merely meant to pay for a proper festival site and other necessities, according to the festival chairperson's priorities. Are you confused enough already? Can you see vested interests coming to the fore? Does it make you wonder if Congress has nothing better to do?

To kick off this event, all localities, according to the decree, need to hold Fall Fruit Fly Festival poster contests. Prizes (yet to be determined by location) would be awarded at the festival itself.

It is up to the designated Fruit Fly Festival chairperson what form this

celebration would take. Since this is not an opening night at the opera or symphony event, dress codes do not apply. I would, however, advise a garment check for fruit stains, to avoid the fruit flies landing directly on your person. I have some ideas of my own what ought to happen at this event:

#### Contests:

- Shoo-fly pie eating
- Fruit fly costume
- Fruit fly poetry writing
- Fruit-fly essay (funniest, grossest and most annoying)
- Fruit-fly coloring
- Guess how many flies in the jar
- Fly-swatting contest
- Fly-paper contest

No event of this magnitude would of course be complete without a themed café, offering all manner of things to eat and drink; hopefully none sullied by fruit flies. For the adventurous, there will even be a fruit-fly-inspired smoothie—ground black pepper to simulate fly specks.

When I awoke from my strange dream, a fly buzzed by my ear. I wondered if such a ludicrous event would have actual appeal. Puzzled as to why my dreams wrestled with this topic, it dawned on me that my disenchantment with many of our legislators' non-actions in Washington might be to blame. Or, perhaps it was my several days spent canning 200+ pounds pears and tomatoes, some of which in varying stages of ripeness made clouds of fruit flies shuffle their feet to the fandango. The split tomatoes and overripe Italian prunes held equal appeal for these critters. But, on the other hand, I like the Pennsylvania Dutch pastry, *Shoofly Pie*, as I like tomato-rosemary tart, plum jam, and pear chutney with candied ginger.

Oh, yes—I definitely want to bring back those long, yellow flypaper "snakes." They did a good job and are sanitary when disposed of in a timely manner. I must remember, though, not to get too close to them. They do stick to the hair something awful. What do you dream of?

## RBCA Thanks the City of Shoreline

By Ed Adams

On Monday, October 15, Ed Adams and Sheri Ashleman, on behalf of the RBCA, attended the City of Shoreline's Council meeting to recognize the city for their help and support over the past years and to present a plaque for their efforts. With the council receiving their 2008 operating budget for review on the same night, it was an opportune time for the council to hear from the neighborhoods that they support and to let them know that their efforts do not go unappreciated. There has been talk that the city would be cutting back the funding of the mini-grant program that communities like Richmond Beach count on to help fund the annual events it hosts.

The city, from its inception, has provided support to the neighborhood organizations in many different ways, including physical support and financial support. The physical support that Richmond Beach has benefited from includes the city providing staff members to help out at such events as the Sandcastle Building contest at the Saltwater Park each August or the Strawberry Festival held each May. The financial support has helped in offsetting the cost of these types of events and also in

providing additional funding to the on-going beautification projects that take place in and around the neighborhood. These projects include plantings near the entrances to the community, signs at the community gateways, and trees in the Richmond Beach Community Park, just to name a few.

The past board of directors from Richmond Beach had been very successful in acquiring funding from the city by completing the necessary paperwork in a timely manner and lobbying council members for their continued support. The current board is no different in their efforts or beliefs. If the city eliminates the funding program or cuts back on the staff support of community events, the RBCA will be faced with very difficult decisions. Decisions will have to be made as to which events are kept in the future. The RBCA has a fiscal responsibility to the community. Events that are too large for the group of hardworking volunteers that put them together or are too financially risky will need to be cut regardless of how well they are attended. The RBCA has many wonderful events and would hate to see anything go by the wayside.

## Zero Energy House at SCC

The public is invited to tour the Zero Energy House (ZEH) at Shoreline Community College on Wednesdays and Saturdays over the next four weeks. ZEH Construction Manager Brian Mast will answer general questions about the structure, its design, and how the design can be incorporated into new buildings. The tours will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, beginning October 20<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning October 24<sup>th</sup>. Community organizations may schedule private tours as well by calling Mast at 206.280.8167. The Zero Energy House is located on the northwest corner of the main campus.

The ZEH was designed and built by architecture, interior design and engineering students at Washington State University. The structure will serve as the home to the Northwest Solar Center and as a demonstration/ test facility to support environmental sustainability in the Puget Sound. The installation of the ZEH was made possible through a grant from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

In September the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges endorsed a proposed professional-technical program, "High Performance and Zero Energy Building Practices," a pathway certificate program to be offered at Shoreline CC beginning Fall Quarter 2008.

For more information about the ZEH, please check out the web site at <http://www.shoreline.edu/zeh/>. Shoreline Community College is located at 16101 Greenwood Avenue North, just west of Aurora Avenue and north of Seattle city limits.

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## City of Shoreline Events Calendar

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**Monday, Nov. 5:** City Council Budget Hearing 7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

This is the first of two public hearings on the 2008 Proposed Budget. Visit Shoreline's website for the complete City Council budget meeting schedule. More info: Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

**Thursday, Nov. 8:** State Fircrest Open House 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Activities Building at Fircrest, 15230 15th Avenue NE. This is the second of two public open houses Washington Department of Social and Human Services is holding this fall to kick off phase one of their master planning process for the Fircrest Campus. More info: DSHS Project Manager Ed Valvert at (253) 476-7022.

**Wednesday, Nov. 14:** Crime-Free Multi-Housing Seminar 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Olympic Room, Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. This annual program for City of Shoreline rental managers and property owners is offered free of charge, but registration is required. Register with Shoreline Police Officer Leona Obstler at (206) 546-3636 or Leona.Obstler@kingcounty.gov.

**Wednesday, Nov. 14:** Sustainability Strategy Conversation 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Shoreline Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. The City of Shoreline is gathering community input and ideas for creating an environmentally sustainable community. More info: Associate Planner Juniper Nammi at (206) 546-8805.

**Thursday, Nov. 15:** Cromwell Park Draft Master Plan Discussion 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Cascade Room, Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Board will review the Draft Master Plan for Cromwell Park. Learn more and listen to the discussion about the Draft Master Plan. More info: Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232.

**Saturday, Nov. 17:** Holiday Crafts Market 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Begin your holiday shopping at the third annual Holiday Crafts Market where over 50 juried artisans will sell their handmade crafts and wares. The Spartan Recreation Center gymnasium will be transformed into a winter wonderland of gorgeous gifts. Grab your shopping bag and wallet and start shopping. More info: Spartan Recreation Center at (206) 418-3383.

**Monday, Nov. 19:** Council 2008 Budget Public Hearing 6:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

Public hearing on Revenue Sources and 2008 Property Tax Levy. Visit Shoreline's website for the complete City Council budget meeting schedule. More info: Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

**Monday, Nov. 26:** Council Adoption of 2008 Budget & Property Tax Levy 7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Visit Shoreline's website for the complete City Council budget meeting schedule. More info: Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

**Saturday, Dec. 1:** North City Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:00 p.m., Les Schwab on 15th Avenue NE at NE 180th Street. Kick off the holiday season with this annual tradition of lighting the tree atop the water tower in Shoreline's North City commercial district. Around the Sound band will provide music and a sing-a-long while Santa hands out candy canes and toys to the kids and parents enjoy coffee. Sponsored by the North City Business Association, North City Neighborhood Association, Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association, City of Shoreline and Shoreline Water District. More info: Charlotte Haines at (206) 362-1131.

**Thursday, Dec. 6:** Hamlin Park Improvement Project Community Meeting 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Aurora Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Join consultants, city staff and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board for the first public meeting about the Park Bond Improvements planned for Hamlin Park. Learn more and share your thoughts. More info: Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232.

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

## RBCA October Board Meeting Minutes

By Tom Petersen, Secretary

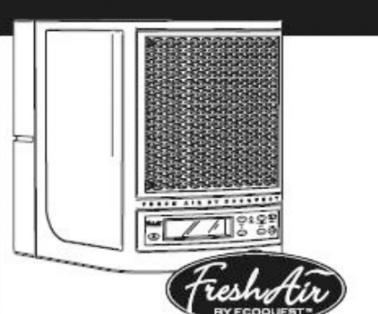
1. Lisa Buchheit-Ekdahl nominated and voted Treasurer Successor. She will learn from Starla during the remainder of Starla's term.
2. It was moved that a bylaw change be put to a public vote: that official business be conducted by a majority of the seated Board rather than by the fixed number of 6 Board members.
3. Purchase of a banner saying "Candidates' Forum" approved. It will be used every year by the sign at the top of the hill.
4. All candidates for all local offices said they would attend the Candidates' Forum on October 9. Sean Quigley would be the Host, Tom Petersen the Moderator, Jill Gardner would collect and edit questions, Ed Adams would be the timer, and Rick Sola would be Sergeant at Arms.
5. Articles about recruiting new Board members will appear in every Community News. The listing of members would be changed to show "open seat."
6. Plans for the November Community meeting were made. A fresh theme, "Your Holiday Home," will be tried. Local businesses will be invited to come display their wares, and the businesspeople will talk about how they can contribute to holiday travel, entertaining, decoration, and gift giving. Various Board members were assigned or volunteered to contact the local businesses.
7. Purchase of up to 100 strings of LED lights for the holiday tree was approved. The Board heard an update on plans to move to the live tree at the Bowling Alley. There is some concern that the tree next to the sidewalk might obscure the decorated tree. The Board decided to contact Pizza Mia as a contingency.
8. The Board approved the creation and presentation of a plaque thanking the City of Shoreline for their ongoing support of RB community activities. Ed Adams and Sheri Ashleman will present the plaque at the Shoreline City Council meeting October 15.

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Richmond Beach resident Chuck Balch volunteers weekly as a van driver for the Shoreline Senior Center.

## Richmond Beach Driver

By John Thielke

We contacted the Shoreline Senior Center and asked about their need for drivers to assist seniors to get from place to place during the day. The demand for volunteer transportation continues to increase and the Senior Center is seeking drivers to help with their specialized service.

In addition to using private vehicles, the Senior Center also has a senior shuttle van that is driven by volunteers. One of their drivers is long-time Richmond Beach resident Chuck Balch who has been volunteering at the Senior Center for over two years. He drives on Monday afternoons and we had a chance to talk with him before one of his shifts in mid-October.

Chuck explained that seniors request van service at least a day in advance and then a central dispatch service prepares a schedule for each driver. For that day, he would be picking people up at Fred Myers and taking

them home, taking seniors from the center to their homes and transporting seniors from other locations to their homes. It looked like a pretty busy afternoon and Chuck said that it varied—sometimes there was a lot of waiting and some days were spent of crisscrossing Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.

When asked about what training was necessary, Chuck said that he attended a three-day defensive driving class in preparation to driving the van. He enjoys the chance to volunteer and encourages others to help if they want to support the Senior Center and the community.

For more information about this program, please contact Dolapo Olumide, volunteer recruiter for the senior services transportation program at the Shoreline Senior Center, (206) 748-7588

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[www.ShorelineArts.net](http://www.ShorelineArts.net).

## Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

By Jon Ann Cruver

18560 1st AVE NE #1, Shoreline WA 98155  
206-365-1536 - [shorelinesc@seniorservices.org](mailto:shorelinesc@seniorservices.org)

Hours: M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### November Programs

**Tuesday, November 6:** Ice Cream Social, right after lunch, sponsored by Richmond Beach Medical & Rehabilitation Center. A yummy treat from one of our neighbors!

**Wednesday, November 14:** 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. in the dining room. Learn about the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens' programs and services. City staff will provide information on utility discounts, the Gold Card, employment, volunteering, special events and much more.

**Thursday, November 15:** Happy Birthday and Thanksgiving Lunch. Beth Wulff will be here to entertain us. Birthday guests and their guests must pick up reserved meal tickets by 11:15 a.m.; after 11:15 a.m. all meal tickets become available on a first-come, first-served basis. Gifts and guest servers provided by Home Instead.

**Tuesday, November 20:** PROBUS, 11:00 a.m. in the Exercise Room.

**Friday, November 30:** Red Hat Society, 12:30 p.m. in the Bridge Room. The group is always planning a great activity. Please join us! Co-Queen Mums are Gwen Elken and Mary Jane Lake.

### December Programs

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

### Special Event with the City of Shoreline Parks Department:

**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.-11:45 a.m. *You must pre-register 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](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/parks). \$4.00 for Shoreline residents; \$6.00 for all others.

### Special Benefit Concert at Benaroya Hall:

**Monday, December 17:** The Irish Tenors Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Benaroya Hall. A special benefit concert for Shoreline-LFP Senior Center and Ballard-Northwest Senior. Tickets on sale at Benaroya Hall Ticket Office: 206-215-4747 or at Brown Paper Tickets, [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), or 1-800-838-3006. (Not a bunch of added charges with this ticketing group.)

**Tuesday, December 18:** PROBUS, 11:00 am 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 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.



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# Richmond Beach History

By Tracy Tallman

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park began life under the European influence when the mysterious A. H. Fletcher purchased the property from the U.S. Government on August 1, 1872. Mr. Fletcher has defied all my attempts to breathe him to life, but it doesn't appear that he ever lived in the area. However, he had the territorial government sold to finance land-grant colleges. Thus Washington State University was financed in part by Mr. Fletcher through his first land purchase in Shoreline. Evidently he liked the area so much that he proceeded to buy coastal parcels, most of which were in what is now Edmonds and Woodway, but included the piece where Richmond Beach Saltwater Park now sits. He owned the land until around 1883/1884 when the taxes apparently became delinquent and were paid by the law firm of Preston & Albertson in Seattle. Perhaps he had died by then. The 1900 King County Assessor's records (the next available to me) show that a portion of the property had been transferred to the Seattle & Montana Railway—the local subsidiary of the Great Northern Railway and under whose auspices the original rail line was built. By then a C. B. Klaus (also a mystery) owned 19.80 acres. Newspaper articles from 1891 are clear that the track was completed from Seattle to New Westminster, British Columbia on October 23, 1891. More difficulty is encountered when trying to determine exactly when the piece of track in front of Richmond Beach was finished, but likely earlier in 1891 as they laid track running from Seattle north and from Everett south.



Richmond Beach sand and gravel bunkers.

*Edmonds: Gem of Puget Sound* quotes Matt Hyner of Edmonds from his diary entry of June 17 1891: "Track-laying engine rounded Hamlin's Point (named for Captain William H. Hamlin, an early founder of Edmonds—just north of the Edmonds City Park) on Great Northern grade at 5 p.m. today." Joyce Koerner in *A Historical Study of Edmonds, Washington* reports, "work was begun in 1890 on the Seattle & Montana Railroad, but in 1891 Edmonds was hit with a tidal wave which washed out the roadbed." My best guess is that Richmond Beach had track in at least early 1891 and trains possibly ran north even though they couldn't go through to Everett. George Brackett, founder of Edmonds, stymied the Great Northern for a time by tying them up in legal battles. He apparently didn't want the track to separate the town of Edmonds from his mills and the city dock. I'm not sure, but this could be part of the reason that only a single track runs through Edmonds today, as evidenced by the fact that trains wait along Apple Tree Lane for passage through Edmonds. On November 17, 1903 Henry R. Rustad and several partners, all of whom had their address

in Seattle, formed the Richmond Beach Sand & Gravel Company. Mr. Rustad shows as the owner in 1905, apparently having purchased from Mr. Klaus. Between 1920 and 1925 Great Northern Railway owned all the property, so Mr. Rustad and his partners had sold by then, running the business for about two decades and likely gouging out the bowl that now comprises the park. Further gouging certainly occurred during the Great Northern ownership until King County purchased the 40-acre parcel of property in 1959 for \$67,000.

In August of 1990 the park was closed until November of the same year and the original bathhouse was demolished (*The Seattle Times*). As part of the project the pedestrian bridge was rehabilitated and a new picnic shelter and restrooms were built. The statue that graces the park near these new improvements is entitled "Welcoming Figure." The ten-foot high bronze statue was created in 1998 by artists Steve Brown, Joe Gobin and Andy Wilbur and was "designed in the Coast Salish style to honor the first people of Puget Sound" (Shoreline Parks and Recreation). The Tribal Advisory Board noted at the time "for thousands of years the beach was a campsite for local people who traveled in dugout canoes to harvest clams and shellfish." The site had previously been dedicated in October 1992 and blessed by Gene Jones, then assistant bishop of the Indian Full Gospel Shaker Church, who was assisted by Suquamish Indian youth dancers (*The Seattle Times*, October 11, 1992). In March of 1996, even after Shoreline was formed in 1995, King County was still running the park and controversy struck when the homeowners to the east of the Richmond Beach bluff trail complained that the trail, completed in about 1994 as part of a countywide parks improvement plan, was attracting an undesirable element. This was apparently resolved, as the trail still exists. King County tax records now list the appraised land value for the 31.01 acres at \$16,209,500 and the sale date from King County to the City of Shoreline as June 18, 1997. The photos accompanying this article all come from the Shoreline Historical Museum web site at [www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org). Just click on the research button to see many historical photos of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park. The Shoreline Historical Museum has many more photos in their archives that can be viewed by contacting them at 206-542-7111. Regular hours for access to the archives are on Wednesdays. The Shoreline Historical Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Trestle at the Richmond Beach sand and gravel quarry.



Sluicing sand at the Richmond Beach sand and gravel quarry, site of the current Salt Water Park.

# Gardening Notions

By Deborah Bowen-Mills

As I write this in October, a lot of my perennials and roses are still blooming. In general, if you cut back the spent flowers, the plants will keep blooming and you can have fresh blossoms in your home. However, by November we will have had a few frosty mornings and maybe a freeze, so it will be time for the garden to be cut back. All plants need a dormant time, a time to rest up for the coming spring. If your roses are still blooming or just have leaves, go ahead and strip away all the foliage to force the bush to go dormant. For herbs like lavender, you can cut them back so they won't become gangly and woody. Don't be afraid to cut things back, especially when they are perennials looking poorly. There are exceptions: ornamental grasses look great this time of year and you don't want to give them a haircut until around February. I will talk more about pruning after the first of the year, but usually February is the best time for pruning. Pruning promotes growth so before spring is perfect.

This is a great time to transplant because of the plants being dormant. I like to use alfalfa meal when I transplant. Dig your hole and throw some in and you don't have to worry about overdoing it. Alfalfa meal is organic so it won't burn your plant and the roots love it. By now everything should be harvested for the season. If you compost, this is a good time to go ahead and spread some around your beds. This will help protect your roots from cold and amend your soil for the following spring. Worms just love nice loose compost and we all know how good worms are for our gardens. If you haven't planted your spring bulbs don't worry; as long as you can dig a hole, you can still plant your bulbs. I don't use bulb food—just plant in good soil that is amended twice a year. Another interesting fact is that all those winter pansies we plant every fall are just regular pansies. There are not two different types of pansies, it's just that pansies like the cooler weather and when it gets hot out they get yellow and leggy. So after the warm weather passes out

back your pansies and they should come back in the fall. They are perennials, but I have to say slugs love them and so do I. Pansies do need to be deadheaded. Now for any of you planning on using a living Christmas tree this year here are a few tips for success. First, keep the tree in its original pot. You can cover it with plastic and then use your tree skirt to cover the plastic. The tree will need more watering then a cut tree, so don't cover the drain holes, and be sure to put a container under the tree to collect the water. Nobody wants to have water damage on his or her floors. Most important is that the tree needs to acclimate. First put it in a sheltered place outside, like a covered carport, for a few days. Then move it into the coolest place in your home, like the basement or your garage, for a few more days. Then you can move it to where you want to decorate it. Make sure it's not near any heat vents. Use small lights sparingly, and plan on having the tree in your home for two weeks at most. Make sure it is kept watered. Then when you are done, just reverse the process. The tree can stay in its original pot for a while as long as you water it. I have had success doing this and it's a lot of fun when you have a tree in your yard from the previous Christmas.

# Shop Locally

By Deborah Bowen-Mills

I love this community and have raised my two sons here. Now twenty years later I've become a member of the Richmond Beach Community Association and I see firsthand what makes our area so great! Big reasons are the volunteers, the people who pay the \$15 a year for membership, the people who attend our Strawberry Festival and Halloween Carnival, and all the other events that we sponsor. Our community newspaper plays an important role in keeping us informed about all that is happening. Many of our local business owners help by sponsoring the publication of the paper and underwriting the cost of our events. Now is the time of year we can show these business owners that we value their support by shopping at their stores and eating at their restaurants. So during this holiday season, go into that little shop or stop by at the local eatery. This is what we can do to help our neighborhood, and I guarantee you will feel a lot better not having to deal with the traffic.

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# November calendar of community events

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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. Elementary school-age children—ask for a Ready Set Read form, read for 20 minutes, and have the tutor initial your form! (see below)

### Pajamarama Family Story Time

Wednesday November 7 & 14, 7pm  
All young children welcome with parent or caregiver. Wear your pj's and join us for books, stories and songs!

### Toddler Story Time

Thursday November 1, 8, & 15, 10:15am  
Join us for books, fingerplays, stories and songs just for toddlers! Ages 2 to 3 with adult, siblings welcome.

### Preschool Story Time

Thursday November 1, 8, & 15, 11am  
Share the wonderful world of books with your preschooler! Ages 3 to 6 with adult, siblings welcome.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday November 5, 7pm.  
*The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart.  
The author tells the story of his travels across Afghanistan on foot.

### Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Thursday November 8, 2pm  
*The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart  
The author tells the story of his travels across Afghanistan on foot.

### Yee Haw! A Wild West Music/Poetry Concert for Kids

Saturday November 24, 10:30am  
Popular children's singer, songwriter, and widely published poet Eric Ode is celebrating children's books with a high participation music and poetry concert. The author of the hilarious collection of cowboy poems for kids, *Tall Tales of the Wild West (And a Few Short Ones)* and the recipient of three Parents' Choice Awards, Eric will be joined by that crabby tabby Scratch, the Barn Cat for a dusty-trails duet. Props, puppets, sing-along songs, poetry theater, and hand motions create a knee-slapping concert.

### Talk Time

**Tuesdays, 4pm**  
Improve your speaking and listening skills in this English conversation group.

### Ready-Set-Read

Elementary school-age children—take the reading challenge! Read at least 20 minutes per day for 20 days within a month, have a reading coach (parent, teacher, librarian or a tutor at Study Zone!) initial and date your form. Win a free paperback! Sponsored by the King County Library System Foundation.

## Shoreline School District

No School - Veterans Day (Observed)  
Mon., Nov. 12

No School - Grades K-12 - Staff Work Day  
Tue., Nov. 13

School Board Meeting  
Mon., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Early Release - Grades K-12  
Wed., Nov. 21

No School - Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 22 and 23

First Trimester Ends  
Fri., Nov. 30

No School - Grades K-12 - Staff Work Day  
Mon., Dec. 3

## Einstein Middle School

Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball Tryouts Begin  
Mon., Nov. 5

Einstein PTSA Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 6, 6:00 p.m.  
Staff Lounge

Fall Concert (Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra)  
Tue., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Einstein Gym

Coffee with Principal Clark  
Wed., Nov. 7, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Fall Concert II (Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band)  
Thur., Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Einstein Gym

## Syre Elementary

Syre PTA Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Library

Book Fair  
Nov. 28-30  
Library

Principal Brown Bag  
Thur., Nov. 29, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Office

Family Fall Event  
Thur., Nov. 29  
Dinner 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Book Fair 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
Cafeteria

Holiday Food Drive  
Dec. 3-14

## Shorewood High School

Principal's Coffee  
Thu., Nov. 8, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Fall Play  
Nov. 8-10, 15-17

Fall Musical  
Nov. 10-11

Winter Sports Start  
Mon., Nov. 12

Principal's Brown Bag Lunch  
Thu., Nov. 15, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Shorewood PTSA Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Library

Shorewood Jazz Band Benefit Concert  
Wed., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Food Drive Begins  
Mon., Nov. 26

Financial Aid Night  
Wed., Nov. 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Library

Tolo  
Fri., Nov. 30, 9:30 p.m.  
SAC

Principal's Coffee  
Thu., Dec. 6, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Band Concert  
Thu., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Shorewood Drill Invitational  
Sat., Dec. 8

## Other Community Events

### Gentle Giving Fair

Holiday Giving with Justice in Mind  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 10  
Richmond Beach Congregational Church-UCC

An alternative-giving fair featuring fair-trade vendors with crafts, decorations, household goods and gift items from around the world. Many local charitable organizations will be represented so that you may make a donation in the name of someone who "already has everything." Lunch and snacks will be available, as well as goodies at the bake sale. Please contact Beth Seacord at 206-778-4686 or [dogged4justice@msn.com](mailto:dogged4justice@msn.com) for more information.

## Book Review

### Runner by Carl Deuker

High school senior Chance Taylor would like to be like the kids on the school cross-country team, with their \$100 shoes and their Gatorade and power bars. Instead, he washes dirty pots at a local restaurant to earn enough money to buy food and toothpaste and to pay the moorage fees for the ramshackle boat he shares with his alcoholic dad. When Chance runs, he runs to forget about money...and about his life.

Then a stranger makes him an offer: \$200 a week to pick up an occasional package on his normal running route. Easy money...right?

Chance isn't dumb, but he is desperate enough to take the job. Even when the job gets dangerous.

Set locally on the Seattle waterfront, this suspenseful (if not entirely credible) story will keep readers turning pages.

The cussing early in the book may be a redlight to some readers; no kissing or up-close bloodshed.

*This book has been nominated for the 2008 Evergreen award, which is decided by readers in grades 7-12. Participants must read 2 or more nominated books and vote for the best.*

*The ballot for the Evergreen Book Award is located here:*

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This book is reviewed by Aarene Storms, Librarian at the Richmond Beach Library.

## RBCA Community Events

### Turkey Day Fun Run in Richmond Beach

Thur., Nov. 22, 8:40 a.m.  
Meet at entrance to Saltwater Park for warm up and group photo then run, jog or walk a course through scenic Richmond Beach  
Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association

### Tree Lighting and Caroling

Saturday, Dec. 1  
5:00 p.m. - Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Spin Alley  
5:30 p.m. - Community Caroling @ Richmond Beach Rehab  
Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association

### Christmas Ship Celebration

Mon., Dec. 10  
7:30 p.m. - Syre & Einstein Choirs  
8:20 p.m. - Christmas Ship Arrives  
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park  
Sponsored by City of Shoreline and Richmond Beach Community Association

## SHOREWOOD DRILL/DANCE COMPETITION

The award winning **Shorewood High School Drill Team** is hosting its annual **Drill and Dance Competition** on **Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 pm** in the Shorewood Gym. Up to 20 drill and dance teams will compete, providing an afternoon of outstanding performances. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students with an ASB card. Children five and under are free. Proceeds go towards offsetting the expenses of participating in the State competition in Yakima, and the National competition in Florida.

You will also find tasty concessions, flowers, delicious bake-sale items, and an exciting raffle. Come support your Drill Team and enjoy this fast-paced afternoon.