

# RICHMOND BEACH COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Richmond Beach Community Association General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007  
7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:45 pm)  
Congregational Church

The Richmond Beach Community Association will host the annual candidate's night at 7:00 pm, October 9<sup>th</sup> on the lower level of the Richmond Beach Congregational Church at the corner of NW Richmond Beach Road and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. The forum is open to everyone interested in the November 6th election.

The doors to the meeting will open at 6:45 pm. Questions need to be written on a supplied form and turned in to any of the board members in attendance. Written questions will be screened to avoid duplication and to ensure that all candidates have an opportunity to make a statement and answer questions.

The format calls for candidates, or their representatives, to introduce themselves and give a brief opening statement. Once the introductions have been made, the question period will begin. The meeting moderator will read a question supplied by the audience and direct it to a candidate. The candidate will have up to three minutes to answer the question. The opposing candidate will then be given time to respond. At the end of the six minutes, the next question will be presented and the meeting will continue in this manner until all of the questions have been asked or the 9:00 pm ending time arrives, whichever comes first.

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## President's message

By Sean Quigley, President

The October general meeting will host the candidates' debate. It is always well attended and gives all an opportunity to talk with the candidates. This year's election cycle has three city council seats and three school board positions, as well as a Ronald Wastewater management position. The outcome of the upcoming election is important to the direction of city government and our school district. We encourage you to take the time to educate yourself so you make an informed decision when you cast your vote.

At September's general meeting the Brightwater people came and gave an update on the project. Though there were no new surprises, I was pleased with the fact that over the years, with the hard work of our board members, some of our requests were met. One of those was that the spoils created by the tunneling would be removed by barge, not trucked through our neighborhood. We were also told that the pump station would soon be vacated by the contractor that was using it as a staging area for the Hidden Lake project, and construction would begin on the transformation of our new park. If anyone has a problem or question about Brightwater, the hotline number is 206-205-5989.

Also at our last meeting we heard from Maureen Colaizzi from the Shoreline City



Sean Quigley, President  
Richmond Beach  
Community Association

Parks Department. She was there to present the Friends of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Project.

The month of October is our big Halloween Carnival. We are always looking for volunteers so if you have never been involved, maybe this is the year. Please contact Sheri Ashlemen for more information as to how you can help make this event another big success.

In closing, I cannot impress on you enough the importance of our upcoming election. Please attend our next general meeting, meet the candidates, and don't forget to vote!

Richmond Beach Community Association

# HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 27  
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Syre Elementary School  
19545 12th Ave. NW

GAMES & PRIZES  
FOOD  
INFLATABLES  
HAUNTED HOUSE

**Volunteers Needed!**

Booth attendants, set-up and clean-up: Sherry Edwards 546-3724  
Cake bakers: Felicia Forrest 533-2314 or Gail Turk at 533-8828

## Halloween Carnival

By Sheri Ashleman

Trick or treat! It's fall and time for Richmond Beach Community Association's annual Halloween Carnival held at Syre Elementary School located at 19545 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. On **Saturday, October 27, from 3 to 7 p.m.**, children of all ages and their parents can scare up some fun at the carnival where they will find games, inflatables, a cake walk, a haunted house, a raffle full of great prizes, food and much, much more. Kids love to show off their costumes for this event; parents are encouraged to dress up too! Parking is limited, so please walk if possible. Tickets are 3 for \$1. All games and attractions are paid for with tickets; food can be purchased with tickets or cash. Most games are one ticket; the larger attractions are three tickets;

**Volunteers:** The success of the Halloween Carnival is attributable in large part to the many volunteers it takes to put on this event. Volunteers are still needed to work in the booths and construct the haunted house. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherry Edwards, at 546-3724 with offers to help.

**Cakes Needed:** Volunteers are also needed to bring cakes for the cake walk. The

last few years, we have run out of cakes. So please, please donate a cake if you are able! To make it convenient and inexpensive to donate, Richmond Beach QFC will have their Halloween cakes on sale for \$1 off the regular price. Cakes may be dropped off on the stage at Syre on the day of the carnival anytime after 9:00 a.m. Cake bakers please contact Felicia Forrest at 533-2314 or Gail Turk at 533-8828.

**Raffle Donations:** The Raffle Committee will gladly accept donations for the raffle. Businesses, as well as individuals, are encouraged to donate items or cash to purchase prizes, and they will be acknowledged in this newspaper. Donations can be made by contacting Doris McConnell at 546-9380.

As you can see, there are many ways in which to participate in this community-building event. Some require time, others require a financial donation. Find the one that works best for you and call today to volunteer. Above all else, bring your family to the carnival for a good time, to mingle with friends and neighbors, and to support the Richmond Beach community!

## Anina's CORNER

by Anina Coder-Sill

My article is due—I'm drawing a blank—so I have to chronicle "what I did last summer" as the school year once again begins. My mind is full of all the changes that are taking place in our home: our daughter graduated from high school and is leaving tomorrow for college; she spent a month in Europe with a girlfriend; our son and his love of four years both graduated from college, were married, and are now working in Gugegue in the Marshall Islands. We had the wedding reception at our home, an open-house type of affair, and fortunately the weather was lovely because 180 people attended. My best friend since age eight spent two days helping prepare for the reception, cooked, organized,

### What I Did Last Summer

shopped (wonderful flowers from Pike Place Market!), laughed, and performed level-headed decisions. We hired a window washer for the first time, partially concealed a huge pile of dirt in the yard by decorating it with Tristan and Ayako's initials in perennials, cleaned up the basement a bit in case our eight Japanese guests wanted to tour the whole house (they didn't), and bought wonderful food from Trader Joe's, Costco, and Fred Meyer—no baked beans, at our son's request. I attempted to carve a watermelon fruit basket, but it kept getting smaller and smaller as I tried to even out the edges. Friends and family brought vases, platters, tablecloths, food, and helping hands. Our niece took wonderful photos, as did several friends. The newlyweds performed a Japanese tradition, and each gave speeches acknowledging their parents. Tristan's was brief and sweet;

Ayako's was lengthy, personal, and very touching. Many of us cried as she spoke of her ill health as a young woman; how hard she worked to come to the U.S. to attend college; how she knew she had been a burden to her family; and how much she loved and



respected her parents even though her father was a strict disciplinarian. It was amazing to have so many people we love together, from near and far, and the memory will forever make me happy.

## Fabled Hardware Store Comes to Richmond Beach

By Tom Petersen

After 80 years as Wallingford's neighborhood hardware store, Tweedy & Popp decided it was time to branch out. The Seattle institution saw that Shoreline's far northwest was without a hardware store, and decided to open its second location in the QFC shopping center in the old Blockbuster Video space.

Tweedy & Popp's is still a family-owned and—operated business, though an Ace Hardware franchise. The national chain affiliation brings variety and reasonable prices to their stock, but they are committed to local service and a personal

relationship with the community. The original store is layered with generations of hardware and staffed by longtime experts who know where every last odd nut and bolt is to be found.

The old-time service comes with the new store, which is bright and orderly but still has the variety. The owners and manager say they look forward to participating in community events, and they've been very happy to meet all the people who have come in since the store opened around Labor Day.

Richmond Beach has been without a proper hardware store for decades. When Edmonds Hardware closed a few years ago, residents were faced with few nearby alternatives. Fred Meyer narrowed its offerings after its recent remodel. Dunn Lumber specializes in construction materials, and Tweedy & Popp will cheerfully direct customers there or to Home Depot for "the big heavy stuff." No longer, though, will Richmond Beach residents have to drive 3 to 5 miles for a 50 cent wing nut or a 13 mm socket wrench.

## General Meeting (Continued from Page 1)

The following is a listed of the candidates who have been invited:

- Shoreline City Council Position #2:** Chris Eggen and Paul Grace.
- Shoreline City Council Position #4:** Maggie Fimia and Doris McConnell.
- Shoreline City Council Position #6:** Bob Ransom and Terry Scott.
- Shoreline School District Position #1:** Michael Jacobs and Kyle Burleigh.
- Shoreline School District Position #4:** Dan Mann and Maren Norton.
- Shoreline School District Position #5:** Richard Potter and Jim Leigh.
- Ronald Wastewater District Commissioner Position #2:** Arthur Wadekamper.
- Ronald Wastewater District Commissioner Position #3:** Jim Shea and Brian Carroll.

This meeting is usually the most attended general meeting held by the Richmond Beach Community Association. With the higher attendance, number of candidates and the time constraints, there is a chance that not all questions will be addressed. It will be the discretion of the board to select which questions will be delivered to the candidates. With the volatile nature of politics and the issues at hand, care will need to be taken in this public forum to ensure that there are no offensive, abusive questions, comments or confrontations.

Make sure that you get there early, bring your questions, find a seat and see how this great system works. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Board Retreat

By Tom Petersen, RBCA Secretary

During a summer retreat, the RBCA board discussed the following topics (among others).

- Recruiting of new Board members is a high priority.
- General Meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.
- The possibility of discontinuing the Winter Ice Cream Social, due to poor attendance. Other community events have been very successful.
- The Strawberry Festival was a great success. Attendance was very good, despite the many competing events on the first weekend in May. However, the pool of volunteers was severely depleted by those competing events. It was moved, seconded, and approved to move the Festival to the second Saturday in May, contingent upon the agreement by the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library to the moving of their Art Show to the same weekend. (In August, FRBL agreed to the date change.)
- The Board will seek discussions with the City and the Arts Council to share support for the Strawberry Festival, which has grown into a major event for the city, drawing attendees and performers from all over Shoreline.

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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.



### TURKEY DAY FUN RUN AT RICHMOND BEACH

Thursday, November 22, 2007 - 8:40 a.m.  
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

#### Registration and T-Shirt Order Form



**Registration:**

Name	Age	Email Address	Walk or Run?

**T-Shirt Order:**  
Youth Sizes: M(10-12) L(14-16) - \$10  
Adult Sizes: S(34-36) M(38-40) L(42-44) XL(46-48) - \$10  
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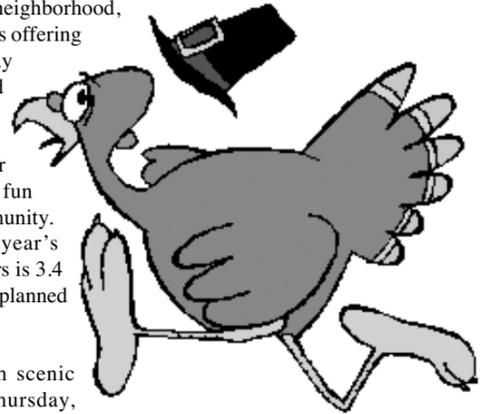
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**QUESTIONS? Contact Sheri Ashleman @ 542-9147**

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Attn: Turkey Day Fun Run  
Richmond Beach Community Assn.  
P. O. Box 60186  
Richmond Beach, WA 98160  
or return form (with check or exact change)  
to Spin Alley

## Turkey Day Fun Run

By Sheri Ashleman

For those exercise enthusiasts in our neighborhood, Richmond Beach Community Association is offering a brand-new event on Thanksgiving Day 2007: a Turkey Day Fun Run at Richmond Beach. For over 30 years, local resident Don Wilson, a professional photographer, has organized an informal turkey day run for his family and friends. It has been so much fun that he agreed to organize one for the community. Wilson has plotted the course for this year's participants. The course for joggers/runners is 3.4 miles and a shorter 1.6 mile course has been planned for walkers.



Run, jog, or walk a course through scenic Richmond Beach on the morning of Thursday, November 22. Park below and meet at the entrance to the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park at 8:40 a.m. for warm-up. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. After a group photo, participants will be off and running shortly after 9:00 a.m. and be finished by around 10:00 a.m. Come as a family, bring a friend, or attend solo and meet your neighbors!

Register for the event by contacting one of the organizers listed below with your name, age, email address, and whether you will be walking or running. Participants will receive a digital copy of the group picture by email. Long sleeve t-shirts commemorating the event are available by pre-order only. Simply complete the registration form by October 31 and mail it, along with your check made payable to "Richmond Beach Community Association," to P. O. Box 60186, Richmond Beach, WA 98160-0186, or return the form (with check or exact change) to Spin Alley. Extra order forms can be obtained at Spin Alley. Shirts will be available for pick up at the event. Please thank and support the following owners/businesses for sponsoring this event and encouraging a healthy lifestyle for our residents: Tom and Diane Schultz and TGC Top Grade Construction, LLC; Harley O'Neil and Spin Alley; Matthew Fairfax and James Alan Salon; Richard T. Jones, DDS, and Jones Orthodontics; and Jeff and Linda Brons and Bronscapes.

For more information or to register, contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147 / [sbashle@aol.com](mailto:sbashle@aol.com) or Don Wilson at 533-9631 / [dwphotog@comcast.net](mailto:dwphotog@comcast.net).

## Project Updates

By Monica Van der Vieren, King Metro

### King County Updates the RBCC on construction in Richmond Beach

At the September 11 Community Council meeting, Gunars Sreibers, Brightwater Project Manager, and Monica Van der Vieren, Community Relations, presented updates on the Brightwater Projects at Point Wells and the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project.

**West Tunnel Contract:** The contractor team building Brightwater's West Tunnel, JCT-JV, is continuing with pre-tunneling preparations. Utilities have been installed to service the site during and after construction. The contractor has been working to install supports prior to excavating the portal, or access shaft, where the tunnel boring machine will be launched. The TBM has been ordered from Lovat in Toronto, Canada and is expected to arrive in March 2008. A conveyor system to transport tunneling dirt, or spoils, to a barge has been designed.

The contractor team and King County staff have been working closely with neighbors as construction ramps up at Point Wells. The first few months of a construction project can require close interaction, when neighbors start to notice construction and experience its effects. County staff and the contractor respond to reports from neighbors and assess whether observed impacts such as noise fall within permit regulations, or

whether changes are required to comply with permits.

Point Wells neighbors are encouraged to contact Monica Van der Vieren at [monica.vandervieren@metrokc.gov](mailto:monica.vandervieren@metrokc.gov) or 206-263-7301 with concerns or complaints about construction activities at Point Wells. Residents may also contact the 24-hour construction hotline at 206-205-5989 anytime and leave a message. A staff member will be paged promptly to respond.

**Marine Outfall:** King County is in the process of signing contracts with a Design/Build team to build the Brightwater outfall pipe that will be installed offshore at Point Wells. The selected team has proposed an accelerated construction schedule, with project completion in late 2008. The contractor is proposing to build the majority of the outfall pipe off-site, tow it to Point Wells, and install it on the sea floor by a method called *controlled submergence*. With this proposal, Richmond Beach residents will see pipe installation in a nearshore trench next summer, followed by a week of offshore pipe installation, scheduled tentatively for August. Restoration and monitoring activities will follow construction of the outfall.

From late September to mid-October, neighbors will see a ship with a drill rig offshore

and onshore at Point Wells. The Marine Outfall contractor will be obtaining additional geotechnical information to complete project design. The drill rig will bore into the soil to acquire samples, working around the clock for a day or more on each sample.

**Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project:** Richmond Beach residents are already benefiting from new sewer and water lines. New sewer lines from Richmond Beach Pump Station to Saltwater Park were put into service the week of September 10. Seattle Public Utility's new water lines have been in service already.

Work in the Richmond Beach area is coming to a close. Crews from Frank Coluccio Construction Company will perform about a month of work prior to paving, when a full-width overlay with widened shoulders will be installed from the Richmond Beach Pump Station into Innis Arden. During the preparation for paving, neighbors will see small crews working on manholes and on the roadside. Minor traffic delays can be expected as flaggers direct drivers past crews.

For more information about the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project and Brightwater Projects at Point Wells, contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-263-7301 or [monica.vandervieren@metrokc.gov](mailto:monica.vandervieren@metrokc.gov).

## Letter(s)

### Re: Shoreline settles suit for \$159,000

When local governments' leaders arrogantly decide they are above the law, they abuse not only the laws they are sworn to uphold but the citizens whose democratic rights they are sworn to protect.

The recent news that the city of Shoreline has settled for \$150,000 the lawsuit involving the actions of council members Maggie Fimia, Janet Way, Bob Ransom and former council member John Chang is a perfect illustration of how the arrogance of power leads to abuse of citizens' trust of government.

Disregarding one of the most fundamental laws of our democracy—the Open Meetings Act—these four decided they didn't need to meet openly to decide to remove one city manager and hire another. What hasn't been fully reported, however, was that these renegade council members were also initially planning to hire as their new city manager an unsuccessful city council candidate and close political ally—George Mauer—at least before their scandalous behavior blew up in their faces as a news story.

The dishonor of this incident rests mainly on Maggie Fimia, the leader of this pack of political miscreants. Her response was to label her accusers as the problem and decry the lawsuit as "an abuse of the Open Meetings Act."

Former Shoreline mayor Connie King and former council member Kevin Grossman deserve thanks for pursuing the lawsuit and bringing the facts of this shabby story into the light.

What is disappointing, however, is that their decision to settle this matter and let the city move forward does not force the three sitting council members to admit their wrongdoing or apologize to the citizens whose trust they have abused.

Nevertheless, citizens who are watching know that it was Maggie Fimia and her cohorts who share the blame for trying to keep their political decisions behind closed doors and their citizens in the dark. Now the lights are on.

Faren Bachelis, Richmond Beach

## Builder Promises Edmonds Access to Point Wells Development

By Tom Petersen

When Paramount Oil announced plans to put up to 1,400 condominiums at Point Wells last spring, Richmond Beach residents immediately foresaw a disastrous rise in traffic through the property's sole access on Richmond Beach Drive. However, Dennis L. Derickson, the senior planner for the project, and Christopher Libby, the principal architect, both adamantly insist that development at Point Wells will only take place if a road is extended from Edmonds.

In a presentation to the Snohomish County Council, Derickson and Libby emphasized that the population of a Point Wells community "should identify itself with" and should "do most of its

shopping" in Edmonds. Paramount is seeking approval for the development, which would not be built until 2015, and wants the Snohomish officials to see the potential benefits of this growth. They spoke of the road as a million-dollar necessity, but one that would also tie in neatly with Edmonds' planned relocation of the Washington State Ferries terminal to the old Union 76 pier at the southern border of the city.

The developers' promise comes as a relief to Richmond Beach, where many residents were alarmed by gleeful statements by Snohomish county politicians that seemed to imply that they were looking forward to huge new sources of tax

revenue while Richmond Beach bore the brunt of the inconveniences and expenses of such a radical change in the area. The City of Shoreline's Planning Director, Joe Tovar, cautioned residents that big developments and population growth will be a reality, and that whether or not the Point Wells project is ever built, we will experience a general increase in traffic anyway. Mayor Bob Ransom's office has not been contacted by either Paramount Oil or Snohomish officials, but said he was not jumping to any conclusions. He also noted that any development of Point Wells is a very long way off, with enormous environmental hurdles to clear before the land is habitable.

## It Pays to Read the Fine Print

By Chris Riveland

Once a week I enjoy reading a specific section of the newspaper: the food pages! One of the contributing writers is a gifted local garden authority as well as a noted food writer. She not only transmits creative recipes from her Bainbridge Island home for preparing delicious, locally grown fare; she usually tells a story.

I wanted to skim her article about zucchini soup, but the word "cancer" halfway down the column caught my eye. Intrigued (why this word would turn up in a discussion about homemade soups) I read on and was glad I did. Her description of exquisite vegetarian food and marvelous gardens at a cancer retreat center along the shores of Hood Canal made me curious.

The words Hood Canal evoked 30-year-old memories of \$2.00 gunnysacks of oysters bought from roadside stands; of University of Washington poetry seminars at the Alderbrook Inn; of narrow, curvy roads; of tall evergreens flanking the highway, giving way to ever-changing views of seagulls plying the salt water; and of steep hills. And now we had traveled that route again, on the way to this retreat center compound.

Her article chronicled a complimentary weekend spent at a place called Harmony Hill, close to the hamlet of Union along the southern end of Hood Canal. This retreat center is unlike any I had ever heard of. The management offers several cost-free weekends throughout the year to cancer patients and their caregivers. The food writer and her cancer-patient husband had just returned from there and were enthusiastic about the place, about the freshly prepared food, the upbeat people who run the compound, the gardens, and the immediately felt serenity of the place. All one had to do was apply, have one's physician sign the application, and cross one's fingers that space might be available. We were

fortunate—space was available for us during our recent weekend of choice. I can highly recommend Harmony Hill, the brainchild of a couple of women cancer survivors. These women truly understand the need for and provide a serene, comfortable, supportive atmosphere for seriously ill people who need coping strategies and a respite.

That weekend was pleasantly memorable in many ways. The lengthy drive, though, was just as challenging as I remembered it from 30 years ago, and the roadside oyster stands were gone. We came home oyster-less—red tide! For nostalgia's sake we stopped at the once quaint, affordable Alderbrook Inn, but became keenly aware we could no longer afford the place.

Harmony Hill, one-quarter mile up the road from the Inn, is designed as a place of superb caring to focus on all that matters in life when dealing with a potentially lethal illness. The administration requires a doctor's verification and then merely a \$100.00 registration deposit that they will refund when you leave. If you are interested in additional information, either give me a call or find them on the Internet at [www.harmonyhill.org](http://www.harmonyhill.org). Visitors are welcome at any time, year-round, and are encouraged to roam the grounds and gardens, inspect the Grand Hall, stroke the resident cat, fondle the lavender blossoms, and breathe the marvelous fresh air along Hood Canal.

I was not the only one who had found the Harmony Hill retreat center from this food article—a woman cancer patient from Bellingham who likes to cook also did. We congratulated ourselves and discovered that a fondness for the food pages can lead to unexpected adventures, besides learning how to make zucchini soup. We vowed to keep on reading the fine print!

## Richmond Beach School Reunion

By Cliff Nixon

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Richmond Beach School reunion was held at The Cabin on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 114 people were able to attend. Those who were graduates of Richmond Beach High School were: Margaret Tinnell Kennedy (1934), Mary Gray (1938), John Andrews (1940), Jean Gray McNeil (1941), Mel Anthoyn (1942), Stan Alburty (1943), Jane Melzer Dontos (1943), Elton and Judy Gelatt Iverson (1944), Betty Jo Brandstrom (1944), and Ivan and LaMonca Iverson (1944). Attending from the last graduating class (1945) were: George Kolesar, Norm Hansen, Nona Alburty Pedersen, Guylene Kiel Hinkle, Lucille Nosky Speaks, Donna McBride Cottrel, Darlene Schoonover Lantz, and Helen Lomsdale Rogers. The 1945 graduating class had 13 girls and four boys. The day was gorgeous with much

conversation concerning the school and the community of Richmond Beach. All agreed that the Beach was an outstanding and exciting place to live as a youth (and it still is a wonderful place to grow up!) Thanks to all these Richmond Beach High School graduates who were able to attend the annual reunion.

The Cabin owner, Pat Dale, and his staff served lunch from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Next year the 17<sup>th</sup> Richmond Beach School reunion will be July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, starting at noon at Ricky's Bar and Grill located at Richmond Beach Road and 8<sup>th</sup> NW (in the QFC complex).

Please call Cliff Nixon at (206) 300-4250 or (253) 638-6912 for more information.

## Train Derailment Disaster in Richmond Beach

By Jerry Girmus (Mr. Ex-Vice President, RBCA)

**Dozens injured; toxic material released; multi-agency response.**

OK, so it was just a drill. But in case of the real thing you will be glad to know that help will arrive from land, sea, and air.

**Land:** Police and fire departments from the Cities of Shoreline, Edmonds, Lynnwood and one or two I may have missed. Emergency personnel from King and Snohomish County. Numerous Shoreline City folks. Volunteer gofer support.

**Air:** A real cool helicopter from King County (See photo)

**Sea:** A Coastguard vessel and a police boat that was far enough out that I couldn't determine the origin.

I was told that this drill went off without a hitch. Well perhaps a half hitch or two. I heard one problem with interagency radio frequencies and a couple of firemen who were not sure where their station was. Overall however, we observers deemed it quite impressive.



Scene of "derailment disaster" south of siding under foot bridge to the Salt Water Park beach.



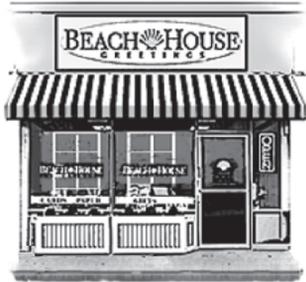
The King County Sheriff's helicopter used the Richmond Beach Community Park next to the Library as a staging area for the disaster training drill.

**Help us preserve  
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# Richmond Beach History

By Tracy Tallman

In 1930 David Whitcomb published a pamphlet promoting Woodway Park. In 1989, funded as a Washington State centennial project, a limited edition book was published by the Woodway Park Centennial Committee replicating Mr. Whitcomb's effort. Mingling with the history and poetry were drawings of the homes built and being built in the area that was Mr. Whitcomb's dream.

Whitcomb was born in 1879 and died in 1966 in Edmonds, likely at his home. His father George Henry Whitcomb was an envelope magnate from Worcester, Massachusetts. Starting in 1898 Henry invested his extra capital heavily in Seattle real estate; when his son David came of age in 1909 he was sent here to manage the family properties. "Henry Whitcomb was largely instrumental in fixing the business center of Seattle by erecting on Second Avenue the Estabrook Building (named after his wife), the Arcade Building, the Whitcomb Building, the Amherst Building, and the Washington Annex Hotel" (*Seattle and Environs*, Hanford 1924).

In the early years the section of Woodway adjacent to Richmond Beach was considered more a part of Richmond Beach than of Woodway and buses ran through from Edmonds to Richmond Beach and on to Seattle. Plats filed in 1907 and 1909 were named the Puget View Addition to Richmond Beach and Richmond Beach Heights Half Acre Tracts respectively.

The book *Edmonds: 100 Years for the Gem of Puget Sound* tells the tale that "a boy working in Whitcomb's office said he would have to quit because he had tuberculosis and needed to be outdoors. Whitcomb asked, 'Can you ride a horse?' He explained that he wanted to find a place in the area where he might build a country house with a view of the mountains and trees. Whitcomb taught the boy to ride and sent him on his way. Sometime later the young fellow returned and said he had found a place, but it was 320 acres and Whitcomb had to take all or none of it." It had just been logged off by A. M. Yost of Edmonds and extended a mile north and south and roughly a half mile back from the bluff (Woodway Park, Woodway

Centennial Committee 1989). Whitcomb purchased it from Yost in 1913 for \$90,000, allowing only one home on each two-acre lot.

In October 1957 the Esperance Community Club proposed an annexation to Edmonds which included Woodway Park, so the residents filed a petition to incorporate as a fourth class town. In order to have adequate population and area to qualify as a town, they then had to annex Twin Maples, Totem Pole Lane, the Standard Oil tank farm and Union Oil Property. A special election on February 18, 1958 approved incorporation by a 16-vote margin. The estimated 1958 population of 400 had grown to 865 in 1989. In 1986 Woodway was elevated to the status of a code city, though continuing to be known as the Town of Woodway (Woodway Park 1989).

Many may have noticed the convent shaded by tall trees just south of the bridge along Woodway Park Road. The building was constructed in 1930 for Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Johnson, then the young president of Boeing. Since 1956 Johnson's home has been the Dominican Reflection Center, sold by Johnson's widow to the Congregation of Holy Cross, then in Everett. *The Seattle Times* of January 12, 2005 reports that two congregations of Dominican Sisters then owned the property. At that time only four sisters lived there, opening it for non-profit retreats on a donation basis. The original estate included stables, a children's play cabin, terraced and irrigated vegetable gardens, and a greenhouse that supplied the family's calla lilies and poinsettias (*Seattle Times* 2005). In 1997 a landslide sent the tennis courts down the hill and knocked five Burlington Northern cars into Puget Sound.

The hand-drawn plat map in photo #3 came from the Snohomish County Assessor's office (undated). At one time, Standard Oil company executives had homes along the hill above the Standard Oil property. According to local legend the road continually washed off due to the moisture in the hill. The plat map indicates the road was vacated on February 26, 1962 by the County Commissioners.

Exciting changes are coming again to Woodway. In the next few years we will likely see development of the Standard Oil Property below the bluff at the north end of Richmond Beach Drive. Standard Oil once owned the land now designated as a greenbelt and that is where Woodway Highlands is located, so it has been an integral part of Woodway for years. Whatever happens, it will stir controversy and incite interest in this historic area.

Story ideas and comments can be sent to [lacquer@comcast.net](mailto:lacquer@comcast.net). I hope you enjoy these columns as much as I enjoy writing them!

Note: The George A. Virtue advertisement from last month's article invites readers to the resort at Richmond Beach which was by then a full-service community. The 1903/1904 *Polk Business Gazetteer* lists the Holloways running a hotel, general store and real estate office; Thomas Johnson as barber; S. M. Jones with a saloon; A. N. Stokes, carpenter; and John Watson running a saw and planing mill. The excursion, however, encouraged people to come and camp on the beach for the summer, something folks did for many years. The breadwinner could leave his family in Richmond Beach and commute to work by Great Northern Railway or steamer from the Richmond Beach pier.



Figure 1: Plat of Woodway Park as envisioned by David Whitcomb in 1930. Apparently he never filed an official plat because the County finally filed a plat in 1955.



Figure 2: Johnson Home, now Convent, from the 1989 Woodway Park book published by the Woodway Park Centennial Committee.

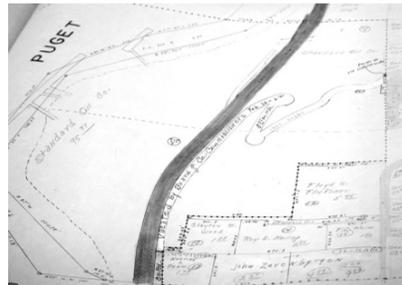


Figure 3: Snohomish County Assessor's map undated showing road winding up the hill from the Standard Oil Property and vacated in 1962 due to erosion. Homes once stood along this road and housed Standard Oil executives.

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## Gardening Notions

By Deborah B.-Mills

Will we or won't we have an Indian summer? A lot of what I will do in my garden depends on this. I am still hand watering my vegetables, newly planted plants, and cutting garden. Remember to water down by the roots; this helps prevent many problems such as leaf scorch, powdery mildew, vegetable rot, etc. Also, hand watering is better for your plants and helps conserve water. I have a lot of plants that come back by seed; poppies are one of my favorites. I don't bother collecting seeds; I just let Mother Nature scatter the seeds for me, unless one of my friends wants some. Once you purchase one of these packets of seeds and spread them at the correct time of season you will have most of these flowers forever, as long as you water them. It's a quick and easy way to start a flower garden! I let my perennials die back naturally and cut them back in February, unless they look really dead, then I cut them back to the bottom of the plant, leaving an inch or two. If we do have an extended summer, then keep deadheading those flowering plants and they will keep producing until the first freeze. With all the rhodies we have around here, they should have had spent flowers already picked. Rhodies set new buds soon after they bloom; most flowering shrubs you can cut back in February. If you haven't noticed by now I am a flower lover and love to grow plants that I can pick and that attract the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. I do my best to try and promote pollination. Another important point is you don't need to fertilize in the fall; this includes shrubs. I have been

taught that when an evergreen is doing well then just leave it alone and never fertilize. The best thing you can do is amend the soil with compost in the spring. Healthy soil and planting the plant where it will be happy is the best you can do. All plants need watering during the first year; once established, shrubs and evergreens and especially natives can do okay with rain water. Vegetables, annuals, and a flowering garden need watering during the summer. When we get the really cold, sunny weather in the winter and you notice your shrubs looking droopy, give them some water as this helps prevent cold damage. I leave you with a couple of important tips: the most-asked question when I was working at the garden center was, what is the difference between a perennial and annual. A perennial is everlasting; it comes back every year. An annual is once a year, but there a lot of annuals out there that do reseed themselves, or if you cut them back, with our mild winters they do come back. So the gardening business is full of surprises; if you really need a question answered, take a piece of your plant and go with your questions to the nearest garden nursery. Not a department store that happens to sell plants but real nurseries where you can find a certified nurseryman and people passionate about plants. Also, this IS the best time to go and buy those plants that are on sale now because it is the best time to plant. Plants are going dormant, Mother Nature will water for us, and next year the plant will have a head start for spring!



## Health check

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

### Being in the moment is meeting each moment

I recently tried downloading a segment from a book of one of my favorite authors. After several attempts the prompt still read: "All connection attempts failed". What a metaphor, I thought, for how life had been feeling to me the last few days. I have been extremely excited about new directions my life is taking yet there have been some tough stumbling blocks driving me to the brink of total frustration. This has definitely been interfering with my bliss!

Apparently I am not alone in this phenomenon. Several friends have commented lately on just how much change they are experiencing and witnessing. I have observed that this time of year always seems to bring opportunity for change. Once again, this got me contemplating the cycles of change. I recognized that when we try to let go of the old, say an old habit, the energy required to bring us into the future condition and reality of that state can bring us through mine fields (or in this case mind fields). The process can be at once challenging and stressful as well as enlivening and heart-opening. The determining factor is how we meet each moment.

Being in the moment may require developing new, healthier skills, or honing the skills we already possess. A friend recently wrote: "this is a time that requires tremendous strength, insight, love, and trust to navigate to a higher place of calmness, receptiveness, joy and giving". I interpreted this as saying that strength is keeping the inner eye on the goal while being flexible about change. Insight comes when we reach for the vision of how each experience is for our greater good. Love levels the playing field when we recognize that no matter of outer appearance, possessions, intellect, achievements or behavior; we are all equal in the eyes of the Creator.

I was reading an article in this morning's newspaper about Alan Greenspan's new book (he's the former Federal Reserve Chairman). His statement at the end especially intrigued me where he says, "Adaptation is in our nature, a fact that leads me to be deeply optimistic about our future." So if your life is challenged by change at this time know this: you can do this, it may be only one shift away. Who knows, perhaps that shift will bring a gift of untold magnificence waiting for you on the other side of the turmoil.

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## Wanna get REALLY SCARED?

By Arene Stormes, Richmond Beach Library

Every year at Hallowe'en, my friends and I organize storytelling programs in order to scare the bejibbers out of our neighbors and family. We perform in libraries, bookstores, coffeeshops, on the radio, and anywhere else that people seem to be a little too warm and comfortable. October is the time for ghosts and spooks, and we want to make sure everybody gets in on the fun.

This year is no exception. Cower quietly through frightening, yukky, and true tales of ghosts and hauntings, or suck up your courage and tell your own at the **Annual Scary Stories for Brave Listeners** program at the Richmond Beach Library, on Tuesday evening, October 30th at 7pm. This program is NOT recommended for young or timid children. Refreshments will be served only to survivors.

### Don't wanna get scared?

On Hallowe'en evening, I'll host a fun evening of gentle stories for young listeners. We'll sing songs and share tales of fun and candy. No witches, ghouls, or scary monsters here—just happy pumpkins and a cookie for everyone. Stop in for the stories after you've trick-or-treated in the neighborhood. Kids (and adults) are invited to wear a costume.  
**Happy Pumpkin Stories for Little Ghosties**, on Wednesday October 31st (that's Hallowe'en!) at 7pm.

For more information about scary stories and non-scary stories, please call the Richmond Beach Library: (206) 546-3522

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## The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Corner

By Art Kruckeberg

Fall doth approach in Richmond Beach and in our community's botanic garden. Hence we offer readers a timely initial article on fall color of trees and shrubs in the Garden. We plan further occasional articles from the Garden in the coming months. Keen gardeners also know that fall is a perfect season for planting, so act now, no need to wait!

Fall color in Puget Sound's native plant life is rather bland in contrast with the spectacular fall color of the New England countryside. Our native deciduous trees—alders, maples, and cottonwoods—take on pale yellow hues before leaf fall. No reds to speak of, let alone golden yellows. But rich fall color is present in our garden, by virtue of the plants from other lands. Our botanic garden lavishly displays such color because so many of the specimens come from faraway places, especially eastern Asia and eastern North America.

Deciduous conifers make a real show. Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia*) turns a soft copper color just before leaf fall. Our fondness for larches is rewarded by their golden hues before going naked for the winter. Since we grow several larch species, we see them yellowing at different times during fall. Our native western larch (*Larix occidentalis*) is one of the first to glow yellow, and the last to turn golden is the exquisite Asiatic larch (*L. gmelinii*).

Broadleaved deciduous trees and shrubs from other lands give generously of fall color. Members of the witch hazel clan put on a great show. Red is the fall color of two witch hazel relatives, *Disanthus cercidifolius* from China and *Parrotia persica* from the Near East. Yellows dominate for other witch hazel kin: the winter hazels (*Corylopsis*) and the true witch hazels (*Hamamelis*).

Glorious yellows suffused with pink is the hallmark of the stately Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*). From eastern Asia come several Linderas. *Lindera triloba*, a Korean relative of sassafras, gives the beholder a rich

display of brilliant gold. Oaks and maples in the garden bid their leafy farewell in a blaze of color as well.

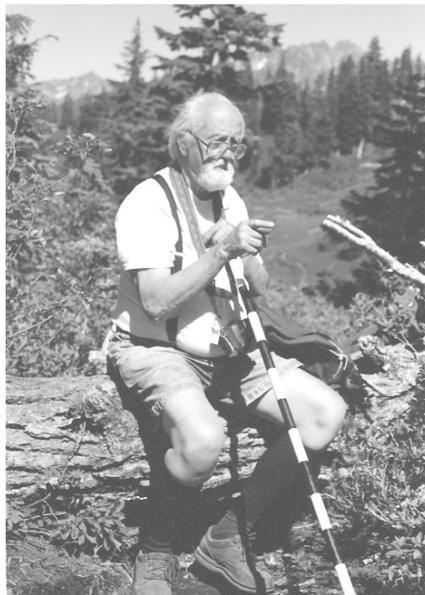
What turns on this glorious display of color, followed by leaves littering the turf? Botanists have a fair idea of how it works. Both external and internal triggers set in motion leaf coloration and leaf fall. Late summer drought, shorter days and cooler nights start the process. In the leaf, responses to the environmental changes are dramatic. Several chemical and anatomical events now occur. The green photosynthetic pigment, chlorophyll, starts to break down, revealing the yellow pigments masked by the chlorophyll in spring and summer. At about the same time, a change occurs in the ring of cells at the base of the leaf stalk. These cells (the abscission layer) weaken to allow easy leaf fall. Where does red come from? The weakened leaf stalk prevents sugars made by photosynthesis from moving into the twig. The blocked sugars are then transformed into a water-soluble red pigment, the same anthocyanin of beets! Despite the mundane functional basis for the process, fall color is still one of Nature's marvels.

Not all fall color in the garden is linked to the leaf as it dies. Several plants bear full bloom well into October. The fall Cyclamen (*C. hederifolium*), now leafless, carpets the ground with lavish bloom, mostly deep pink to purple, but with some whites. September Anemone (*A. hupehensis*, from China) is a tall herb bedecked with large lavender or white flowers.

Fall color in the garden doesn't end with leaves and late-blooming flowers. The culmination of a season of making seeds gives us many a cluster of colorful fruits. Mountain ashes with red or white "berries" (really tiny apples), the grey-blue berries of the tall and low Oregon grapes, salal, and many other berried treasures, abound. The capstone of showy fruits is the European spindlebush, *Euonymus latifolius*. This fine eight-foot shrub converts its tiny flowers into showy red fruits. The fleshy red husk then splits open and three to four reddish seeds descend on colorful inch-long threads. What a curiously wonderful display!

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden was founded in 1958 when Dr. Arthur R. Kruckeberg and his late wife Mareen moved to a farmhouse in then mostly-rural Shoreline. Over the ensuing decades they created the garden, growing nearly every plant from seed or cutting. Dr. Kruckeberg is an author and professor emeritus of botany at the UW. He continues to write and teach, and he's very active in his 3.8-acre garden.

Visitors are welcome to tour the Garden, located at 20312 15th Ave. NW. It remains Dr. Kruckeberg's residence but is open to the public during business hours for the onsite MsK Rare Plant Nursery. Those hours are Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. in spring and summer (10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. when the clocks fall back). Street parking only; please be considerate of the neighbors. Guided group tours can be arranged; see [www.kruckeberg.org](http://www.kruckeberg.org) for information.



Art Krukenberg at Mt. Baker in 2001 while teaching a class for the North Cascades Institute.

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### Tuesday, Oct. 2: Civic Center/City Hall Meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Meridian Park Elementary, 17077 Meridian Avenue N

Learn more and share your ideas for the City of Shoreline's new Civic Center/City Hall. More info: Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519.

### Monday, Oct. 8: Aurora and Ballinger Way Corridors Commercial Zone Public Hearing

7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

Provide input to the City Council and Planning Commission on proposed changes to city code allowing increased residential density in commercial zones within a short walk of Aurora Avenue and Ballinger Way. More info: Associate Planner Steve Szafran at (206) 546-0786.

### Tuesday, Oct. 9: Housing Strategy Community Meeting

7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Shoreline Fire Department, 17525 Aurora Avenue N

Join Shoreline's Comprehensive Housing Citizen Advisory Committee at an open house to learn more about and provide comments on the draft plan for the City's Comprehensive Housing Strategy. More info: Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 546-1418.

### Thursday, Oct. 11: Sustainability Strategy Conversation

6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Shoreline Room, Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

The City of Shoreline is gathering community input and ideas for creating an environmentally sustainable community. The next meeting will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday, Nov. 14. More info: Associate Planner Juniper Nammi at (206) 546-8805.

### Saturday, Oct. 13: Clean Sweep Recycling Event

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Shoreline Park & Ride on Aurora at 192<sup>nd</sup>

Clean Sweep provides residents opportunities to recycle and dispose of items. Look for your flyer in the mail or check the city's website for more details on accepted items. More info: Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

### Monday, Oct. 15: City Council Budget Presentation

6:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

The 2008 budget adoption process kicks off with the transmittal of the 2008 Proposed Budget to the City Council. Visit Shoreline's website for the complete City Council budget meeting schedule. More info: Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

### Tuesday, Oct. 16: 15th Avenue NE Public Meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 16508 8th Avenue NE

The City of Shoreline is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to talk about traffic operations on 15th Avenue NE. City staff will present the results of traffic studies conducted along 15th Avenue NE and surrounding streets. Your input will be used to help identify future improvements for the corridor. More info: Traffic Engineer Rich Meredith at (206) 546-2408.

### Wednesday, Oct. 17: Aurora Corridor Open House

7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Meridian Park Elementary School, 17077 Meridian Avenue N

Meet the project team for the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 205th Streets, and learn more about the environmental process and project schedule. There will be a presentation at 7:15 p.m. More info: Aurora Corridor Project Manager Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-3901.

### Thursday, Oct. 18: Ridgecrest Commercial Zoning Public Hearing

7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

Provide input to the Planning Commission on proposed new zoning at the intersection of NE 165<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. An innovative form-based code and "Planned Area Zone" are proposed to embody the community vision expressed by the neighborhood earlier this year in a process involving the University of Washington. More info: Associate Planner Steve Szafran at (206) 546-0786.

### Monday, Oct. 22: Trail Corridor Open House

6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Cascade Room, Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

The Shoreline Trail Corridor Study Group invites the community to review its work on identifying trail improvements in Shoreline and share comments. More info: Shoreline Parks Director Dick Deal at (206) 546-2072.

### Friday, Oct. 26: Hamlin Halloween Haunt

6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Avenue NE

Listen to spooky songs and stories around a campfire, take a hayride around the park, and play Halloween games for prizes and candy. Free for the whole family. More info: Spartan Recreation Center at (206) 418-3383.

### Monday, Nov. 5: City Council Budget Hearing

6:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Conference 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.

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## September calendar of community events

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Library Events include: **Danger Books**, Presented by Book-IT Repertory Theater Monday, October 8,

7:00 p.m. Actors will read some of the most controversial sections from books banned or challenged in the United States, followed by a discussion on intellectual freedom. Join us for a thought provoking book discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* Monday, October 1, 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, October 11, 2:00 p.m.

View the 1966 Film Production of *Fahrenheit 451* starring Julie Christie and Oskar Werner Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the entire community to read and talk about the book, and discuss themes of censorship and thought control.

Other Library programs include:

**Talk Time:** 10/2, 10, 9/ 10/16 10/23 and 10/30 Tuesdays from 4-6pm

**Pajamarama Story Time:** 10/3, 10/10; 10/17/ 10/24/Wednesdays at 7 pm

**Scary Stories for Brave Listeners:** 10/30 Tuesday at 7 pm. Local storytellers will tell frightening, yucky, and true tales of ghosts and hauntings. Followed by a scary stories open mike.

**Happy Pumpkin Stories:** 10/31 Wednesday at 7 pm for little ghosties! Young children are invited to share gentle Halloween stories and songs. Wear a costume! Refreshments will be provided.

**Toddler story time:** 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 Thursday at 10:15 am

**Preschool Story time:** 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 Thursdays at 11 am

**Amazing Magic:** 10/20 Saturday at 1 pm presented by Jeff Evans. Sponsored by the City of Shoreline Parks and Recreation Department.

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**PTA/Volunteer Orientation**  
Tue., Oct. 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Library

**Syre PTA Meeting**  
Tue., Oct. 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Library

**Walk-A-Thon Prize Day**  
Thur., Oct. 25

**Partners in Print Workshop**  
Thur., Oct. 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Picture Day**  
Fri., Oct. 26

**Richmond Beach Community Association's Halloween Carnival**  
Sat., Oct. 27, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

**Principal's Brown Bag**  
Thur., Nov. 1, 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Office

**Veteran's Day Assembly**  
Fri., Nov. 9, 2:40-3:20 p.m.

### Einstein Middle School

**Einstein PTSA Meeting**  
Tue., Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m. Staff Lounge

**ASB Magazine Drive Kick Off Assembly**  
Tue., Oct. 16

### Shorewood High School

**ASB Picture Retakes**  
Thur., Oct. 11

**Homecoming**  
Oct. 15-19

**Powder Puff Volleyball Game**  
Mon., Oct. 15 Gym

**Shorewood PTSA Meeting**  
Tue., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m. Library

**Powderpuff Football Game**  
Wed., Oct. 17 Shoreline Stadium

**Homecoming Assembly**  
Fri., Oct. 19

**Homecoming Game**  
Fri., Oct. 19

At the end of half time, any past cheerleaders from 1975 on will be invited down onto the track for a picture and then will be invited to do the fight song with the band and present cheerleaders. This is the first time for this activity. Former cheerleaders are asked to contact Shorewood.

**Homecoming Dance**  
Sat., Oct. 20

**STAR Winter Sports Meetings for Athletes**  
Tue., Oct. 23

**Jostens Ring Sales**  
Oct. 23 and 24 during lunch

**Jostens Cap and Gown Orders**  
Nov. 1 and 2 during lunch

### RBCA Community Events

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

##### Halloween Carnival

Sat., Oct. 27, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Syre Elementary School  
19545 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW

Games, inflatables, cake walk, haunted house, raffle, food and more! Come in costume!

Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association

##### 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. T-shirts available by pre-order only (see order form in this issue of newspaper).

Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association

##### Ornament Decorating/Tree Lighting/ Caroling at Rehab

Saturday, Dec. 1

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Holiday Craft Party @ Shoreline Fire Safety Center (next to Pizza Mia)

5:00 p.m. - Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Pizza Mia

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

### Shoreline School District

**No School** - Grades K-12 - Staff Work Days  
October 12 and 15

**School Board Meeting**  
Mon., Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

**School Board Meeting**  
Mon., Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.

### 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.

## Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

The annual Holiday Bazaar, held at the Shoreline-LFP Senior Center will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a great way to get an early start on your holiday shopping by enjoying 24 crafting vendors, a silent auction, bake sale and more. This fundraiser is one of the biggest conducted by your senior center, helping to continue outstanding programs for seniors of all ages. Look for the giant snowman and come on in for a special treat!

The Shoreline-LFP Senior Center offers over 50 weekly classes, 26 special services for seniors and their families, a daily hot lunch, thrift shop, special events, and activities. The Center is located at 18560 1st Avenue NE, in the Shoreline Conference Center campus. For more information on current activities please call 206-365-1536 for an Activity Guide. This is a Center with very active seniors. Come by for a guided tour and see what sorts of activities or services would be of interest to you! You'll be surprised at what you will see and be able to do.

## Peace Vigil for All the Children - Children's Sabbath

By Teri Allen

Please join your friends and neighbors as we gather on Friday, October 19 to pray for peace for all children. In honor of the Children's Sabbath, we will gather at Richmond Beach Congregational Church-UCC, 1512 NW

195th Street, at 7:00 p.m. and walk to Richmond Beach Community Park. We will share music, stories and prayers as we hold a candlelight vigil. In our inaugural event last year, we were joined by over 80 people! This event is sponsored by Richmond Beach Congregational Church. For additional information, contact Teri Allen at 206-542-0996. We hope you will join us.

## Shoreline School Board Candidate Forum

By Mary Bannister

Please mark your calendars and save the date! Pass the word about this October 16th Shoreline School Board Candidate Forum to your friends and neighbors.

The forum will be held Oct. 16th at Bethel Lutheran in Shoreline (17418 8th NE, Shoreline, WA 98155) with a League of Women Voters' moderator. It will be the same format as the July 31st event.

The program will start at 6:30 p.m. with an open session to meet the candidates in person. The forum will start at 7:00 p.m. with the program scheduled to be wrapped up about 8:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Mary Bannister, [info@booksforbeginners.org](mailto:info@booksforbeginners.org), 206 542-4053 or Krista Tenney, [tenney@earthlink.net](mailto:tenney@earthlink.net), 206 367-8688