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Richmond Beach Community Association General Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
7:30 pm
Congregational Church

Note: There will be no General Meeting in February; instead we will be hosting the Youth Jam on February 23rd.

Planning Directors Explain Point Wells Situation

By Tom Peterson

A full house of Richmond Beach residents, plus elected officials from both sides of the county line, listened to Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander and Snohomish County Director of Planning and Development Craig Ladiser explain the history, and possible future, of Point Wells at the community meeting January 15. Both Olander and Ladiser acknowledged that Richmond Beach residents are rightfully leery of a potentially large residential development in Snohomish County where all of the social burdens would be born by King County residents, starting with Shoreline.

The decision-making process will take one-and-a-half years or more. Actual construction of any residential community on Point Wells would be delayed by many years of assessing the badly polluted area and many years of environmental cleanup. Richmond Beach residents can play an active role in informing and persuading officials in Snohomish County through these processes, said Ladiser. They would be expected to take a leading role in defining what kind of local mitigation would be necessary and appropriate, should the project ever be built, promised Olander.

The meeting was strictly informational, and many city and county council members were there to learn, too, before the expected barrage of calls from concerned citizens. The RBCA may arrange for future community meetings so residents and their political representatives can discuss Point Wells.

The Point Wells peninsula has an asphalt transport terminal and storage facility owned by Paramount Oil, a subsidiary of Alon Oil, an international petroleum conglomerate. The City of Shoreline opposes other uses for the site, but years ago included in its Comprehensive Plan that if its status were to change, Point Wells ought to annex to Shoreline, as all access and services to Point Wells come through Richmond Beach. Recently, the Town of Woodway filed to annex the property, and a Court of Appeals ruled that its conflicting claim with Shoreline was legal, leaving the decision on annexation to its owner or resident(s), in this case Alon.

Alon has expressed its desire to annex to Snohomish County.

In a letter from Alon, read to the community meeting by RBCA Vice president Ed Adams, the company pledged to sincerely take into consideration the impacts that a large development at Point Wells would have on Richmond Beach.

Snohomish County's Craig Ladiser described the lengthy process of getting any large project started in Snohomish County. The "docketing process" looks at many proposals to change existing land usage in the nine areas that Snohomish County has identified as having potential for accommodating the expected increase in population over the next 20 or more years. Point Wells may get "on the docket" for 2009. Various studies, rezonings, environmental studies, and code amendments are made, all with public comment. Point Wells is in the "initial review" phase, and from June to October of this year public comment will be accepted, in writing. Live testimony before the Snohomish County Planning Commission and before the County Council is slated for late 2008 and early 2009.

Richmond Beach residents are encouraged to watch the Snohomish County website for exact dates and opportunities to testify. The City of Shoreline will also be extremely attentive to these moments, while working vigorously through interagency channels and by political means to influence or manage whatever happens at Point Wells. Olander expressed frustration that because Point Wells is in Snohomish County, Shoreline has little legal recourse. He also voiced disappointment that Alon has not continued the close, open relationship with Shoreline that Paramount and the site's former owner, Chevron, had. To date, Woodway's position has been a blunt insistence that it annex Point Wells and receive the tax revenue, but that no access to the site shall pass through Woodway. The mayor of Woodway attended the Richmond Beach community meeting, however, and now urgently wants to meet with Shoreline officials and the RBCA Board.

President's message

By Sean Quigley, President

I'll begin this month by thanking the Lake Forest Park and Shoreline Arts Council for a grant in the amount of one thousand dollars. These funds will help underwrite the cost of the Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival and allow us to continue to grow our event; it's bigger and better every year.

Our general meeting for the month of January focused on the future development at Point Wells. Once again, the RBCA was on the ball and took action when word got of the intentions of the new owners. We asked questions of the City of Shoreline officials, but it seemed they didn't have much information on the proposal. In an effort to engage everyone in the Point Wells issue, we brought all the parties involved to our general meeting, with the hope of giving everyone a little clearer picture of the process, their positions and what we can all expect going forward. There is a much more in depth article written by Tom Peterson that will give you the complete overview of the proposed project.

The RBCA will remain diligent on Point Wells, and all issues of concern or interest



Sean Quigley, President
Richmond Beach
Community Association

to you, our neighbors. If you haven't joined the RBCA, now would be a great time to do so. I will also continue to remind you of the importance of renewing your membership as well. Take the time to fill out our membership form today. Mail it in and be counted among our members. Do your part in contributing to our neighborhood.

There will be no General Meeting in February; instead we will be hosting the Youth Jam to be held February 23. Look for details on this event inside. Thank you for supporting your community.

Sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association

Richmond Beach Youth Jam

Come see Shoreline's aspiring
young musicians compete
for prize money & glory!

Saturday, February 23

6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Congregational Church
Richmond Beach Road and 15th Avenue NW

Tickets are \$2 at the door and include a doorprize drawing

Donations for Teen Hope will be collected

Desserts from the new Richmond Beach Grill House
will be available for purchase

Anina's CORNER

by Anina Coder-Sill

Kevin had a wonderful time visiting Tristan and Ayako in the Marshall Islands at Christmastime. The lengths of the flights were even pretty good, as a knowledgeable travel agent booked an overnight stay in Honolulu before the next seven-hour leg of the trip. Kevin was welcomed warmly by the Marshalese, and though school was out of session, he got to meet many students and their parents in the streets and at local events. The biggest event was a kemem, the birthday celebration for a one-year-old held at a local high school. Several hundred people attended the party, and Kevin donned a Santa suit. Before dressing up as Santa, he was given a seat of honor next to a priest and a chief, and they were served boxed meals of macaroni salad, rice, breadfruit, fish, pork, and a warm, thick coconut drink. A traditional dance was performed, Tristan played happy birthday on his clarinet, each guest lined up to contribute a one-dollar bill to the birthday boy, and the kids lined up to see Santa. All this in 85 degree weather (Kevin decided not to eat his leftovers; Tristan did and got sick.)

Later in town, Kevin heard someone say, "I know he was the real Santa because he was white." Mmmmm. The weather was very windy and very hot, and they went swimming and snorkeling several times. They also attended a two-day dance festival in Ebeye called "the beat" where natives performed a traditional dance to recorded Christmas music. Cars, tractors, bulldozers and ships mostly reside on the spot where they ceased to work, though some parts are used to shore up the five-mile causeway between Gugeegue and Ebeye. Ebeye is crowded with side-by-side ramshackle houses and many, many people. Gugeegue is much smaller and far less populated. Chickens, pigs, and dogs roam Gugeegue freely. Kevin gathered a wonderful collection of shells, but they were abducted at

Kwajalein customs (at least he had taken a picture of them). A school closet is full of corroded brass instruments, disintegrated aluminum cans litter the beaches, rusty barbecues stand in yards: the salt air is ever present. Someone banged on their door one morning calling for Ayako, who has a nursing degree, and she performed CPR during the truck ride to Ebeye, but the gentleman unfortunately died before they reached the hospital. Thankfully the community thought to call upon her skills, though too late, and perhaps others will learn the basics in the future. Though teen pregnancy and alcoholism are prevalent, the children are beautiful, the sea the bluest of blues, the culture is very family-oriented, and our son and daughter-in-law are there. I'm looking forward to visiting them!



Good News!

By Officer L.D. Obstler

Preliminary reports/stats show that in 2007 we had half the amount of cars stolen in Shoreline than we did in 2006. While this means we are doing better (e.g. special prosecutor's unit, charges filed within 72 hours, citizens doing a better job at locking and securing their cars, etc.), we still need

to take precautions so we don't become crime victims.

Officer Obstler can be reached at the Westside Neighborhood Center 624 NW Richmond Beach Rd. Shoreline, WA 98177

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Please Support Your Community

by Deborah Bowen-Mills

This will be my last article for a while regarding how much we need the support of our friends, neighbors and households in Richmond Beach. As far as neighborhoods in Shoreline, we live in one of the most active and are the only one that has its own newspaper. Our newspaper is one of our largest costs, even though it is run by volunteers. As a new member of the Richmond Beach Community Council, I have decided to make a commitment to raise membership by 100%. We deliver newspapers to 2,500 households and drop off another 500 copies to local businesses. As of now our current membership is 380 members. The membership is \$15.00 per

person and if you have a partner then \$30.00 per household. These funds are stretched as far as we can make them. We have many activities and without local sponsors and individuals we would not be able to do all we do. The following are a few things that we sponsor: the Halloween carnival, Christmas tree lighting event, sand castle building contest, Turkey Day Fun Run, Strawberry Festival, community garage sale, garden tour, Christmas ships and our new one, the youth jam! When you attend any of these events you see a great turnout, but to be blunt we do not make much money at all. We are into having a neighborhood where people can get out and enjoy being together.

This helps build a close and much loved community. If we did not have our little paper we would not be able to stay in touch and it helps everyone to have a feeling of togetherness. So I am asking PLEASE do not procrastinate another day, fill out the form, cut it out and send it in today. Become a proactive member of your neighborhood and always feel free to contact a council member with questions or ideas. We are listed in the paper and it would be just great to see some of you at the community meetings every second Tuesday of the month. Thank you all for helping make Richmond Beach a fun place to grow up!

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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.

Beach Blossoms Garden Tour Brightwater at Point Wells Approaches a New Phase

By Lynn Wright

The date has been set! The 16th annual Richmond Beach Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 14. Gardening is a favorite all-American pastime, so what better day for a garden tour than Flag Day!

Now that you have this incredibly fun event highlighted on your social calendar, you have one of two choices. Are you willing to have your garden be a destination, or can we count on you to be a tourist? Last year, despite the unseasonably cold, wet weather, we had a record number of gardens to view and many brave garden enthusiasts, decked out in their finest foul-weather gear, to tour them.

Don't fret; you need not have a garden that looks like it just walked off the cover of

Sunset Magazine. We welcome gardens in all stages of development. It's a great opportunity to share gardening ideas and meet neighbors in our community.

Help us make this year a success! If you are interested in having your garden on the tour, please contact Lynn Wright at beachrights@msn.com, or call 206-542-4554. The deadline to sign up is May 1. One other note, this year the packet of tour descriptions will only be available online at the RBCC website. When the packet is posted, flyers with access information will be available at Richmond Beach Coffee Co. and the Richmond Beach Library.

Blood Drives Returning to Richmond Beach

By Tom Peterson

Roll up your sleeves for one of the greatest things people can do for each other: donate blood. The Puget Sound Blood Center will have its mobile unit in Richmond Beach on a regular basis starting Friday, March 7. The meeting room at the Richmond Beach Library will be a donation center that day. The bloodmobile will return about every eight weeks.

Richmond Beach Teen Librarian Aarene Storms coordinated the PSBC's visit last fall. The contact person will now be Tom Petersen.

Donating blood is safe, nearly painless, and takes an hour or less. Blood is always needed for accident victims, people having

surgery and people with chronic illnesses. Without regular donations, lives are endangered. All people over 18 years of age and over 110 pounds are eligible, with few exceptions. The blood donation process is like a nice mini-checkup, too.

Donations at the library on March 7 will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, visit www.psbcc.org or call 1-800-398-7888. Walk-ins are welcome. Donor registration cards and information cards will be available at the library and at area businesses. Many employers will allow people to leave work early or take a long lunch in order to donate blood. For other questions, e-mail Tom Petersen, mtson@icehouse.net.

By Monica Van der Vieren

West Tunnel

King County's Brightwater treatment system is under construction at all four portal locations and the treatment plant site. Large tunnel boring machines, or TBMs, have begun building conveyance tunnels at the North Creek and Kenmore Portals. Soon, tunneling will begin at Point Wells.

In preparation for tunneling, the West Tunnel contractor is excavating the portal shaft. The TBM will arrive in pieces that are assembled in this shaft. Once the TBM arrives in early spring, crews will spend about a month assembling the machine. The machine will be launched from a tunnel "eye" at Point Wells and begin its journey for 21,000 feet to Ballinger Way Portal, where it will be retrieved.

Before tunneling commences, the contractor will complete installation of a conveyor system that will carry tunneling spoils from the portal site to a barge loading area on the south end of the dock at Point Wells. The contractor expects to load one barge weekly, but can contain two to three weeks of spoils on-site if necessary.

In February, the West Tunnel contractor will use a remotely-controlled tunneling machine to build the marine outfall connector pipe from the portal site to a shaft where the machine will be retrieved on the beach at Point Wells.

Marine Outfall

King County awarded the Brightwater Marine Outfall contract to a team led by Triton Marine Construction from Bremerton, WA and design engineering firm Dayton & Knight Ltd. from Vancouver, B.C. The Marine Outfall contract is a Design/Build type, which involves close coordination among a partner team to complete the project design and construction.

The marine outfall will be built in two locations. At Point Wells, the contractor will continue the pipeline from the marine outfall connector shaft to -80 feet by excavating a trench and burying the pipe. Offsite, two pipelines almost a mile long will be constructed. These pipelines will be towed separately to Point Wells and lowered to the sea bottom.

In preparation for nearshore construction, King County and partner agencies will complete preconstruction marine surveys and harvest eelgrass from the trench area for replanting after the project is completed. Neighbors will see marine biologists working in the nearshore and offshore in June and July this year.

Volunteer Opportunity

by Maureen Colaizzi

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

There will be a variety of opportunities for community members to participate in

work parties throughout the year. Training, tools, and refreshments will be provided by the city. The second work party is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the third will be on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The goals of these work parties are to continue Scotch Broom removal, complete a large area of planting, cover the planted areas with straw mulch and continue transplanting grass plugs. Twenty to thirty volunteers are needed for these dates. To learn more, please contact Maureen Colaizzi at 206-546-0232, or mcolaizzi@ci.shoreline.wa.us. Thank you for your support!

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The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council approved the Richmond Beach Community Association's application for a \$1,000 grant to support the 2008 Strawberry Festival. The certificate above was presented to Sheri Ashleman on behalf of the community to recognize the role of the RBCA in nurturing arts in our Richmond Beach community.

A Teen Memory

By Chris Riveland

His suit lapels were spotted with congealed pipe residue and encrusted with egg yolk, probably remnants of his breakfast. Pastor *Froehlich* smelled of onions and stale tobacco. His white hair, long in the back and thinning in front and on top, was usually in disarray. His beaked nose supported gold wire-rim spectacles. When this aged parish priest looked at us teenagers, we felt he could tell immediately if we were telling the truth.

It was February 1947, an abnormally cold winter. The six of us boys and girls ages 13 to 16 were in his study, standing uncomfortably in front of his desk, switching from one foot to the other and wondering. Why had he summoned us after school in the middle of the week? He scrutinized each one of us thoroughly before explaining in his broad Frankfurt dialect what was on his mind.

Most of the teens had given up attending church services because of the unheated church, a 63-foot tall stone edifice. Many of us had no heat; we were constantly hungry; our warm clothes had long been mended too often. The soles on our shoes had worn through, necessitating us stuffing them with several layers of newspaper to keep from feeling the frozen ground. The warmth from the wood stove in the priest's study lulled us into drowsiness. Pastor *Froehlich* informed us that no one had attended the funerals for several of the older widowers and widows who had died during recent months. He wondered if we, his core group of parish teens, would be willing to participate in funeral services over the next few weeks for those who no longer had family, reminding us that this would bring special rewards.

We six were silent for awhile, and then looked at each other and agreed. Willy Quillman, the oldest, was designated to inform each of us by word of mouth, since the Allied Forces would not yet let us have a telephone. Gisela Geitzhaus was his alternate. We attended eight funerals in a six-week period, a record for any time period chronicled in the parish archives. The pastor was pleased with our dependable attendance.

A few weeks later, during a pleasant spring day at the end of April, he summoned all of us into his study again. We puzzled what might await us and if we would be chastised. Pastor wore a clean suit and had a rare smile on his face. On a side table stood six large cardboard boxes bearing many

strange stamps and the insignia of a foreign flag. It was the same flag I had only seen on American jeeps that patrolled the downtown Frankfurt area. Pastor motioned us to sit on the sofa. Then he addressed us, "Dear young people, I am proud of you! I did not hold too much hope that you would actually attend all the funerals during the cold spell, but am so pleased you did. I told you there would be rewards for your good deed, but did not let on that this would be a two-fold reward. My many friends in America have sent me *CARE* packages for several months. I have stored all of them and want to share them with you now, first of all because I won't need them, and second, to reward you for keeping your promise."

With that he went to the boxes and made six equal piles of things we had only heard and dreamed of: beef in broth, steak and kidneys, a tin of corned beef, a tin of a luncheon loaf (like Spam), 8 ounces of bacon, two pounds of margarine, one pound of lard, one pound of fruit preserves, one pound of honey, one pound of raisins, one pound of chocolate, two pounds of sugar, eight ounces of egg powder, two pounds of whole-milk powder, two pounds of coffee.

We were speechless! And then the questions flew—about his American contacts, how he a humble German priest could have friends in faraway America? He did not reply, merely smiled and urged us to pack up our treasures. "Take them home, your parents might want to share some of this with others." Then he looked at us somberly and said something I have never forgotten, "People, there are terrible times ahead!"

His statement made no sense to us. We were dumbfounded. What could he mean? After all, World War II was over, and things are surely going to get better. There was even talk of the stores soon again being full of food and other merchandise, though that took another year. Little did we know this old, unassuming pastor held a Ph.D. in philosophy and economics, and had a shrewd sense of world politics, though we did not discover this until after his death, in a newspaper tribute. Unfortunately, as I see it, his prediction came true, not in an economic sense, but in the deterioration of people's morals. Nevertheless, the deaths of the several Frankfurt parishioners in the winter of 1947 and an old pastor's kindness pumped a lot of life and hope into us six young people and our families.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Presents:

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and The Stinky Cheese Man

by Book-it Theatre Company

Friday, February 15 at 2 p.m. - Mid-Winter Break Special
Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$6

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council presents *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *The Stinky Cheese Man* at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 15 at Shorecrest Performing Arts Center. The kids will be out on mid-winter break so bring them down for some inexpensive, theatrical fun! In this Book-it All Over production two classic fairy tales are fractured before your eyes in author Jon Scieszka's unique style. The story of the three pigs is told by one Alexander T. Wolf as he



sits in the pig penitentiary doing time for a crime he insists he didn't do. This zany story will be told in tandem with *The Stinky Cheese Man*, the irreverent tale of a lonely old couple and their creation of a companion made from cheese. This story takes us on a ride into an uninviting world that will be sure to have children laughing in seconds. This show is appropriate for ages K-6

The Shorecrest Performing Arts Center is located at 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. Tickets are available online www.Shorelinearts.net or by calling the Arts Council office at 206-417-4645.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Presents a Special Double Bill:

How Ya Doin' Sweetheart by Stefani Priest and Footlights by Jennifer Kulik

Monday, February 25, 2008 7 p.m. at the Shoreline Center's Aurora Room.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council presents a special double bill featuring *How Ya Doin' Sweetheart* by Edmonds playwright Stefani Priest and *Footlights* by Lake Forest Park playwright Jennifer Kulik, on Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Shoreline Center's Aurora Room.

What do you get when you mix one martyred mother, one self-proclaimed disabled grandmother and a host of other attention starved characters together in one play? You get *How Ya Doin' Sweetheart*, a comedy-drama featuring three generations of a dysfunctional family in which everyone is in denial about their contribution to the dysfunction.

Footlights takes place on the set of a badly staged Gilbert and Sullivan musical

production. It features the accidental meeting of two people with a bad history and the person caught in the middle. The drama plays out in the theatre and the theatre lobby while the music of Gilbert and Sullivan is sung in the background.

Readers' Theater presentations are cast readings of original, un-produced plays. The reading will be at the Shoreline Center in the Aurora Room. Admission is free and the readings will be followed by coffee, cookies, and a discussion between the cast, the audience, and the playwrights.

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The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Presents:

David Boxley and the Git-Hoan Native Dance Group

Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$18/15

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council proudly presents David Boxley and the Git-Hoan Native Dance Group Saturday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center. David Boxley is a Tsimshian carver from Metlakatla, Alaska. In addition to producing the finest quality Northwest Coast native art, David Boxley remains very involved in preserving and spreading Tsimshian culture. He leads the Git-Hoan (People of the Salmon) Native Dance Group and incorporates his masks into their dance and storytelling. This is an incredibly visual show with stunning dance numbers, song and storytelling. These dancers will mesmerize you with their energy and the stories will give you a peek into the history and culture of the Tsimshian Native peoples.

"Artists from long ago inspire new generations of Indians to carry on the traditions of which they began. I am determined and dedicated to become the finest artist that I can be while at the same time helping to revitalize and carry on the rich culture of my tribe: I want my sons and other young Indian people to be proud of their heritage."

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Local History

By Tracy Tallman

This month, instead of focusing on Richmond Beach, we will look at some of the events that were occurring in Edmonds 100 years ago. There was a lot going on—as illustrated in some excerpts from the *Edmonds Tribune* in 1908:

Edmonds is honored by Atlantic Warship Fleet: On Saturday, May 23 at 1 p.m. the fleet, en route to Seattle, slowed speed and came close to shore while passing – admiring citizens showed appreciation by flag salutes, music and decorations

On May 23, 1908, Edmonds received national recognition in the passing of the war ships of the Atlantic fleet, coming close to shore so that every citizen might have a good view. About noon Saturday columns of smoke were seen on the horizon coming through the straits.

Nearer and nearer came the huge forms, till the full outlines of 12 battleships were seen by all eyes. The flagship *Connecticut* led. When opposite the town, flag salutes followed from shore to squadron and back; shout followed shout; hats were waved, whistles blew, bells rang, all resolving into a din, hard to imagine. Every expression of patriotic feeling was given free reign. This was a time when many hearts “beat as one.” The town—decorated for the occasion—was bright with bunting and flags, especially the city dock and the flag pole therefrom which fluttered Uncle Sam’s glorious emblem. It appeared even the weather was ordered for the occasion.

As to the great ships, how shall they be described and justice done? The grandeur, beauty and immensity are difficult to express. Iron clad and armored from stem to stern, from “aloft to a low,” and manned with from 600 to near 1,000 men each is practical proof, from sight alone, of the force of hidden power. These fighters, like “sleeping dogs,” are harmless when passive, but are mighty when fighting for their country and its people. Truly these warships represent American greatness, the marines doubly so in that they are, one and all, dear ones from many homes.

Accommodations: Though great preparation had been made, it is reported that thousands of visitors attracted to Seattle were

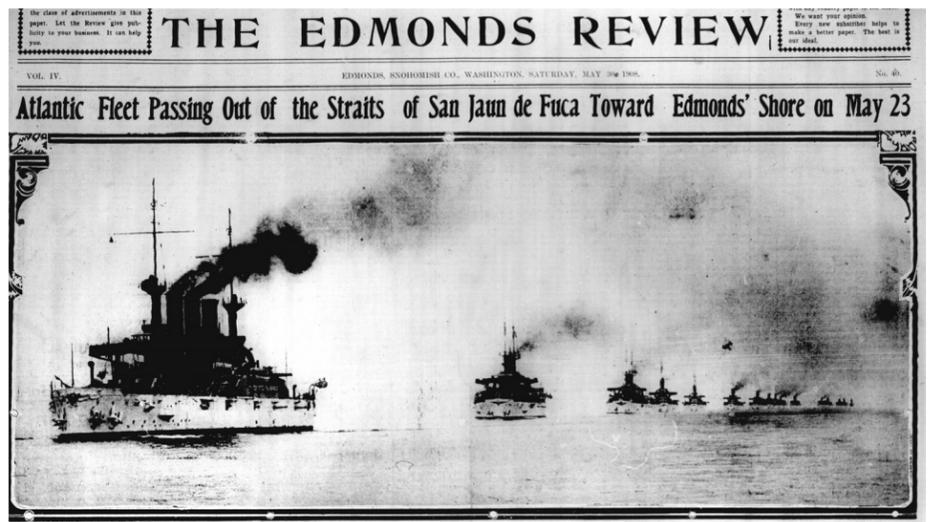
unable to get lodging accommodations and were compelled to walk the streets all night. Over 2,000 people spent the nights of Friday and Saturday in the great Union Depot at Seattle during the fleet reception.

Too Many for Us: No attempt will be made by the Review to mention the Edmonds people who have visited Seattle and the fleet this week. It would be easier to say who did not go. The steamer *City of Everett* carried its full capacity each trip. The *Puritan* made several excursions. The G. N. Ry took many hundred passengers to visit the fleet and if the interurban had been built, no doubt others would have gone.

In September – “Edmonds is to Have Electric Lights” and they were promising them within 60 days. They managed to do this with \$20,000 in capital. They purchased a site for the plant on the waterfront where they planned to install a 200-horsepower steam plant. “An electrician is on the grounds.” In the same article they were hoping for “a good system of sewerage in the near future” as afterwards the progress of the city would be “sure and rapid.”

In October the steamer *Telegraph* was just beginning its service as the “fastest stern wheel boat on the Sound” on the run between Seattle, Edmonds and Everett. The local newspaper, the *Edmonds Review*, labeling itself as “An Independent Local Paper for All the People,” was in full swing with political commentary as it was an election year, just as it is in 2008. During those days without television or radio, political speeches were great entertainment. Republicans had been advertising a rally at the Odd Fellows Hall, but there were fewer than 250 people in attendance—apparently a sparse crowd. It was noted that several of the attendees were ladies. Maybe a “Republican rally” should be held in Edmonds this year...

Under the caption “Eventful Trip to Point-No-Point,” E. H. Heberlein, J. N. Otto (who ran the butcher shop), Wm. House, Arthur Maas, and Lester Ulrich took a “gasoline launch” over to Point-No-Point north of Kingston on the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula. The boat was swamped by the steamer *Chippewa* at a rising tide and had to replenish its gasoline supply. When they restarted the launch the gasoline in the water caught fire, but they managed to make it home without further mishap.



The manager of Edmonds Electric Light & Power was planning to place and maintain “a large display of incandescent lights formed into the word Edmonds” that could be seen from Kingston. One wonders if this ever happened.

If you ever wondered how to remove a stump: With a two-inch augur, bore a hole perpendicularly into the stump about two feet. Pour into this hole a mixture of equal parts nitric and sulphuric acid. Then plug the hole tightly with a plug dipped in melted paraffin. In thirty days time stumps so treated will be a charred, pulp mass—roots and all—and may be spread over the soil as a fertilizer with a shovel. One rancher estimated he spent 4 cents cash and five minutes labor per stump. Don’t try this at home...

The postal receipts at the Edmonds Post Office had just qualified it to become a third-class post office. The postmaster could now receive a salary of \$1,100 and hire an

assistant postmaster, and an inspector was on the way to doll up the post office.

The Woman State Suffragist of Washington had a convention in Seattle. Mrs. DeVoe pronounced that “Woman suffrage was not a radical measure that might bring discord into the home, but that it had brought harmony between the sexes, and that thinking men usually favored it.” We all know how that ended....

Although 100 years have passed, and no more steamers ply the waters here, we still worry about infrastructure—roads, rails, boats. We think little about our lights and sewers, but we can thank those who came before us for paying to install them. And I thank the suffragists for giving me the right to vote!!! Thanks for reading! Tracy Tallman (lacquer@comcast.net).

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He looked up at me and said "I am NOT Happy!"

So I said, "Well, then, which one ARE you?" And that's how the fight started...

Do you have a good story or tale to tell? Please consider a submittal or two to the Richmond Beach Community News for our April issue. Articles, jokes, cartoons and stories should be 400 words or less and of such a nature as to appeal to all family members. Please send your work to grahmarc@ctr.net by March 15th.

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From your neighbors at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, 18560 1st AVE NE #1, 206-365-1536. We serve a hot lunch every week day, 11:45 AM to noon; \$3.00 donation for those over 60, all others pay \$5.75.

your class session. *Watch for a new class in March.* Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please. Instructor: Zels Johnson

Register in advance for ALL computer classes. Your reservation is confirmed only when full payment is received; full payment due one week before class begins. Refunds for cancellations by students are made only if the class has not begun or when an emergency occurs. For information call 206-365-1536 or sign up at the front desk. **Limited to five students per class. Wait lists taken. If you bring your laptop computer we can accommodate up to five more in each class.**

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, February 5: Ice Cream Social, right after lunch, sponsored by Richmond Beach Medical & Rehabilitation Center. A yummy treat!
Tuesday, February 19: PROBUS, 11:00 a.m. in the Exercise Room.

Wednesday, February 20: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check this out: a lunch and tour at Merrill Gardens Northgate. Transportation provided. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Thursday, February 21: *Happy Birthday Lunch* 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 Merrill Gardens Northgate.

Friday, February 22: Red Hat Society, 12:30 p.m. in the Bridge Room. The group has great plans for events and activities. Co-Queen Mums are Gwen Elken and Mary Jane Lake.

BASIC COMPUTER ORIENTATION: For the very beginner with NO computer experience. Classes will be two two-hour sessions. Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please. Wednesdays, February 6 and 13, 10am to noon. Instructor: Zels Johnson

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER: Prerequisite: 101 or equivalent. Review of Orientation class, introduction of Microsoft Windows XP, browsing the Internet, e-mail, and Microsoft Word. Classes will be four two-hour sessions. Fee: \$40 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please. Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28: 10 to noon. Instructor: Dick Harrison

DIGITAL CAMERA BASICS: Learn to use your digital camera more fully. How to take interesting and beautiful pictures. How to download pictures to a computer and edit them in order or enhance the subject. Classes will be four two-hour sessions. Bring your camera, we'll be going on a "field trip" around the center complex, take some shoots, then come back and apply your computer knowledge. You will also learn how to navigate the digital photo processors at a local store. Fee: \$40 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class, please.

Bring with you to class: the cable that came with your camera to download or a card reader such as a SanDisk for your size card. *Watch for a new class in March.* Instructor: Dick Harrison

KEEP YOUR COMPUTER HEALTHY! Prerequisite: at least Basic Orientation or equivalent. In this class you will learn about some healthy practices while using your computer: keeping your computer up-to-date, adding and removing programs. How to keep your computer up-to-speed by defragmenting and cleaning up files. Learn how to maneuver the Internet and fix basic problems that may occur on your computer and much more. Two two-hour sessions. Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Pay fees in advance of class please.

Monday, February 4 and 11, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Instructor: Zels Johnson

FIGURING OUT YOUR LAPTOP: Okay, you have this nice, sleek, laptop computer, now what? The instructor will help you get familiar with your new machine: working with the built-in mouse, options and ease of use, especially if you travel. You can even watch movies on your laptop! Find out how! **As an addition to the class: if you need help setting up your laptop, make an appointment for a two hour, one-on-one set up consultation with our instructor.** The fee for this additional time will be \$14. Our instructor will help you with settings as well as set up an e-mail account with your own password, and importantly, set up security for your laptop. Make an appointment for this service with the instructor during

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WHEN: Tuesdays, January 22 to February 26, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, 18560 1st AVE NE #1, Shoreline 98155
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call 206-365-1536 or sign up at the Senior Center's Reception Desk.

Class size limited to 12 people.

BE A GUEST CHEF AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Lynn Mathews, Food Manager at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, invites all chefs, wanna-be chefs or foodies to come to the center to prepare a lunch for the seniors. The second Tuesday has been set aside for guest chefs, but the day can be adjusted if it makes it easier for the guest chef. The staff and kitchen volunteers will be there to provide support. There are 40-45 participants at the special meal. Call Lynn at 206-365-1536 for more information.

CHAIR YOGA OFFERED AT THE SENIOR CENTER

"The physical and emotional benefits of exercise are increasingly well-known, but just 20 percent of older adults are engaged in regular leisure time physical activity" (*Enhance Fitness* newsletter).

One way to get you started on an exercise program is to join instructor Carolynne Kast in Chair Yoga at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center. The class meets every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Learn to practice a safe yoga, by learning basic positions seated in a chair. Carolynne asks that you bring a yoga mat or bath-sized towel and wear loose clothing to class. Fees for the class are \$3.50 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. Register at the Front Desk at the Senior Center: 18560 1st AVE NE #1 or call 206-365-1536

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February calendar of community events

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Children and Families

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Study Zone

Mondays, February 4, 11 and 25, 4 to 6 p.m.
Need homework help? Get it at the library!
The Study Zone is a great place to study, do homework, and get help with your questions.

Pajamarama Family Story Time

Wednesdays, February 6 and 13, 7 p.m.
All young children welcome with parent or caregiver.

Wear your pj's and join us for books, stories and songs!

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, February 7 and 14, 10:15 a.m.
Join us for books, finger plays, stories and songs just for toddlers! Ages 2 to 3 with adult; siblings welcome.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, February 7 and 14, 11 a.m.
Share the wonderful world of books with your preschooler! Ages 3 to 6 with adult; siblings welcome.

Teen and Adult

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman Saturday, February 9, 1 p.m.

Before Harriet Tubman became a heroic leader who helped so many slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad, she was a young and feisty slave with dreams of freedom. Enjoy this dramatic performance about a true American heroine. Ages 5 and older welcome. Presented by Book-It All Over! Book-It Repertory Theater

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.
Join us for a lively discussion of *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* by Sloan Wilson. An American searches for purpose in a world dominated by business.

Talk Time

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 4 p.m.
Improve your speaking and listening skills in this English conversation group.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 14, 2 p.m.
Join us for a lively discussion of *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature* by Linda Lear. The life of the English author, artist and conservationist, best known for her creation of Peter Rabbit.

Shorewood High School

Blood Drive
Tue., Feb. 12

Westside Band Festival
Tue., Feb. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Shorewood Gym

Spring Play Auditions
Feb. 12-13, 2:30-5:15 p.m. Theater

Principal's Coffee
Thur., Feb. 14, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Shorewood PTSA Meeting
Tue., Feb. 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Library

Principal's Brown Bag Lunch
Thur., Feb. 21, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Spring Sports Start
Mon., Feb. 25

District Orchestra Festival
Wed., Feb. 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Shorewood Gym

Chef Dinner
Thur., Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Culinary Arts Dining Room
Reservations up to 78 people. Cost \$25 per person. Call 206.361.4399.

Swing/Salsa Dance
Fri., Mar. 7, 9:30-10:00 p.m.

Shoreline School District

No School - Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 15-19

School Board Meeting
Mon., Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Support Staff Appreciation Week
March 10-14

School Board Meeting
Mon., Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Syre Elementary

Syre PTA Meeting
Tue., Feb. 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Skating Party
Tue., Mar. 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Lynnwood Roll-A-Way

Principal Brown Bag
Thur., Mar. 6, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Office

Einstein Middle School

School Play - "Romeo to Go"
Fri., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m., Shoreline Center Auditorium
Sat., Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m., Shoreline Center Auditorium

Candy Gram Sales
Feb. 11-13

Einstein PTSA Meeting
Tue., Feb. 12, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Staff Lounge

Westside Band Festival
Tue., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Shorewood Gym

Band and Orchestra Concert
Wed., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. Einstein Gym

District Orchestra Festival
Wed., Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Shorewood Gym

Einstein Curriculum Showcase
Thur., Feb. 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Book Review by Aarene Storms

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Fourteen-year-old Arnold Spirit ("Junior") describes himself as a weird-looking dork Indian. Born with water on the brain, a talent for cartooning and a brilliant sense of the absurd, Junior's diary and cartoons chronicle his simultaneously tragic and outrageously funny attempt to escape from life on the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Junior's parents want to support him in his new adventure, but their own alcoholism often interferes with their good intentions. Most of the other tribal members, including Junior's best friend Rowdy, think that Junior is just a traitor—an "apple" who looks red on the outside but is really white on the inside. Junior knows that he'll always be an Indian...but he wants out of the society that seems to be mostly drunk Indians killing themselves and each other with their destructive addictions.

Recommended HIGHLY for teens and adults.

RBCA Community Events

Richmond Beach Youth Jam

Sat., Feb. 23, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Richmond Beach Congregational Church
Musical showcase and prize competition for local youth
Admission: \$2 per person (ticket is entry into door prize drawing)
Entrants contact Scott Becker at 533-9112
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Park Clean Up

Sat., April 26, 9:00 a.m.
Richmond Beach Community Park
Wear gloves and bring gardening tools
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Articles Sought for April Issue

We are planning our April issue (for all fools). Do you have a joke or funny story to share? Please send your articles, cartoons, jokes, etc. to grahmarc@ctr.net. Please include your name (or pseudonym) with your submittal. The deadline is March 15th.

Help wanted?

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

Community Help Wanted

Donations for Door Prizes at Youth Jam - (February) Looking for donations of tickets to concerts, plays, etc., for door prizes at the Richmond Beach Youth Jam on February 23. Donors will be recognized in this newspaper and at the event. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Raffle Coordinator for Strawberry Festival (spring) - Looking for someone to head up a raffle for this event. Would include soliciting donations, promoting sales at the festival and organizing the drawing. Can be a two-person job. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Sponsor for Bounce House at Strawberry Festival (May) - Looking for a business or individual to sponsor the bounce house at the Strawberry Festival. Cost would be approximately \$200. Donor would be acknowledged in this newspaper and at the event. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Storage Unit (year round) - Looking for a secure, dry storage unit for the Halloween Carnival equipment. Currently rent a 10' x 15' space. Finding free storage would save the community association approximately \$1,700 a year. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Volunteer Coordinator for Halloween Carnival (fall) - A newcomer to Richmond Beach, Maren Harrington, has volunteered to co-chair this position. Would be helpful to find someone to work with her who has children or connections at Syre Elementary. A friendly, outgoing personality is desirable! Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.

Halloween Decorations - (year round) Cleaning out the closets? Don't throw away your unwanted Halloween decorations. Will take anything in good condition that can be used to decorate the carnival. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 542-9147.