

Richmond Beach  
Community Association  
**Next General Meeting**

Tuesday, April 14, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

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Congregational Church  
1512 Northwest 195th

**TOPICS:**

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Off-leash dog area  
Point Wells project update

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# RICHMOND BEACH COMMUNITY SNOOZE

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## Controversial issues at next general meeting

By Tom Petersen

Another big turnout is expected Tuesday, April 14, as Shoreline Parks officials explain the proposed trial unfenced off-leash dog area at the Saltwater Park. The meeting is at 7:30 in the basement of the Congregational Church.

While off-leash areas enjoy general support, and the trial period will be in the winter, there is growing concern that an increase in off-leash dogs will lead to trouble at the beach. Some dogs are illegally let off leashes now, resulting in occasional conflicts; some owners do not pick up after their dogs. The lobbying group ShoreDog insists that off-leash areas inspire camaraderie and self-policing among dog owners, leading to fewer problems, rather than more.

The Shoreline City Council recently voted to approve the trial period, but the vote was divided. Some council members pointed out the proposed off-leash area, south of the bridge, abuts or overlaps with the spaces currently used for the Sandcastle Contest and other popular activities. They also question how off-leash dogs will respect the boundaries, noting that all other such dog parks have fences or natural barriers.

It is vitally important that Richmond Beach residents join in discussing how best to share the beach and have fun with our pets, and the Parks Department is working hard to answer concerns and find solutions.

The April meeting will also include an update on the Point Wells situation, with the latest statements from Shoreline, Woodway, and Snohomish County, plus suggestions for how to stay informed and involved.

*You should have been there!*

## Shoreline fire and police would not serve Point Wells

By Tom Petersen

At the March 10th public meeting of the Richmond Beach Community Association, Shoreline Fire Commissioner Scott Keeny shared a letter that was sent by the Department to Snohomish County, in which it was made clear that emergency services would not be available to the proposed 3500-unit luxury condominium development at the end of Richmond Beach Drive. Moments later, Shoreline Planning Director Joe Tovar revealed that the police department is sending a similar letter with identical sentiments, and added that the City would also deny utilities right-of-way and digging permits through Shoreline to Point Wells if the property is developed without being annexed to Shoreline.

**Snohomish County Commissioners stated that, in their opinion, Shoreline had no claim to the Point Wells property.**

These positions had the endorsement of Shoreline Mayor Cindy Ryu and Councilmembers Chris Eggen and Doris McConnell, who were among the nearly 50 people attending the meeting. They said that the council is unanimously opposed to any development at Point Wells if it is not a part of Shoreline, and that if Point Wells did annex to Shoreline, any redevelopment of the land currently holding the asphalt plant and tank farm would be drastically scaled down from the Snohomish plan.

Tovar had been asked to address the neighborhood meeting for the second month in a row, as interest is running high and there have been some official steps taken on both sides of the county line. At a recent meeting of the Snohomish County Council and Plan-



If Point Wells, on the left, is developed as proposed, two-lane Richmond Beach Drive would see more than 1000 vehicles per hour during peak traffic. Source: Snohomish County Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, page 3.11-30.

ning Commission, Commissioners came out squarely against any "cross county annexations" and stated that, in their opinion, Shoreline had no claim to the Point Wells property, which lies north of the county boundary but is only accessible through Richmond Beach. Preliminary studies show that a road to Point Wells through Woodway would be a nearly impossible feat of engineering.

The Snohomish County Council did not act on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, postponing a decision until May or later. The public comment window has been held open until April 25. Though the SnoCo authorities seem to generally favor development at Point Wells – one said "This train is rolling," according to Tovar and

RBCA Board member Jack Malek, who attended the hearings in Everett – the location and potential cleanup headaches are causes of concern and skepticism. Lack of access to service might seriously impede the plan.

Richmond Beach residents were encouraged by this news, but resident Jerry Girmus cautioned the audience, pointing out that long-range state and local growth management plans would still encourage residential development of Point Wells even if it annexes to Shoreline. "Whether or not Point Wells is in Snohomish or King County," said Girmus, "We'll still have 1000 extra cars a day going up and down Richmond Beach Road." (Note: Actual estimates are more than 1000 cars per hour, at peak.)

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## Point Wells project looms closer

By Marge Mueller

It appears likely that Snohomish County's approval of the Point Wells project will occur within the next few months, despite the concerns of Shoreline residents and officials. Approval requires only one of three remaining votes from the council. The county sees Point Wells as a jewel and an opportunity that is long overdue for developing. In brief, the facts are this:

Point Wells currently holds a petroleum processing plant and tank farm. Its owner, Paramount, Ltd., plans to decommission the plant and tank farm, and develop some 60 acres of the site as a luxury residential property that will house as many as 6400 people. Snohomish County has written a Draft

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) that changes the zoning of the site from Urban Industrial to Urban Center, making it appropriate for the proposed project. An Urban Center requires a major source of mass transit located nearby, such as a railway, bus line, or highway.

The property lies in Snohomish County, immediately north of the King County boundary. However, the only access to it is through Richmond Beach, on a narrow, two-lane road. The City of Shoreline has shown interest in annexing the property, but it could only be done at Paramount's request.

Both Paramount and Snohomish County currently are resistant to the annexation.

Snohomish County will receive the prime benefit from taxes on the property. If Shoreline annexes it, it would be able to levy some taxes and have a say in the zoning. Under any scenario, the brunt of the impact will be on Shoreline, and mostly on Richmond Beach.

The increase in traffic from such a large population will be as high as eight times the current traffic on some streets and at some intersections. The greatest impact will be on

Richmond Beach, with traffic dispersing as it nears Aurora Avenue.

These additional people, when they are in our community or traveling through it, will be using our public facilities such as schools, libraries and parks as well as requiring our public services such as police, fire and ambulance, but, they likely will not be contributing to our taxes. It doesn't take much of a leap of logic to suspect that Shoreline taxes will rise to pay for the increased need.

Aside from financial considerations, Richmond Beach and Shoreline residents will be impacted by added noise, congestion, air pollution and light pollution as well as some view corridor restrictions. This will affect property values, safety, health and quality of life.

Richmond Beach and Shoreline residents must speak up about their concerns; contacts are listed on page 3.

Following are some "talking points" that might help you frame your comments; you might have additional concerns.

**Scope**

- The size of the project that was outlined a year ago has more than doubled, going

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Shoreline Planning Director Joe Tovar, left, and RBCA secretary Steve Kerr talk prior to the March general meeting

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## President's message

Random thoughts with Ed

By Ed Adams, President, Richmond Beach Community Association



Due to space limitations in this issue and the fact that I have been lazy in my duties, this month's message will be very brief. Let's face it; this is probably your least favorite part

about this great community newspaper anyway. Oh well, here is this month's installment of random thoughts with Ed.

1) Renew your RBCA dues. We need your dues to keep the newspaper going, the web site up-to-date and the community events happening. The newspaper continues to get better and better as time goes by with more information and history, the website is being redesigned and given a fresh look as well as going to be more user friendly, and the community events continue to get bigger and bigger.

2) Volunteer your time. There are plenty of

events in the coming months that need your help. Whether it is helping to clean up the park, setting up for the Strawberry Festival or putting something together for the Celebrate Shoreline event, the community needs your time.

3) Enjoy the upcoming good weather. I know that it is out there somewhere and we'll see some of it. Plant a tree, mow your lawn or take a walk with the dog – any of them will be good activities and will take your mind off the economy.

4) Come to the next RBCA Community meeting on April 14th. It again will be very informative. The parks department will be there to discuss everything they are up to, as well as the off-leash dog park. The city's planning department will be there to give a briefing on the Point Wells project and the upcoming timelines. And there will be information about being a ready neighborhood and emergency preparedness.

5) Think about running for the RBCA board of directors. You need to be a member of our organization before the April community meeting to be eligible for election at the May meeting.

See you around the neighborhood!

## Project looms closer

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from 1400 dwellings to 3500, with a population of 6400. That is more people than the 2300 households currently in all of Richmond Beach. Planned office and retail spaces will employ up to 800 additional people. The impact of that many people on our community would affect our taxes, our quality of life, and our property values.

The soil at Point Wells is saturated by petroleum that has been spilled during its many years as a processing plant. In addition to the money Paramount paid for the Point Wells property, they will need to spend \$20-30 million just to clean up the site before they can break ground. Construction, once it begins, will be especially expensive because of the property's remote location. With that kind of initial outlay, it stands to reason that Paramount will want to maximize their investment by building to the full size that Snohomish County will allow.

### Zoning

Currently there is no zoning in place to control the extent of the development (number of units, heights of buildings, location on property, etc.). In the DSEIS the site is designated only as a Planned Community Business zone, but does not specify what that entails. Zoning regulations will be needed, but, theoretically, Snohomish County could develop those zoning regulations within its administration, without public input. It is imperative that the City of Shoreline have a voice when Snohomish County spells out their zoning.

The City of Shoreline's motive for wanting to annex the site is not the tax revenues

they might collect. Their primary concern is controlling the scope of the project through zoning. If the project is limited only by Snohomish County's more permissive zoning, and then, after it is built, Paramount requests that Shoreline annex it in order to get our fire, police, and other emergency services, we would be stuck with whatever they have built.

### Traffic, law enforcement and EMTs

Because of the steep geography and environmental impacts it is impossible for an additional access road to be put through to Point Wells from either Edmonds or Woodway. All traffic from the development would drive on Richmond Beach roads.

Daily traffic on some of our main roads is estimated to become seven to eight times greater than what it currently is. Richmond Beach Drive, the final road into the property, is a narrow two-lane road with houses built quite close to the road. It would not be possible to widen it, meaning that road would bear an astounding amount of wear.

A greater number of vehicles going through a residential area poses the hazards of more accidents, injuries, and fatalities, making roads more dangerous for residents, and impacting Shoreline police and emergency services. Increased people and vehicles also brings greater noise and pollution, and a greater need for law enforcement.

With the increase of traffic, roads will degrade faster and need repairs and resurfacing – an added financial burden for the City of Shoreline and its taxpayers.

In ice and snow situations our roads become very difficult to negotiate. With the level of increased traffic projected, it is certain there will be an increase in con-

## Letter to the Editor: Swings for disabled vandalized

Richmond Beach Community Park has a special swing that helps kids with disabilities enjoy the delightful playground alongside their peers and friends. The swing, which is bigger than most, sits next to the other swings. It was requested by families in our community so that our children, who cannot use the typical swings, have a swing that allows them to enjoy the playground as well. Not only kids with disabilities enjoy this swing; kids of all shapes, sizes and ages (even many adults who are kids at heart) enjoy a ride in it from time to time! It's wonderful to see so many enjoying it.



A special swing allows disabled children to enjoy playground fun.

Recently, to our dismay, we saw that a special swing had been damaged. Someone cut off all four of the black straps and buckles. This isn't the first time the swing has been damaged and it most likely won't be the last. By taking the straps, those who have damaged it have

taken the joy of swinging away from some special kids.

Most of us easily learn to walk and climb and move freely. Our son struggles to take a step alone and be independent one day in the future. He is now almost 10 years old and uses a wheelchair and a walker. If you visit the park, you might see him there one day – he is just one child of many who love to use the special swing. He swings and laughs out loud, looking across at the many children who are swinging next to him, participating in a shared delight. We smile because he is swinging alone – one activity he can do freely without an adult holding him up or helping him. He is truly independent for a moment, and is enjoying the park alongside many other children. With the recent damage done to the swing, he is unable to use it and experience this joy until it is fixed.

We share with the community how much this swing means to one small boy (as well as many other children) in hopes that we all might take a part in looking after the playground equipment there. Let's do our part to keep this park, and those like it, under our watchful eye, encouraging those who use the park to treat it respectfully. Vandalism seems inevitable, as there are always those who can't see past their own "fun" in it. Let's keep sharing, educating and encouraging our children and youth to be conscientious of taking care of the things that benefit each other in our community. We'll try to do our best. We hope you will too.

Jen Salvione

gestion and accidents during inclement weather.

### Annexation by Shoreline

It is unrealistic, unsustainable and extremely detrimental that Snohomish County receive all the tax monies generated by the property, when Shoreline, and especially Richmond Beach, would bear the burden of the increased population. If the property is annexed by the City of Shoreline, the city can levy taxes that would mitigate at least some portion of the burden on roads, emergency services, utilities and public services.

Police, fire, and EMTs will not provide service to Point Wells itself without sufficient funds to expand their services. Even so, the increased traffic in and through our community will put a severe burden on these services. Since these services are paid for by Shoreline residents, if the services need to be expanded, taxes might well increase.

Annexation makes sense because those people living at Point Wells will be using our public facilities such as parks, libraries and schools. We don't want to provide services to a private development with all of the revenues going somewhere else.

Sewer service to Point Wells would come from Shoreline. Even though the development would have to pay for the service, is our current system capable of handling such a hugely increased demand, or will it have to be enlarged – again at the expense of Shoreline taxpayers?

Whether or not Shoreline were to annex Point Wells and could tax the property, there would be nothing to compensate Richmond Beach residents for their lowered real estate values and diminished quality of life.

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## Activity-jammed weekend due in May

By Sheri Ashleman

The Strawberry Festival, Art Show, Mother's Day Plant Sale and Car Show – experience four great events in one spectacular weekend! Plans are firming up for what promises to be a fun-packed weekend in Richmond Beach. Come celebrate what makes our community special – the artists, the music, the businesses, the history and you, the people!

### 10th Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 9, from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Association will be hosting its tenth annual Strawberry Festival at the Richmond Beach Community Park, next to the library. Music by local musicians and food from local restaurants will be featured, as well as games and activities for kids – and more!

It's co-sponsored by the City of Shoreline and the music is supported by a Community Arts Project grant from the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Parking is limited, so please walk, if possible. Here's what you have to look forward to:

The sensational music line-up includes:

- Noon: **Quarter Past Eight** (rock 'n' roll)
- 1 p.m.: **Ain't No Heaven Seven** (traditional jazz)
- 2 p.m.: **The Weavils** (bluegrass and country)
- 3 p.m.: **Zoology** (modern jazz; received the award for musicianship at the Richmond Beach Youth Jam)
- 4 p.m.: **Moses** (folk and bluegrass)

Delectable food will be offered by local restaurants, Flying Dragon Chinese Cuisine, Full Moon Thai Cuisine and Richmond Beach Grill House.

And, of course, what kind of festival would it be without traditional strawberry shortcake served up by RBCA: freshly baked shortcake from Edmonds Bakery and fresh, juicy strawberries smothered in delicious whipped cream – yum!

In addition, meet in front of the library at 1:00 p.m. for a walking tour of historic Richmond Beach. There will be community information booths, Shorewood photography contest, lots of games and activities for kids and a visit by Shoreline's finest: the police and fire departments.

RBCA centennial anniversary T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 each. Buy a T-shirt to support your community and forever commemorate this monumental occasion.



What's a celebration without food? There will be plenty of it at the 10th Annual Strawberry Festival.

### 43rd Annual Art Show

Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (includes Meet the Artists reception)

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friends of the Richmond Beach Library will be hosting its art show at the Richmond Beach Library. Local artists will be displaying handcrafted items including jewelry, textiles, ceramics, photography and original framed and unframed art for your enjoyment and purchase. All proceeds benefit programs at the Richmond Beach Library.

### Mother's Day Plant Sale and Open House

May 8, 9, and 10.

The MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery's annual Mother's Day Sale has been a Richmond Beach tradition for 21 years. Offering a diverse selection of unique exotic and hard-to-find native plants, the nursery's best selection of the year is available during the sale. All sale proceeds support the operation and maintenance of the Kruckeberg Garden.

May 7 is a pre-sale event open to members of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation. New members are welcome to join at the sale. Also offered on May 9 and 10 are free guided tours of the garden at 1:00 p.m. and children's activities throughout the day.

Due to limited parking near the garden, off-site parking and shuttle service to the sale are provided on May 8, 9, and 10. Visitors are encouraged to use the shuttle to reduce impact on the neighborhood. Details will be posted at [www.kruckeberg.org](http://www.kruckeberg.org) as they become available.

### Classic Car Show

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Rehabilitation and

Specialty Care (19235 15th Avenue NW) has moved its annual Classic Car Show to coincide with the other exciting events going on this weekend. Friends, neighbors and car enthusiasts are invited to visit the rehab to view one of the best displays of classic cars around. For more information, contact Sandi Sweeters at 206-546-2666.

## Lend a hand on the festival weekend

Big events such as those going on the weekend of the Strawberry Festival take a lot of volunteer hands, and some extra dollars, too. Won't you pitch in to make this the most successful happening ever? Needed are:

**SPONSORS** (before May 9) to financially support two inflatables (\$250 each) and the Shorewood High School Senior Photography Exhibit (\$200).

**VOLUNTEERS** (May 9) are needed for set up, to run food booths, to help with games and activities and to clean up.

**FACE PAINTING ARTISTS** (May 9) for the Strawberry Festival. High school students looking for community service hours welcome. Must be able to draw. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or [sbashle@aol.com](mailto:sbashle@aol.com).

**CLASSIC CARS** (May 9) are needed, to be exhibited at the car show. Give your special auto a chance to show off and get the admiration it is due.

If you are able to help with this exciting event, please contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or [sbashle@aol.com](mailto:sbashle@aol.com). To show your classic car, call Sandi Sweeters at 206-

## Celebrate the City of Shoreline

By Deborah Bowen-Mills

It's a birthday party for the entire City of Shoreline! Join in the fun at various community events the third weekend of August 2009. Now is your chance to get involved in the City of Shoreline's annual celebration. It is a great weekend full of activities, including a parade. It all starts on Friday, August 14th and continues through Sunday, August 16th. After the Saturday parade, there is a really fun festival at Ridgecrest School.

You'll enjoy live music, booths for children and adults and tasty treats from Central Market. You might not be into car shows, but you probably will find yourself checking out beautiful cars and picking your favorites. So, after the parade don't forget the festival.

On Sunday, the 16th, Richmond Beach and the City of Shoreline host the sandcastle building contest at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Every year more people participate, and there are great prizes for the contest winners. Even if you don't take part in creating art in the sand, it's a lot of fun to walk around and watch the works of art in progress and enjoy the live music.

The preparations are just now getting underway, with the next planning meet-

ing scheduled for April 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Shoreline City Hall, 17544 Midvale Avenue North. It's time for Richmond Beach residents to get interested in the parade; what child wouldn't want to wear a costume and take part? Richmond Beach's entry could be as simple as a beach theme, with some local pirates for extra fun! Or, maybe you have other creative ideas.

We need you, so please get involved! To join in, contact Pam Barrett, City of Shoreline, at 206-418-3377. If you're interested in Richmond Beach being in the parade, or can help with the sandcastle contest, please call Debbie Bowen-Mills at 206-546-2050.

More details are coming soon and exact event times are subject to change. Here's a glance at what to expect:

### North City Jazz Walk

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Live music at various venues in the North City neighborhood. Admission fee.

### Youth and Teen Skate Competition

Friday, August 14, noon to 5:00 p.m.

Skateboard competition (with prizes!) for various age groups and abilities. No fee; liability forms are required for minors.

### Parade

Saturday, August 15, begins at noon.

Be a part of the action or just take in the sights as floats, bands, drill teams and others

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## Tradition and rare plants thrive at the MsK Nursery's spring sale

Local nurserywoman Mareen Kruckeberg likely had no idea what she was beginning when she opened her private garden and nursery for a small plant sale on Mother's Day weekend in 1987. Twenty-two years later, the annual Mother's Day Plant Sale and Open House carries on as a thriving community tradition in Richmond Beach, and the sale has gone from a small open house at a private nursery to a large fundraising affair.



Sales of Northwest native plants and unusual exotics help support the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation

The family-friendly event will feature hundreds of hard-to-find plants, both Northwest natives and unusual exotics from around the world. The sale proceeds, which support the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation, is the foundation's largest fundraising event of the year.

The nursery is within the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden. Carrying on the tradition set by Mareen Kruckeberg, all children at the sale will leave with a free plant in hand. Families will also enjoy a circuit of "Education Stations" where they'll learn about soils, plant mutations, trees, and global plant diversity. The stations, as well as garden scavenger hunts, will be offered all day on May 9 and 10. Event details:

**May 7, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.** Pre-Sale Event for members of the Foundation only; new members welcome.

**May 8, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** Plant sale open to the public.

**May 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** Plant sale open to the public, with free family activities from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and free garden tours at 1:00 p.m. Due to limited area parking, off-site parking and a shuttle to the garden are provided May 8–10. Details will be posted at [www.kruckeberg.org](http://www.kruckeberg.org) closer to the date. For more information, contact the garden and nursery at 206-546-1281 or [kgbf@kruckeberg.org](mailto:kgbf@kruckeberg.org).

## Volunteers needed to paint wall at park

The annual Earth Day Park Clean-Up takes on a different twist this year with a maintenance and beautification project. Because park grounds crews pick up trash, neighbors will instead paint the wall that runs along the north and east sides of the park.

Painting will take place Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. until the job is completed. The more help, the faster it will go! The City of Shoreline provides paint, brushes, rollers, buckets, trays, and long-reach poles for the high corner behind the trees. The beige paint will be water-clean-up latex. Helpers should

wear grubbies but needn't bring anything else. The RBCA will bring water, coffee, and snacks.

The wall has not been painted for some years and is showing the effects of weather and of being an impromptu backstop for soccer and baseball teams and the occasional unauthorized rock climber. At the Strawberry Festival, the wall becomes a giant chalk art mural for kids of all ages. The RBCA will keep a few gallons to cover graffiti, which has turned up from time to time.

See you there!

## Shoreline celebration

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wow the crowd. The parade travels south along 15th Avenue NE between NE 180th and NE 165th Streets. Participant applications will be available in May.

### Festival

**Saturday, August 15, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
It's a party! Come on by the Ridgecrest Elementary School grounds for live music on stage, food vendors, community booths and fun for the whole family. Booth applications will be available in May

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## Easter egg hunt at Saltwater Park

Here's a great way to look over all the improvements at Saltwater Park and give the kids an afternoon of special fun. Again this year the Shoreline Fire Department will host an Easter Egg hunt at Saltwater Park. Festivities are Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Children of elementary school age and under can have a blast looking for treat-filled eggs.

Parking is limited for such a large event, so carpool if you can, or walk if you live nearby. Kids should bring a basket or bag to hold their goodies, and dress appropriately for the weather.

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From the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

## Small trees for the urban garden

By Art Kruckeberg Professor Emeritus, Biology, University of Washington

Nature has blessed the gardening world in many ways. Nearly all of our garden plants came from wildlings. Many small trees came from a unique niche in forests. In the North Temperate world, forests have a vertically layered architecture.



Dr. Art Kruckeberg. Photo by Mary Randlett

The dominant trees, like Douglas fir, western hemlock and western red cedar form the uppermost layer, the canopy. Underneath the canopy is a subordinate layer of small trees and shrubs. For our region this layer often has vine maple, western yew, cascara and madrone; these are most suited for small gardens.

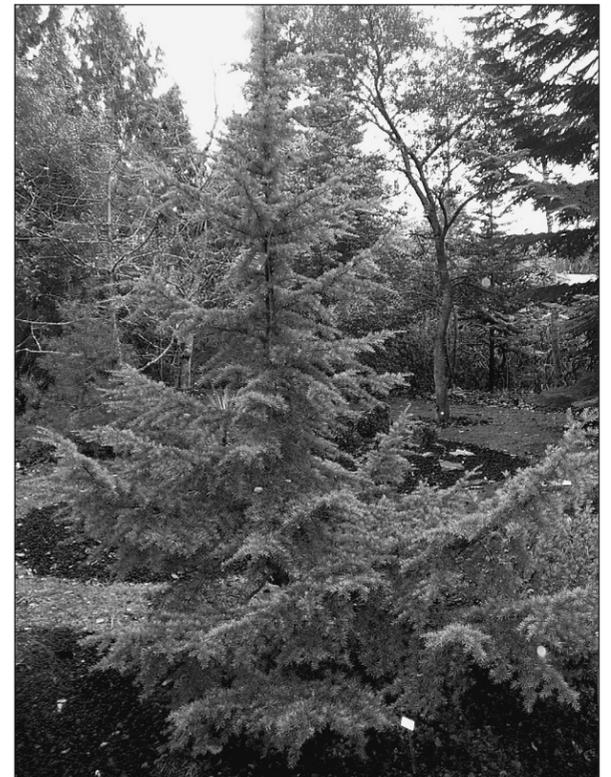
### Small conifers

As we all know, most cone-bearing trees are part of the overarching canopy; too massive for small gardens. Yet some conifers are small enough to fit restricted spaces. Two pines from Japan are suitable for confined spaces, both five-needled species: *Pinus parviflora* and *Pinus pumila*.

Two of our native pines are also suitable: Limber pine (*Pinus flexilis*) and White bark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*).

True firs (species of *Abies*) are mostly too tall for small gardens. Yet, I can recommend two small-sized species: Korean fir (*Abies koreana*) and our native subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*).

So, alas, most conifers in nature are just too tall for small gardens. But we can be consoled with a unique form of any tree, the cultivar: It is defined as any plant that occurs in cultivation and persists in cultivation. There are ample coniferous cultivars of all sizes. A classic example is the Oregon native Lawson cypress (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*).



*Tsuga mertensiana* 'Elizabeth' (Elizabeth Mt. Hemlock). Photo by R. Adeniji

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## Richmond Beach boasts a lively musical history

By Stacy Smallguy

Next month's Strawberry Festival will once again include a full day of musical entertainment by the many talented people who grew up in Richmond Beach or live here or in adjoining neighborhoods. It's a good time to look back at the role music has played in the history of our neighborhood.

As near as we know, the first piano came to Richmond Beach in 1895; it was soon followed by others, as prospering farmers anchored their parlors with this symbol of culture, and the new churches assembled choirs. There must also have been smaller instruments around, as indicated by the reminiscence of old-timer Horst Urkel found deep in the archives, recalling local life in 1900: "My sister hated her violin lessons."

Photos, diaries, newspapers and reminiscences also point to a growing presence of music in the early 20th century. A photo from 1899 appears to show, in the fuzzy background, a workman playing the harmonica, or possibly eating a sandwich. Various portraits from the time show people posing with violins, seated around pianos, or in one case, making up a banjo trio – banjos being all the rage before World War I.

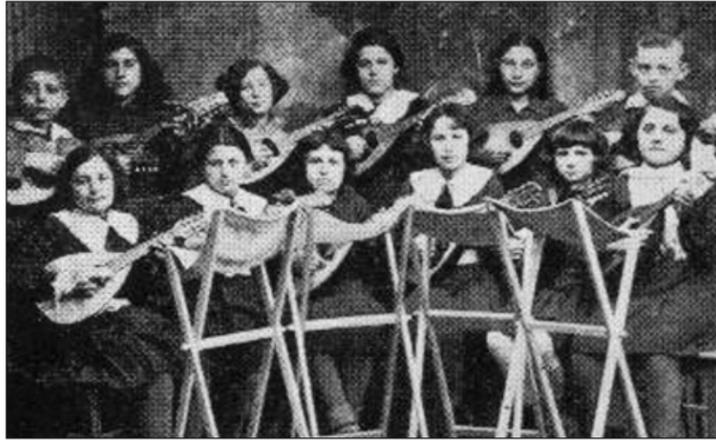
### Early musical groups employed a range of instruments

The first known formal musical group in Richmond Beach was a brass band assembled in the summer of 1914, according to a faded program that survives, with the intent of playing at picnics, the 4th of July celebration, and "other patriotic occasions, Chautauquas, or for whoever will pay." It rained on the 4th that year, moving the celebration indoors, where the brass band was thought too loud and so was restricted from playing. A month later, World War I broke out, and two of the band members excitedly left to join the Royal Canadian Army, two got jobs on the Great Northern in Blaine, and two more left for college, leaving behind just the tuba and baritone.

Those two, Olin Murphry and Snorri Snorrison (an Icelander who reportedly did not speak English) formed a polka band with strawberry fieldhand Hermann Stuck, but they apparently found little work. In 1917 tuba player Murphry was drafted, and was fortunate enough to land in the Army Band instead of being sent to

combat. He was, however, injured by a boot thrown at him by a disgruntled bunkmate and sent home; Murphry had been practicing his tuba in the early morning and tried to argue that his injury was incurred in the line of duty, but the Army denied him a Purple Heart.

The 1920's saw Richmond Beach alive with the sound of Mavis Johnsen and her Melodians, a



A rare picture of Mavis Johnsen's Melodians (in white collars) rehearsing with the visiting Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, which came to Everett in 1927. A one-day strike by Interurban brakemen kept Johnsen's troupe from the scheduled performance.

mandolin-dominated string orchestra that played at various functions, gave concerts at the school, and appeared throughout the Puget Sound region. They broke up in 1928 when Johnsen tired of seeing her name misspelled in programs.

In the 1930's, a jazz band sprang up, looking to play dances, roller rinks, and parties. Bandleader Arvid Arvidson lived in Ballard but the band members were all graduates of music classes at the Richmond Beach School. They enjoyed years of popularity in the northend until band members caught on that being paid in Norwegian kroner – Arvidson claimed that this was better than Depression-era greenbacks – was a kind of scam. The onset of WWII saw this group drafted or off to work at Boeing.

Perhaps the biggest home-grown star was Ned Spackle, King of the Jaw Harp. In 1938, he was picked for a fifteen-minute radio show to follow that of Ivar Haglund's, but after just a few weeks the station lowered his salary because listeners were routinely switching off after Ivar's show – perhaps to go to lunch. Spackle found that his daily train ticket cost more than what he was paid, so he quit. He played, uncredited, on hundreds of recordings over the next 20 years, but was out of the spotlight until 1960. Then, comedian Stan Boreson challenged Spackle to the "Battle of Bunkum," accordian vs. jaw harp. Anticipation was described as "feverish," but then Boreson's dog, No-Mo, actually became feverish and the worried producers of Boreson's show insisted the stunt be called off.

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### Legendary Richmond Beach rock band challenges other well-known groups

Meanwhile, musical tastes were changing, and that same year, 1960, Richmond Beach produced one of the most legendary rock bands in Pacific Northwest history. No other group was said to be more admired for its musicianship, songwriting ability, or showmanship; all the big rock groups are said to have been terrified at the prospect of having to share a bill with the group from RB. Few today would remember or care about acts like the Kingsmen or the Wailers, except that the quintet from Richmond Beach had such difficulty keeping one name for their band.

Original member Filbert "Fil" Merkle still lives in the area and agreed to an interview at the Little Store, where he often stops in for a latte, a deli sandwich, and some Teriyaki Stix. "My one vice," he chuckles.

"We got together in the fall of 1960, me and Willis Anthony, Angus Stewart, Charles Raye, and Ol' Ted 'Ragtop' Biffle, who had a car. We had big plans – we would play all the school dances, and work our way up to the clubs.

Bird names were big then, you know: The Ravens, The Flamingoes. So we tried calling ourselves The Goldfinches, The Spotted Towhees, The Red-Naped Sapsuckers. Local, you see. Those didn't exactly roll off the tongue. So we decided on The Bushtits, but our mothers grounded us for a month. We missed homecoming. We figured out that bird names were passé, so the next spring we decided to honor my great-great-uncle, the ballplayer who famously lost the 1908 playoffs for the Giants. Called ourselves Merkle's Boners. The principal suspended us for a week. We missed the prom.

"That caused us to make our keyboard player the leader of the band. We had some girl back-up singers by this point, so we called ourselves 'Charles Raye and the Charlettes.' Imagine our surprise when we got a cease and desist order from Ray Charles! I got kind of mad. I wrote back that since he changed his name from Ray Robinson, so as not to be confused with the boxer, Sugar Ray Robinson, he shouldn't go after us. Well, we got another surprise, when Sugar Ray wrote to tell us that if we didn't knock it off, he was going to come beat us up! We kept a low profile for about a year.

"In 1962 we came back as the 'Richmond Beach Boys' but got a cease and desist letter from Capitol Records and The Beach Boys. Then we had our stroke of genius: we would be The Liptones!"

### Liptones destined for greatness

The Liptones might have been the first band to have a direct commercial tie-in. Though the Lipton Tea Company originally objected, they decided that if the band used their product on stage, they could keep the name. That this is barely remembered, however, owes to the disastrous consequences of sipping hot tea near a microphone. Merkle recalls:

"We finally got a gig. A big one, too, at the Spanish Castle. Played our big opener, 'She Likes Me Not.' I took a big gulp of tea, and scalded my entire mouth. Sprayed it all over the microphone, which blew the whole system. Show over. We had to sell our good instruments to cover the damage. Also had to pay the headliner his salary. I wrote the check – he was a kid our age, a guitar player – and I made it out to 'James Hendricks.'" Merkle shakes his head ruefully. "Boy, was he ticked."

"It was wasn't quite over for the band, which, at drummer Stewart's suggestion, changed its name to The Kilts in 1964 to fit in with the British Invasion of the Beatles and similar groups. However, one song into their first gig, this time at Parker's, a gang of leather-clad hot rodders and bikers burst in, "Yelling, "Where's the boys who wear dresses?" Merkle laughs. "We knew then it was time to give up rock'n'roll."

The band has so far turned down offers to reunite and play at the Strawberry Festival, but Merkle assures everyone that they'll all be there to cheer on "the great kids who have come along since our time."

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## Marge Unruh Community Service Award Nominations

RBCA award recognizes those who make a difference in our neighborhood

The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) is seeking nominations for the annual Marge Unruh Community Service Awards.

The award was created in 1999 to recognize individuals in Richmond Beach who get involved and make this a great place to live. Award winners receive a plaque and have their names engraved on a perpetual plaque. In 1999, Will Unruh accepted a plaque in memory of his wife, Marge Unruh, in whose honor the award is dedicated.

Recipients are chosen by a RBCA Board selection committee from nominations submitted by residents. Everyone knows at least one person who deserves to be considered for this award. Please take the time to fill out the nomination form and return it by April 15th.

Criteria for selection is based on outstanding service to the community. Candidates can be a person, business or organization, and do not necessarily need to reside in Richmond Beach or be a member of the Community Association. Some examples include service to the Richmond Beach Community Association through board leadership, serving on standing committees or participation in RBCA activities; promotion of issues benefiting the community; fund raising for community projects; service to youth, elderly or disabled in the community; environmental service to the community; or beautification of the community.

Recipients will be announced at the May Richmond Beach Community Association general meeting on Tuesday, May 12.

### Previous recipients

- 1999** Pizza Mia  
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## Theme park for Point Wells?

By Marge Mueller

In an exciting turn of events, it is rumored that the Point Wells property will soon be acquired by a large corporation that will create a themed amusement park on the site. The park, tentatively named Surf 'N Turf Land will combine marine- and land-based entertainment appropriate to the Pacific Northwest.

Initial plans call for a Trident nuclear submarine to be leased from the U.S. Navy and moored to the existing dock. It would be used for tours, restaurants, maritime-themed amusement rides and similar activities. Also on the waterfront, glass bottom boats would offer educational tours and scenic, close-up views of the Brightwater sewer project outflow.

Onshore, a grove of some 30 live, full-sized, old growth Douglas-firs will be transplanted to the 60-acre site. They

will serve the added advantage of shielding Woodway residents from the lights and noise of the park. World-class amusements and rides would be logging oriented, such as a tree-top roller coaster planned to weave among the forest, and "It's a Huge World" featuring a life-size, mechanized Paul Bunyan and Babe, his giant blue ox, who will conduct logging at the site.

Because of limited space near the park and the expected large crowds, an 80-acre parking lot will be located on the east side of 8th Avenue NE, and high-speed shuttle buses, fabricated to look like giant logs, will transport visitors to the site via a breathtaking "Skid Road" ride down Richmond Beach Road and continuing northwest to Point Wells

Richmond Beach residents are thrilled with the prospect of Surf 'N Turf Land coming to the area as it will bring a surge of new businesses such as auto dealerships selling replica log-shaped cars, boutique shops carrying souvenir Surf 'N Turf Land axes and chain saws, and tattoo parlors offering marine-themed tattoos, as well as saloons and other businesses offering entertainment typical of that sailors and loggers would enjoy. More details later.



A grove of old-growth trees like this one will be transplanted live to Point Wells for Surf 'N Turf Land.

## Map Your Neighborhood

What is "Map Your Neighborhood"?

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a program designed to help you and your neighbors prepare for disasters.

A single disaster causes many individual emergencies at one time. Unfortunately, the police or fire department may not be able to respond to your call for help in a timely manner. Professional emergency response to your situation may be delayed for hours, even days.

Out of necessity, you and your neighbors become the first responders to your emergencies. Preparing your neighborhood is vital. Neighbors who are prepared are more effective in their response to a disaster and have an increased capacity to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster. MYN will help you to:

- Learn the 9 Steps to take immediately following a disaster to secure your home and protect your neighborhood.
- Create a neighborhood map identifying

locations of natural gas and propane tanks.

- Create a contact list that helps identify those with specific needs such as elderly, disabled or children who might be home alone during certain hours of the day.
- Identify the skills and equipment each neighbor has that would be useful in effective disaster response.
- Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood during the first hour following a disaster and take the necessary actions.

Remember: In a disaster, your neighbors are your most immediate source of help.

Are you willing to spend 90 minutes meeting with a group of your neighbors to share this vital information?

Please contact Richmond Beach Community Association Board members Sheri Ashleman, 206-542-9147, sbashleman@aol.com or Sherry Edwards, 206-546-3724, dsma@comcast.net.

## Shoreline CERT class offered in April

The City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Fire Department will offer a 3-week Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), class beginning Tuesday, April 14. The schedule will be:

Tuesday and Thursday, April 14, 16, 21, 23 and 25, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday April 18 and 25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

CERT is a way for neighborhoods, businesses, schools and other organizations to be prepared for a major disaster and to find ways to cope during the first few days when first responders will be overwhelmed and unable to meet the demand for services.

These classes help citizens learn how to rely on each other during emergencies, whether it is a major windstorm, an earthquake or a possible act of bioterrorism. This, in turn, helps police and firefighters do their jobs when disaster strikes.

The CERT class will be held at Fire Department Headquarters, 17525 Aurora Avenue North, and is offered to citizens who live or work in Shoreline. It is taught by current CERT team members and Shoreline firefighters. Class content includes information and hands-on experiences in basic fire suppression, triage and disaster first aid, light search and rescue, psychological effects of disasters, and personal, family and neighborhood preparedness.

After graduating from the class, students have the option of signing up to volunteer for the City of Shoreline as an Emergency Disaster Worker.

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## Local history: Early developers shaped Richmond Beach

By Tracy Tallman

Today, real estate development is done in small plots, but has a seemingly big impact. Imagine, though, when the land was a clean slate. The people who platted our existing home sites laid out the roads and had a forgotten impact on us today.



Samuel Crawford, an early developer of Richmond Beach

The plat of Richmond Beach Villa Sites was the fifth filed in what is now the City of Shoreline on March 3, 1903 by the firm of Crawford & Conover. Crawford was Samuel Leroy Crawford (1855–1916), together with his son Clayton Crawford. Conover was Charles Tallmadge Conover (1862–?), better known as C. T. Conover, author of a history column in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and a book, *Mirrors of Seattle*, published in April, 1923.

These two men were employed by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* when they met, Samuel having an ownership stake in the paper. Crawford & Conover was formed in 1888 (Bagley's *History of Seattle*) and they filed their first plat in 1893 in downtown Seattle. After Richmond Beach in 1903 they moved to the Echo Lake area and began platting in July, 1904 all around the lake just as the Interurban Trolley system was being built –

the path of which is today's Interurban Trail. They later platted the area near Lake Forest Park and moved a bit farther south, but stayed primarily in what we know as the north end.

The other day I stumbled upon a history written by Samuel Crawford in the *Early History of Thurston County, Washington* published by Georgiana Blankenship in 1914. The photo accompanying this article is taken from that book. Crawford was born in 1855 in Oregon; his parents separately traveled the Oregon Trail as children; his grandparents participated in the creation of the first government of Oregon Territory. As a young man he lived all over the original Oregon Territory – which included today's Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Montana. He spent time in Walla Walla, Oregon City and Salem as his father went from job to job. He worked for the *Washington Standard* out of Olympia, for Clarence Bagley who was then the "public printer," and then *Morning Echo* in Mason County. As part of his duties on that paper, he came to Seattle for a visit. His description of that visit in 1875 is below:

*While these joyous days, fraught with hard work, but plenty of fun, were passing in Olympia, things were also doing in Seattle. While a Clerk in the 1875 Legislature the whole assembly of Legislators made a trip to Steilacoom and to Seattle, the latter place to investigate the needs of the University. The "fast and commodious" steamer, the Zephyr, had been chartered for that junket, and was to leave Olympia at 7:30 in the morning, stopping first at Steilacoom. When I got up that morning I found the steamer had left – so was I. While wondering what to do I met Bob Abrams and several other members of the Legislature, who were in my predicament also. We rushed to interview Ed Harmon, a well-remembered Jehu of Olympia, and after telling him of our troubles arranged with him to beat the steamer to Steilacoom. He agreed to forfeit a considerable consideration if he failed. But he didn't fail. We came on from Steilacoom to Seattle*

*"This concern [The Daily Intelligencer], is, with one exception, the oldest existing business house in Seattle in any line of retail trade, continuously in business without a change of title. Their operations during the past twenty-eight years have been on an extensive scale and they have been intimately connected with the progress and development of the city."*

with the rest of the bunch – my first visit to the Queen City.

The citizens gave a dance that evening in honor of the visiting Legislature in Yesler's Hall. Bailey Gatzert was mayor. All the old settlers, including Mr. and Mrs. Yesler, turned out. Seattle then had a population of 1500, but they

were all alive and kicking. There was not hotel accommodation enough to care for the visitors, and the members and their wives were entertained at the homes of

the private citizens. Father and mother were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Robbins, whose beautiful home then stood on the block directly south of the late old Hotel Rainier.

I had been invited to spend the night with my boyhood friend, George E. Blankenship, then employed on *The Dispatch*, by Brown & Bell, who roomed at the house of M. A. Kelly on Third and Seneca Streets. On reaching his room some time after midnight, we found the bed occupied by Ed Pullen, a brother of Mrs. Kelly, who had "dropped in unexpectedly." We returned downtown and after visiting the various hotels and not finding accommodations, decided to spend the remainder of the night on the hay stored in the open warehouse at the end of Yesler's wharf. We found this hay literally covered with sleeping men, and after amusing ourselves a while tying some of them hand and foot with heaving lines, we again started up town, George to seek his rest on a pile of paper in the office and I to fare much better. During the day my friend, the late Howard M. Lewis,



An old Kroll map (exact date unknown) shows Richmond Beach Villa sites, platted in 1903

had told me his room was the third door on the left hand side from the head of the stairs in the Wyckoff House, and I could sleep with him. About two o'clock in the morning those kind words recurred to me very prominently and going to the Wyckoff House, which stood on the present site of the Alaska building, I climbed the stairs, opened the third door on the left, and found my friend sleeping in a spacious bed, and there ended my first night in Seattle.

After this trip Crawford moved permanently to Seattle working for the *Daily Intelligencer* that had been launched by David Higgins in June 1876, running the new printing press and writing when time permitted.

Crawford & Conover was described by Clarence Bagley in his 1916 *History of Seattle* as:

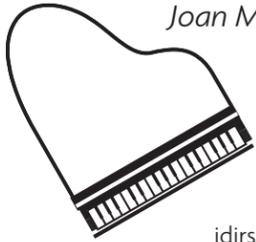
*This concern, now a corporation, is, with one exception, the oldest existing business house in Seattle in any line of retail trade, continuously in business without a change of title. Their operations during the past twenty-eight years have been on an extensive scale and they have been intimately connected with the progress and development of the city. In the earlier days, when there was no public organization for promotion purposes, they carried the entire burden of eastern publicity for Seattle and at that time Mr. Conover christened Washington "The Evergreen State."*

So these two men weren't just real estate developers, but promoters of the Seattle area and Washington State. They ran one of the first two advertisements in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* after the great Seattle fire on June 6, 1889.

Crawford's sister married an early title insurance man, Laurence Booth, and they had one of the early parcels in Woodway. I'm not sure if Crawford or Conover ever lived here, but they certainly did a lot to change our land into what it is today.

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# Foiled again

By Chris Riveland

Let's see if he closed the gate again. I want to get out and run! Yup, gate closed. Well, sniff the currant bushes for a second, snort at the birds and then give that squirrel a quick chase. Time to scratch my belly and yawn. Whirl around – oops, yelp yelp, yelp, missed seeing the ladder in the walkway. Hip hurts. Were did I leave that pork bone last night? Now I have to get out. This yard is too small for me. I know every shrub, fence post and all the logs in the lumber pile. Wait, what is this? A wasp's nest under the rhododendron bush? Yowl! Swatting them with my front paw gets them all riled up. Got stung on the nose. Guess I should not have dug in that hole.

Time to climb that cyclone fence. Better take a running leap. Drat! Slid down again. No, the master has not seen me yet. Scolded me when I chewed up his favorite fishing cap last night. Actually swatted me on the nose with the shreds. Heck, I was bored. Thirsty! Oh no, another slug in my water dish. Try the fence again! Finally – over I go, running around the fruit trees, lifting a leg here and

there. Why does that kid throw a rock at me? I am in my own yard! I follow the kid



down the street. The mother yells at me. I wasn't going to bite him, just sniff his puny little legs.

Better veer off into the X's yard. They leave out good treats. Nothing there, rats! Time to chase Betty's cat around the loop for a spell. Molly squeals the brakes now, yells out the car window, "Go home, stupid mutt!" I bare my teeth, pee on her left rear tire, hold my head high and stalk toward home.

Master yells and whistles for me. Leash laws, you know! I sneak onto the front porch, looking innocent as master opens the door. Time to lie in the sun on the warm back patio for a while. Enough exercise for one morning.

*(The dog's name was Snuess, which means "chewing tobacco" in Norwegian.)*

# Book Review

By Aarene Storms

## Heroes of the Valley

Jonathan Stroud

In a time of peace, there is no need for heroes. Yet, Halli Sveinsson longs for an adventure of his own, like those of the mighty Svein, founder of his house. He wants to battle the fearsome Trows, to defend his house, to fight with a sword. However the swords have long since been banished from the valley, and anyhow, Halli is too short and stumpy to do more than play silly tricks on his family and the servants.

Then Halli plays a trick on an important visitor, and Ragnar of the House of Hakon swears he will have vengeance ... and Halli finds himself on the road of a hero's quest unlike anything he's ever heard in the stories.

This grand and heroic adventure, in the epic tradition, is for readers who enjoy action and non-gory sword battles in books like *The Sea of Trolls* (Farmer), *Troll Fell* (Langrish) and the Percy Jackson series (Riordan). Recommended for ages 10 and up; no cussin, kissin', or sexual situations.



# Garden Tour Twitter

By Lynn Wright

What are you doing Saturday, June 13th? Clear the calendar, save the date, it's definitely the places to see and be seen, an event you won't want to miss! Are you going? What are you going to wear? Well, just maybe you can wait on that decision until it gets a little closer, but be advised, typical choices have ranged from tank tops, Capris, flip flops and sunscreen, to fleece, Gore-Tex parkas, umbrellas and galoshes. That's right, and the tour is in the middle of June!

The list of host gardens is growing, the excitement is building; don't YOU want to join in the fun? I know April is a busy month, with April Fool's Day, Easter, tax deadlines and all, but this decision cannot be put off until the last minute, like taxes. Please let me know by April 15th if you would like to reserve your spot as a host garden. Send an email to Lynn Wright, at beachrights@comcast.net, or call, 206-542-4554.



A brick path leads to a hidden bench in one of last year's gardens.

# Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exhibit at museum

By Vicki Stiles

Join us at the Shoreline Historical Museum at 1:00 PM on April 18, 2009 for the grand opening of the new exhibit, The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: World's Fair, Local Impacts.

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the AYPE, we will unveil our collection of local AYPE materials, historic research and photographs, including historic research and photographs from the E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust.

The exhibit will illuminate how the 1909 Expo spurred development and growth in northwest King County, even bringing a style of landscape design to the rural area that had its roots in the Olmsted design movement born at the same time. The development of the Dunn gardens, the Highlands and Lake Forest Park were all a part of that movement. Additionally, the development of Firland Tuberculosis Sanatorium was directly related to the AYPE. Richmond Beach itself, already a bustling little village, was really put on the map with Henry Parry's big AYPE win for the Best Strawberry in the World. Come and see how the AYPE helped make us great!

The Shoreline Historical Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 206-542-7111, or check [www.shorelinehistorical-museum.org](http://www.shorelinehistorical-museum.org).

# Anina's CORNER

By Anina Coder Sill

Just three days after they started moving into their newly purchased home, my friend's partner received a phone call that gave me some appropriate subject matter for this month's article. His 16-year-old son from Korea was on a plane to Seattle. That day. Surprise! They had not seen each other in ten years, and neither spoke more than a smattering of words in one another's language. But there's no time like the present to acquire new skills, especially when it concerns family, so my friend and her partner welcomed the young man into their lives. They have an empty bedroom, lots of property, two horses, two dogs, a cat, and they even plan to raise some chickens. Why not raise a young man, too!

Another friend, who is especially resourceful, called her sister-in-law, who happens to be fluent in Korean. She kindly visited the newly-formed family that same day, and served as a translator. Depending upon the circumstances, and the people, this adventure could be considered too much to handle. Fortunately, in this situation, there is a balanced couple who have open hearts and minds, a great attitude, and now, a brave young man in their lives.



# Health check Human growth hormone: Not just for kids

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

As I stated two months ago, with the growing interest of bioidentical hormones it is a good time to bring out some of the important metabolic hormones that don't often make it into the spotlight. In February Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), this month human growth hormone (HGH).

Up until 1972 the Food and Drug Administration acknowledged only that HGH was important in developing children – that HGH was only necessary for the elongation of bones. However, with three more decades of research we now understand that HGH is important in adults and children alike for the regeneration of skin, hair and nails; wound healing; bone remodeling; muscle strength; memory; heart and kidney function; immune functioning; metabolism and fat control. People with deficient or low HGH experience:

- Decreased longevity
- Loss of skin elasticity
- Loss of vitality, energy, and stamina
- Bone loss: osteopenia and osteoporosis
- Loss of interest in sex/ libido
- Loss of muscle strength and mass
- Weakened heart muscle

- Inability to tolerate glucose (impending diabetes)
- Fat accumulation: abdominal fat and total cholesterol increase
- Memory loss
- Decreased kidney function
- Decreased immunity
- Increased healing time of skin lesions
- Thinning of hair and loss of hair color

The first major study showing the promise of HGH therapy was published in the New England Journal of Medicine (Rudman; 323:1-6 1990) which divided 21 men with HGH deficiency into two groups: 12 test subjects and nine control subjects. The test group received HGH injections for six months and the control group did not. The results showed an increase in lean muscle mass, decreases in fat tissue, and increases in vertebral bone height for the test group. All test group subjects had measurable increases in HGH levels. The control group did not receive these benefits.

There have been many studies since then that conclude that HGH works well for a variety of aging symptoms. For a complete background on HGH studies and HGH therapy, read the book *Grow Young with HGH* by Dr. Ronald Klatz.

In literature there has been concern that HGH causes an increased cancer risk, yet there is a large database that shows this risk is only theoretical (J Clin Endocrin Metab 2002 Feb; 87(2); 473-6). Studies show that children treated with HGH had no increased risk of cancer (Clin Endocrin (Oxf). 2006 Feb; 64(2):115-21); and women treated had no increase of breast cancer (Endocrin Relat Cancer. 2006 Jun; 13(2):583-592).

HGH itself is difficult to measure as it degrades in 12 hours. A more reliable marker is the active form, IGF-1. HGH levels can be somewhat elevated with precursors, or pituitary gland stimulators. Many products claim to be HGH stimulators but do not elevate HGH levels; therefore, use a health care practitioner trained in HGH replacement to guide you in the selection of HGH replacement or HGH stimulating options.

## Stacks of photos?

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## Richmond Beach Youth Jam lives up to its name

By Scott Becker, RBCA Board Member

The night of February 27, 2009 was filled with spirited musical performances as many of Shoreline's youth came together at Richmond Beach Congregational Church to perform and watch their friends compete for cash prizes in the second Richmond Beach Youth Jam. The event, which will be sponsored annually by the Richmond Beach Community Association, was supported for the second year by a donation from Fourfold Architecture, PLLC.

The acts and musicians were:

**Mullets & Meathooks:** Alison Cohee, Charlie Wakanshaw, Joon Bo Rhie

**Zoology:** Sam Cole, Meredith Hill, Joe Gladow, Yusuke Sato, Tory Brediger

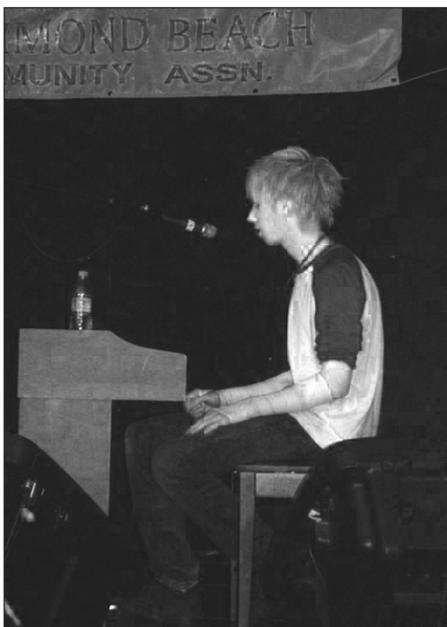
**Point Nine Nine:** Eugene Kabiako, Stella Lee, Aaron McCall

**Helen Stimson:** Helen Stimson, Jeanie Marinella, Sylvia Hadnot, Aldon Baker

**On Edge:** Marco Voli, Jerry Thompson, Colin Castor, Lorenzo Beltran

**Oliver Scherbakov**

The format of the event was a classic musical showcase for up-and-coming artists, combined with a youth talent show. All competitors hailed from the local community and were 18 years of age or younger. The master of ceremonies, Scott Becker, introduced a series of musical acts from a broad range of genres, and moderated three judges, Dave von Beck, Matt Stroud and Jim Parsons, adult working musicians from the region. The judges provided constructive comments to the musicians on stage after each performance, and scored each act relative to three award categories: musicianship, performance,



and creativity. All in all, the judges had plenty of praise for every group, and expressed great difficulty in selecting winners for each category from so much talent.

Many spectators attended the event, and we thank everyone who came to support youth music in our community. Plenty of food and drink was sold by the RBCA, along with T-shirts celebrating the centennial of our neighborhood. Pizza was kindly donated by Spin Alley. (Thank you, Harley.) Please plan to come again same time next year, and feel free to spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors.

Thanks to the Richmond Beach Community Association for its steadfast support of this event and many other happenings in the neighborhood. Special thanks to the Richmond Beach Community Association general and board members, past and present, who were on hand and helped with the event, including: Ed Adams, Tom Petersen, Jack Malek, Sheri and Rick Ashleman, Debbie Bowen-Mills, Sherry Edwards, Steve Kerr, Dave Bannister and many others.

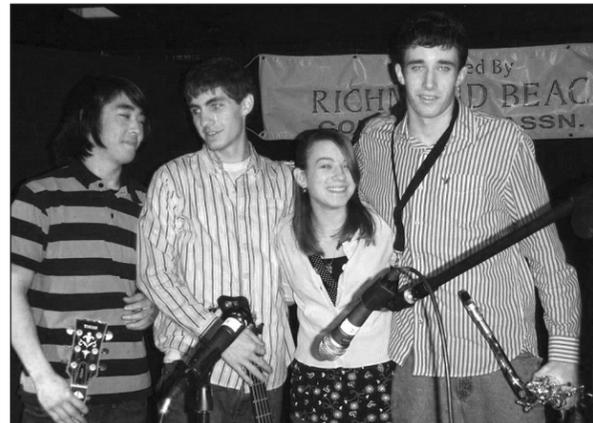
Great appreciation goes to the show's sound crew, Richmond Beach residents Kenneth Husted and Joseph Lee. Joseph also created our graphics for the event. Not least, I want to thank the judges for giving their time, energy, and thoughtful comments to support a great cause; all expressed that they had a blast and would gladly return for another year!

Awards of \$200 each were presented to:

**Zoology:** Musicianship  
(Pictured right)

**Oliver Scherbakov:** Performance  
(Pictured below left)

**Helen Stimson:** Creativity  
(second year running!)  
(Pictured left)



## Youth Jam ends in food fight!

MC gets just desserts

By Kanyu Herme Nahkin, freelance music reporter

February 27, 2009 was supposed to be a night of youth music and celebration—and, truth be told, it was. However, the mayhem of a food fight involving the event judges and the master of ceremonies that ended the festivities was not in the original program. The harmless scuffle was nevertheless a surprising bit of entertainment for the crowd who remained in the Richmond Beach Congregational Church basement to witness grown men covered in desserts. Needless to say, the kids loved it.

The second annual Richmond Beach Youth Jam commenced innocently enough with a program of competitors, and an audience of well-behaved adults. The master of ceremonies, Scott Becker, introduced each act in turn and followed the individual performances by asking the three judges to comment and score each group relative to the three categories: musicianship, performance and creativity.

According to attendees, the judges, Dave von Beck, Matt Stroud and Jim Parsons, were generally thoughtful in their comments. The playful repartee between the judges and Becker added some levity to the intermissions, while the young performers struggled with nerves and prepared for their performances. But, by the time the fifth act took the stage, the audience noticed some blood beginning to boil among the judges.

"Becker was kind of taunting the judges, saying they couldn't handle real rock and roll," said a witness from the audience who preferred to remain anonymous. "While On Edge performed, Becker kept shrieking and howling." Then, this reporter was told, witnesses heard judge Stroud ask Becker to "Keep it down," and "Be a professional." Becker seemed to think his job was to coordinate the event, but not remain objective about the performers. "He said several times during the night that he was biased, and everyone was fortunate he was not a judge. He did say he loved all the kid's music, but apparently the judges saw it differently," said spectator J. Jack Flash.

### Age-inappropriate actions?

According to witnesses, the judges' comments following the On Edge performance were thought to be supportive and fair, but Becker continued his inappropriate behavior. "He heckled the judges, basically, and made disparaging noises about any comment that was critical. He called the judges 'lightweights who can't handle a performance with some real emotion.'" Many who seemed to think of Becker as a neighbor and member of the community were shaken by the experience and would not comment. "It's like someone put something in his water bottle—he went from being a pretty good master of ceremonies to being rude and acting like, well, my

teenager," said Lady Jane, who attended the show with her young children.

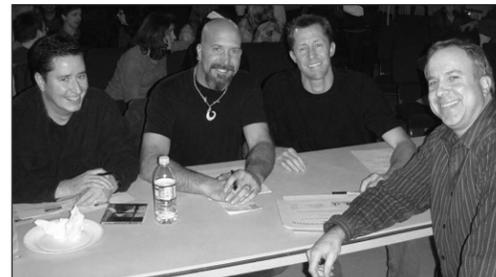
Events that followed are unclear, but the judges eventually took matters into their own hands. Reportedly, during the last act, Oliver Scherbakov, and while Becker was again carrying on, judge von Beck left his seat and purchased three desserts. He was then seen whispering something to judge Stroud and pushing two of the desserts along the table. Stroud, in turn passed a treat to judge Parsons, though none of the men seemed to take a bite. At the end of the last performance, Becker continued to harangue the judges about their lack of musical appreciation. The judges did not react, apparently patiently waiting for their opportunity.

### Things get sticky

As the last to comment, and after congratulating Scherbakov, Stroud slowly rose and said, "Gentlemen, are you ready?" Suddenly, all three judges were upon Becker as the desserts hit their target—his head—and the ensuing struggle began. "It was the coolest food fight I have ever seen. You know, because we never get to see adults doing it. I felt kind of bad for Mr. Becker though. He got totally creamed," said youngster Ruby Tuesday. No one was hurt in the scuffle, except, perhaps, the pride of one master of ceremonies who lost his way.

As the other volunteers rushed to clear the melee, it was apparent the event would end before presenting the awards or prize money. An accompanying article in this addition of the Richmond Beach Community News provides details of the competition results, which were determined by the judges Saturday afternoon. Becker was not allowed to attend the final judging conference, and would not comment for this story.

"The guy is an old friend, but he asked for it, plain and simple. It is unfortunate the event had to end early," said judge von Beck. Stroud echoed similar sentiments. When asked if he would do things differently if he had a chance, Stroud said, "Not really—only, I wish I had gotten [Becker] with some pizza and soda too." Stroud added, "I feel bad the show ended without giving out the awards, but the kids seemed to enjoy what we did. I remember a huge applause, so I guess we capped off the night pretty well."



Youth Jam judges (left to right) Dave von Beck, Matt Stroud and Jim Parsons and master of ceremonies Scott Becker prior to food becoming a WMD



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## Richmond Beach residents show sense of humor

**A**PRIL FOOL! We hope you Readers have enjoyed our bits of silliness this month. We want to thank Tom (Stacey) Petersen, Jerry Girmus, Scott (Kanyu) Becker and Marge Mueller for their articles, as well as those who provided "real" news and informative and fun columns. This paper is fortunate to have such an excellent group of contributors.



We also hope that our joking has not detracted from the serious messages this paper has included.

## Community garage sale

By Sherry Edwards

Turn unwanted items into extra cash! It's time for spring cleaning and the annual Richmond Beach Community garage sale sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16.

Simply round up your sale items and post a sign in your front yard. RBCA takes care

of the publicity and advertising for you. Ads will be placed in the Shoreline Enterprise, Little Nickel and on Craigslist, and a sign will be posted at Richmond Beach Road and 8th Avenue NW.

Deseret Industries will gladly accept donations of unsold garage sale items at their store located at 17935 Aurora Avenue North in Shoreline (206-542-9447).

## Richmond Beach Graduating Seniors



The June issue of the *Richmond Beach Community News* will once again feature students living in the Richmond Beach area who are graduating from

public or private high schools or colleges this year. If you or someone you know fits this

description, please contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or email the information to her at sbashle@aol.com by May 15. Tell us about the senior's school experience (sports, music, clubs, academics, awards, etc.) or other memorable experiences (church activities, employment, volunteer work, etc.) and be sure to include their future plans. There is only room for a short paragraph about each student so please list highlights only, and be brief.

## Photos from Senior Center class

Students from the Shoreline Senior Center's class in digital photography show the results of their work here. Photos are, clockwise, from

left: Edmonds Marina by Irene Betor, Blue Bowl by Dian Clark, Late February Snow (photographer not identified), and Marina by Susie Jarvis. Great photos!

Another four-session class will begin on April 8th. Call 206-365-1563 for information.



## April calendar of community events

### Shoreline Senior Center

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#### Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, April 7, right after lunch

A yummy treat! Sponsored by Richmond Beach Medical and Rehabilitation Center.

#### PROBUS

Tuesday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.

In the Exercise Room.

#### Happy Birthday Members Lunch

Thursday, April 16

Free lunch to members celebrating a birthday in April.

#### First Aid and CPR Class

Thursday, April 23, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

A complementary class for current center members will be given by the Shoreline Fire Department. Class size is limited so pre-register at the front desk as soon as possible.

#### Red Hat Society

Friday, April 24, 12:30 p.m.,

In the Bridge Room.

This group is always planning great activities. Come and join them.

#### Annual Volunteer Appreciation,

Saturday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

We will be celebrating with all our super volunteers who work together to keep our senior center a vital place for our community. This year it will be a potluck. Please sign up at the front desk or through your volunteer leader.

#### Welcome to New and Renewing Center Members

Friday, March 27 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you would like to learn more about the activities, classes and services offered at the center, we will be providing that opportunity for new and renewing center members.

#### Matter of Balance Classes

Wednesday, May 6 through June 24

Another session of this popular class will be presented from May 6 to June 24. This is an 8-session class with enrollment limitations, so register at the Center's front desk as soon as possible or call 206-365-1536.

The Senior Center is working in collaboration with the Shoreline Fire Department to host these classes. The number of falls in our area are very high, so we are targeting people who are 60+ and living in their own homes to help them become aware of how to remain safe and independent. The classes are taught by Scott Theisen, our social worker, and Toshiko Aramaki, one of the Center's exercise instructors.



#### Dental Care

1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

The dental hygiene services have been so popular through All Smile Dental Hygiene Services, that we are now offering a third Thursday.

## Community Help Needed

#### Sponsors for Strawberry Festival (before May 9)

Looking for sponsors for two inflatables (\$250 each) and the Shorewood High School Senior Photography Exhibit (\$200 scholarship). Contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or sbashle@aol.com.

#### Volunteers for Strawberry Festival (May 9)

Need helpers to set up, assist at food booths, run games and activities and clean up. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or sbashle@aol.com.

#### Face Painters (May 9)

Face painting artists are needed for the Strawberry Festival. High school students looking for community service hours are welcome. Must be able to draw. Contact Sheri Ashleman at 206-542-9147 or sbashle@aol.com.

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# April calendar of community events (continued)

## Upcoming Community Events

### April

#### Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 11, 1:00 p.m., rain or shine*  
At Saltwater Park. Treat-filled eggs for ages elementary school and under. Parking is limited, so please carpool or walk if you live nearby. Bring a basket, bucket, or bag to hold treats.

#### Richmond Beach Community Council General Meeting

*Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Congregational Church, 1512 Northwest 195th.*

Joe Tovar, Planning Director for the City of Shoreline, will return to answer more questions and give the latest news about the proposed Point Wells development.

#### Marge Unruh Award Deadline

*April 15*

Deadline for submitting nominations for the Marge Unruh Award. See the nomination form on page 7.

#### Shoreline Historical Museum The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: World's Fair, Local Impacts

*Opens April 18, 2009; museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m..*

This new exhibit commemorated the 100th anniversary of the AYP. See details on page 9.

#### Park Clean Up Day

*Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.*

At Richmond Beach Community Park, by the library. *Save the date!* This year's project will be to paint the walls of the Richmond Beach Community Park. Sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association.

#### IVY Out Work Parties for Earth Day

*Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

**Southwoods:** Meet at Shorecrest H.S. south parking lot, 25th Ave NE at NE 153rd  
**Boeing Creek:** Meeting spot: Kiosk near NW 175th St and 6th Ave NW

And the list will grow! Information: Parks Department 206-801-2611

### May

#### Mother's Day Plant Sale and Open House

*May 7, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., member's only pre-sale; May 8, 9, and 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., open to the public*

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Avenue NW

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#### Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council

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#### Shorecrest Performing Arts Center

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#### Poetry Month Celebration

*Saturday, April 24 - 7:30; free. At Shoreline Community College Campus Theater*

Please join the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council for the second annual Poetry Month Celebration. Poetry Contest winners will be invited to read their poems during the event, which features readings by published Seattle poets Kim-An Lieberman, Kathleen Flenniken and Ed Harkness.

The Shoreline Community College Campus Theater is located at 16101 Greenwood Ave N Bldg 1600, Shoreline WA 98133.

#### Art Show

*Friday, May 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.*

Richmond Beach Library  
Artists contact Karen Thielke at 206-542-3641 or Richmond Beach Library at 206-546-3522. Sponsored by Friends of the Richmond Beach Library

#### Classic Car Show

*Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

Richmond Beach Rehab, 19235 15th Avenue NW  
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#### Strawberry Festival

*Saturday, May 9, Noon-5:00 p.m.*

Richmond Beach Community Park  
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#### Community Garage Sale

*Saturday, May 16*

For buyers and sellers alike! Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association.

#### Embrace Shoreline Schools

*Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.-noon*

Volunteer-run clean up at Syre Elementary, 19545 12th Avenue NW. A joint project of local churches, PTAs and neighborhood groups. Information and contacts: www.embrace-shorelineschools.org.

### June

#### Beach Blossoms Garden Tour

*Saturday, June 13*

Community sharing of gardens  
Contact Lynn Wright at 206-542-4554 or beachrights@comcast.net or to be included on the tour. Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association.

### Ongoing

- The **Council of Neighborhoods** meets every first Wednesday of the month (next: February 4) at the Shoreline Center. Representatives from all the neighborhood associations get updates on civic events and share their plans. The public is welcome and comments are encouraged.
- The **Parks, Recreation & Culture Board** meets every fourth Thursday (next: April 16). This group is currently very active as improvements to area parks and trails are underway. Open to the public.

For a complete calendar of City of Shoreline events, go to [www.shorelinewa.gov](http://www.shorelinewa.gov).

#### A Cricket in the Snow

By Richard Maslow

*Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Shoreline Center*

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council's Readers Theater is proud to present *A Cricket in the Snow*. This script takes us back to the days when J. Edgar Hoover's militia prowled the streets and invaded homes and found communists under every stone they turned. This script presents a well-written retrospective perspective on J. Edgar's paranoia

A coffee, cookie and discussion time is scheduled after the presentation when audience, playwright, and cast will have the opportunity to exchange ideas about the script.

## Richmond Beach Library

Call 546-3522 for information

#### Read to Me!

*This program runs through June 2009*

For children ages 5 and under and their caregivers. Read together for 20 minutes for 20 days in a month, and bring a completed "Read to Me" form to the library to select a free prize book. Ask at the Information Desk for more details.

#### Spring Tree Tales

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.*

Join us for stories and songs for all ages to celebrate our tall green friends. We will have a tree craft, a special guest from the Kruckeberg Botanical Gardens and "tree treats!"

#### Pajamarama Story Time

*Wednesdays, April 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 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, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:15 a.m.*

Ages 2 to 3 with adult; siblings welcome. Join us for books, finger plays, stories and songs just for toddlers.

#### Preschool Story Time

*Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00 a.m.*

Ages 3 to 6 with adult; siblings welcome. We will continue to explore the alphabet and share the wonderful world of books with your preschooler.

#### Study Zone

*Every Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. when school is in session.*

Homework help for K through 12.

## Shoreline School District

#### No School - Spring Break

*March 30-April 3*

#### PTA Appreciation Week

*April 13-17*

#### School Board Meeting

*Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.*

Shoreline Center

#### School Board Meeting

*Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.*

Shoreline Center

#### No School. Grades K-12 Staff Work Day

*Monday, May 4*

#### Teacher Appreciation Week

*May 4-8*

## Syre Elementary School

#### Elementary WASL Testing

*April 13-May 1*

#### Guys and Kids Night

*Thur., April 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

#### Parent Coffee

*Tue., April 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

#### PTA Meeting

*Tue., April 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Library

#### Staff Appreciation Day

*Wednesday, April 29*



#### Game On and Mural Project

*Thursdays, April 9 and 23, 4:00 p.m.*

The Game On/Mural Project (GOMP) is video gaming and manga art for teens. Gamers and artists in middle and high school play multi-player video games and create a full-wall mural. Games might include Wii, "DDR," "Guitar Hero," "Cooking Mama" and others. Bring your talents to the library and get GOMP!

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

*Thursday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.*

Join us for a lively discussion of *Crashing through: A true story of risk, adventure and the man to dared to see* by Robert Kurson.

#### Evening Book Discussion

*Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.*

Join us for a lively discussion of *Crashing through: A true story of risk, adventure and the man to dared to see* by Robert Kurson.

#### Free ESL classes in cooperation with Shoreline Community College

*Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:20 and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m., March 31 through June 9*

Students must be 16 years or older, registration required; call library to register (206-546-3522). Classes are for low-intermediate to high-intermediate level students. Classes will teach English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills that can be used in everyday life, including at work and in the community. Attendance at all classes is important.

#### Talk Time

*Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.*

Improve your speaking and listening skills in this English conversation group.

## Einstein Middle School

#### Track Season Starts

*April 13*

#### WASL Testing

*April 14-23*

#### Einstein PTSA Meeting

*Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.*

Staff Lounge

## Shorewood High School

#### Shorewood PTSA Meeting

*Tue., April 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.*

Library

#### Blood Drive

*Friday, April 10*

SAC; Sponsored by the Senior Class

#### WASL Testing

*April 13-14, 20-21*

#### Senior Cap and Gown Pick Up

*Thur., April 16, 7:15-8:15 a.m.*

SAC

#### Spring Sports Assembly

*Thur., April 16, 9:25-10:10 a.m.*

#### Spring Tolo

*Friday, April 17, 9:30-11:59 p.m.*

SAC Cafeteria; Drill Team sponsored

#### History Day

*Thur., April 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

Cafeteria, SAC and 100's