

Richmond Beach
Community Association
**Annual Business
Meeting**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Congregational Church
1512 Northwest 195th
In Voorheis Room
(note change of location)

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RICHMOND BEACH COMMUNITY NEWS

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April General Meeting: You should have been there!

Crowd questions dog park, Point Wells

By Tom Petersen

Some 80 people filled the basement of the Richmond Beach Congregational Church for the RBCA's April public meeting. They heard Shoreline Parks Director Dick Deal clarify plans for an off-leash dog area at the Saltwater Park, and Planning Director Joe Tovar update the situation at Point Wells.

Richmond Beach is seeing a wonderful revitalization of its parks: the Saltwater Park's beautiful renovations were unveiled in late March at a gala dedication; the Community Park by the library is being spruced up in time for the Art Show and Strawberry Festival; and Kayu Kayu Ac Park, at the old pump station on Richmond Beach Drive, will be dedicated at a ceremony in June.

From November, 2009, to April, 2010, the city has approved a trial period where the beach south of the bridge at Saltwater Park will be a designated, but unfenced, off-leash dog area. Some at the meeting questioned whether this is wise or whether it doesn't pose a liability risk for Shoreline, given that there is already some illegal off-leash activity. The city stressed that low off-season use would naturally cut down on confrontations, and they expressed hope that a communal spirit among dog owners would promote self-policing. Shoreline does employ an animal control officer 15 hours a week who will monitor the new dog area.

The advocacy group, ShoreDog, which spearheaded the drive to establish off-leash areas in Shoreline, also pledged to have a volunteer work group thoroughly clean the area the afternoon before the December Christmas Ship event, where more than a thousand people spread across the beach in the dark.

City taking strong positions on Point Wells

Planning Director Joe Tovar returned to Richmond Beach with a freshly approved resolution from the Shoreline City Council which opposed Snohomish County's designation of Point Wells as an "urban center" and any plans to develop the property under Snohomish County policies. Shoreline's position is that any redevelopment of the site, currently an asphalt plant, must be under the jurisdiction of the City of Shoreline.

In response to questions, Tovar conceded that some form of redevelopment, probably 10 or more years away, will take place at Point Wells, but said that since the only access to the area is through Richmond Beach and since all services would have to come via Shoreline, Shoreline must regulate the size and nature of the development.

Tovar quieted suggestions that Richmond Beach Drive be barricaded at the county line by pointing out that such a move would never stand up in court. Instead, careful and lengthy legal proceedings and governmental procedures, with expenses borne by the owners of Point Wells and by Snohomish County, would slow the project and may yet doom any large residential plans as unfeasible.

Shoreline is taking a new approach on one front, challenging Snohomish and King counties' analyses of traffic impacts that a Point Wells "urban center" would have. Studies so far have focused on Richmond Beach Road, ignoring the narrow, shoulder-less stretch of Richmond Beach Drive that connects to Point Wells. Volume analyses also do not capture the "flavor" of driving on Richmond Beach Road, where steep hills and sweeping curves have invited speeding and contributed to several crashes, some fatal, in recent years. Shoreline will do its own traffic study, Tovar said.

For a Point Wells update, see page 2

Egg-citement at Saltwater Park



The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Shoreline Fire Department brought out throngs of eager youngsters. Treasure hunters were divided by age group and finders of specially marked eggs received prizes of chocolate bunnies. Photos by Bob Pfeiffer

Come to Special June community meeting

By Tom Petersen

The RBCA will hold a rare community meeting on the second Tuesday in June to handle some business that was crowded off the agendas in the spring while the neighborhood grappled with the Point Wells issue. The meeting will be on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Richmond Beach Congregational Church.

Voting for whether or not the RBCA takes an official position on the Point Wells project is at the top of the agenda. There will also be a vote on the proposed bylaw change to create an office on the Board for Information Management. These votes need a quorum of 19 association members.

Ideas and plans for Richmond Beach's participation in the Shoreline parade, August 15, will also be discussed. We need ideas and volunteers and participants!

Bylaws amendment proposed

Tom Petersen

Because the task of maintaining so many different media formats has become more than what the officers can reasonably be expected to do, and because the amount of information involved keeps growing and the Board wants to ensure consistency across the various types of media, it is proposed that a new Board office be created, to be filled by an existing Board member, that of Information Officer.

This amendment will be discussed and voted upon by a quorum of the general membership at the Public Meeting of the RBCA, 7:30 p.m., May 12.


**Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the Richmond Beach Community Association:
Under Article V: Duties of Officers
Section 5 becomes Section 6.**

ADD a new Section 5: Information Officer. The Information Officer shall supervise the creation and/or maintenance of the various media and modes of public communication for the Board and membership of the RBCA. The Information Officer shall act as a liaison between the Board and the Editor (Article VII.3) with regard to editorial content and policy. The Information Officer shall act as a liaison between the Board and such other editors and subcontractors for electronic media with regard to editorial content and policy, and stay abreast of emerging technologies and communication options useful to the organization. The Information Officer shall coordinate publicity and signage for RBCA events with other board members.

Donate blood on Festival Day

By Tom Petersen

Saturday, May 9 is Richmond Beach's most exciting day, with the Strawberry Festival, Art Show, Car Show and Kruckeberg Garden Tour, but the Puget Sound Blood Center hopes as many people take a small portion of the afternoon, as did last year, to make a donation at the fire station, corner of Richmond Beach Road and 20th Avenue NW. Donating blood takes only 45 minutes, and last year a community-record 27 pints were collected on Festival Day.

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Beach Blossoms Garden Tour

By Lynn Wright

The garden tour will be here before you know it, and are we *ever* ready for a breath of fresh spring after this long, cold, wet and dreary winter! Beautiful gardens from Richmond Beach and Innis Arden await you this year for the 17th annual Beach Blossoms Garden Tour, sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. The gardens will be open for viewing on Saturday, June 13th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are expanding the hours so you will be able to enjoy the gardens at a little more leisurely pace.

This is a great opportunity to bring our community together and share in our gardening endeavors, so be sure to save the date! Beginning May 31, you will be able to access the garden tour descriptions and a map by one of two ways; from the Richmond Beach Community website, www.richmondbeachwa.org, or send an e-mail to beachrights@comcast.net.



Don't miss out on viewing gardens like this beautiful one at the Beach Blossoms Garden Tour

net and note "Garden Tour descriptions" in the subject line to have the file e-mailed to you. Due to printing costs there will not be hard copies available at the local coffee shop and library.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Wright at beachrights@comcast.net or 206-542-4554.

President’s message: *Random thoughts with Ed*

By Ed Adams



Although I drag my feet every month and am probably an editor’s nightmare, I actually enjoy writing an article each month. I generally come up with a few thoughts early in the month but don’t get anything ready until after the deadline. I would like to say that is just because I want to make sure that nothing new comes up and needs to be addressed, but as you have read in the past, that’s not true. The rest of the contributors do a great job of covering the local topics and the history of the area so my points are best kept to thoughts and goofiness, making my articles better used for doing windows or lining a bird cage. Which brings me to the April issue of the *Richmond Beach Community News*, or *Snooze* as the last issue was titled.

I don’t know when the tradition started or who was the first to submit an article for it, but at some point a decision was made to include random articles for the April Fool edition. Many other periodicals include articles along these lines; the best example I can remember was the classic George Plimpton article in *Sports Illustrated* about the mythical pitcher

Sid Finch. Last month’s issue, although not nearly as great as Mr. Plimpton’s, included some of these articles. Off the top of my head I can think of at least two. The first one was about the amusement park at Point Wells that would include the log ride from the top of the hill. This might sound like a great idea, but let’s be realistic: you would never be able to get the railroad to grant you access. The second article was about the future development of the old “Wild Horse” site.

The “Wild Horse” article generated a number of e-mails that I received over the last few weeks. I assure those people, and all of you, this is an April Fool article. The big concern was what kind of example “we” were setting for the kids in the neighborhood. With many people struggling with addictions and a rough economy forecasted, putting a casino in the middle of a neighborhood might not be a good idea. I agree that this would be a complete mess and create bigger problems for all of us. There were some truths to the article, like the fact that the building is owned by an out-of-town party and has been vacant for some time, but that would be about it. The City of Shoreline might want to have a say in Richmond Beach declaring itself a town as well. With at least three of the existing city council members and the mayor being Richmond Beach residents, the city council would have an entirely new look.

When I first read the article a number of questions came to my mind and I knew that there

were going to be e-mails. I, obviously, had a different thought process than most. My thoughts were that I was going to be questioned over the RBCA’s ability to purchase a piece of property. Where did that money come from? How did that get passed by the general membership? When did that get voted on? Those were just some of my first thoughts, but not my most pressing.

The next question was, how did Jerry Girmus get elected Mayor? I didn’t remember any kind of mudslinging campaign that he, no doubt, would have thrived on. Who ran against him? Why didn’t we have a candidate’s forum? It’s not that Jerry wouldn’t do a good job—he would—but a casino in the neighborhood would be just the beginning.

During the last board meeting, the April Fool issue was discussed at length. We are planning on continuing the tradition, but changing the format somewhat. The details will be worked out in the future but you can expect a slightly different look to the good-natured articles. Whether it is a section unto itself or in a different typeset, something will be different but the humor and intent will be the same.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Feel free to spring clean your windows or reline the parakeet cage after you finish the rest of the quality articles.

See you in the neighborhood.
P.S. Jerry, you know I love ya and thanks for the great articles and your ongoing contribution to the community

Point Wells Update

By Steve Kerr

The prospect of potentially doubling the population of Richmond Beach and concentrating an estimated additional 6000 residents into a 60-acre cul-de-sac at the end of Richmond Beach Drive is a huge concern for our neighborhood. With both the Snohomish County Council and City of Shoreline contemplating amendments to their respective Comprehensive Plans over changes to Point Wells’ current zoning, the question is how can the citizens of Richmond Beach stay informed and timely express their concerns to the elected officials charged with such decisions? To help keep our membership

(and the community at large) appraised of news and information regarding the future of Point Wells, a subcommittee of the Richmond Beach Community Association Board has been doing its best to track the relevant events occurring (and yet to come) on both sides of the county line. Members of the subcommittee have been attending public meetings in Snohomish County and the City of Shoreline and collecting feedback from people in the community. Here are a few of the recent developments:

Creation of Blog Site and toll-free 1-866 Information Line

Although we will continue to use the Richmond Beach Community Association’s general meetings and the Richmond Beach Community News to keep you informed, breaking news on Point Wells doesn’t always conform to our monthly publication deadlines or scheduled meetings. With the summer publication and general meeting hiatus looming, the RBCA subcommittee has set up a blog site at www.pointwells.wetpaint.com to disseminate timely information regarding Point Wells. Significantly, the blog site includes a Calendar of Events and Meetings section that will allow you to see when and where the upcoming public hearings will be held. When deadlines for written public comment periods are announced, we will post those as well. We are committed to sending at least one member of the subcommittee to each meeting and we will post his or her notes shortly thereafter. In addition, any handouts, agenda packets, official minutes or transcripts we are able to secure will be posted (or linked).

We’ve also created subsections such as Contamination, Traffic, Size and Scope, etc. where you can post and discuss relevant information concerning these sub-issues. Unlike the printed page, the blog allows visitors to join the conversation by posting their own opinions, comments or concerns. Let your voice be heard, and find out what knowledgeable folks and officials have to say in response.

Lastly, for those who aren’t comfortable online, the RBCA has set up a toll-free information number, 1-866-265-7028, as an alternative way to get timely updates out. When prompted to enter the extension, dial “3” to access information regarding Point Wells. Like the blog site, the Information Line will be updated as things unfold.

Shoreline City Council Resolution No. 285

On Monday, April 13, the Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 285 setting forth the council’s current position, concerns and intent regarding various issues pertaining to the future of Point Wells. Based on public comments provided at the hearing, the proposed resolution was modified to include additional language ensuring that any traffic analysis look not only at flow (volume, congestion, etc.) but also at traffic safety. While Resolution No. 285 reflects the coun-

cil’s strong opposition to any Snohomish County rezone of Point Wells as an “Urban Center,” it does support appropriately scaled mixed-use development at Point Wells. A copy of the final Resolution No. 285 is available at the City of Shoreline’s web site (www.cityofshoreline.com) as well as the www.pointwells.wetpaint.com blog site.

Shoreline Planning Commission Public Hearings

At the direction of the Shoreline City Council, the City of Shoreline’s Department of Planning and Development Services has developed a draft Comprehensive Plan Amendment to address Point Wells, including the creation of a new Subarea Plan for Point Wells. Amending the existing Comprehensive Plan is a precursor to any attempt by the city to annex Point Wells. A series of public hearings have been, and will be, held on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

The first public hearing before the Shoreline Planning Commission on the city’s proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Subarea Plan was held on April 16, 2009. The meeting involved discussion between the commissioners and planning staff of the city’s current draft of the Point Wells’ Subarea Plan and public comment from several members of the Richmond Beach neighborhood. The highlight of staff testimony was an explanation by Planning Director Joe Tovar of the city’s move to cease calling Point Wells a “potential annexation area” and to instead make a distinction between the “upland portion” of the property, immediately adjacent to Point Wells and not accessible directly from Shoreline, and the “lowland portion” of the site, which will now be called a “future service and annexation area.” The city is only interested in annexing the 60 acres of the lowland portion. Mr. Tovar explained the necessity for Shoreline to annex the lowland portion, given the only vehicular access is from Richmond Beach Drive and the regional road network via the City of Shoreline. Furthermore, the city has made the case that the scale of the development possible under the Urban Center zoning proposed by Snohomish County is inconsistent with the realities of access to necessary services. The Subarea Plan states that Shoreline Police and Fire Department services, as well as other public services and utilities required for development, will not be available from the city to serve the lowland portion of Point Wells if annexed by a jurisdiction other than Shoreline, nor have any Snohomish County entities indicated the intent to provide them in the future. On this basis, the city’s position is to begin a process of work to prepare a “pre-annexation zoning ordinance” for the lowland portion of the site to bring the property into the fold of city oversight and control, and through good planning involving public process, be in a position to shape any future development so that it is appropriate both in context and its adjacency

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Keep informed on Point Wells, and be heard!

Post comments on the blog site, write letters or send e-mails. Letters can be addressed to the City of Shoreline, the Richmond Beach Community Association and/or the Snohomish County Council, but *copies should go to all parties involved.*

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to the Richmond Beach neighborhood.

During the public comments period of the meeting, several Richmond Beach residents—Sandra Greene, Brian Cohee, Karen Davis, Scott Becker and Caycee Holt—voiced their opinions to the commissioners. Mr. Cohee provided statistical evidence and eyewitness accounts of numerous vehicular accidents along Richmond Beach Road. In light of the volume of accidents there already, Mr. Cohee stated that the arterial cannot and should not be asked to accommodate the increase in traffic attributable to a Point Wells redevelopment, at any scale.

Caycee Holt, representing the group “Save Richmond Beach” (www.saverichmondbeach.com), submitted a petition signed by more than 100 concerned Richmond Beach residents protesting any rezoning of Point Wells as either Urban Center or Mixed Use unless an access road is established in and through Snohomish County. Ms. Holt explained that her group’s position is that a redeveloped Point Wells should not be accessed from Richmond Beach Drive regardless of which jurisdiction might annex and approve it. Ms. Holt stated that any result otherwise would change the cherished character of Richmond Beach for the worse and make our streets more dangerous.

Scott Becker raised the concern of many residents that any clean-up of the soils at Point Wells, and the contamination that is believed to be extensive there, be put to the utmost scrutiny by the city within the processes at its disposal. Mr. Becker also made a statement of support for the annexation effort by the City of Shoreline, stating that annexation by the city provides the best chance for Richmond Beach to protect its

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Community garage sale

By Sherry Edwards

Saturday, May 16, is the date bargain hunters have marked on their calendars for the annual Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale sponsored by the Richmond Beach Community Association. Professional garage sale shoppers know this is a great opportunity to scoop up some hot deals. For those hosting a sale, it's the perfect opportunity to turn unwanted items into extra cash.

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* and *Little Nickel* and on Craigslist and the *Seattle Times* website. A sign will be posted at Richmond Beach Road and 8th NW.

Deseret Industries will gladly accept donations of unsold garage sale items at their store located at 19735 Aurora Avenue North in Shoreline (542-9447).

Rummage sale for AMIGOS

By Jade Park

Amigos de las Américas (AMIGOS) will hold a rummage sale along with the Richmond Beach Community sale to help fund young people on community service projects in Latin America. This rummage sale will be Saturday, May 16 at the Shoreline Chiropractic Clinic on 636 NW Richmond Beach Road, Shoreline, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Stop by our tents and support youth leadership!

AMIGOS develops leadership and decision-making skills while making a positive difference in the health and well-being of communities. Through the AMIGOS programs approximately 30 Seattle-area youths join more than 500 other teenagers and young adults from across the United States and other countries to volunteer for the summer on public health, education and environmental projects in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay.

This sale is sponsored by five Shoreline and North Seattle young people who are preparing to travel to Latin America as AMIGOS this summer. The rummage sale will include clothing, household items and other appliances. This is not simply a sale—with its objective of funding these international projects it is truly making a difference. One hundred percent of the profits will go to the AMIGOS program.

Youth volunteers live with families in Latin American communities and work in small teams on projects such as the construction of libraries, playgrounds, latrines, community gardens,



Rachel Haase (right), a Meadowdale High School Student and 2008 Mexico volunteer

schools, fuel-efficient stoves, water storage tanks and bus stops. Volunteers also lead youth-to-youth projects to promote healthy social development, improve leadership skills and foster creative expression of young people in their host communities.

Amigos de las Américas service projects provide a unique opportunity for local youth volunteers to attain language proficiency in Spanish, perform community service, develop leadership skills, advance community development and strengthen multi-cultural sensitivity while living in Latin America.

Through your support and purchases at the rummage sale, the lives of many can be changed. Thank you and I hope to see you there!

For more information contact Maureen McKenzie at haasemckenzie@verizon.net

May fun, Richmond Beach style

By Tom Petersen

May is the big month when everybody can join in the whirl of exciting events and opportunities around the community! The second weekend brings four major events to one great neighborhood, but don't forget to meet your friends at the monthly RBCA meeting and on Garage Sale day, too!

Art Show!

The Friends of the Richmond Beach Library present their 43rd annual Art Show and Book Sale, Friday evening, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Top quality art, crafts, gifts, and curios by local artists will be on display and on sale in the meeting room in the library. There will be live music, snacks, and a raffle. Proceeds benefit Richmond Beach Library programs. Outside the library is the sidewalk Used Book Sale, with hundreds of books of all kinds, most for \$1 or less.

Strawberry Festival!

The Richmond Beach Community Association's annual Strawberry Festival presents five great bands, four great restaurants, numerous activities and games, plus community information and strawberry shortcake, Saturday, May 9, noon–5 p.m. This year's entertainment features several bands whose members grew up in Richmond Beach (or, as in the case of Shorewood High jazz combo Zoology, are growing up in Richmond Beach!)

Botanical Garden Tour!

Kruckeberg Botanical Gardens' annual Mothers' Day open house and plant sale, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 8–10. Free shuttle bus service from parking at Syre Elementary, 19545 12th Avenue NW, and the Strawberry Festival on Saturday. Come see the improvements underway since the Gardens became a city park!

Car Show!

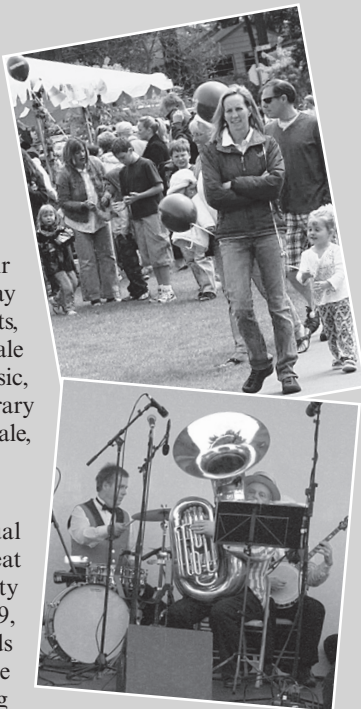
Richmond Beach Rehabilitation Center's annual Classic Car Show will be in their parking lot on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Come see the beautiful cars that your neighbors only bring out on special occasions! Antique, classic, custom, special interest, and racing cars.

Bloodmobile!

Puget Sound Blood Center's bloodmobile will be taking donations in front of the Fire Safety Center, Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Stop in at the fire station at the corner of Richmond Beach Road and 20th Avenue NW as you go from event to event! It takes only a few minutes to help save lives!

Garage Sale Day!

Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. or as otherwise posted. Garage, yard and estate sales by anyone who wants to hold one. Thousands of useful items and treasures at dozens of sales, most items going for just pennies on the dollar!



Strawberry Festival photos here and at top of Page 1 by Bob Pfeiffer

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interests because Shoreline, unlike Snohomish County, ultimately must answer to Richmond Beach residents.

Sandra Greene and Karen Davis both expressed concerns that any development of Point Wells would drastically and irrevocably impact Richmond Beach.

The April 16 meeting was the first of what will be multiple hearings on the Comprehensive Plan amendment. The next hearing will most likely be scheduled in May or June after the city completes its own traffic analysis of Richmond Beach Road, existing cross-section dimensions of the Richmond Beach Road right-of-way, analysis of other potential means of access to the site, and any information available regarding potential environmental impacts from a cleanup of Point Wells that might supplement the findings of the final Environmental Impact Statement to be completed by Snohomish County. As soon as we hear, we will post the dates on the blog site and the 1-866 Information Line. A copy of the city's Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Subarea Plan for Point Wells is available at the City of Shoreline's web site (www.cityofshoreline.com) as well as the www.pointwells.wetpaint.com blog site.

Snohomish County Planning Commission Process

The Snohomish County Planning Commission has finished their public hearings on the proposal to rezone Point Wells from "Urban Industrial" to "Urban Center." The issue will now be taken up by the Snohomish County Council in late spring or early summer. Although the Snohomish County Planning Commission's vote was 5-3 in favor of the rezone, because they did not have a quorum they were unable to make an official recommendation to the Snohomish County Council. After reviewing the record from the planning commission process and taking public testimony of their own, the Snohomish County Council could render a decision in late spring or early summer. Once we learn when the Snohomish County Council public hearings will occur, the RBCA will post that information on the www.pointwells.wetpaint.com blog site and the Information Line, 1-866-265-7028.

Sculpture installations at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and around Shoreline

By Ros Bird

Building on a successful new venture in 2008 at private gardens in Innis Arden, art students from Seattle Pacific University (SPU) will be creating temporary site-specific art installations for the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden in Shoreline. This exhibit, set to open on Thursday, May 7, as part of the annual Mothers' Day Plant Sale, is the result of collaboration between the City of Shoreline, the SPU Art Department and the Garden Foundation.

Dr. Roger Feldman, chair of the SPU Art Department, is working with his advanced sculpture students to create the works of art. The students visited the garden to learn about that environment, and then collaborated in teams to design art installations that integrate into, or reflect, the landscape or uses of the site. Students will be available during the opening weekend to answer questions about their work and process.

Thanks to its 1% for Public Art Program, Shoreline recently dedicated the interactive

sculpture, "Reflex Solaris," at Saltwater Park, and will be installing additional pieces at Cromwell and Hamlin Parks and the Spartan Recreation Center in the coming months.

Temporary public art projects are another means of increasing opportunities for observers and artists; the city sees this pilot project with the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden as an exciting beginning.

The MsK Nursery (in the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden) Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale is Thursday, May 7 for members, and Friday, May 8 through Sunday, May 10, for the general public. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden is located at 20312 15th Avenue NW. For more information about the garden or sale, call (206) 546-1281 or visit www.kruckeberg.org.

For more information about Shoreline's public art program, contact Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661.

Embrace Shoreline Schools

Beautify your local school, meet a neighbor, inspire a child to learn

By Mia Jepsen, RBCA representative

Embrace Shoreline Schools is coming up again in May! Come help us beautify Syre Elementary School. This is a great way to get to know the people in your neighborhood and give back to the community at the same time! We would love to see you on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

We will also be collecting backpacks to donate to students in need. If you would like to participate, please come to Syre Elementary and join parents, students, PTA volunteers, members from Richmond Beach Congregational Church and other people in the neighborhood in this joint effort to clean up the school grounds. Bring garden tools and gloves. We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit www.embraceshorelineschools.org.

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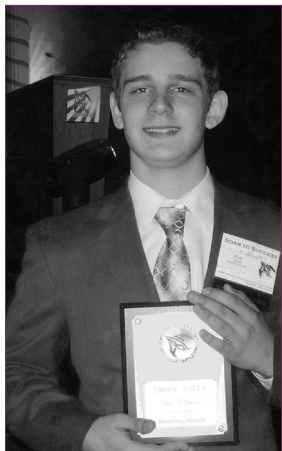
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Shorewood student wins awards



Paul Bartell

Paul Bartell, a sophomore at Shorewood High School, participated at Washington State's Future Business Leaders of America Competition (SBLC) in Spokane, Washington, April 9-11, 2009.

Students from more than 200 high schools participated in several of the competitive events ranging from accounting, business, computers, management, marketing, public speaking and finance. Bartell placed as follows:

- First in Networking Concepts
- First in Technology Concepts
- Third in Computer Problem Solving

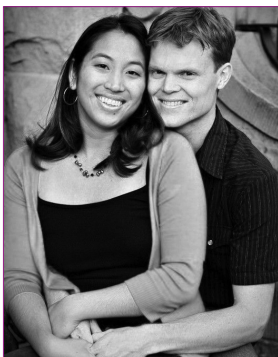
Bartell is eligible to compete on all three events at the FBLA National Competition in Anaheim California, June 25-29, 2009.

Engagement announced

Peder Larson and Suzy Fong are pleased to announce their engagement. Peder grew up in Shoreline and is the son of Kathryn Zufall, MD, a resident of Richmond Beach and a physician at Richmond Internal Medicine, and Eric Larson MD, a resident of Seattle.

Peder graduated from Shorewood High School in 1998 and received his BS, MS and PhD (2007) in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He is now a Post-Doctoral Fellow at UCSF in San Francisco doing research with MRI scanners. Suzy is the daughter of Wally and Carolyn Fong of Concord, CA where she grew up. She received her BA in Human Biology from Stanford, and her MD from UC-Irvine in 2007. She is a pediatrics resident at Children's Hospital in Oakland CA, where she and Peder live.

They will be married September 6, 2009 overlooking the ocean in Santa Cruz, CA.



Suzy Fong and Peder Larson

The house on the corner

By Chris Riveland

I was recently ordered to have our house appraised for tax purposes. This made me think back 52 years when we told a relative we wanted to buy a house in Richmond Beach. Her cynical comment, capped by her derisive laugh, "You want to what, move to the sticks? Richmond Beach is no place for a young, promising lawyer," made Dale and me even more determined not to live in Laurelhurst where she and her husband resided. Nor could anyone else sway us to live in Broadmoor or Inverness or any of the other established Seattle enclaves in 1957. We planned to have three more children in addition to the one on the way, and wanted to live in an area with other young families, outside of the Seattle School District.

Our five bedroom house on the corner of 18th Avenue NW and NW 201st was unfinished, and others were under construction when we bought it in September of 1957 for \$17,950. Abundant frogs in the open ditches croaked their noisy, nightly concerts. Sticky mud surrounding the house hinted at possibilities for a future lawn and garden. The builder had sold the topsoil. But the whole neighborhood featured an abundance of huge evergreen trees that swayed gently with the slightest breeze. All the neighbors walking outside were young with small children in tow. This house, our abode for 52 years, was home for our family of six: our three daughters and one son, and Dale and me, and over the years three dogs, and occasionally other children.

Dale and I never regretted our decision to live here, though we wondered about our builder's lack of concentration when he shingled the roof on the back of the house from the top down. A neighbor down the street called us to come watch the brown shingles undulating in the stiff wind that mild, sunny November day in 1957. Builder W. K. did a few other strange things – blacktopping the driveway only halfway, and installing inside door handles so the doors would not stay shut. He did fix the roof and the driveway, and Dale took care of the rest of the mistakes.

The house has evolved and grown over the

years, with a two-story addition on the east side. We eventually amended the soil for a vegetable garden with lots of seaweed hauled from our beachfront in Sequim, and the rest of it with compost.

Our house was, and still is, an enchanting and challenging place to love and nourish young and old minds and bodies, where theirs and Dale's and my stories—and that of many other beloved people over the years—took shape and unfolded. Hopefully, I will never have to live anywhere else.

Addendum:

According to engineers working on a local road project, our area is part of a prehistoric riverbed. That accounts for finding the many rocks and pebbles in the soil when digging in the garden. The several large, unusual rocks—more like boulders—in our front yard, one an egg-shaped piece of Washington jade, became ours when, perhaps 30 years ago, Seattle utilities dug up and removed the old wooden water pipes from about two feet below the road surface. The contractors were glad to simply leave the rocks along our driveway instead of incurring the expense of hauling them away. My husband used only block and tackle and his muscles to maneuver the finds into position. I call one of them "the bench," because it is smooth and flat and lovely to sit on during a warm summer day.

Second Annual May Day Dash

There's a lot to keep you busy on the weekend of the Strawberry Festival, but you should also take in the second annual May Day Dash, as either a competitor or a cheering spectator. This fun 5K run/walk is a fundraiser for Shorewood High School's Sophomore class fund, which will use the money for school events. All community and school members are welcome—and dogs are invited, too. Some entrants come in costume, adding to the fun.

The date is Saturday, May 9th. Registration and T-shirt pickup are at 9:15 and the race starts at 10:00 a.m. It all starts and ends at Shorewood High School's field. There will be a prize for the winner, and food and drinks afterwards.

Registration forms are on the school's website, <http://schools.shorelineschools.org/shorewood>. Pre-registration is \$8; day-of-race



Costumes are optional, but they do add to the fun

registration is \$12; for an added \$8 you can get one of the great race T-shirts. For more information contact maydaydash@gmail.com.

Group Garden Planned



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Anina's CORNER

By Anina Coder Sill

We spent two weeks in Gugeegue, in the Marshall Islands, to visit our son who will be completing his two-year contract with the Marshallese government as a high school teacher in June. We were greeted, welcomed and observed by lovely people. The children, especially, were drawn to us, as newcomers. The Worldteach organization handbook for new teachers says, “You might find little faces, or even bigger ones, looking in your windows,” and “*You* are the television.” The Marshallese jambo/walk about greeting their neighbors; if you stop and visit for a while, it’s called *bwe bwe natto*. With Tristan as our guide, we did a lot of that. Wherever we went, people greeted him by name—that’s a tight community.

We snorkeled in the beautiful, warm water and it was like swimming with some of the creatures from the Seattle Aquarium. A neighbor kindly arranged a boat ride to the island of Begej, inhabited by approximately 20 people; I saw flying fish, swam with the children, and enjoyed an Easter Day picnic. We constantly heard the sound of the sea, as Gugeegue is only about 700 feet wide. It rains BIG and warm—it felt good, and we were thankful that the water catchments were full.

We observed the high impact of teachers on students and students on teachers. We were able to attend Tristan’s music, history, and computer classes—teaching is such a challenging and enriching experience everywhere in the world—we are very proud of him. The students sang beautifully, in Marshallese and English, accompanied by a ukulele and sometimes by Tristan’s clarinet. Tristan has taught the students some of the songs we sang when our children were younger, including “Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes,” “Waltzing Matilda,” “Freight Train,” and the hymn “A Closer Walk with Thee”; they teach him Marshallese songs. While we were there, he introduced “An Austrian Went Yodeling” and that was a big hit. Their culture is rich in music; often when we were walking, there would be someone outside singing and playing the ukulele.

We learned to identify some of the trees: coconut, pandanus, breadfruit and lime; we met the animals: dogs, a few cats, pigs, birds (mostly chickens), geckos (sometimes on the walls and ceilings) and fantastic sea life. I had been warned about the dogs before the trip—there are a *lot* of dogs; some are fed, a few are not and they aren’t neutered or spayed, so they occupy a lot of their time reproducing and fighting. I had a nightmare that 20 animals would be on our porch in the morning, as I had been feeding leftovers to the two dogs. Tristan has befriended, then of course, several more showed up ... plus a hungry cat.

Litter is spread around: in contrast with the natural beauty, there are abandoned vehicles, barges, and equipment—some from WWII—plus Styrofoam cups, plates, aluminum cans and a multitude of single flip-flop sandals.

The natural foods include breadfruit, pandanus, coconut and seafood, and another category of food includes Spam (available in a vending machine at the Kwajalein checkpoint!), pop and rice.

After a walk to a lovely nearby island, Nng Nng, inhabited by one person, we were given rock crabs, a coconut crab, octopus and several fish. At our house, the octopus was put into a pot of boiling water, the fish were barbecuing, and Tristan and his adopted Marshallese brother said they’d be back later. In Marshallese time, that could be a few minutes or a couple of hours. We looked at the octopus bubbling away in a pot of boiling water for two hours, upside down with tentacles curled; the crabs sitting in a bowl of shredded coconut; the large coconut crab, boiled and dead on a plate; the five tropical fish sizzling on the barbecue, heads still attached ... and my husband and I just looked at each other and wondered how this came to be.

Everything tasted good when it was served—the coconut crab tasted like coconut, the octopus’s tentacles were sliced with green onion and soy sauce, the fish was refrigerated for another day. Tristan thoroughly enjoys cleaning and eating the squid (man, they have big eyes!), removing the internal pen, fingers covered in their black ink.

We had a wonderful, interesting visit. We are so grateful to share this part of Tristan’s life, and we are thankful he’s coming back! I’ll look at my Richmond Beach life a little differently, with our clocks and schedules, dependable electricity, recycling, well-fed cats, and health insurance, now that I’ve been to Gugeegue, with their more laid-back lifestyle, direct connection to nature and the challenges of a developing country. We missed having our daughter with us on the trip, though Tristan in the Marshall Islands is ironically connected to Katrina in Santa Barbara, by U.S. army missile-interception tests.



Tristan and his Marshallese brother, Christopher

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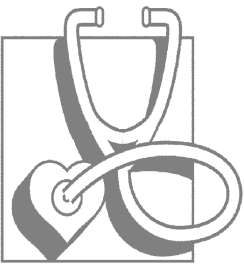
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Health check Pregnenolone: The “Mother Hormone”

By Dr. Fran M. Pinault MS, LAc, Dipl, ND Medical Director, Shoreline Natural Medicine Clinic and Age Wisely, a lifespan wellness program

In our exploration of hormones that greatly influence our wellbeing, I would like to introduce you to a hormone you might not have heard of: “pregnenolone.” It is not discussed as often as other hormones, but it has profound effects in our bodies and is the precursor, or mother hormone, to most of our other sex hormones.

Made from cholesterol (the backbone to all our sex hormones), pregnenolone is a steroid hormone produced primarily in the adrenal glands, and in smaller amounts by many other organs and tissues of the human body including liver, brain, skin, gonads and even the retina of the eye. Its production is controlled by the pituitary in the brain.

Pregnenolone is converted into the hormones progesterone and DHEA and can influence downstream production of hormones that affect blood mineral balance; aldosterone, which affects blood pressure; as well as the hormones that control blood sugar regulation. Pregnenolone has profound actions in the brain, preventing mental slowing, sedation and sleep, yet it stimulates parts of the brain that promote the deep stage IV sleep. It is important for mood regulation; the cerebral spinal fluid in depressed people was found to be low in pregnenolone. It also stimulates neurogenesis, the formation of new brain nerve cells in a part of the brain called the hippocampus, which is involved in long-term memory. Pregnenolone also has “neuro-protective” benefits, promoting myelination of nerve cells, the sheath around nerve cells needed for proper electrical signaling needed for cognitive (analytical) functioning. Research shows it improve hand/eye coordination, spatial

memory, learning, perception and memory. It promotes the function of the liver and pancreas, promoting subsequent hormone control such as insulin release. As with most hormones, pregnenolone production drops with age. As like DHEA, our bodies typically make 60 percent less pregnenolone at age 70 than at age 35. Like cortisol and DHEA it has anti-stress benefits. When under stress, people feel more energized, have greater coping ability and a better sense of well being when supplementing with pregnenolone. It was used successfully in the 1940s and 1950s as a treatment for rheumatoid arthritis but was replaced by cortisone (synthetic cortisol), which has a much faster anti-inflammatory effect. However, it appears to counteract cortisol’s negative effects. Blood levels should be checked in cases of inflammatory arthritis.

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Richmond Beach Graduates



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Book Reviews

By Aarene Storms

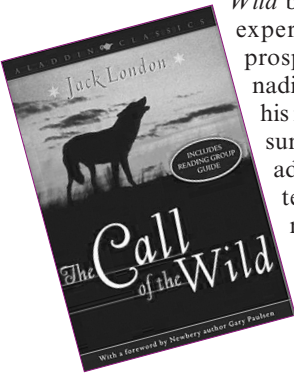
Something special is happening at King County libraries in May. It's called The Big Read, and it's like "All King County Reads the Same Book," except that there are actually two books: *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London for adults, and *Hatchet* for school-age kids. The Richmond Beach Library will have special programs supporting The Big Read, which will coordinate with the centennial of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYPE), a significant celebration of culture, industry and Seattle's first World's Fair. More information about The Big Read can be found on the web site: www.kcls.org.

The Call of the Wild

by Jack London

Buck is a big dog, born and raised in the sun-kissed Santa Clara Valley. He was stolen and sold to strangers to be a sled dog in the Yukon during the great Gold Rush of the late 1890s. Once arrived in the north, Buck survives not only the hard work and harsh conditions, but also learns to survive the cruelty of harsh and inexperienced humans.

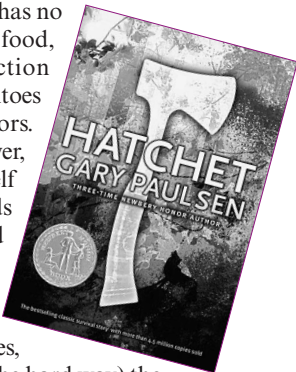
Originally published in 1903, *The Call of the Wild* blends the author's experiences as a gold prospector in the Canadian wilderness with his ideas about nature, survival, struggle for adaptation and mastery over the environment. It is still relevant for discussion in modern times.



Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the only passenger—and only survivor—when a small plane goes off-course and crash-lands following the pilot's heart attack. Now, he is alone in the Canadian wilderness with only a little hatchet and his own ingenuity as tools for survival. At



first, the city kid has no idea how to find food, water, or protection from sun, mosquitoes and large predators. Gradually, however, he teaches himself the skills he needs to survive, and even thrive.

Brian's mistakes are as telling as his successes, as he discovers (the hard way) the necessity for securing his food from marauding skunks, as well as methods for building a fire, catching fish, and hunting birds and rabbits. Author Gary Paulsen has hunted and fished for survival since he was a young teen, and the grittiness of Brian's situations are unmistakably authentic.

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Auditions for Princess and the Pea

By Kellee Bradley

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Princess and the Pea* will be held Monday, June 22 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. in the Shoreline Room at Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. There are roles for students currently enrolled in grades K through 12. Approximately 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Actor/Director. It is a group audition—no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts, and the audition is free. Just be ready to come and have a good time! There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by 3:45 p.m. to register, and plan to stay for the entire two-hour audition. All students cast, except for assistant directors, will be charged a participants fee, payable at the audition, of \$40 for Shoreline-Lake Forest Park residents, \$45 for non-residents. Some partial scholarships are available, but must be applied for in advance. Call (206) 417-4645 if you plan to audition and would need financial assistance if cast.

The play's two performances will be held on Saturday, June 27th and will be presented in the Shoreline Center Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. as part of the Shoreline Arts Festival. Tickets cost \$6, however, each student participating in the auditions will receive one complimentary ticket.

This residency is sponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Contact: info@shorelinearts.net, or the website: www.shorelinearts.net.

A Triple Play:

By Kellee Bradley

High Noon

by Jo Adamson

Dinner for Two

by Marianne Gutteridge

A Unicorn Named Perfection

by Willy Clark

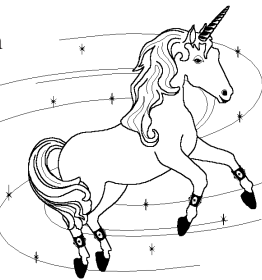
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The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council's Readers' Theater is proud to present the final reading of the 2008–09 Readers' Theater season. We will feature three short plays by three Seattle writers who, collectively, have been writing, producing, acting and directing in Seattle area theater for more than 125 years.

Jo Adamson, whose plays have been featured on radio and television and onstage all over the country, and whose work has been published in several "best books" gives us her monologue play *High Noon*, a journey into the mind of an actress who is past the prime of her career.

Marianne Gutteridge contributes another of her wonderful comedies, *Dinner for Two*, about a man and a woman and some other delightful characters, who experience odd circumstances and coincidences.

A Unicorn Named Perfection is a very short play by Willy Clark and features music. This play deals metaphorically with the ideal that all artists chase.



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

Shoreline Center is located at 18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. For more information on these and other Arts Council programs please contact us at 206-417-4645 or go to our website at www.Shorelinearts.net.

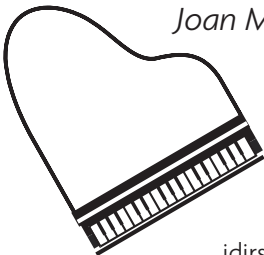
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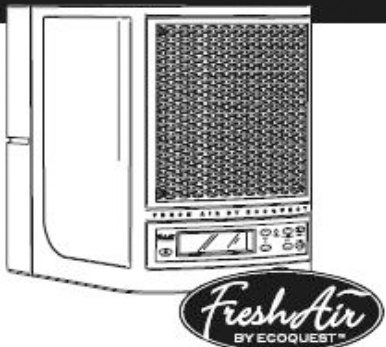
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By Steve Kerr and Kellee Bradley

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If you've attended our shows in the past you know how much fun they are. If you haven't, then come see what you've been missing. Grab a few friends, some lawn chairs or blankets, pack a picnic and head on over. Rain or shine, the entertainment will be fine!



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The lineup of shows will rotate between three parks:
Animal Acres Park: NE 178th St. and Brookside Blvd, in Lake Forest Park
Richmond Beach Community Park: Richmond Beach Rd. At 21st Avenue NW, in Richmond Beach
Paramount Park: 15000 10th Avenue NE, in Ridgecrest neighborhood

Orchestra Zarabanda
Wednesday, July 8th – Animal Acres Park
Hot Cuban Salsa Orchestra
(www.orchestrazarabanda.com)

Becky Sue and Her Big Rockin' Daddies
Wednesday, July 15th – Richmond Beach Community Park
High Energy, Low Down Blues
(www.bigrockindaddies.com)

Shakespeare in the Park, Richard the III
Sunday, July 19th – Animal Acres Park (in Lake Forest Park)
Presented by the Wooden O Shakespeare Company and co-sponsored by the City of Lake Forest Park Parks Commission
City of Shoreline's Swingin' Summer Eve, featuring the Popoffs
Wednesday, July 22nd – Paramount Park
Classic Pop Rock (www.thepopoffs.com)

Shakespeare in the Park, The Taming of the Shrew
Wednesday, July 29th – Richmond Beach Community Park
Presented by the Wooden O Shakespeare Company

Kelly Bradley Band
Wednesday, August 5th – Animal Acres Park
Folk, Irish, Spanish (www.kelleebradley.com)

August Arts Camp student ensembles and the Faculty & Friends Big Band
Tuesday, August 11th – 17739 15th Avenue NE in Shoreline
North City Jazz Walk

Type A!
Wednesday, August 19th – Richmond Beach Community Park
Funk, R&B, Soul, Latin, and Motown
(www.typeaband.com)

Information about these and other events and programs is available at www.Shorelinearts.net, or by calling the SLFPAC at 206-417-4645. Events are sponsored by Shoreline Bank, the cities of Lake Forest Park and Shoreline, 4 Culture and the Washington State Arts Commission.

May calendar of community events

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.
Office hours Monday–Friday, noon–5:00 p.m.
206-417-4645; web: shorelinearts.net; e-mail: info@shorelinearts.net

Shorecrest Performing Arts Center
15343 25th Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

20/20 Vision: 20 Artists for 20 Years
May 11 – June 28, 2009
Open House – Thursday, May 14, 5-7

To celebrate the Arts Council's 20th anniversary, The Gallery at Shoreline Center will be hosting an invitational show May 11 through June 28, 2009. Entitled 20/20 Vision, this exhibit features 20 artists that have shown in The Gallery in its 11 years in operation. These artists have continued to be a part of the Arts Council in a variety of ways long after their shows came down. Supporter, August Arts Teacher, Board Member, Artists in Residence, Juror, Festival Chairperson and many other hats have been worn by these creative people throughout the years.

There will be a diverse collection of artistic mediums being represented in this special show. Featured artists are: Eva Isakesen, Marsha Lippert, Joan Archer, Ann Blanch, Elizabeth Halfacre, Sheila Theodoratos, Barbara Zander, Cheryl Hufnagel, Susan Will, Guy Michelson, Laura King, Tami Johnson, Dick McMahon, Jodi Waltier, Roxine McQuitty, Leslie Klahn, Donna Jean Perry, Joan Keith, Mona Fairbanks, Kathy Collins and Diane Geary.



Paintings such as this one by Marsha Lippert will be on display at The Gallery's juried show

For more information, please contact the Arts Council at the address or website listed above.

Call to Artists for the 2009 Shoreline Arts Festival: Weaving a Cultural Tapestry

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is seeking artists for the 19th annual Shoreline Arts Festival to be held June 27 and 28, 2008. Juried categories include 2-D art, sculpture, artisan crafts and photography. Deadlines vary. Applications are available online at www.shorelinearts.net.

The Shoreline Arts Festival is a community event featuring two extraordinary days of music, dance, theater, visual arts and food, plus the Shoreline Philippine Festival and other cultural rooms. The 2009 theme is "Weaving a Cultural Tapestry." The event draws approximately 10,000 individuals to the Shoreline Center at 18560 1st Avenue NE in Shoreline, WA.

For more information, please contact the Arts Council at the address or website listed above.

Summer Youth Camps

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is announcing dates for their Summer 2009 Youth Camps. Please add these dates to your calendar and visit the new website at www.shorelinearts.net for applications beginning May 1. Scholarship information will also be available on the website. Or, contact the Arts Council at 206-417-4645.

August Arts Jazz Camp
August 3–11, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$295; scholarships are available

August Arts Jazz Camp for middle and high school students. The mission of the Shoreline Jazz Camp is to provide young musicians the opportunity to learn and play with some of the region's most accomplished teachers and performers. Our program creates a safe and structured learning environment in which students of varying skill levels are able share in the joy of playing jazz. The camp includes instruction in large and small ensembles and a series of master classes that are designed to refine the individual's skills and understanding of jazz.

The jazz camp is at Shorecrest High School for students currently in grades 7–12. Classes include: Jazz Combo/Improvisation, Big Band, Jazz Theory and Harmony, Sight-Reading, The Art of Solo Transcription, Ear Training, and many more ...

The camp will showcase the students' hard work in two performances on August 11th. The first will be an 11:00 a.m. lunch concert at Shorewood High School, and the second will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Shoreline North City Jazz Walk, 17739 15th Avenue NE.

August Arts Camp
August 10–14, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$200; a limited number of scholarships, up to \$100 are available

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is sponsoring August Arts at Meridian Park School. August Arts is a week-long camp where students explore several areas of the arts with accomplished artist-educators. Students choose a main area of interest for emphasis (core class) where they spend three hours each day. They also choose two other areas as elective classes for the rest of their day. See the registration form for more details.

This program is open to students who have completed 3rd through 6th grade by August 10 and have a serious interest in learning more about the arts. Each class is limited to 12 and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served, space available basis, so get your form in early. No forms are accepted the day of the camp.



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Shoreline Senior Center

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Visit Merrill Gardens at Mountlake Terrace and Mill Creek
Friday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

As one of the Center sponsors, Merrill Gardens is offering a tour to both communities with a snack and lunch. Transportation will be provided by Merrill Gardens.

Happy Birthday Members Lunch
Thursday, May 21,

Free lunch to members celebrating a birthday in April.

Red Hat Society
Friday, May 22, 12:30 p.m. in the Bridge Room.

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

Smiles for Life

As part of the wellness emphasis at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, a preventative dental care program is being offered to seniors 60 years of age or older. A licensed dental hygienist is available to do several different dental hygiene procedures. Several seniors from this Center have already taken advantage of this service, and have been very satisfied with their dental care. Appointments are available on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each moth. This is a fee-based program; if you are interested in additional information or to make an appointment please call 206 365-1536.

Asian Senior Concerns Foundation

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center is pleased to announce that the ASCF (Asian Senior Concerns Foundation) will be offering classes at the Senior Center for Chinese seniors that are retired or soon to be retired. At this time the available classes are:

- Seattle Yoga Class**, starting on Wednesday evening, April 22, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Digital Photography**, Tuesday afternoon, 8 sessions. You will learn how to buy a digital camera, how to use it, and how to take care of your equipment.
- Acrylic Painting**, understanding material, basic color, composition, perspective; theory, and more. Tuesday afternoon, 8 sessions
- Watercolor painting**, offered after the acrylic series, Tuesday afternoons, 8 sessions.
- Have Camera, Will Travel**, photographic travel report presented in Chinese and English. Starts Monday, May 18, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. First topic will be Bavaria, Germany, including Nuremberg, Dachau Concentration Camp, Neuschwanstein (Cinderella’s Castle) and many more.
- Leisure English**. A casual forum for Chinese speakers to discuss everyday living in English. Starts Monday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions
6 week workshop starting Wednesday May 6th to June 10th, from 10:30 a.m. to noon

If you have diabetes, arthritis, chronic pain, heart disease, MS, or other health conditions you can sign up for a Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop. Free; pre-register by calling 206 365-1536

Matter of Balance Class
8-week class starting Wednesday, May 6th through June 24, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Concerned about falling? Do you want better balance? You can learn to control worries about falling, learn how to reduce risk factors from falling, and learn and practice exercises to improve balance and strength. Learn how to be safer in your own home by preventing falls. This class is presented in collaboration with the Shoreline Fire Department. Maximum number of students is 14, no fee for class. To register, call 206-365-1536

Shoreline School District

No School – Grades K–12 – Staff Work Day
Monday, May 4

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4-8

School Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline Center

No School – Memorial Day Observed
Monday, May 25

School Board Meeting
Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline Center

No School – Grades K–12 – Staff Work Day
Monday, June 8

Syre Elementary School

Volunteer Tea
Friday, May 8, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Library

Embrace Shoreline Schools Event
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon

Syre PTA Meeting
Tuesday, May 19

6:30 Thank you buffet from Executive Board
7:00 Installation of officers and meeting

Parent Coffee
Thursday, May 28, 11:00 a.m.–noon

Variety Show
Friday, May 29, 9:30–10:40 a.m.
Cafeteria

Einstein Middle School

SKMEA Solo Ensemble Festival
Saturday, May 2
Edmonds Community College

Einstein PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Staff Lounge

Embrace Shoreline Schools Event
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.–noon

SKMEA Large Group Choral Festival
Monday, May 19
Edmonds Center for the Arts

“Am I Ready to be a Middle School Parent?”: 6th Grade Night for Parents
Thursday, May 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Einstein Library

Shorewood High School

Spring Play
May 1–2, 8–10, 7:30 p.m.
Shorewood Theater

Shorewood PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Shorewood Library

CWD Diversity Film Festival
May 11-14, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Shorewood Theater

Embrace Shorewood Clean-Up Day
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Mr. SHS
Thursday, May 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Shorewood Theater

Upcoming Community Events

Richmond Beach Community Council Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, 1512 Northwest 195th in Voorheis Room (*note change of usual location*)

Election of new Board members, vote on bylaws amendment, update on community concerns and the presentation of the Marge Unruh Community Service Awards.

Mother’s Day Plant Sale and Open House
May 7, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.: Member’s Only Pre-Sale. May 8, 9, and 10, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.: Open to the Public

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Avenue NW
Offering a diverse selection of unique exotic and native plants, the nursery’s best selection of the year is available during the sale. Sponsored by MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery.

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 542-3641 or Richmond Beach Library at 546-3522. Sponsored by Friends of Richmond Beach Library

Classic Car Show
Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Rehab, 19235 15th Avenue NW

Richmond Beach Library

Call 546-3522 for information

Look to Your Library... especially now!
May 1–8 the King County Library System is opening 41 libraries an hour early, and will feature free demonstrations of library tools and resources for coping in today’s economy. Coffee and bagels will be available from 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.during this week, while supplies last. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library. Please call for additional information about Look to your Library.

How To Build (and Rebuild) Your Credit
May 4, Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Presented by a speaker from Hopelink during Look To Your Library Week!

ESL Classes
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. No class on May 9. Ages 16 and older

Continuation of free ESL classes in cooperation with Shoreline Community College. Classes for low intermediate to high intermediate students 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. Registration required, 206-546-3522.

Richmond Beach Library Book Discussion
Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Take part in The Big Read and join us for a lively discussion of *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

43rd Annual Open House Arts & Craft Show
Artist Reception with live music Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.; show Saturday, May 9, all day

Original art from more than seventy local artists will be on display at this yearly fundraiser for the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library.

Talk Time
Tuesday, May 12, 19 and 26, 4:00 p.m.

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

Afternoon Book Discussion
Thursday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.

Take part in The Big Read and join us for a lively discussion of *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

Traveling With Your Digital Camera
Monday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

With award winning freelance photographer, Dale Unruh. Learn how to take great photos with your digital camera, no matter where you are going.

Magnificent display of cars of yesteryear. Sponsored by Richmond Beach Rehabilitation & Specialty Care

Bloodmobile
Saturday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Bloodmobile will be at the fire station, corner of Richmond Beach Road and 20th Avenue NW.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, May 9, noon–5:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Park
Music, food, games and more! Sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association.

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, PTSAs and RBCA. Bring gloves and gardening tools as well as backpacks to donate.

Beach Blossoms Garden Tour
Saturday, June 13

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

Children and Families

Pajamarama Story Times
Wednesday, May 13, 20 and 27, 7:00 p.m.

All young children welcome with parent or caregiver. Wear your pjs and join us for books, stories and songs!

Toddler Story Times
Thursday, May 14, 21 and 28, 10:15 a.m.

Ages 2 to 3 with adult, siblings welcome. Join us for books, finger plays, stories and songs just for toddlers! On May 28, come for a special Story Time painting activity. Toddlers will help create a mural for the Children’s Area. Dress for a mess!

Preschool Story Times
Thursday, May 14, 21 and 28, 11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 to 6 with adult; siblings welcome. Enjoy stories, rhymes, music and movement with other preschool pals as we continue to celebrate the alphabet. On May 28, come for a special Story Time painting activity. Preschoolers will help create a mural for the Children’s Area. Dress for a mess! Preschool and daycare groups welcome.

Read to Me!
Through June 2009

Newborn to age 5 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.

Teens

Study Zone
Monday, May 11 and 18, 4:00 p.m.

Grades K-12. Drop-in during scheduled Study Zone hours for free homework help from volunteer tutors.

Game On! & Mural Project
Thursday, May 14 and 28, 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 full-wall mural. Games may include Wii, DDR, Guitar Hero, Cooking Mama and others. Bring your talents to the library and get GOMP!