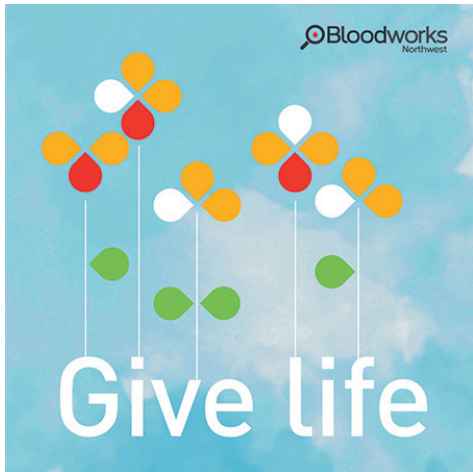


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## Blood Drive at Richmond Beach Fire Safety Center—Saturday, March 2

By Tom Petersen

The Bloodworks Northwest mobile unit returns to the Fire Safety Center at the corner of Richmond Beach Road and 20th Avenue NW on Saturday, March 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please make an appointment, as late as the day of, at [bloodworksnw.org](https://bloodworksnw.org) or by calling (800) 398-7888.

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## Community meetings return March 27

By Chris Youngs

The RBCA Board is excited to announce a return of our community meetings. Our first meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church. We'll be meeting in the Horizon School gym space on the back of the church, on the lower level. Our agenda for the meeting:

- The RBCA 2024 calendar, including future community meetings
- Strawberry Festival planning update and volunteer signups
- Garden Tour 2024: Kris Fordice will be on hand to speak about this year's event
- Special guest: A speaker from the Shoreline Parks and Recreation Department
- Open forum: time for the RBCA membership to raise awareness on important issues or ask questions of the board

We're hoping to see a big turnout for this meeting, and we'd especially love to hear from you on topics important to the community. We will see you on March 27!

## Strawberry Festival fun ahead

By Katie McNeil

Spring is here and that means the Strawberry Festival is around the corner! Last year's festival was a huge success, and we are thrilled to bring back this beloved annual tradition to Richmond Beach.

### Save the Date

The 2024 Strawberry Festival will be held **Saturday, June 8, from 12:00-5:00 p.m.** at Richmond Beach Community Park. Enjoy live bands, food trucks, kids' activities, a library book sale and much more. The Shorewood High School drumline and children's parade will kick off the festival again and, of course, our quintessential strawberry shortcake will be for sale throughout the day.

We heard from many of you (especially first timers) that the Strawberry Festival was a great way to meet neighbors, have fun with your family and connect with local

See Strawberry Festival, page 7

## City reviewing proposed assisted living development at 8th Avenue and Richmond Beach Road



ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 8TH AVENUE NW AND RICHMOND BEACH ROAD. THE PLANS ARE UNDER REVIEW BY THE CITY.

-RENDERING FROM THE DEVELOPER'S PERMIT APPLICATION

By Tom Mailhot

An Issaquah-based developer has submitted plans to the city to construct a six-story assisted living facility just north of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road intersection in the area where the abandoned bank building now

stands. The project name is Acoya at Richmond Beach.

The existing bank building would be demolished as would most of the west wing of the existing retail building (Beach House Greetings, Grace Nails and Santa Fe Grill, but maybe not the Sno-King Cleaners).

See Proposed development, page 7

## RBCA Marge Unruh Community Service Award nominations due April 10

By Tom Petersen  
Chairperson for the awards

Have you made your nomination? The deadline for entry is **April 10**. The RBCA created the annual RBCA Marge Unruh Community Service Award in 1999 in recognition of the late, great Marge Unruh's contributions to our community. Up to three recipients per year are selected based on their outstanding service to the community. Candidates may be a person, business or organization. They are not required to reside in Richmond Beach.

See Marge Unruh award, page 2

## Hosts needed for 2024 Richmond Beach Garden Tour

By Kris Fordice

Welcome to yet another year of fun and challenges in the Pacific Northwest world of gardening. It seems I spend most of February and March with clippers in hand, amusing myself by making dubious pruning cuts and then second-guessing them. Miraculously most plants survive and come back in the spring.

Please consider putting your garden on the tour this year. Let 2024 be the year you just do it—you won't be sorry! The tour is on **Saturday, June 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

See Garden Tour, page 5

## Save the date!



### Community Meeting

March 27th, 6:30PM - RB Congregational Church, Horizon School Gym

### Garage Sale

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### Garden Tour

June 1st

### Strawberry Festival

June 8th

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Being well

A mindful reflection

By Carol Frieberg

Something different for the Being Well column this month—it’s a poem, to read with your heart as much as with your eyes. This life presents us with all sorts of challenges—unmet expectations, disappointments, let downs, grief, past hurts, joy wrapped in sadness, longing for love, regrets, feelings of melancholy, a lack of peace or simply being too busy to be grateful for the goodness around us.

Wherever you find yourself today, may the reflection below serve to remind you of the power of acceptance of the here and now. A gentle reminder that happiness can not be acquired, but lies within us when we let go of trying to control the outcomes of our life.

Let it Go

A poem by Danna Faulds

Let go of the ways you thought life would unfold; the holding of plans or dreams or expectations—let it all go. Save your strength to swim with the tide.

The choice to fight what is here before you now will only result in struggle, fear and desperate attempts to flee from the very energy you long for.

Let go. Let it all go and flow with the grace that washes through your days whether you receive it gently or with all your quills raised to defend against invaders.

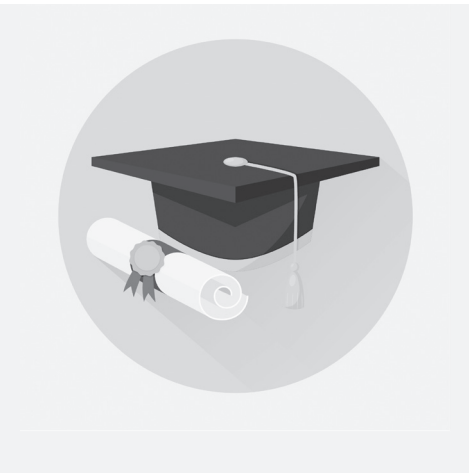
Take this on faith; the mind may never find the explanations that it seeks, but you will move forward nonetheless.

Let go, and the wave’s crest will carry you to unknown shores, beyond your wildest dreams or destinations. Let it all go and find the place of rest and peace, and certain transformation.



-IMAGE BY HANS ON PIXABAY

Graduation announcements



By Sheri Ashleman

Richmond Beach Community News will continue its tradition of publishing announcements of 2024 graduating students for current or former Richmond Beach residents.

Mark your calendar now so you don’t miss the submission deadline of **May 10**. More details will be coming in future issues of the newspaper.

From Marge Unruh Award, page 1

Merit-worthy examples include service to the Richmond Beach Community Association, promotion of issues benefiting the community, fundraising for community projects, formal or informal service to others in the community or beautification projects in the community. Award winners from 10 years ago or more who have continued to make positive contributions may be nominated again. Recipients will be announced in May.

Make your nomination now by filling out the form on our website, at [richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award](http://richmondbeachwa.org/marge-unruh-service-award).

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- 1999 - Pizza Mia, Grace Marshall, Scott Keeney
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- 2001 - Rick Ashleman, Bill Clements, Ron Greeley
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- 2003 - Richmond Beach Congregational Church, Donna Spee, John Thielke
- 2004 - Everett Ellis, Paul Gorgen, Nancy Shaw
- 2005 - Mary Bannister, Dr. Art Kruckeberg, Vladimir Oustambassidis
- 2006 - Starla Hohbach, Harley O’Neil, Dave Bannister
- 2007 - Jerry Girmus, Sean and Christie Quigley, Chris Riveland
- 2008 - Scott Becker, Anina Sill, Melanie Granfors
- 2009 - Dick Deal, Vicki Stiles
- 2010 - Ed Adams, Tom Petersen

See Marge Unruh award, page 6

RBCA Community Garage Sale - Saturday, May 4

By Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen

We are happy to announce that the annual Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale sponsored by Richmond Beach Community Association is back this year. It will be on **Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** It is a few weeks earlier than usual, so start thinking about your spring purge! No registration necessary—simply round up your sale items and post some signs in your front yard and at nearby intersections. RBCA takes care of the publicity and advertising for you. Road signs will be placed at several major intersections. Ads will be placed in The Seattle Times online edition, Shoreline Area News, RBCA Facebook, Craigslist, Nextdoor and Patch.

Deadline to participate

If you would like your sale placed on a garage sale map, please email your street address to Elisabeth at [garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:garagesale@richmondbeachwa.org) by **Monday, April 29**. If you live in Hillwood or Innis Arden, your address will fall outside the map, but the address can still be listed online at [yardsalesearch.com](http://yardsalesearch.com), so feel free to participate if you wish. If you miss the deadline and decide at the last minute to hold a sale on May 4, you will benefit from the traffic in the neighborhood and can put out your own signs to direct people to you.

When you email me that you would like to be on the map, I will reply within 48 hours and ask you if you would like to receive a link from yardsalesearch to customize your site. You will be able to list your items, describe them and include photos. You can customize this information up to the date of the sale. If you are not feeling like learning new software, no worries, your address will still be on the map online and the printed map. People will arrive at your sale surprised at your wonderful treasures! Sales will be viewable online ([yardsalesearch.com](http://yardsalesearch.com)) beginning in mid-April and printed maps starting on Thursday, May 2.

Selected tips for a successful garage sale

Go through your entire house to locate and sell anything you no longer want or need.

- Don’t base what you sell on what you would buy.
- Offer to sell stuff for family and friends.
- Take the time to clean sale items.
- Pricing
  - Know the value of your items by doing some research on eBay or Craigslist.

See Garage sale, page 8

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Lewis at large in Richmond Beach

## Examining our purpose as a community association

By Lewis Brown

The Richmond Beach Community Association is celebrating 116 years of service to our community. At our 2024 annual board retreat in January, we spent a significant amount of time discussing our purpose as a board. We are finalizing our thoughts and will share them with all you in the next issue of the paper.

However, in preparing for that discussion, I spent some time looking at several of the RBCA’s legacy in the community to inspire us in our thoughts and conversations. Perhaps residents who would have joined the neighborhood in the last decade would appreciate a brief historical trip back through time here in Richmond Beach and nearby neighborhoods. The immediate area from Aurora/Highway 99 to the Sound was called Richmond at the turn of the last century.

### Some historical memories

The community and the Richmond Beach Community Association have a long history. A read through the text of *Shoreline Memories Volume 1* gives a peek into what the little town of Richmond Beach was like a century ago.

In 1900, there were 150 residents and around 35-45 households in the town. In 1901, there were 35 pupils in the one-room schoolhouse, Grades 1-8. Then-resident Goldie Crawford describes the Richmond Beach of her day:

“Richmond was a thriving little town even then. We had a hardware store, three grocery stores and a dry goods store. We had three hotels, a barber shop, a shingle mill, a feed store, a drug store, a post office, a library and a shipyard on the Point. By 1917, we could use the Yost bus service to get to Seattle. It was sixty cents for a round trip.”<sup>1</sup>

Of course, Richmond Beach has changed since then! Now, we are a neighborhood of 2,700 households with over 3,300 residents (as of the 2020 census).

The Richmond Beach Community Association goes back to the same period. It has changed names with the times, but the original Washington State charter is still active.

The initial incorporation of the Richmond Beach Social Club was registered with the State of Washington in 1908 for “social meetings and the maintenance and conduct of a social club.”

1 Shoreline Memories, Volume 1, 1973. Ed. Ruth Worthley. Shoreline Historical Society. Pages 3, 5, 107, 112.

The club was reincorporated as a non-profit organization in 1958 and named the Richmond Beach Community Club. These are the purposes of the revised club:

“The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To promote the welfare of the community of Richmond Beach and to encourage civic betterment among its residents.

(b) To initiate, sponsor and conduct social, educational, athletic, recreational and community activities of every kind and character, and to establish, conduct and maintain a club or clubs for these purposes and for any other lawful activity.

(c) To lease, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to construct, maintain and operate buildings, recreational and athletic grounds, parks, playgrounds, bathing and swimming beaches, tennis courts, club houses, bath houses, gardens and grounds.

(d) To conduct any business, social or commercial, which may seem to the corporation capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the activities or facilities of the corporation, provided that none of the proceeds of such business shall be diverted to private profit or advantage.”

Richmond Beach was an established community by 1958. Article II of the charter also includes extensive provisions for doing business, as this organization was functioning as a quasi-governmental organization at the time. The community club of that era functioned as the local fundraisers for projects and events. They were the parks and recreation organization for the community. They were hosts for the community meetings.

After a recent medical procedure I have immense gratitude for the love and care from family and friends—it strengthened my physical and emotional well-being.

As a bonus, I received several tips before being admitted; and though I thought it was funny at the time, I did appreciate it and found it helpful! Here is the list:

- Have a recliner on your main level at home and make sure it is well oiled so you can easily get in or out of the chair.
- You may wear some of your very own clothes while at the hospital.
- Pack ChapStick and snacks.
- Install a higher toilet at home.
- Bring earbuds so you can listen to your favorite music from your phone.

Richmond Beach was incorporated into the city of Shoreline when the new city was adopted by voters in 1994. The October issue of the *Richmond Beach Community News* included an article by then-President Pat Hendrix, which stated the next phases of activity as Richmond Beach adjusted to its role in the new city of Shoreline:

“We’re a city! And it happened by a smashing margin! Now is not the time to be complacent. The RBCC (Richmond Beach Community Club) is more important than ever. We want to maintain the ambiance of Richmond Beach and Shoreline. In order to maintain our quality of life we must serve as a direct conduit to the new city council particularly in this formative period. We need people who will be willing to serve on committees such as zoning, land use, crime prevention, public works projects, licensing, parks and recreation, transit planning, and traffic control. Remember, you must be an activist if you want to preserve what we have. We want Richmond Beach to have direct representation on every issue.”

The community club rewrote their bylaws; and by 2010-13, the organization was officially named the Richmond Beach Community Association. As the community and association recovers from Covid 19, events and meetings recommence and the association is revitalizing its service and vision for the community. In January of 2024, the board of the Richmond Beach Community Association reaffirmed our purposes. You are invited to actively support and participate as we move forward.

Find out more on our website: [richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org)

Anina’s Corner

By Anina Coder Sill

Spring and love have sprung

Someone (who loves you) should stay with you at the hospital as your advocate and keep you company.

I have a recliner that works easily—but at the hospital my daughter had to operate the lever for me and thought I would be propelled across the room.

It was a strange and dear role reversal to have my daughter look at me with that “oh, honey!” expression. I am so glad she was there to help, comfort and sometimes even laugh with me.

My sister stayed with me when I got home, helped immensely and ensured I followed directions.

Thank you to my dear ones for the love, thoughtful gifts, cards, clean sheets, food and flowers. I am ready to reciprocate!



## The RBCC Players offer musical summer camps for youth and adults



THE OOMPA LOOMPAS IN THE 2010 RBCC'S WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. L TO R: CHRIS THOMSEN, NOAH THOMSEN, PEARLY BLUE, AARON MCCRACKIN; BELLA HAUPT; MADISON SCHLUMERICH, CONNOR O'BRIEN. IN REAR PARTIALLY HIDDEN: MIKALA KIM, LAUREN BIANCO. - PHOTO COURTESY RBCC PLAYERS

By Fia Gibbs

The RBCC Players will be offering musical summer camps for youth and adults this year at Richmond Beach Congregational Church. The programs will be directed by Cyndi Thomsen (Managing Artistic Director and co-producer) and founding/current co-producer Carol Colt.

Through storytelling and dialogue with others in a non-threatening environment, The Players' first summer camps will give young people the chance to share their concerns about their world: June 24-28 in the morning for ages 8-11; two afternoon segments, one for ages 12-14, the other for high schoolers.

Thomsen and Colt know that folks out of high school also need a safe place to artistically express themselves. This summer on August 24-31, a camp is planned for ages 17 through centenarians. One goal is to offer a free performance from what transpires there. Ages 5-6 workshops and after-school programs are in planning stages.

For many years Thomsen co-directed with and acted under The Players founder, Dan Shelhamer. Shelhamer also nurtured Thomsen's drive to give children and youth safe spaces to express themselves.

Thomsen has a lifetime of experience in theater. Her first

directing role was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and her first acting role was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade as lead in a play. Thomsen continued acting through high school while also working with Minneapolis Guthrie Theater. In college, she majored in psychology with an undeclared minor in theater. Besides working with The Players, Thomsen has acted in, stage managed and directed many other plays with different groups. She also is an experienced personal development and acting coach who helps bring out one's inner talent.

Thomsen's experiences overcoming early obstacles to artistic expression in school inspires her work with the Players. Thomsen recalls she was told in grade school that she had no singing talent, but she became a music student in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade after winning a competition for singing on pitch and note finding. This early experience taught her to be kind to people taking the risk to artistically express themselves. Her own painful experiences in elementary school, plus her work with at-risk and homeless youth, further inspires her to serve young people.

May 2024 is the 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the RBCC Players. The Players will present *Mary Poppins* on June 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and June 8 and 15 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at [showtix4u.com/event-details/81772](https://showtix4u.com/event-details/81772). (*Mary Poppins*

is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), and authorized performance materials are supplied by MTI ([mtishows.com](https://mtishows.com)).

If you want to join The Players, here are important dates for the production of *Mary Poppins*: Respond ASAP for stage manager (a production assistant role including production meetings, auditions, rehearsals and performances); for production team and orchestra pit, respond by March 15; auditions are by appointment March 24, 25, 26.

Since the King's Players folded, The Players are Shoreline's only remaining community theater troupe. Thomsen and Colt are committed to keeping it alive and welcoming community members. Regardless of age, Thomsen's message to aspiring thespians: "Inside you is the talent. I will support you and help you share it with others. The Players will welcome you. So please reach out to me."

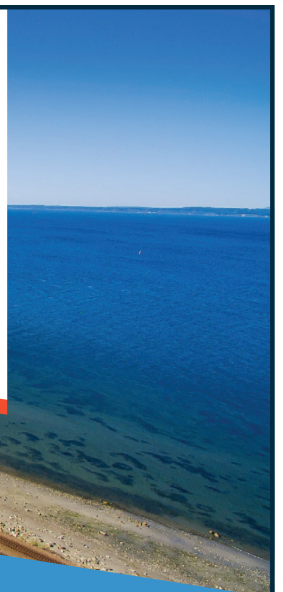


For general information about all opportunities, email The Players at [rbccplayers@gmail.com](mailto:rbccplayers@gmail.com). For specific questions, reach out to Thomsen: [cyndi.thomsen@gmail.com](mailto:cyndi.thomsen@gmail.com).



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From Garden Tour, page 1

I love to visit other people’s gardens and always find something interesting, be it a plant I haven’t seen before or a nugget of knowledge from the owner. Gardens are always evolving, and I believe most visitors look for what is interesting and beautiful in a garden, not the odd weed or wonky border edge. Gardens are a living work in progress—never completed, but always interesting to share the process.

Many people feel their garden is not good enough; but in

my experience, every garden has something to offer. Rest assured that visitors are simply happy to see what’s going on in your garden. Some gardeners like having the tour date deadline to pull their garden together.

I know you’re out there! When I take my dog, Gus, for a walk I see many beautiful gardens in our neighborhood, and I encourage you to contact me and chat about being a host this year. You can email me at [klfordice@gmail.com](mailto:klfordice@gmail.com).



ABOVE RIGHT - A VIEW OF THE CLARK GARDEN 2023; BOTTOM LEFT - SPRING CHERRY BLOSSOMS; BOTTOM RIGHT - A BLUE STAR SEA HOLLY.  
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**Overall, I expect 2024 to be a really good year for real estate!**

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Board Busy-ness

By Lewis Brown

The board of the Richmond Beach Community Association met for their annual retreat in the conference center of the Evergreen School for a daylong discussion of the purposes, the events and the channels of communication for the community.

We started with a revisit of our purposes as an organization. What do we want to be, how do we represent ourselves and are our activities in alignment with our purposes as an association?

We reviewed our stated goals and purposes (as found on our website: [richmondbeachwa.org/](http://richmondbeachwa.org/)

*about-the-association*) and, after a healthy discussion, decided to take more time on this critical topic. We'll have more to share in March, and we look forward to the community's feedback on our thoughts on March 27 at our first 2024 community meeting.

We discussed our many family-centered events, considering their costs and volunteer needs. We want to include more volunteers and sponsoring organizations. We considered how to reach out to nearby neighborhoods as well.

We are beginning a series of community meetings this year as well, starting with our March

27 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church. These meetings will provide a place for feedback from members, informative presentations and community updates.

A vital part of our discussions was the expansion of our use of social media. We are completing our media and publishing guidelines in our next meetings so we can include much more community communications in our social media presence. We want to make better use of our media presence in connecting the community to our local events and to each other in the community.

The most vital recurring comment in the meeting was the recognition that the RBCA is a volunteer, non-profit community association, and the involvement of members of Richmond Beach is essential to make us effective. Comments? Ideas? Would you be a willing volunteer in some aspect of our functions? Email us at [board@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:board@richmondbeachwa.org).

Kudos

By Lewis Brown

The board of the Richmond Beach Community Association met for their annual retreat on January 20, 2024. Many hands made this dynamic meeting work, and this edition of Kudos gratefully acknowledges their contributions.

First, thank you to our Vice President, Allison Taylor, for her tireless work in multiple arenas for our community, including the newspaper, the Halloween Carnival and the weekly connections with neighbors via our website. Notably this last month, she organized and hosted our meeting in the state-of-the-art conference center at the Evergreen School in Shoreline.

Kudos to our diligent Secretary, Mitch Grafstein, for his watchful oversight of our discussions and decisions. The board is in an important time of resetting our purposes and goals as the community moves forward, and he is tracking the steps we are taking. His support and reminders are vital.

Kudos to our wise Treasurer, Adam Star, who tracks on our money. His watchful oversight helps us as we decide the expenditures and plan for the future. His expertise in the legalities also helps us as we evaluate issues.

Kudos to Chris Youngs, who works closely with our volunteer staff managing the Richmond Beach Community News and advises the co-chairs of our Strawberry Festival, Bianca Williams and Sarah Barnes. Chris always brings his insight and passion to the meetings and contributes multiple ideas and approaches in our retreat discussions.

Kudos to Doris McConnell, who brings years of experience in the city government to our discussions and adds the perspective of a longtime resident knowledgeable in the local organizations. Her humor and energy are just as valuable in our meetings, too.

Kudos to Zack Holliday, who has taken on the Tree Lighting event, the RBCA gear we love to sell at events and has a hand in upgrading our presence on social media. His fresh ideas, energy and humor are much appreciated.

Kudos to Patrick McNulty, a veteran member of the board who stabilizes the board discussions with lessons learned in recent years as we project our next activities as an organization. Patrick has been leading the social media presence and is grounding our move with publication and media guidelines.

Our community is greatly benefited by these board members, who give so much of their time and energy to our community. Thanks to all of you so much.

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From Marge Unruh award, page 2

- 2011 - Lee's Martial Arts Academy, Scott & Andie Piteo, Tracy Tallman
- 2012 - Sherry Edwards, Jack Malek, Marge Mueller
- 2013 - Bob Pfeiffer, Joe & Evie Phillips, Save Richmond Beach
- 2014 - Full Moon Thai Cuisine, Jack Hutt, Bill Willard
- 2015 - Jerry Patterson, Tom Penrod, Tammy Ceesay & SERVE Club
- 2016 - Tom McCormick, Allison Taylor, Don Wilson
- 2017 - Susie Johnson, Tom Mailhot, Streetzeria
- 2018 - Sheri Ashleman, Rick Ashleman, Jan Eckmann
- 2019 - Jan Manfredini, Gorgeous Gardens, Susan Chang
- 2020 - Diane Hettrick, Tom Petersen, Mark Anderson
- 2021 - Christie Quigley, George Buswell, Beach House Greetings
- 2022 - Kay Lakey, Betty Ngan, Teresa Pape
- 2023 - Carol Zemanek, Kris Fordice, John and Karen Thielke



From Proposed development, page 1

The Greek Kitchen, Starbucks, Swedish Clinic and QFC are not in the area to be developed. The Shell gas station, Shoreline Natural Medicine, Rachel Alexander Insurance and the Tae Kwon Do studio also remain outside the project area.

The project plans call for 123 parking stalls in a below-grade garage, a ground floor with offices, common areas, back-of-house functions like food preparation and five additional floors of residential units. The west side of the building facing 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW is required to have each story stepped back so there will not be a six-story wall along the street edge (see picture on page 1).

The city completed a preliminary review of the application and sent the developer a 44-page correction letter on January 10 listing numerous areas where the application did not meet code standards or the information provided was not complete enough to determine whether the standards had been met. The developer has until April 9 to either submit revised plans that show compliance with the identified issues or to ask for an extension of the April 9 deadline. As of mid-February, the developer had not yet replied to the correction letter.

The city received almost 400 comments during the short two-week comment period, setting a new record for the most comments received on a development project.

As part of the corrected application, the city’s correction letter asks the developer to include responses to all public comments entered during the comment period. There have also been over 50 comments sent in after the comment period closed. You can still submit your comments to Alicia Halberg, the city’s project manager for the application, at [ahalberg@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:ahalberg@shorelinewa.gov). Everyone sending in comments is placed on an email list and will receive an update when the city determines if the project requires an environmental impact statement.

Work on the existing buildings and property cannot start until the city issues all the necessary permits. Given the length of the city’s correction letter, it is reasonable to expect several additional rounds of review and correction before the application can be approved and the permits issued. If the application is approved and the permits are issued, it will be up to the developer to decide how quickly work starts.

You can download and view the city’s fact sheet about the project using the QR code on this page. The fact sheet contains a link at the bottom of page 1 labeled “MFR23-1916 Shared” that will send you to a list of all the documents submitted as part of the proposal.

From Strawberry Festival, page 1

businesses. Plan to do the same this year!

**Volunteer Opportunities**

We need your help making this event a success! No matter the role you are looking to play, we have a space for you. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to us via email at [strawberryfestival@richmondbeachwa.org](mailto:strawberryfestival@richmondbeachwa.org). Specific volunteer opportunities will be

posted soon on the RBCA website event page: [richmondbeachwa.org/events](http://richmondbeachwa.org/events).

**Sponsor Opportunities**

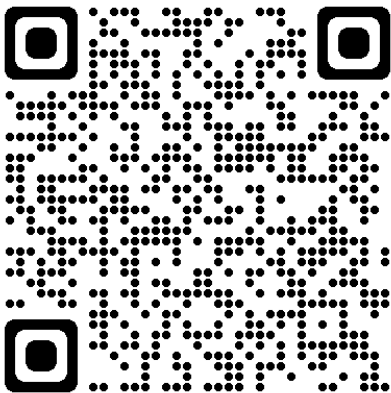
If you or your local business are interested in sponsoring this event, please reach out! Sponsoring offers a great opportunity for exposure in our Richmond Beach and Greater Shoreline community.

We hope to see you there!

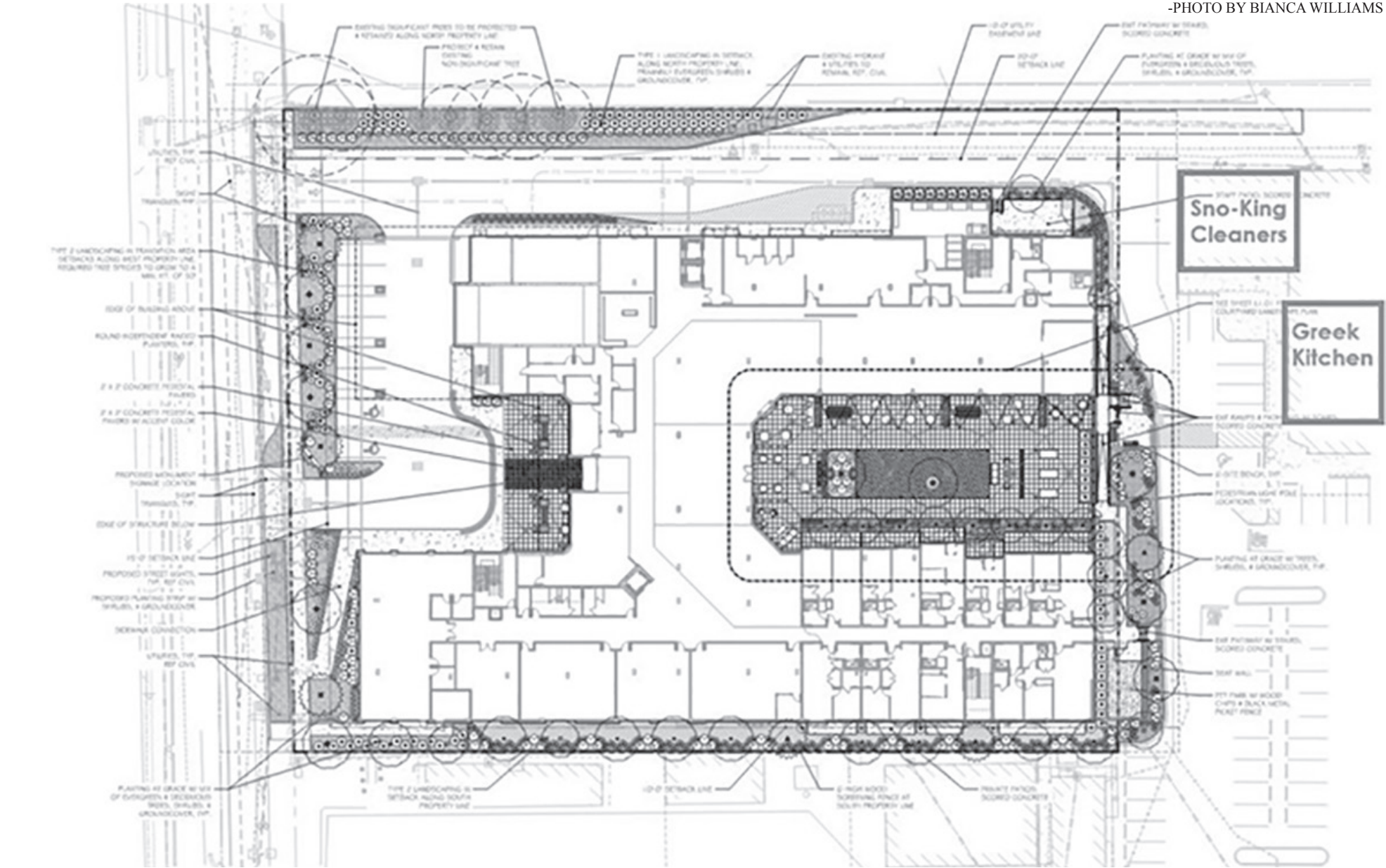


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Fact sheet QR code



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Richmond Beach Cooks!

Carrot Cake with Buttermilk Glaze and Cinnamon-Cream Cheese Frosting

Submitted by Suzanne McMurry

12 servings  
The glaze is poured over the sheet cake while it's hot, giving it a rich, moist texture.

- Cake
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 tsp baking soda
  - 2 tsp ground cinnamon
  - ½ tsp salt
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 3 large eggs
  - ¾ cup buttermilk
  - ¾ cup vegetable oil
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
  - 2 cups coarsely grated peeled carrots
  - 1 ½ cups unsweetened flaked coconut
  - 1 8-ounce can crushed pineapple in juice
  - 1 cup coarsely chopped unsalted pecans

- Glaze
- ½ cup sugar
  - ½ cup buttermilk
  - ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
  - 1 tbsp maple syrup
  - 1 ½ tsp baking soda
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract

- Frosting
- 1 ½ 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
  - ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
  - 1 1-pound box powdered sugar
  - 1 tbsp brown sugar
  - 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract
  - 1 tsp ground cinnamon

- Cake Directions
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 13x9x2-inch baking pan with vegetable oil. Whisk the first 4 ingredients in a

- medium bowl. Beat sugar, eggs, buttermilk, oil and vanilla in a large bowl until smooth. Beat in dry ingredients. Fold in carrots, coconut, pineapple with juice and pecans. Transfer batter to prepared pan.
- Bake cake for 30 minutes, tent loosely with foil. Continue to bake until the tester inserted in the center comes out clean, about 15 minutes longer. Remove from the oven. Using a bamboo skewer, poke deep holes all over the cake.

- Glaze Directions
- Meanwhile, bring the first 5 ingredients to boil in a large saucepan, whisking until sugar dissolves. Continue whisking to avoid liquid to spill over the pan and burn. Boil until the glaze is deep amber, whisking often 3-4 minutes. Glaze will thin out when almost done. Remove from heat; mix in vanilla.
- Spoon hot glaze evenly over warm cake. Cool cake completely in the pan. You can place it in the refrigerator overnight, covered, and frost the next day if needed.

- Frosting Directions
- Whisk cream cheese and butter in a large bowl until fluffy. Add powdered sugar, brown sugar, vanilla and cinnamon; beat until blended. Spread frosting over cooled cake in pan. Cake can be made 1 day ahead and chilled. It will be good in the refrigerator for 1 week.

- From Garage Sale, page 2
- Don't price your stuff too low. People like to bargain, so allow some wiggle room.
  - Price items like a store. If you have a lot of something, "Buy 3, get 1 free."
  - Be willing to bargain, but be less flexible at the start.
  - Don't cut prices by much the morning of the sale, unless they are buying a ton of stuff.
  - Create a "free" pile to avoid items ending up in landfill.
  - Signage 101
    - Use bright colors to attract attention.
    - Use a thick marker of a contrasting color to make big, bold text.
  - Have large arrows pointing in the correct direction.
  - After the sale is over, remove all signs!
  - Be safe
    - Keep your cash with you at all times (by using a fanny pack for example).
    - Avoid accessibility inside your home and areas of your property unattended.
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