

Briarcrest

Neighborhood News -- September 2015

Calendar

Tues, Oct. 14, 7:00-8:30
Briarcrest Neighborhood Assoc. general meeting. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Ave. NE. Enter through the back.

Every Mon, 5:30-7:30,
15550 27th Ave. NE –
Patty Pan Cooperative Humble Feast of local foods. Info & menus at neighborhoodkitchen.org and Facebook.

Every Wed, 5:00-6:30,
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church -- **Popy's Café.** Free meal, all welcome. To volunteer: 363-0446.

Fri, Sept. 25 – Early-release day for Shoreline students in K-12.

Fri, Sept. 25, 7:00,
Shoreline Stadium –
Annual Rotary Cup football game between Shorecrest and Shorewood.

Sat, Sept. 26, 10:30-2:00
Work party at Briarcrest Elementary. See article.

Sun, Sept. 27, 11:00-3:00 –
South Woods Work Party. See article.

Mon, Sept. 28 – No school due to a scheduled staff work day.

Tues, Sept. 29, 7:00 –
Shoreline Economic Development Update. See article.

Wed, Sept. 30, 6:00-8:00
Open House re. 145th St. Corridor. See article.

Sat, Oct. 31, Halloween,
4:00-7:00, **Patty Pan Gala.** See article.

Fri, Nov. 13, 7:00 --
Briarcrest Board-Games Night! Location TBA. See article.

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association is up and running again!

Recent events: Picnic at Hamlin Park in August
General meeting in September
Candidates' Debate in September

Upcoming: General meeting in October – Election of new officers!
Board-games night in November

A great slate of candidates for BNA offices! Election Oct. 14

At the next general meeting, we'll vote on the outstanding candidates below. Nominations aren't closed, however. Anyone can make a nomination at the meeting.

For Director: Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Jean just celebrated her 20th year living in Briarcrest, where she raised her twin daughters, ran a successful law practice, and created a wonderful home with her husband Hunter. Now retired, she hopes to give back by helping bring Briarcrest neighbors together to create community, to solve problems, and to just have fun. Jean organized a BNA crime-prevention meeting in January, worked on revising the BNA bylaws in the spring, and was the committee chair for our August picnic.

For Assistant Director: Amy Anscher

Amy and her husband, Jon, are new to Briarcrest; they moved in just under a year ago. Amy graduated in June with her Master of Public Administration from the Evans School at UW and is passionate about social justice issues and environmental sustainability. She'd like to be an officer for BNA because she believes in strong community and would like to share her skills and experiences to help revitalize the BNA.

For Secretary: Devra Gartenstein

Devra landed in Briarcrest early in 2014, when she moved her business, Patty Pan Cooperative, into the old Sunshine Grocery location on 158th St. and 27th Ave NE. She's an avid cook and eater and is especially excited about the potential to build community by sharing food. In the spring, Devra worked on revising BNA bylaws.

For Treasurer: Sarah Kaye

A Briarcrest resident for over eight years, Sarah believes that the BNA is our best way to build local community, have fun, and represent our needs and opinions at the city level. Sarah works for the U.S. Coast Guard, providing IT support to our icebreaker fleet. Most recently for the BNA, Sarah was the co-organizer and moderator of the Candidates' Debate.

At the Oct. 14 BNA meeting, we'll also discuss and vote on the revisions to the bylaws. Read the current (1999) and proposed bylaws at – <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zaljjwg09JCV8Recd3eb3GgBaEiwJ7WT47tsvm4O4nc/edit?usp=sharing> Bring comments and questions. (If you have trouble with the link, write to briarcrestalice@gmail.com for a digital copy.)

Please come on Oct. 14, 7:00-8:30, to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

BNA General Meeting held on Sept. 8

The BNA is up and running! Eleven Briarcrest neighbors joined in for a great first fall meeting. There were much planning and brainstorming, good laughs, and great snacks. Ideas for the future include quarterly community events such as board-game nights, outdoor movies, storytelling and poetry slams, Ignite Briarcrest (like mini TED talks), block clean-ups, ice cream socials, song circles, and music jams! Interesting and relevant speakers on such topics as the NE 145th Street Project, light rail, neighborhood crime, gardening, and backyard wildlife will be invited to upcoming BNA meetings.

-- Jean Hilde-Fulghum

A fun afternoon at the summer picnic!

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Summer Picnic, held in Hamlin Park on Aug. 22nd, was a huge success! Although the party planners had been optimistically hopeful, the turnout of 50 to 70 neighbors was a wonderful surprise!

The picnic was a festive scene with decorations and streamers, bright-colored tablecloths, and a giant "Briarcrest Neighborhood Association" banner. Burgers and hot dogs were enjoyed along with numerous salads and sides contributed by picnic guests. Over a dozen beautiful cakes and desserts were taken home by the lucky winners of the Cake Walk, while everyone was treated to Menchie's Yogurt, donated by the Aurora Gateway location.

Neighbors heard the latest news from the BNA and then a presentation from 2 Shoreline police officers with a rousing question-and-answer session. Backyard garden and wildlife info was shared with the grown-ups, while games and bubbles, face-painting, and building popsicle-stick catapults kept the kids entertained.

Thanks to the BNA party planners as well as to all the neighbors who attended for making the Summer Picnic such a successful community gathering and a whole lot of fun. Let's do it again next year!

-- Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Informative Shoreline City Council Candidates' Debate, Sept. 15

Some sixty Briarcrest and Ridgecrest neighbors came out on a cool fall evening to evaluate the candidates for City Council. All five candidates participated, and the Q&A moved along briskly. Topics included Light Rail rezones, the 145th corridor study, taxes, and crime. With time before and afterwards for more informal talk, the evening helped attendees make informed choices for the November 3rd vote.

Lorn Richey and Jesse Salomon - Position 6
Keith Scully and Jessica Cafferty - Position 2
Doris McConnell - Position 4

Sarah Kaye of Briarcrest and Patty Hale of Ridgecrest organized this event, and Sarah did a fine job as moderator.

SAVE THE DATE! Briarcrest Board-Games Night, Friday, Nov. 13, 7:00

This was a very popular idea at the brainstorming session of the September BNA meeting. Bring your favorite board games for any age, and enjoy playing them with your Briarcrest neighbors. Snacks, too! All ages are encouraged to come! Location to be announced later, so watch your email.

Where to get more info about the BNA

Our website, briarcrestneighbors.net, hasn't been active in recent months, but that should change soon.

Get announcements about BNA and some Shoreline events via the Briarcrest Google Group, and receive information about Briarcrest and surrounding neighborhoods through NextDoor.com.

To join either or both, contact Jean Hilde-Fulghum, jmhilde@earthlink.net.

South Woods Park Party (aka Ivy-Out)

Join us for all or part of a work party to honor Charlie Brown, who passed away in Dec., and to further the work begun by the original South Woods Preservation Group. We'll pull ivy and holly and spread mulch over weeds. Bring gloves, tarps, loppers, hand clippers, and shovels. RSVP to lenoueski@gmail.com.
Sun., Sept. 27, 11:00-3:00, 15343 25th Ave NE

Work Party at Briarcrest Elementary

Hope Bible Fellowship, which meets at Briarcrest Elementary each Sunday along with some SPU students, will be cleaning out and mulching the flower beds at the school on *Sat., Sept. 26, 10:30-2:00*. They would enjoy meeting you and would appreciate help. Bring your gardening tools and a smile. For more info, call Michael at 206-894-0052.

Shoreline Economic Devel. Update

Meet Shoreline's Economic Development Program Manager, Dan Eernisse, as he shares the city's plans for future business development. Learn about Shoreline's 5-year development strategy. Get current status updates on projects like the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area, the Fircrest property, and other sites in Shoreline. Dan will also be sharing information about the "Promoting Shoreline" Initiative. See results of a recent survey of Shoreline's desirability among targeted future residents.
Tues., Sept. 29, 7:00 -- Anderson House Plaza, 17201 15th Ave. NE

Important Open House on the 145th St. Corridor

145th Street (SR 523) runs between Shoreline and Seattle and is a major east-west travel corridor connecting north King County with Aurora Ave. (SR 99), Lake City Way (SR 522), and a future light rail station. 145th Street has significant traffic congestion, higher-than-average collision rates, a poor pedestrian environment, no designated bike facilities, and limited bus service. The need for improvements has existed for some time and will only increase in the future. The project team has developed draft study concepts with input from the community and project stakeholders that serve as bookends for the kinds of improvements that could be made. The project team looks forward to hearing from you.

More info – shorelinewa.gov/145corridor

Wed., Sept. 30, 6:00-8:00, with a presentation at 6:30 – Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave. N

Halloween at Patty Pan

Patty Pan's Neighborhood Kitchen is hosting a Halloween gala! Games, pumpkins, and spooky things. Free caramel apple slices.

Tamales, quesadillas, and local hot cider for sale.
Sat., Oct. 31, 4:00-7:00, NE 158th St. and 27th Ave NE

Have items for the next newsletter?

Contact Alice Keller, editor:

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The next issue will appear in early December.

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