

Briarcrest Neighborhood Newsletter

*Summer Edition
July 2017*

Letter from the Director

Happy Summer from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! The BNA will not meet during July, but we hope to see you at our various summertime events, and then at BNA meetings again starting in August. We also look forward to meeting new neighbors as we deliver our Welcome Packets to recent Briarcrest arrivals. If you're new to Briarcrest, whether a home-buyer or renter, please contact us if you'd like a packet and we'll happily bring you one! -Jean Hilde-Fulghum, BNA Director

Summer Volunteers Needed for Harvest

The Shorecrest High School Culinary Arts Garden had another successful school year, learning about soil, earthworms, green manure, ordering from seed catalogs, starting seed indoors, and care for vegetables in garden beds. This summer, while school is out, we are looking for neighborhood volunteers to help harvest any remaining crops to donate to POPY's Cafe or local food banks. Please contact me if you can help. High school students, you can receive community service hours for helping in the garden!

-Lee Keim, 206-902-6926, leekeim@icloud.com

Summer Stewardship of Our Forest

South Woods Park has a long history of neighbor involvement: retaining it for public use, thwarting commercial development, preserving the land, and helping to pass the Parks and Open Spaces Bond.

Invasive Holly, Laurel, Ash and Cherry trees are beginning to grow in the park. This fall, an EarthCorps work crew will work for three days to remove these using EZject, cut/dab herbicide, and wrenches. To prepare the way for the EarthCorps Crew, there will be work parties throughout the summer. The first work party is Wednesday, July 12, at 6pm. Come to the woods with sturdy shoes and work gloves. Orientation and oversight will be provided. It's our turn to be the neighbors who steward this natural treasure.

July Storytelling Workshop

Thanks to grant from the Shoreline/LFP Arts Council, The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association will present its first Storytelling Workshop with special guests Norm Brecke and Anne Rutherford on Sunday, July 23 from 1-4pm in the North City Water District's boardroom, located at 1519 NE 177th St, Shoreline. Storytelling students age 12 to 112 will enjoy learning tips for creating and telling a personal life story. Attendance is limited: contact Alice Keller at briarcrestalice@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Calendar of Events

BNA Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of each month 7-8:30, Patty Pan*

*Next meeting is August 8, after July break

Humble Feast Community Dinner – 1st Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30
Patty Pan's Neighborhood Kitchen

South Woods Work Party
Wednesday, July 12, 6pm

Storytelling Workshop
Saturday, July 23, 1-4pm
North City Water District

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1

Briarcrest Neighborhood Picnic
Saturday, August 26, 3-7pm
Hamlin Park Picnic Shelter

Briarcrest Storytelling
Friday, Sept 1, 7-9
Jon and Amy Anscher's home
16010 25th Ave NE

Prepare a 5-7 minute story to tell, or just come to listen. Snacks welcome!

Sign up to receive quarterly Briarcrest Neighborhood Association Newsletters in your email inbox, or suggest content to be included in upcoming newsletters by contacting Emily Shuel, BNA Newsletter Editor at EmilyFShuel@gmail.com

Next BNA newsletter scheduled for Fall 2017.

Get Connected with Your Neighborhood Online

Website: Briarcrestneighbors.org

Google Group: groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors

Facebook: facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors

POPY's Café Seeks Summer Volunteers

POPY's Café is a free or pay-what-you will meal for the community offered every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (14514 20th Ave. NE). The whole community is invited not only to dine, but to help cook and serve. Extra volunteer help is needed in the summer. Volunteers are encouraged to adopt a 2-3 hour shift—help with dishes and clean-up any time from 4pm onward, chop vegetables, serve from 5 to 6:30, or make a cake or casserole in the morning or afternoon. Interested? Phone Prince of Peace for more information (206) 363-8100, or simply show up on a Wednesday, and pitch in as assigned! A Food Handler's Permit is encouraged.

Third Annual Briarcrest Neighborhood Picnic

You are invited to gather for free hot dogs, burgers, ice cream, kids activities, and more on Saturday, August 26 from 3-7pm at the Hamlin Park Picnic Shelter. Sponsored by BNA. Hope to see lots of neighbors there!

National Night Out

It's time to get ready for National Night Out on August 1, 2017! NNO parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors, and to make your community safer. Register before July 18, and your party will be entered into a drawing for a visit by a Shoreline Fire Department truck. Register at <http://cityofshoreline.com/nno>. For more information, contact Constance Perenyi, cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov, 206-801-2253.

"Grace's Gate" Access to Grace Cole Nature Park – An Update

Steady progress continues towards the goal of opening up access to Grace Cole Nature Park from the Briarcrest neighborhood. The Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation and the Briarcrest Elementary PTA both passed resolutions supporting a western entrance into Grace Cole Park. The Shoreline City Manager and Parks Director looked at the potential entrance, and spoke of it as a viable possibility. Neighbors are invited to submit comments to the Park Board (Parkboard@shorelinewa.gov) and City Council (Council@shorelinewa.gov). If you are interested in supporting "Grace's Gate" please contact Ian Taylor at iptaylor@earthlink.net.