

Briarcrest

neighborhood news

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Neighborhood Calendar

www.briarcrestneighbors.net

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Opportunities for Involvement

Briarcrest Neighborhood Meeting, 2nd
Thursdays, April 8, May 13 & June 10, 7:00
pm, Congregational Church, 15518 27 Ave
NE, Fellowship Hall, downstairs.

Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods, 1st
Wednesdays, April 7, May 5, & June 2,
7 – 9 pm, Shoreline City Hall.

Neighborhood Street Clean-up Effort, Sat-
urday, April 10, 1:00 pm, meet at Jonathan
Melusky's, 14733 32 Ave NE, call 361-2563.

Bird Banding, Sundays, April 11 & 25, 8:30-
11:00 am. See article by Christine Southwick.

Shoreline Christian School Spring Vocal
Concert, Friday, April 16, 7 pm.

South Woods Park, Holly & Ivy Out, 3rd Sat-
urdays, April 17 & May 15, 10 am - 2pm.
savesouthwoods.org. **Earth Day Work Party**
at South Woods, Saturday, April 24, 10 – 2.

Mosaic Choir Concert, April 18, 6 pm, First
Christian Reformed Church, 14555 25 Ave NE,
Free will offering, 364-3021.

Kellogg Middle School, Solo/Ensemble
Concert, School Cafeteria, Tuesday, April
27, 7 pm.

Shorecrest & Kellogg Orchestra Concert,
Shorecrest Theater, April 27, 7-9 pm.

Sustainable Shoreline Meetings, 4th Fri-
days, 7-9 pm: April 23, Pottuck, Debbie Tarry
is speaking on the levy lid lift; **May 28**, First
Christian Reformed Church, 14555 25 Ave NE,
Room 202. sustainableshoreline.org

Sustainable Shoreline Education Associa-
tion, 3rd Annual Garage and Native Plant
Sale, Sunday, May 9, 9-3. Linden Avenue N
and N 188th Street. Call to arrange for dona-
tion pickup: 368-0858.

Embrace Shoreline Schools, Landscape
gardening, April 17, 10 – 2 at Shorecrest,
and a 3 Hour Work Party at all local
schools, Saturday, May 15, 9:00 – 12 noon.
Bring garden tools, contact PTA members and
Church leads or Diane Pickrel 363-1542

Table Meeting, Thursday, May 20, 7 pm –
prepare June/July/August 2010 Briarcrest
Neighborhood News – Bettelinn's.

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Director's report

We as a neighborhood have the passion and vision to make positive changes. We were the working force behind purchasing the South Woods. We acquired mini grants for beautification projects such as the planting of trees along 25th Avenue NE. We actively support our schools. These actions are the result of neighbors getting involved.

The representation of Briarcrest is very important to me. If we don't have your input or criticism we cannot do our job correctly. The May elections will be here before you know it. We as a neighborhood will vote on the positions of Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. I encourage you to get to know the candidates running for these offices. Perhaps you are interested in running yourself. The Friday, April 17th Anniversary Party is a great way to meet each other and to talk about what lies ahead for our neighborhood.

We can only continue to accomplish improvements if we all pitch in. Our secretary Bettelinn bettelinn@hotmail.com, 363 5517 will be glad to talk to you about the many possibilities for volunteering. Do you have an idea for neighborhood improvement? We can help you put that into action. Help us become more efficient. In April, come to the Anniversary Party. In May, cast your vote for the officers who will represent your community.

- Arthur Peach

Tent City at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be hosting Tent City 3 this spring. The emergency shelter encampment will move onto church property on March 27, and will stay through June. On March 31, Tent City 3 will celebrate ten years of continuously providing emergency shelter, together with the help of many, many churches and their neighbors.

Many people have asked how they can help Tent City 3. In the first place, it is good to know that Tent City 3 actively helps us. They conduct a 24-hour guard of the church and its parking lots, so that, for three months at least, break-ins and other anti-social activities should not be a problem for church neighbors! Tent City 3 residents also pick up litter on church grounds and surrounding blocks. Many neighborhoods start to look cleaner and better cared for when Tent City is in residence.

Still, Tent City 3 residents do appreciate the help and support of friends and neighbors. There are some ways you can help.

- If you, or any community, group, or family you know would be willing to provide a simple meal for our homeless brothers and sisters, please contact meal scheduler Liz Fenn at lfenn60@comcast.net.
- Prince of Peace and the YMCA will continue to provide meals at POPY's Café on Wednesday evenings. Volunteer servers or cooks for POPY's Café may contact Katie Weber, at kweber@seattleyymca.org.
- The Prince of Peace spring Plant Sale, May 8, will help to pay for the camp's electric and water bills. Your participation in the plant sale will help raise funds for this support.
- Greater Seattle Cares is a nonprofit that supports Tent City in a variety of practical, down-to-earth ways. Any donation will be greatly appreciated! Please mail a check to Greater Seattle Cares, P. O. Box 77815, Seattle, WA 98177-0815.
- Tent City residents need financial help with such basic requirements as laundry and bus tickets. Prince of Peace will keep a fund for this purpose. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please drop your donation by the church office.

- Pam Russell

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Your neighbors at First Christian Reformed Church, 14555 25th Avenue NE, would like to help you with your clean-up projects during our Neighbors Helping Neighbors Sunday, April 25. We are available for yard clean up, hauling debris, or washing windows. If you choose to take advantage of this service please let us know beforehand. You will be contacted by a team leader to find out what you would like to have done. On the morning of Neighbors Helping Neighbors Sunday you can expect a team leader and volunteers to arrive at your home around 10:45am. They will come equipped with their own tools and yard bags ready to brighten up your yard for summer.

There is no fee, and no obligation of any kind on your part. This comes from our desire to be involved in our community. Call 364-3021 with any questions or to sign up!

- Wayne Clousing

Shorecrest High School Construction Project

Marcia Harris, Deputy Superintendent of Shoreline Schools, ran a lightly-attended meeting on a beautiful evening, March 24. She presented the current design, which most closely resembles the most radical of the various plans presented at earlier meetings: the only major structure retained from the current school is the theater. The new structures will be LEED certified for environmental impact and follow the Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol. Construction will start in 2011, with occupancy in 2013. There will be up to 18 temporary structures in use during the construction phase.

The new main school building will be taller than the current one at three stories, but much further back from the street. Architects present did not know if there will be any sunlight impact on houses across 25th. Parking and traffic flow on the site will be improved. Designers and school district staff believe that the project as proposed is fully funded. They were receptive to neighbor-generated ideas such as an improved northern entrance to South Woods and using native plants in landscaping. There is still time for your comments and suggestions. Send to Marcia Harris at 18560 1st Ave NE or call her at 361-4366. The link to the website for Shorecrest inquiries: learn.shorelineschools.org/shorecrest/dshorecrest/index.php

- Sarah Kaye

13th Anniversary BNA Party

Enjoy an inexpensive dinner, connecting with your neighbors and friends, watch the Shorecrest Hip Hop team perform their lively "Physical Poetry," and learn more about how you can prepare your home for Emergencies—power outages, wind storms, earthquakes, etc. We will have information on hand from the City of Shoreline on how to organize your home and neighbors for a healthy, positive response to any situation which may arise.

- Margot Richardson

White Cards and Neighborhood Sewer Projects in our Neighborhood

"White Cards" show the location of a homeowner's private side sewer. In most cases these maps show location and other information such as depth, clean outs, easements with neighbors, and the connection point to the District's mainlines in the right of way. A "White Card", is available to ratepayers free of charge. (Sample shown below)

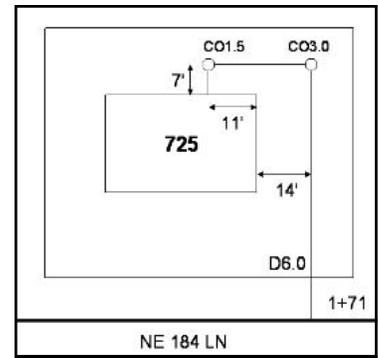
Ronald Wastewater is in the process of replacing the sanitary sewer mainlines in the areas listed below. The District will replace private side sewers at no additional cost to a home owner if their private sewer connects to the mainline. The home owner will need only to sign a Right-of-Entry document allowing the District to do the work.

If you would like to obtain a "White Card", replace your side sewer or need more information about the projects in your neighborhood you may contact the Planning & Development Department at 546-2494, visit our office at 17505 Linden Ave. N. in Shoreline, or email bproffitt@ronaldwastewater.org. For more details and photos go to briarcrestneighbors.net.

Construction underway or starting Summer 2010 in Briarcrest

- NE 146th Street - 17th Ave NE to 20th Ave NE
 - Easement Line between 20th Ave NE & 22nd Ave NE -NE 150th Street to NE 147th Street
 - Easement Line between 22nd Ave NE & 23rd Ave NE -NE 150th Street to NE 147th Street
 - NE 147th Street - 20th Ave NE to 23rd Ave NE
 - NE 148th Street - 17th Ave NE to 20th Ave NE
 - NE 147th Street - 15th Ave NE to 17th Ave NE
 - NE 146th Street - 15th Ave NE to 17th Ave NE
 - 17th Ave NE -NE 146th Street to NE 145th Street
 - NE 145th Street - 17th Ave NE to 20th Ave NE
- Brent Proffitt

Sample White Card



Botanical Interests Seeds

It's a great time to think about spring flowers! Are you interested in planting North American natives and/or drought tolerant "xeriscape" plants that will produce colorful flowers without extra watering? You can buy your seeds and benefit the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association. Please see our Fundraising page at briarcrestneighbors.net/fundraising.html. You can get high-quality seeds that also make good gifts and support BNA at the same time. The neighborhood association gets a 25% rebate from online orders made through our website.

- Sarah Kaye



Have you ever wondered how, or why, birds are banded?

I am the project manager for the Puget Sound Bird Observatory Winter Urban Color Banding Project and invite my Briarcrest neighbors to come watch, quietly, as the PSBO crew use mist nets to catch birds, check their health and well-being, and put numbered and colored bands on our local birds. Banding will be Sundays, April 4 and 18, from 8:30 - 11:00. For address and more information call me at 363-4910, clsouthwick@q.com

- Christine Southwick

More Opportunities for Involvement

Shorecrest Drama presents "Guys and Dolls" May 13, 14, 15, & 19, 20, 21, 22, 7:30 pm, & May 16 and 22, 2 pm matinees, Shorecrest Theater, Special Senior Citizens Day! Monday, May 17, 2 pm, Discounted Rate: \$7.00 Advanced Purchase tickets, Contact Andy Denney at 361-4291 or andy.denney@shorelineschools.org prior to April 15th to make your reservations.

BNA 13TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

BRIARCREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA)



13th Anniversary Celebration
Join us!

Date: Sat. April 17
Time: 5 - 9 pm

First Christian Reform Church
14555 25th Ave NE

Esta comunidad habla español. Bienvenidos!

- Dinner and music
- Kids activities
- Free hip-hop dance performance
- Dessert, coffee and plants for sale to benefit BNA

\$1 per child
\$3 per adult
\$5 per family includes dinner



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