

Briarcrest Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall 2018
Edition

BNA Director's Message

Happy autumn from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! Summer seemed to just suddenly end, didn't it? Hope you're enjoying the brisk weather!

The BNA had a great summer! Our Fourth Annual Briarcrest Summer Picnic, which took place August 25 in Hamlin Park, welcomed more than 70 neighbors. Guests enjoyed BBQ'd burgers and hot dogs, an ice cream feed, a cake walk and lots of neighborly conversation, all sponsored by your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association. Hope to see you at next year's shindig!

In July, the BNA helped out with the City of Shoreline's Swingin' Summer Eve used book sale, donating a total of 568 books, CDs and DVDs and even a few audio cassette tapes! This annual fundraiser brought in \$1,244 which was equally divided between the nine participating neighborhood associations.

Neighbors learned about an upcoming major construction project when the BNA hosted Dan Stevens, Project Manager of the Kellogg Middle School replacement, in September. Questions included why is a new school building needed, what will noise, traffic and parking be like during construction, and what is the timeline for the project. Dan told attendees that demolition should begin in late spring 2019, with a planned opening for the new school in Fall 2020.

Also in September, the BNA and Shoreline United Methodist Church co-sponsored a lively recycling information presentation by Recology Cleanscapes. Neighbors heard all about the recycling process, watched videos of Recology's giant sorting machines, asked whether particular items could be recycled (or not), and ended the evening by learning (and singing!) a song about recycling that is normally reserved for preschool audiences.

After taking a summer break, our popular storytelling evenings are once again bringing neighbors together for sharing tales and treats. Please join us on the first Friday of odd-numbered months from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jon & Amy Anscher, 16010 - 25th Ave NE. (Our next storytelling is November 2nd.) Come prepared with a practiced five- to seven-minute story or just come to listen and enjoy!

As always, the BNA would like to make a difference in our neighborhood, whether by helping with school or community projects, assisting neighbors with establishing their own Shoreline Watch or Emergency Preparedness program, or hosting discussions of neighborhood issues of concern. If you have a project or an issue you'd like help with, let your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association know!

We invite you to join us at our regular Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meetings (second Tuesday of each month at Patty Pan Co-operative, 15550 - 27th Ave. N.E., 7:00 to 8:30 pm) as well as our neighborhood events.

Have a wonderful holiday season and we will look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!

Jean Hilde-Fulghum
BNA Director

Events Calendar

BNA General Meeting
2nd Tuesdays
Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan, 8
7:00- 8:30
Patty Pan Cooperative,
15550 27th Ave NE

Hamlin Halloween Haunt
Friday, Oct 18
6:00-8:30
Hamlin Park
16006 15th Ave NE

185th St. Corridor Mtg.
Saturday, Oct 20 &
Tuesday, Oct 23
1:00-3:00
Spartan Rec. Center
Cascade Room
202 NE 185th Street

185th Street Presentation
Thursday, Oct 25
6:00-8:00
Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers
17500 Midvale Ave

BNA Storytelling Evening
Friday, Nov 2
7:00-9:00
Jon and Amy Anscher's
16010 25th Ave NE

**Candlelight Service with
"The Longest Night"
Choral Performance**
Sunday, December 23
Time TBA
Shoreline Christian
Reformed Church
14555 25th Ave NE,
Shoreline, WA 98155

Get Connected with Your Neighborhood Online

Website: Briarcrestneighbors.org

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

Facebook: facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors



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Hamlin Halloween Haunt, Friday, Oct 18, 6:00-8:30

Join us for Shoreline's annual Hamlin Halloween Haunt. This is a free family event. Listen to spooky songs and stories as you toast marshmallows around a campfire, ride the hay wagon, play Halloween games, and have your face painted.

Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.



Help shape the future of the 185th Street corridor
(Multiple opportunities, please see Calendar)

Shoreline is growing and light rail is coming in 2024. We need your help to envision a corridor that will be safe for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars; support bus and light rail service; create gathering spaces; and encourage neighborhood business.
Email: CLK@shorelinewa.gov

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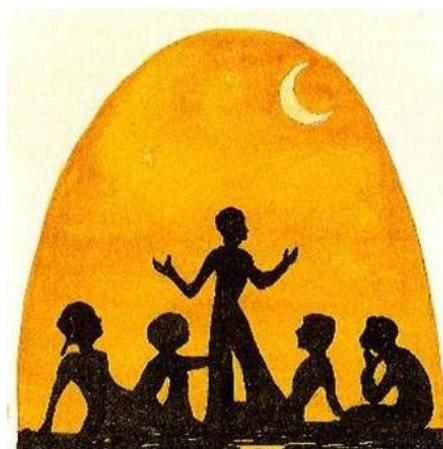
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BNA Storytelling Evening

Our next neighborly gathering -- people who don't live in Briarcrest also invited! -- will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, at the welcoming home of Jon and Amy Anscher, 16010 25th Ave NE, from 7:00 to 9:00. Come to share your story or to listen to others' stories, from their lives or from other sources. If you tell a story, please practice it for both smooth telling and making sure it fits the 7-minute maximum. Bring a treat to share if you wish.
A warm way to spend a chilly post-Halloween evening!

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Briarcrest Emergency Preparedness



The Emergency Preparedness committee was formed to continue the work of informing our neighbors of what each of us can do to prepare ourselves and our community in the event of a disaster. Throughout the past year there have been emergency preparedness demonstrations on Map Your Neighborhood, Water, Food, Sanitation, Utilities, Fire and First Aid. We arranged for a Stop The Bleed class which was held at City Hall. The Emergency Manager for the Shoreline school district presented the school system's emergency plan at our neighborhood meeting. We provided emergency preparedness information and promoted CERT at the Briarcrest Neighborhood picnic at Hamlin Park and at neighborhood block parties this summer.

Communication in an emergency is another important topic we are addressing. Our committee met on July 25 to review the Briarcrest communication plan for our part in a "5th Saturday" exercise. This is a region wide exercise which occurs on any month with a 5th Saturday during which cities, counties and state emergency service agencies practice radio contacts to practice and prepare for when informational communication is critical in a widespread disaster. The Shoreline Emergency Manager, Jason McMillan, is developing a plan for all 14 neighborhoods of Shoreline to have one or more communication center(s) called Neighborhood Emergency Information Relay Stations. Our neighborhood is the first one to have a station and may be a template for others. The Briarcrest plan is to work from the most basic level of radio communication, one that connects to us as individuals, by assembling a network of neighbors with FRS/GMRS radios (walkie-talkies). On September 29 we assembled our relay station with tent, tables and antenna in the Hamlin Park east parking lot on 25th Ave NE and participated in the exercise. The committee members fanned out through Briarcrest and radioed in using FRS channel 5, our City assigned channel. At the station we had several ham radios and successfully contacted the Shoreline Emergency Operation Center (EOC) located at Fire Station #61, Kenmore EOC and Fire Stations 63 and 65. In addition, we monitored Seattle, King County and Snohomish County EOCs. Bill Dwyer presented a review of our communication plan and 5th Saturday exercise at the subsequent Council of Neighborhoods meeting.

We have many other ideas and avenues to explore to further prepare ourselves should we ever have to rely on each other in a disaster. We invite any neighbors who may be interested to please consider joining us, and helping to make Briarcrest a safer and better informed community. Thank you, Lee Keim, on behalf of the Briarcrest Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Local Pokéstop and Gym Removed

In August, a neighbor reported on Nextdoor that individuals were parking near his home nearly daily to play Pokémon GO from a vehicle, which blocked pedestrian and bicycle lane traffic. The activity was reported to the police. Another neighbor suggested that a request be sent to Niantic (the company that makes Pokémon GO) to have the in-game landmark removed. The location near Fircrest is no longer part of the game and traffic is now less obstructed.

