

# Briarcrest Neighborhood Newsletter

*Spring Edition  
April 2018*

## Letter from the Director

Happy Spring from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! Hope you're enjoying the occasional sunny day as well as the daffodils, crocuses, camellias and flowering fruit trees, at least those that survived the hail storm!

The BNA worked on a number of projects this past winter. We completed our series of neighborhood disaster preparedness presentations, learning about first aid in an emergency situation as well as how to disconnect water and gas lines safely. Pick up "Map Your Neighborhood" materials for your own neighborhood emergency preparedness block party from the City of Shoreline by contacting Victoria Alie at (206) 801-2254 or [valie@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:valie@shorelinewa.gov). A well-prepared Briarcrest is a safer Briarcrest!

In March, we welcomed Eric Friedli and Mary Reidy from City of Shoreline Parks, who shared with us potential design ideas for a new Briarcrest Neighborhood Park development at upper Hamlin Park (adjacent to 25th Avenue NE.) Neighbors can learn more about proposed park designs and can give feedback via a survey here: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/projects-initiatives/park-concept-designs-2018> "Hamlin Park East" refers to the proposed Briarcrest Neighborhood Park.)

The BNA also heard from neighbor Greg Anderson, who hopes to be awarded a City of Shoreline environmental mini-grant. After Greg told us about his mission to clean up the Briarcrest Off-leash Dog Area (at the southeast corner of the Fircrest campus at NE 150th Street and 20th Avenue NE), we enthusiastically decided to support him in his efforts. Good luck, Greg!

Coming soon: "1,001 Nights." We're excited to co-sponsor, along with the Seattle Storytelling Guild, this two-day storytelling event featuring the classic tales of Scheherazade, which takes place May 4 and 5 at Shoreline Universalist Unitarian Church, 14724 - 1st Ave NE. Family stories will be told on Saturday with adult-oriented stories both evenings. A "culture room" complete with tea, snacks, music and dance, will be hosted by the BNA along with friends from the Arabic community.

Our every-other-month storytelling evenings continue to bring neighbors together for sharing tales and treats. Although we normally meet the first Friday of odd-numbered months, we will not meet in May because of "1,001 Nights" event. Instead, we will gather on Friday, April 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Jon and Amy Anscher, 16010 - 25th Ave NE. Come prepared with a practiced five- to seven-minute story or just come to listen and enjoy!

Finally, although summer still seems a long way off, our Annual Briarcrest Neighborhood Picnic will take place this year on Saturday, August 25th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hamlin Park picnic shelter. Hope to see lots of neighbors there!

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! If you're new to Briarcrest or know someone who is and you'd like a Briarcrest Hospitality Packet, just contact us.

We invite you to join us at our regular Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meetings (second Tuesday of each month at Patty Pan Co-operative Kitchen, 7:00 to 8:30 pm) as well as our neighborhood events. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!

Jean Hilde-Fulghum  
BNA Director

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Next BNA newsletter scheduled for Summer 2018

## Get Connected with Your Neighborhood Online

Website: [Briarcrestneighbors.org](http://Briarcrestneighbors.org)

Google Group: [groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors](https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors)

Facebook: [facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors](https://facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors)

## One Thousand and One Nights

Tales from the Middle East and Asia, told by storytellers from near and far.

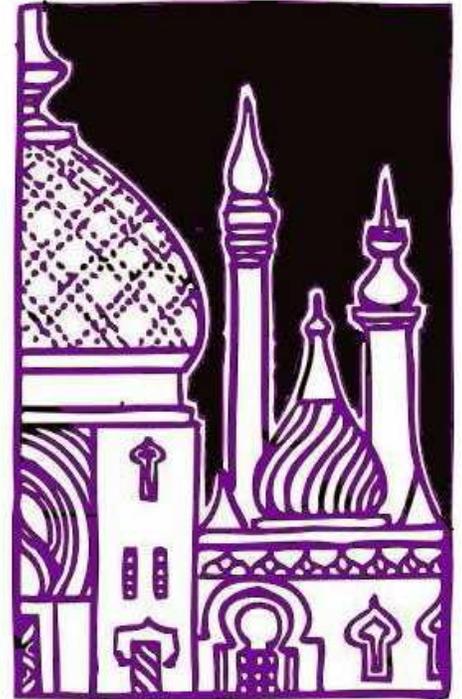
Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5  
Shoreline Universalist Unitarian Church  
14724 1st Ave NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155

These Stories have roots reaching back to ancient and medieval Arabic, Persian, Indian, Jewish and Turkish Folklore. We will have 34 storytellers from California to Canada sharing these marvelous tales of Scheherazade; and Middle-Eastern food, music and dancing to accompany our stories!

Our evening programs are for adults and daytime events are for all ages.

- Friday Evening - Doors open at 6:15 PM, Stories at 6:45 PM
- Saturday Afternoon - Stories begin at 1 PM.
- Saturday Evening - Stories and dancing start at 6:45 PM.

Suggested donations: Whole event: \$30, Each evening: \$15. Afternoon: \$20. Family rates for afternoon: \$25. No one turned away!



An Epic Storytelling Event presented by The Seattle Storytellers Guild, partnering with the Arab Center of Washington and the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association, with grants from 4CULTURE and the Shoreline/ Lake Forest Park Arts Council. For More information: [Seattlestorytellers.org](http://Seattlestorytellers.org)

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## Elections



Briarcrest Neighborhood Association officer elections will be held at the next BNA meeting, Tuesday, May 8. Join us to meet the candidates and vote! The candidates for the 2018-2019 year are...

For Director: Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Jean has lived in Briarcrest since 1995 and has been the Director of the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association for the past two and a half years. She's enjoyed working with her fellow BNA team members on such projects as creating Briarcrest neighborhood yard signs, presenting a professionally-led Storytelling Workshop, and hosting a series of

community disaster readiness talks, as well as bringing neighbors together with the BNA's Storytelling Evenings and the annual Briarcrest Summer Picnic. In the upcoming year, Jean hopes to continue working with the BNA Leadership Team to establish an emergency hub for the neighborhood and to distribute "what to do in an emergency" brochures to all Briarcrest neighbors; to co-sponsor, along with the Seattle Storytellers' Guild, a "1,001 Nights" storytelling event based on the tales of Scheherazade; to work with the Shoreline Parks Department in creating a brand new Briarcrest Neighborhood Park; and to begin the process of establishing a community garden and pea patch. If re-elected, Jean will look forward to enjoying another year of working alongside the BNA leadership team to make our neighborhood the best it can be!

For Assistant Director: Devra Gartenstein

I'm the founder of Patty Pan Cooperative and I've been recording secretary for the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association the past few years. I'm so grateful to be part of this community, and I've really enjoyed seeing the BNA grow and thrive lately. I'm looking forward to taking more of a leadership role as assistant director.

For Secretary: Alice Keller

Alice Keller has served as Assistant Director for the past 2 years. She was the editor of the newsletter for 3 years before that, served as the BNA representative to the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods in 2014-15, and revised the bylaws with Jean and Devra in 2015. She helped to organize the BNA's two grant-funded storytelling events a couple of years ago and is enthusiastic about our ongoing bimonthly storytelling evenings. She has completed training as a member of Shoreline's Community Emergency Response Team and is very interested in helping Briarcrest with disaster preparedness. Alice is retired from teaching at North Seattle College, where she volunteered as secretary for the faculty union for 3 years. She moved to Briarcrest from Bothell in 2008.

For Treasurer: Sarah Kaye

Sarah Kaye has lived in Briarcrest for 11 years. She enthusiastically organizes the City Council Candidates' Debate Night every two years. Sarah has served as the BNA Treasurer since 2015.



## High School Seniors: Apply for Community College Scholarships

Graduating seniors in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park (including homeschool students): You may be eligible for full or partial scholarships at Shoreline Community College, as well as dedicated support services to help you succeed in college. Learn more about eligibility for Shoreline Scholars and apply today!  
<https://www.shoreline.edu/shoreline-scholars/>

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## Giveaway Event

Shoreline United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Good Neighbor Giveaway for the second time on Saturday June 2, 2018, between 9:00 AM and 2 PM. Rather than a garage sale, everything is FREE. The event provides an opportunity for our community to share with neighbors unneeded household items (in good repair) such as books, linens, toys, dishes, tools, appliances, and small furniture (must be able to fit in a car sedan). There will be no clothes.

In addition, when you do your spring cleaning, set aside those items you will no longer need or use. Bring them to the church on May 30, 31, or June 1 between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM for the Saturday giveaway. This event is a good way to meet your neighbors and feel good about your community.....and no neighbors will be given away.

The Good Neighbor Giveaway allows the Shoreline United Methodist Church to engage in a neighborhood activity that reveals God's grace, lets us recycle possessions, acknowledges the joy of sharing, builds community and acknowledges the contentment of less. May the joy of reducing clutter be equal to the joy of receiving free treasures.

Shoreline United Methodist Church is on the corner of 145th and 25th NE.



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## In Search of New Editor and Webmaster – could it be you?

Due to a new arrival in my family taking up more time and energy, this will be my last issue as Newsletter Editor. I've enjoyed collecting articles and publishing quarterly newsletters for the BNA over the past two years, but it's time for someone else to take over! If you're interested, or have more questions, email me at [EmilyFShuel@gmail.com](mailto:EmilyFShuel@gmail.com).

Additionally, we've recently lost our webmaster for our website/blog and were thinking a tech-savvy individual might be interested in helping us out! This could be an adult resident, or a local high schooler who's looking for community service hours! Our website/blog is a pretty simple and user-friendly Wordpress-type site. It can be seen here: <http://briarcrestneighbors.org/>. It needs some updating (not too much) as well as someone willing to add events, news, etc., all of which the director would send to the webmaster/mistress. Someone with a creative flair who might enjoy spiffing the website up a bit would also be welcome! Email Jean at [jmhilde@earthlink.net](mailto:jmhilde@earthlink.net).

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## It's Time to Start Planning Block Parties!

Summer is just around the corner, and it's a good time to get a block party on the calendar, before the schedules fill up! If you are looking to close your street so neighbors can meet and mingle, you can probably waive the street closure fee. More information here: [shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=6004](http://shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=6004)



## Opinion Piece: Off-Leash Dog Park and South Woods

Submitted by Bettelinn Krizek Brown

The Eastside Off-Leash Dog Park is presently located on the western boundary of South Woods Park. The land is leased by the city from the state. Presently the area is in disrepair. Last month at the BNA meeting a proposal was made to give it a clean-up and an application for a mini-grant has been submitted. The refurbishment is a temporary fix to make the dog area more enjoyable. It is understandable why the plan to invest in the improvement of the existing site is necessary. The land is in poor condition.

In my opinion, the Eastside Off-Leash Dog Park ought to be situated, not adjacent to, but away from South Woods and the park department has future plans to relocate a special area for dogs to a more appropriate permanent site.

I support the relocation. The present location affects the ecosystem of South Woods. Locating it there invited more dogs to be walked through the woods. It became the convenient route that dog owners from the surrounding areas used to get to and from the dog park. This necessarily increased the presence of dogs in South Woods Park. South Woods is not a dog park, but ever since the dog park was situated there it has become a route for dog traffic and consequently off leash violations. Safety concerns and enforcement are ongoing issues and the leash-law courtesies need to be respected. When dogs are off leash they are a detriment to the delicate ground cover, native plants, birds and animals in the woods.

The woods are special to me and to the South Woods Preservation Group. We established the land as a City Park. The potential for this urban forest to be an environmental teaching lab for school children is being realized with the collaboration of EarthCorps and the Shoreline School District. This natural area is a priceless natural resource in the community. Until the dog park gets relocated I hope dog owners will be thoughtful of the restoration efforts to preserve the delicate ecosystem of the woods and keep dogs on the paths and on their leashes.