



BNA Director's Message

Happy 2019 from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! What a snowy, blustery start to the new year we're experiencing! We hope you're staying warm, cozy, and safe.

The BNA had a busy, productive autumn. In October, we hosted Eric Bratton from the City of Shoreline, who told us all about the City's plans for new sidewalks. In November, Shoreline Neighborhoods Coordinator Constance Perenyi met with us to brainstorm ideas for a City mini-grant proposal. That discussion led to not one but two project ideas, a neighborhood emergency preparedness fair (possibly in May) and a series of storytelling events (possibly in the fall.) Stay tuned for more details about these exciting events!

The BNA's own Bill Dwyer and Lee Keim continue to work hard toward preparing Briarcrest for a major disaster like an earthquake. In addition to meeting regularly with the City of Shoreline's Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Macmillan, they have formed the Briarcrest Emergency Preparedness Committee. Members meet monthly to discuss emergency prep issues such as mapping adult family homes, daycares, and other vulnerable populations in the neighborhood. Also, whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month, the committee meets to practice communicating with walkie-talkies and ham radios from all corners of Briarcrest. They also test communications with Emergency Operations Centers in Shoreline and Kenmore and monitor King County, City of Seattle, and Snohomish County EOCs, too.

If you'd like to learn more about emergency preparedness in Briarcrest, contact Bill and Lee at billandlee@mac.com.

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 safe and cozy winter! We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again soon!

Jean Hilde-Fulghum
BNA Director

Events Calendar

BNA General Meeting
2nd Tuesdays
Mar 12, Apr 9, May, 14
7:00-8:30 PM
Patty Pan Cooperative,
15550 27th Ave NE

BNA Storytelling Evening
Friday, Mar 1
7:00-9:00 PM
Jon and Amy Anscher's
16010 25th Ave NE

CERT Continuing Education Training
Wednesday March 13
6:30-9:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
17500 Midvale Ave N

District Volleyball Tournament
Monday, Mar 25
7:00-9:30 PM
Shorecrest SW Gym
15343 25th Ave NE

Shoreline Public Schools Spring Break
April 22-April 26

Earth Day Every Day Event
Saturday, April 27
Central Market Shoreline
15505 Westminster Way N

Shorecrest Drama Spring Show Opening Night
Thursday, May 9
7:30-9:30 PM
Shorecrest Theater
15343 25th Ave NE





BNA Storytelling Evening

We started our BNA New Year 2019, with electrified, from the heart, personalized storytelling on January 4. I felt, for the first time, without reservation, that we are becoming a trusted community, a family and safe group to tell our stories with fun, excitement, gusto, and courage. Our attendees gave good feedback to tellers if they wanted it.

We had new three new guests this time, so we were fifteen in this storytelling group. After two years, Amy finally told her first personal story. It was great! Bravo, Amy! Jon also told a great story. Some of the new guests, as well as old ones, including me, told a personal story. I was really pleased and hopeful for our BNA storytelling events for 2019.

I encourage all of our BNA group to make an effort to come to our storytellings. Your attendance and support are crucial for the continuation of these evenings. I get support and courage from you. As a result, I can open up and tell more stories that are buried in my heart!

Remember that stories can be of any type, not only personal ones. Variety adds to the evenings!

Our next evening will be Friday, March 1, 7:00-9:00, at the home of Jon and Amy Anscher, 16010 25th Ave NE, as usual. Come to share your story or listen to stories of others. If you plan to 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. As always, people from outside Briarcrest are invited.

Welcome aboard!

Warmly, Afifi Durr (afifidurr15@gmail.com)

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In January, Ridgecrest resident Betsey Robertson was appointed by the Shoreline City Council to fill the council seat left vacant by Senator Jesse Salomon. 53 Shoreline residents submitted applications for the open position. Betsey previously served on Shoreline's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

Briarcrest Emergency Preparedness

The Briarcrest Emergency Preparedness Committee had a very successful 5th Saturday exercise on December 29, 2018. Our members were able to contact the Neighborhood Emergency Information Relay Station (NEIRS) located in the Hamlin Park parking lot on 25th Ave on their FRS radios from all parts of the Briarcrest neighborhood and our ham radio operator stationed there established contact with the city emergency services. (See the Fall newsletter for more information on this activity)

Why is this important? Well, in some disasters the communication services we take for granted and use everyday can be interrupted. As a matter of fact, that morning as we were showing that our communication network worked perfectly and would have been able to contact Fire and Police, 911 service was offline and unavailable to the public. The next 5th Saturday exercise is March 30 from 9 AM till noon. Stop by to see the action, call in to us on your FRS radio channel 5 or for amateur radio operators you can call us on Simplex frequency 145.770.

Upcoming opportunities for emergency training:

NEIRS station training February 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at City Hall room 303.

CERT Continuing Education Training March 13, 6:30 - 9:00 PM at City Hall council chambers

New CERT 6-session class in April at City Hall and Shoreline Fire Station 161

The Briarcrest Preparedness Committee is currently working on plans for a Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held in our neighborhood some time this year. Details will be forthcoming.

Proposed Briarcrest Neighborhood Park

The Shoreline Parks Funding Advisory Committee (PFAC) is made up of residents from each neighborhood in Shoreline. The goal of the PFAC is to craft a recommendation for prioritizing spending on a number of proposed projects, including a new community and aquatics center, upgrades to existing parks, and creation of new parks, and to present that advice to the City Council for consideration. The committee will also make suggestions regarding funding options, which will include a bond proposal for the voters to consider sometime in the future.

Currently in second place in the priority list is a potential new park for Briarcrest, described as follows:

"A new community park would be created to provide a community anchor for the Briarcrest neighborhood. The portion of Hamlin Park facing 25th Ave NE would be redeveloped with a mix of park amenities to be oriented towards the east and create a presence in the Briarcrest neighborhood. The concept design retains restrooms and trees, enhances one of the existing diamond fields, and adds an entry plaza, community garden, perimeter trail, picnic shelters, playground, open lawn, skate and/or fitness features along the trail, splash pad, amphitheater and public art."



The proposed community park would take place of the existing easterly baseball field in south Hamlin Park.

Feel free to send comments or questions to Jean Hilde, PFAC member, at jmhilde@earthlink.net