

Briarcrest

Neighborhood News

March 2016

Calendar

See articles in this issue for details on many of the events below.

Sat., March 5, 8:00 a.m.
Shorecrest H.S. Marching Band public rehearsal at the school track.

2nd Tuesdays – March 8, April 12, May 10, 7:00-8:30,
Briarcrest Neighborhood Assoc. general meeting.
Patty Pan Grill Cooperative, 15550 27th Ave NE.

Thurs., March 24, 3:00,
Artist's Reception for artwork in remodeled Shorecrest High School.
RSVP. See article.

Fri., April 1, 7:00, **Native American Storyteller Roger Fernandes.** *Fircrest Chapel, 15230 15th Ave. NE.* \$5 suggested donation for over 18. Family-friendly!

Fri., June 3, 7:00, **Special event with professional storytellers.** Theme and location to be announced.

Every Mon, 5:30-7:30, **Patty Pan Grill Cooperative "Humble Feast"** of local foods. Info & menus at neighborhoodkitchen.org and Facebook. 15550 27th Ave. NE

Every Wed, 5:00-6:30,
Popy's Café at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Free meal, all welcome. Corner of NE 145th St. and 20th Ave. NE. To volunteer: 206-363-0446

BNA Game Nights on future Fridays. Look for announcements on BNA Google Group, Facebook, and Nextdoor.com.

BNA Director's Message

It's been a busy New Year for your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! Our first Storytelling Evening in early February was such a success that we've decided to make it a regular event! (See the article below about welcoming storyteller **Roger Fernandes** on April 1st.) Monthly Game Nights continue to bring neighbors together for board-game fun. We brainstormed with Shoreline Neighborhoods Coordinator **Constance Perenyi** about neighborhood mini-grant ideas. We started an important discussion about homelessness in Briarcrest and hope to develop an action plan with neighborhood schools and other entities in the near future.

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 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 about it!

You can find us at our Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group (<https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors>) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors>) or contact me at jmhilde@earthlink.net or 206-362-4315.

We invite you to join us at our regular BNA meetings (second Tuesday of each month at Patty Pan Grill Cooperative) as well as our neighborhood events. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!

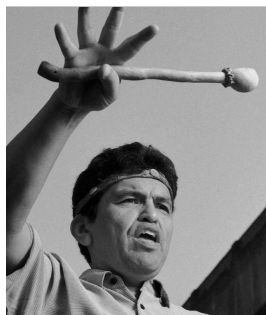
-- Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Storytelling Events – Past and Future

The BNA has begun a series of storytelling events, including non-professionals (both BNA members and others) and grant-funded professionals. **Afifi Durr**, a long-term member and board member of the Seattle Storytellers Guild, has had this dream for the BNA, and now with her inspiration and experience, we are launched in an exciting new direction!

Our first storytelling event

On Friday, Feb. 5, a group met at the warm and welcoming home of **Jon and Amy Anscher**. With a cozy fire in the fireplace, a group seated on sofas and comfy chairs listened to 7 people tell stories that they had prepared. The range of subjects was wonderful, from funny to exciting to deeply touching, originating from a wide variety of locales, from Briarcrest to Syria. For some, this was their first experience in public storytelling, but all were well prepared. The final spark to the evening was Jon's unexpectedly asking Alexa (the voice of Amazon's Echo device – we hadn't noticed that Alexa was in attendance) to search for and play the song "One Tin Soldier," the perfect follow-up to the last story. The BNA will organize future "home-town" events of this nature, but next up, two enticing events for people who love stories and music!



Roger Fernandes Native American storyteller

The BNA and NW Heritage Resources are delighted to announce a very special evening with Roger Fernandes, a well-known professional storyteller of the Lower Elwha Band of S'Klallam Indians, of the Olympic Peninsula. Roger shares the myths and legends of Coast Salish tribes, looks at the "teachings" within those stories, and examines their relevance to the modern life of indigenous people. He may also sing and show some of his own artwork on native themes. It will be a fascinating evening – and definitely family-friendly.

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Roger Fernandes, continued

This event will take place on Friday, April 1, at 7:00, in the Fircrest Chapel, 15230 15th Ave. NE. Enter Fircrest at 15th and 155th. Turn left and go to the stop sign. Take the first right and follow signs to parking.

A suggested donation of \$5 per person over 18 can be made at the door.
Space is limited, so reservations are recommended. Call 206-306-1181 or email info@northwestheritageresources.org.
Bring your family!

The event is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, 4Culture, and NW Heritage Resources.

Another special event in June

Watch for announcements of **an evening with professional tellers of traditional stories**, again in cooperation with NW Heritage Resources. The BNA and NWHR are planning an exciting event.

The date will be Fri., June 3, 7:00, with storytellers and location to be announced later. Definitely **family-friendly!**

Shoreline School District

Shorecrest High School Marching Band will have a public rehearsal on Sat., March 5, at 8:00 a.m. on the school track. This will be their last practice before they head to Ireland to perform at the Dublin St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17. In the past years, the rehearsal has been held later in the day and marched through the neighborhood, but because their equipment needs to be loaded by 10:00 a.m. that day, they are having it earlier and only at the track. The public is invited to watch.

Watch a video featuring **Kellogg Middle School’s Hang Time after-school program**: <https://vimeo.com/154893223> or find it on the District’s online video channel: www.vimeo.com/shorelineschools.

Please come to a reception honoring the **public artwork in the commons of the recently remodeled Shorecrest High School**. “Wonders” artist Suzanne Lee will be present to talk about the artwork and her process in developing the pieces. “Wonders” is part of the Washington Art Commission’s Art in Public Places Program. Reception on Thurs., March 24, 3:00, at Shorecrest H.S., 15343 25th Ave NE. Please RSVP to curtis.campbell@shorelineschools.org or (206) 393-4412 by March 18.

Have items or ideas for the next newsletter?

Contact Alice Keller, editor: briarcrestalice@gmail.com or 206-362-1125.
The next issue will appear in mid-May.

To add yourself or someone else to the newsletter list, either in digital or paper copy, contact Alice.

Dogs must be on leashes in parks

As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, dog owners may be tempted to let their dogs run free in public parks. **In fact, off-leash dogs are one of the most common complaints the City of Shoreline receives.** If you are a dog owner, here are a handful of reasons to keep your pet on a leash:

- * Not everyone feels comfortable around dogs. People of all ages should be able to walk in public parks without being confronted by loose dogs.
- * Some dogs can be dangerous to wildlife in parks.
- * Dogs can harm ground vegetation in parks.
- * Even if your dog is friendly, not all dogs are.
- * Even friendly dogs can jump up on people.
- * It’s safer for your dog to be under your physical control.

Shoreline has 3 off-leash parks for dogs. One is near Briarcrest, at 1902 NE 150th St, on the SE corner of the Fircrest campus.

The Parks Department contracts the part-time services of an Animal Control Officer to enforce the City’s leash law. To report a possible leash-law violation in a Shoreline park, please contact the City of Shoreline Customer Response team at (206) 801-2700 or email pks@shorelinewa.gov. Citations are issued to those who break the law.

Please! **Keep your dog on a leash unless you are in an off-leash area.** Remember that the public parks are for the enjoyment and comfort of everyone.

For more details, see “Dogs off leash” at the BNA website, briarcrestneighbors.org, which will be up and running soon.



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