

# Briarcrest

## Neighborhood News

May 2016

<div>Calendar</div> <div><p>On 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays – May 10, June 14, July 12, 7:00-8:30, <b>Briarcrest Neighborhood Assoc. general meeting.</b> <i>Patty Pan, 15550 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.</i> May meeting: election of officers.</p><p>On 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 6:30-9:00, <i>come anytime.</i> <b>BNA Game Night.</b> <i>Patty Pan, 15550 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.</i> For all ages. Bring your own board or card games. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorites to share!</p><p><i>Fri., May 13, 7:00-9:00,</i> <b>Briarcrest Storytelling Evening.</b> <i>Jon &amp; Amy Anscher’s home, 16010 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. (See article.)</i></p></div> <div><p><i>Fri., June 3, 7:00</i> <b>Cowboy Poetry, Stories, and Songs.</b> <i>Shorecrest High School Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.</i> For all ages. (See article.)</p><p>SAVE the DATE: <i>Sat., Aug. 27,</i> <b>BNA Summer Picnic.</b> <i>Hamlin Park.</i> Details to be announced.</p></div> <div><p>Now on 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of summer months, 5:30-7:30, <b>Patty Pan Grill Cooperative’s “Humble Feast”</b> of local foods. Info &amp; menus at neighborhoodkitchen.org and Facebook. 15550 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE</p></div> <div><p>Every Wed, 5:00-6:30, <b>Popy’s Café.</b> <i>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.</i> Free meal, all welcome. To volunteer: 206-363-0446</p></div>	<div>BNA Director’s Message</div> <div><p>It's been a busy spring for your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! We partnered with Northwest Heritage Resources in presenting <b>storyteller Roger Fernandes</b> in April, when over 60 guests enjoyed Roger's wise and funny stories in the lovely Fircrest Chapel. See this issue’s article about our second joint storytelling event, fun for all ages!</p><p>Our own, smaller <b>neighborhood storytelling evenings</b> continue to bring neighbors together to share tales and treats (see <i>article in this issue</i>), while <b>monthly board game fun</b> continues on the third Friday of the month from 6:30 to 9:00 at Patty Pan Co-operative. We'd love to have you join us for these upcoming events!</p><p>We brainstormed with <b>Shoreline Schools</b> about helping feed our homeless and near-homeless students during the summer. We also heard from the City of Shoreline's <b>Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces</b> team about the future of these important neighborhood assets. Future issues we plan to work on include <b>neighborhood safety and disaster preparedness, welcoming new neighbors to Briarcrest,</b> and <b>mini-grants.</b></p><p><b>Our annual Briarcrest Summer Picnic</b> is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, at the Hamlin Park picnic shelter. Last year's shindig was great fun with a BBQ, ice cream feed, a cake walk and lots of neighborly conversation. We hope you'll join us in August, so mark your calendar!</p><p>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.</p><p>You can find us at our <b>Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group</b> ( <a href="https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors">https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors</a> ) and on our <b>Facebook page</b> ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors">https://www.facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors</a> ), or contact me at <a href="mailto:jmhilde@earthlink.net">jmhilde@earthlink.net</a> or 206-362-4315.</p><p>We invite you to join us at our <b>regular BNA meetings</b> (second Tuesday of each month at Patty Pan Cooperative Kitchen) as well as our neighborhood events. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!</p><p style="text-align: right;">-- Jean Hilde-Fulghum</p></div> <div><div>Seeking Newsletter editor</div><div><p>Editing the BNA newsletter for 3 years has been a great way for me (a 2008 transplant to the neighborhood, from beyond Bothell) to learn about Briarcrest and Shoreline and to meet many interesting residents. I’m happy to have done it!</p><p><u>But the summer issue will be my last.</u> We’re looking for a person to write (partially), edit, assemble, and send our quarterly newsletters, which go out both in paper copy and digitally. Someone proficient in editing and experienced in desktop publishing would be ideal. The editor also serves as a member of the BNA Leadership Team. Contact me for more information about this volunteer position. -- Alice Keller, <a href="mailto:briarcrestalice@gmail.com">briarcrestalice@gmail.com</a></p></div></div> <div><div>Patty Pan Cooperative Kitchen – News and thanks!</div><div><p>Postage for this issue was paid by Patty Pan Cooperative -- Now offering <b>home meal service!</b> Fans of the Patty Pan Humble Feasts (now monthly) are delighted!</p><p>Info at <a href="http://pattypangrill.com/store.php">http://pattypangrill.com/store.php</a>. Enter coupon code BRIARCREST for <i>free delivery</i> to our lucky neighborhood.</p></div></div>
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Election of BNA Officers for 2016-17

At the April Association meeting, nominations were accepted for a slate of officers for the coming year. The election will be at the meeting on May 10. The term of office is from June 1, 2016, to May 31, 2017. The nominees are –

For Director: Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Jean has been the first Director of the revitalized BNA for 2015-16, after the association's hiatus of about a year. She's enjoyed getting to know her fellow BNA team members and other Briarcrest neighbors this year at meetings and at events like Storytelling Evenings, Game Nights, and the Summer Picnic, and hopes to do more of the same in the coming year!

For Assistant Director: Alice Keller

Alice has been the editor of the newsletter for the past 3 years. She also served as the representative to the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods for 2014-15 and revised the bylaws with Jean and Devra. She's a retired community college teacher and has lived in Briarcrest since 2008.

For Secretary: Devra Gartenstein

Devra landed in Briarcrest early in 2014, when she moved her business, Patty Pan Cooperative, into the old Sunshine Grocery location on 158<sup>th</sup> St. and 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. She's an avid cook and eater and is especially excited about building community by sharing food. In the spring, Devra worked on revising BNA bylaws. She has been the BNA Secretary for 2015-16.

For Treasurer: Sarah Kaye

Sarah Kaye has lived in Briarcrest for 9 years and has previously served as Assistant Director. She enthusiastically organizes the City Council Candidates' Debate Night every two years. Sarah has served as the BNA Treasurer for 2015-16.

Plan Summer Block Parties

Two years ago my neighbors met in the street, and this year we will do it again! A summer block party carries rewards through the rest of the year. The street is closed to traffic; neighbors get to know each other, share ideas and resources, and generally feel more connected.

Our block's plan for Tuesday, June 28, is to host the party in conjunction with the Patty Pan Cooperative Neighborhood Kitchen. Devra Gartenstein will set up a farmers' market booth in their parking lot and give people the option of buying a meal.

Down the block on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, we will set up tables for potluck contributions. In June invitations will be delivered to those who live on 27<sup>th</sup> between 155<sup>th</sup> Street and 158<sup>th</sup> Street. Circle the date now, and come by! Bring family, friends and food! Call Bettelinn Krizek Brown with any questions at 363-5516, or email at [bettelinn@hotmail.com](mailto:bettelinn@hotmail.com).

I encourage you to have a block party on your block this summer. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, and **Constance Perenyi, the City Neighborhoods Coordinator**, will be happy to send you the street closure form. Phone her at 206-801-2253, or email at [cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov).  
-- Bettelinn Krizek Brown

Initiative 1491

On April 10, a group of neighbors met at the home of Briarcrest residents Ian and Marcia Taylor to hear about "Moms Demand Action," a group dedicated to reducing gun violence by promoting common-sense legislation. The audience of 16 heard about Moms' rapidly-growing membership (now 3.5 million nationally) and legislative successes such as Initiative 594, the Background Check requirement, which was supported by Moms and passed by Washington State voters in 2014. They also heard about the State Legislature's repeated failure to act on legislation which would allow family members to get court orders temporarily preventing firearms access by persons exhibiting mental illness, violent or other behavior indicating they may harm themselves or others. Too often in such cases there is a tragic shooting, a suicide, or both. In the face of the legislature's failure to act, Moms members are supporting Initiative 1491, which will create Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). Members are collecting signatures to put the proposal on the November ballot.

Marilyn Balcerak, whose son shot and killed his stepsister and himself last year, despite Marilyn's pleas to the Seattle police to keep him from accessing a firearm, is the Citizen Sponsor of I-1491 and spoke movingly at the meeting. "The SPD told me they could do nothing to stop my son from arming himself because he had committed no crime," she said. "We need a way to prevent these shootings from happening. I-1491 will give us that."

See <http://momsdemandaction.org/>. Contact Ian at [iptaylor@earthlink.net](mailto:iptaylor@earthlink.net) for more information.  
-- Ian Taylor

After-school tutoring / Day of Prayer

The Christian Reformed Church on 25th Ave. N.E. has been providing a successful program for students from Briarcrest Elementary School and Shoreline Christian School for the past 16 years. Sessions are held on Wednesdays after school from 3:00 (or right after school) until 4:30 pm. Students have individual tutors who work with them on homework and skills such as reading and math or whatever is needed. We are almost finished for the year now, but next fall we will start up again. Call the church office for more details at 206-364-3021, or email [office@seattlecrc.org](mailto:office@seattlecrc.org).

**The National Day of Prayer** is on May 5 at the Shoreline Community College gymnasium. There is plenty of free parking near the gym) All are invited to attend and pray for our community and nation.  
-- Harriet Tibbits

Kudos to Shorecrest

*U.S. News and World Report* awarded silver medals to Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools for student achievement in their 2016 Best High Schools ranking. The Shorecrest Highlanders Marching Band, one of only 14 bands invited from the U.S. and the U.K., was named the Best Overall Band at the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, in March. They also won Best Musical Performance at the Limerick International Band Championship. *And* the Shorecrest Hip Hop Team won their 6<sup>th</sup> State Championship in 10 years!

Cowboy Poetry, Story and Song



On April 1, the BNA and Northwest Heritage Resources partnered to present an evening of Coast Salish stories presented by well-known Native American storyteller Roger Fernandes. The event was well attended by adults and children of all ages. The Fircrest Chapel provided a lovely venue with excellent acoustics, and BNA members brought snacks and drinks.

We are again joining forces with Northwest Heritage Resources. This evening promises to be great fun for all ages with a performance of cowboy poetry, stories and songs, featuring award-winning cowboy poet Sharon “Silver” Glenn of Yakama, her cowboy musician husband, George Thomsen, and rancher, farmer and cowboy poet Glenn Bair.

Sharon was born in the Ellensburg area, daughter of a cowboy father and a homesteader’s daughter, and grew up surrounded by horses and livestock. She and her husband George have lived the cowboy life for many years, working for local cattle and sheep outfits. George is a lifetime buckaroo and horse trainer. Together they perform as the musical duo Northfork, singing traditional cowboy songs of the rural west, as well as songs of George’s own composition and Sharon’s poetry.

Glenn Bair grew up cattle ranching and farming in Ephrata, and like Sharon and George, his poetry and songs are true stories from the cowboy and ranching life he has lived. All three have performed at the well known Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada; the Charlie Russell Cowboy Gathering in Lewiston, Idaho; Cowboy Poets of Idaho in Emmett; the Columbia River Cowboy Gathering in Kennewick; Spirit of the West in Ellensburg; the Northwest Folklife Festival; and events throughout the Northwest.

Please join us on **Friday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Shorecrest High School library**, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 15343 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Refreshments will be provided.

Cowboy Evening, continued

A suggested donation of \$5 per person over 18 can be made at the door. Space may be limited, so reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, email [info@northwestheritageresources.org](mailto:info@northwestheritageresources.org), or call 206-306-1181.

The June 3<sup>rd</sup> event is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, 4Culture, and Northwest Heritage Resources.

BNA neighbors’ storytelling

Our next home-grown storytelling evening will be on **Friday, May 13, from 7:00 to 9:00**. Come at 6:30 if you’d like to socialize first. You are welcome to bring a snack or beverage to share. Storytelling will start promptly at 7:00. Come to tell or just to listen. Each teller will have 5 to 7 minutes. We will be strict about this time limit, as well as a 5-minute feedback if the teller wants that from the audience.

You don’t want to miss this storytelling event! A member of the Arab Community (Lebanese), a previous Shoreline resident now studying at UW to become a neurosurgeon, is going to tell his fabulous and amazing American Dream Story. Come listen and be encouraged!

The evening will be at the home of Jon and Amy Anscher, 16010 25<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Park on the street or in the parking lot opposite.

RSVP to Afifi Durr, [afifi@q.com](mailto:afifi@q.com)

Fircrest Rehabilitation Center

The BNA is engaging with Washington State DSHS to look at the new Master Plan for Fircrest. Neighbors from Briarcrest and other areas have met with the state’s Project Manager to offer ideas for use of the space, including reopening the pool and starting a community garden. – Hunter Fulghum

The summer newsletter

The next issue will appear in early August. Contact Alice Keller, editor, with items or ideas: [briarcrestalice@gmail.com](mailto:briarcrestalice@gmail.com) or 206-362-1125.

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

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