

Mini-Grant Proposal

The BNA did not apply for a mini-grant for 2010, but is working with the City to identify funds to maintain prior years' mini-grants, including the kiosk at the east entrance to Hamlin Park and plantings along 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The BNA plans to apply for a mini-grant from the City early next year for a pedestrian pathway through the 147<sup>th</sup> Street right of way between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE. Please contact me at [kjh222@yahoo.com](mailto:kjh222@yahoo.com)  
- Kathy Hall

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

On September 26, First Christian Reformed Church will be having their third Neighbors Helping Neighbors Sunday for 2010. We are available to help with various work parties for the neighbors in the Briarcrest neighborhood. This can be yard work, window cleaning, brush/invasive plant removal at private homes, for the city or for the school district. We will provide a crew of 4 - 6 people for two hours in the late morning, early afternoon. After the work parties have completed their work, everybody involved is invited to the church for a potluck lunch, around 1:30 pm. If you have a project that you can't handle, or just haven't gotten the time to do, give the church a call at 364-3021. This will be the final NHN Sunday for 2010, but we plan to be out helping our neighbors next year again.  
- Ken Oordt

Shoreline Qualifying as a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat

The important news of the day is that Sustainable Shoreline will soon be announcing that the City of Shoreline now qualifies as a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat! If you haven't registered your yard, or want more information to join the effort, go to: [secure.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certify/dspPartners.cfm](http://secure.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certify/dspPartners.cfm).  
- Chris Southwick

Announcements cont'd

**Table meeting, Thursday, October 21, 7 pm.**  
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**The Wonderland Developmental Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Fall Benefit Luncheon, Th. Oct. 28, noon to one,** Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. This nonprofit early-intervention agency, located in the old North City Elementary school building 816 NE 190<sup>th</sup> Street, serves infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. Call to inquire, 364-3777.

**General Election, Tuesday, November 2,** The November ballot will contain elections for US Congress and State Legislature. The ballot will also contain several statewide initiatives and Shoreline Proposition 1, which would raise property taxes 28 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. Please vote; turnout in Briarcrest for the August primary election was less than 36%.

**POPY's Cafe** - best place to meet and greet neighbors and enjoy a Free Meal, **Wednesday nights, 5 - 6:30 p.m.** Hosted by Prince of Peace Church (145th & 20th) and the YMCA, this popular neighborhood event is a good place for conversation and music. Volunteers are needed, whether your talents involve cooking, serving, cleanup, or music making. Please contact Katie Weber at 363-0446, or e-mail

Strolling Briarcrest

We are approaching our one year anniversary in the neighborhood, and have gotten to know the area far better in the last 5 months than we would have otherwise, because of our newest form of transportation: strolling. We love exploring the neighborhood, especially with the three wheel baby jogger that we inherited from a friend. Walks with our infant son, one of 3 new babies on our block, have been our primary exercise and our most sure fire way to get our baby, Keet, to sleep. Here are our favorite walks in the neighborhood:  
1) Going straight across the street from our house to the South Woods. We instantly feel like we're in the mountains on a true hiking trail, we cruise down a random trail off the main path, then wind our way around the trails till we find our way back. Considering the size of the woods it is amazing how long we can keep ourselves entertained.  
2) Walking through the South Woods, and up past the Shorecrest athletic fields, down the hill into Hamlin Park, and heading straight to the brand new playground equipment that was installed earlier this summer. Currently, the baby swing is the highlight, but we look forward to years of fun on the cool new equipment.  
3) Skirting the Acacia Cemetery on 27<sup>th</sup> heading north, then east on 155<sup>th</sup> and getting lucky when the gate is open to wander through the immaculately kept grounds.  
4) Walking west on 147<sup>th</sup>, across 15<sup>th</sup>, and to the Paramount Park Open Space. The backyard habitat path was a great find on one misty spring day.  
5) Just wandering through the streets in the neighborhood, checking out landscaping and getting ideas for our yard. Still a lot of work to do. Slowly...  
-Jessica, Dave and Keet Werner

A Green Street on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

The public process for this demonstration project began during 2009 and now, after many postponements, construction is due to begin late September. The City has successfully re-bid the project and selected a contractor, Paul Brothers, a firm from Oregon. Within the month, John Jordan, 801-2473, [jjordan@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jjordan@shorelinewa.gov) is scheduling a neighborhood pre-construction meeting with the City staff involved in the project and the contractor.  
- Jim Baker

Watching Birds Bathe

This past spring brought interesting migrant birds to my bird baths including three kinds of warblers. White-crowned and Golden-crowned sparrows also appeared and band-tailed pigeons liked my newest feeder. You can attract both resident and migrating birds by planting some native plants and providing clean water. For additional winter food leave the flower heads until spring. You will be helping to compensate for reduced habitat. Birds need water and it is so fun to watch them bathe. My yard is one of the locations for a project called the Birds Wintering in Urban Landscapes. I'm now watching to see which fall migrants stop by for a quick sip and dip. Check out [pugetsoundbirds.org](http://pugetsoundbirds.org).  
- Chris Southwick



Block Parties: Clockwise from top-right: 1. Sunday, August 15, 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was closed north of 147<sup>th</sup> and Diana Herbst hosted a well-attended dinnertime party. The subarea documents were shared. 2. Tina Blanding organized the block party August 15<sup>th</sup> on 147<sup>th</sup> Street just east of 25<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen Oordt helps the kids with some crafts. 3. August 15<sup>th</sup> Bernie and Dave Ingraham and their children brought old friends to reconnect at the party on 163<sup>rd</sup> Street at 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pictured here are longtime residents, Charles Jackson, Jean Dupre, and, Bud and Betty Jackson. 4. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE has a reputation for good food and Chef Chris Field and his wife Padget Dean made sure everyone was fed well at their party August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

School News:

Curriculum Night at Briarcrest  
PTSA Meeting, Shorecrest Library  
Briarcrest PTA Cookie Dough Fund Raiser  
No School, Staff Work Day  
Shorecrest Homecoming Football Game  
Briarcrest Picture Day

Sept 14, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Sept 14, 7:00 pm  
Sept 17 - Oct 6  
Oct 8  
Oct 8  
Oct 14



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## Neighborhood Calendar

**[www.briarcrestneighbors.net](http://www.briarcrestneighbors.net)**

Submissions for the Briarcrest website:  
[info@briarcrestneighbors.net](mailto:info@briarcrestneighbors.net)

### Opportunities for Involvement

**Briarcrest Neighborhood Meeting, second Thursdays, September 9 & October 14, 7:00 pm**, Congregational Church, 15518 27 Ave NE, Fellowship Hall, downstairs.

**Neighbor coffee klatches and action planning to discuss subarea zoning, Tuesdays, September 14 & October 5 & 12, 6:30 to 8:00 pm**, Diana Herbst, 14705 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, call, 306-1022.

**The Healthy Aging Partnership presents a free, public workshop "Aging at Home Workshop" Wednesday, September 15, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**, Magnuson Park, View Ridge Room, The Brig Building # 406, 6344 NE 74 Street, Seattle. Come learn from experts about healthy living, emergency preparedness, lifelong learning, civic engagement and grant funding.

**South Woods IvyOut, third Saturdays, Sept 18 and Oct 16, 10 am – 2 pm.**

**Sustainable Shoreline Education Association, 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, Sept 24 & Oct 22, 7 – 9 pm**, First Christian Reformed Church of Seattle, 14555 25 Ave NE Rm 202. [sustainableshoreline.org](http://sustainableshoreline.org)

**Community Meeting, public process and implementation of the Zoning Map for the Southeast Neighborhood Subarea Plan, September 21, 6:30-8:30 pm**, Mormon Church, 14901 30 Ave NE.

**Embrace Shorecrest, Sept 25, October 23, Nov 20, Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm**, Sarah Baldwin, 362-2381.

**Clean Sweep Recycling Event, Saturday, September 25, 9 am—3 pm**, Shoreline Park & Ride.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Sunday, September 26.**

**Steps Against Domestic Violence Day, Sunday, October 3, 10 am**, Aqua Theatre. A fundraiser walk around Greenlake benefits New Beginnings an agency who serves Shoreline for Domestic Violence services. For information contact Arthur Peach 412-3198.

**Voter registrations and transfers deadline for mail and online, October 4.**

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## Director's Report, Change is coming to Briarcrest

Change is coming and if we are not careful we may be caught sleeping like Rip Van Winkle. We are on pace to complete the Southeast Neighborhood Subarea Plan. Zoning implementation is the final piece that remains. Zoning changes often leave residents scratching their heads. Sometimes we fear change, mistaking it for a destructive entity that ruins our way of life.

The southeast corner area between NE 150th and NE 145th and 27th Ave NE and Bothell Way may be the most affected by the proposed changes so it is very important for those residents to speak up during the public process. Without your input we cannot accomplish our goals and we leave a void for others to fill. While it is unrealistic to expect our input to solve all the issues we face, we can't let past attitudes toward the city, utilities or the police compromise our goal or keep us from voicing our opinions.

Please contact the Briarcrest Neighborhood leadership if you are interested in helping to clarify our vision for the future. We expect to see you at the Community Meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please participate. Your input can make a difference!

- Arthur Peach

## Briarcrest Need Not Fall Under Bulldozers

The SE Area of Shoreline is being altered. Our property values, taxes and quality of life are going to be changed by the upcoming zoning decisions. Single family houses are being torn down and have already been replaced by apartments or town houses. Proposed zoning changes could accelerate this trend. Our neighborhood could be destroyed or reborn depending on how the comprehensive plan map guides the zoning map. This is especially true if zoning designations of "high density residential" or "mixed use" projects are allowed to invade this area.

What would you love to see in your neighborhood? If the house next door to you, or across the street, was torn down, what could you expect in its place? Right now we have a small window of opportunity to influence these very important questions. Armed with facts we can tell our elected officials what we want our neighborhood to be. If we don't, then only developers who don't care about our quality of life will be heard from. The Planning Department and City Council want to hear from you. It is hugely important that we do so before the final decision is reached at the December City Council meeting. Will you want to live here in 5 years? Will you be able to afford to? These questions will be discussed at a series of upcoming meetings.

As the zoning map reads now, one side of a street could have single family homes on it and high-rise apartments on the other. We do not get to vote on this, but we do have a voice. It must be heard. Tell the City Planners and City Council what we want SE Briarcrest to be. Specific information is available on the city website. It is important to read the map. In my opinion it does not show what the Citizens' Advisory Committee document agreed upon.

**An informational meeting with City Planners will be held Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Mormon Church, 14901 30 Ave NE.**

**Neighbor coffee klatches and action planning will be held at my home Tuesday nights September 14 and October 5 & 12 from 6:30 – 8:00. Call me at 206-306-1022 for more information.**

- Diana Herbst

## Welcome to the Emergency Preparation Club

If you've been postponing preparing your family and home for an emergency, join the club. Until recently, I could have served as the President of this club! But it has finally dawned on me that I want to be able to help in times of great distress, rather than be dependent on others to "save" us. It's clear that we do live in changing times, and our region is at risk for more severe winter storms, major earthquakes, and volcanic ash fall.

The key for me was breaking it down to simple steps. First, I got a list of emergency supplies from the City (online at: [cityofshoreline.com/](http://cityofshoreline.com/) - Emergencies). I posted this in our kitchen, using it as a checklist. Then I made my first trip to Home Depot, purchasing a 40-gallon, wheeled garbage can, along with duct tape and plastic sheeting. The garbage can holds some of our supplies, and can move with us if we need to relocate. I painted "Emergency Kit" on it, so it will never be mistaken for our actual trash can. The duct tape and sheeting are for "sheltering in place", if necessary. Each month I round up more supplies until our checklist is complete. Consider your own well-being in preparing for a major emergency and keep in mind that we will all need each other to get through in times of distress.

- Margot Richardson