

Briarcrest

Neighborhood News – December 2015

Calendar



2nd Tuesdays -- Jan. 12
and Feb. 9, 7:00-8:30,
**Briarcrest Neighbor-
hood Assoc. general
meeting.** *Patty Pan,*
15550 27th Ave NE.

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. To volunteer:
206-363-0446

Dec. 21 – Jan. 1,
**Shoreline School
District winter break**

Fri, Jan. 15, 6:30-9:00,
**Briarcrest Neighbor-
hood Assoc. Game
Night,** *Patty Pan,* 15550
27th Ave. NE
(See article.)

Fri., Feb. 5, 7:00-9:00
**Briarcrest Storytelling
Evening,** *Patty Pan,*
15550 27th Ave NE
(See article.)

Feb. 15 – 19, **Shoreline
School District mid-
winter break**

**Shoreline Open House
for 145th St. Corridor**
at *City Hall,* 17500
Midvale Ave. N. This will
be the 3rd open house
on the project. Watch for
an announcement of the
date!

BNA Director’s Message

It's been a busy time for our Briarcrest Neighborhood Association since its “rebirth” last spring: a summer picnic, the candidates' forum, our first Games Night, officer elections, and bylaws revisions. Next up are a second Games Night on January 15 and our first Storytelling Evening on February 5. We will also be delivering Welcome Packets to new Briarcrest neighbors sometime in January.

Looking ahead to the new year, we will continue to host fun and informative events! In addition, 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 Neighborhood Association know about it! In fact, bring ideas to our Jan. 12 meeting! – at *Patty Pan, 15550 27th Ave NE, 7:00-8:30.*

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) as well as our neighborhood events. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!
-- Jean Hilde-Fulghum

Second BNA Game Night

The people who attended the first Briarcrest Neighborhood Game Night in November had such a good time that the BNA has decided to do it again – and perhaps to make it a monthly event! The next one will be at Patty Pan Grill Cooperative, a cozier location and rather central to our neighborhood: *15550 27th Ave NE.* Be there to play various non-electronic games. Bring your own or just come to see what others have brought. Feel free to bring a snack to share, too. No cost for the evening, and there will be door prizes. See you on *Friday, Jan. 15, 6:30-9:00.* All ages welcome!

Neighborhood Ambassadors

The BNA will be delivering Welcome Packets to new neighbors in January. The city is providing packets of information helpful to new residents, but they have the names and addresses only of new property owners. If you have a new neighbor who's renting a house or apartment, if you'd like to receive a packet, or if you'd like to help deliver them, contact Jean Hilde. (Contact info above.)

Many Thanks to Patty Pan

As you can see from the many references to Patty Pan in this issue, it's becoming more and more a great resource and meeting place for the neighborhood. The BNA is very grateful to Devra Gartenstein for generously providing this space. Remember that the Humble Feasts on Monday evenings continue all year. Delicious, locally-sourced meals! See the calendar at left for info.

Storytelling event

The BNA is organizing an event that we've never done before: an evening of storytelling by our neighbors!

Afifi Durr, a long-time Briarcrest resident as well as a long-time member of the Seattle Storytellers Guild, will kick off the evening with a story about leaving Lebanon in her youth. There will be another invited person or two relating stories about their past. And perhaps you will have a story to tell! In the open-mic part of the program, each person will be given 5 to 7 minutes to speak. Maybe you have a story about Briarcrest or Shoreline or some other early or recent memory that you'd like to share.

From her experience in the Storytellers Guild, Afifi offers these suggestions for one way that a person might prepare to tell a story. Think about the location and time of your story, the people involved, the problem you encountered and how it was fixed, and what lesson you gained from the experience. Of course, it's important to practice telling your story (with an eye on the clock)!

If you'd like more guidance and practice in storytelling, here's an excellent, low-cost workshop you can take with a delightful professional storyteller who both tells and collects stories internationally. Easy-to-Tell Tales: A Workshop with Dr. Margaret Read MacDonald, Sat., Jan. 23, 9:00-1:00, at the Nordic Heritage Center, 3014 NW 67th St., Seattle. The cost is \$35 (which includes a 1-year membership in the Guild) or \$10 for members, seniors, and students. More info at <http://seattlestorytellers.org/ssg/events/event-8212.html>

Whether you want to tell a story or just listen, come to the BNA Storytelling Evening at *Patty Pan, 15550 27th Ave. NE, Fri., Feb. 5, 7:00-9:00.*

We expect a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Have items or ideas for the next newsletter?

Contact Alice Keller, editor:
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The next issue will appear in early March.

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

Traffic warning signs from the city

Would you like the loan of a yellow crosswalk sign to warn motorists to slow down? Or one of those radar trailers that tell drivers their current speed, compared to the limit on the street? You can borrow them by contacting Kendra Dedinsky, City Traffic Engineer, at 206-801-2431 or kdedinsky@shorelinewa.gov. There's a waiting list, but currently it's not very long.

Shoreline School District news

Congratulations are due to Briarcrest Elementary, which has been selected as a 2015 School of Distinction for supporting continuous improvement in reading and math achievement over a 5-year period. Two other Shoreline schools, Lake Forest Park Elementary and Cascade K-8, were also recognized. For more info: <http://www.shorelineschools.org/news/release.php?releaseid=1679>

The District has a new video to thank the more than 1500 full- and part-time staff and countless volunteers, many of whom are parents, for their hard work in helping our students be successful. Watch it at <https://vimeo.com/146665466>

Neighborhood Communication

Great news! Amy Anscher is building a **new Briarcrest Neighborhood Association website** to replace the previous briarcrestneighbors.net, which has long been on hiatus. Amy plans to have it finished and ready to launch on Jan. 1. Thereafter, she will manage it. You can use the new address – briarcrestneighbors.org – or if you go to the old site, you'll be redirected to the new one. See Amy's contact info at the bottom of this page.

Also see the Director's Message for other means of on-line communication about Briarcrest.

Shoreline Parks Dept. Survey

In January, you may be contacted – by mail, phone, or email – to participate in a survey by the Shoreline Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Service Department. They are beginning an 18-month process to update the 20-year plan for Shoreline programs.

If you're contacted, your feedback will be important.

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