

# Briarcrest Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall Edition  
October 2016

## Letter from the Director

Happy autumn from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! Summer seemed to just suddenly end, didn't it? Hope you're enjoying the brisk weather!

We had a busy summer! Our annual Briarcrest Summer Picnic, which took place August 27 in Hamlin Park, was a fun gathering for neighbors. We enjoyed BBQ'd burgers and hot dogs, an ice cream feed, a cake walk and lots of neighborly conversation. Hope to see you at next year's event!

Also in August, we created and delivered Hospitality/Welcome packets to 52 new Briarcrest neighbors! The packets include an assortment of flyers provided by the city as well as a lovely new neighborhood map. If you are a new resident of Briarcrest or know someone who is (home-owners and renters) and would like a welcome packet, contact us and we'll bring you one!

Our neighborhood storytelling evenings began again on Friday, September 9th after being on hiatus for the summer. A nice group shared travel adventures, camping tales, and even songs! We'll meet next on Friday, November 4th at the home of Jon and Amy Anscher, 16010 - 25th Ave NE from 7 to 9 pm. Please join us for tales and treats! Come prepared with a five- to seven-minute story or just come to listen.

In September, the BNA hosted a discussion about Shoreline's Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces plan with Eric Friedli, Director of Shoreline Parks. Ideas discussed were possibilities for the Fircrest property (recommissioning the swimming pool? a community pea-patch?), potential locations for a play area on the east side of Hamlin Park, and making South Woods Park more attractive and useful to neighbors. BNA'ers spoke to the importance of providing services here in our neighborhood, as many of our residents are less likely than residents of more affluent parts of the city to be able to travel to take advantage of recreation options. You can join in this important conversation here:  
<http://www.cityofshoreline.com/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/parks-recreation-cultural-services-planning/communication-and-outreach>

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!

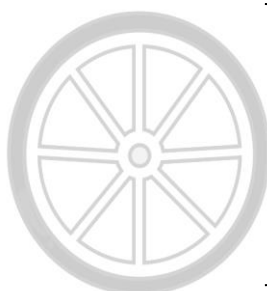
You can find us at our website ([briarcrestneighbors.org](http://briarcrestneighbors.org)), our Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group ([groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors](https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors)) and on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/Briarcrest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

We invite you to join us at our regular Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meetings\* (second Tuesday of each month at Patty Pan Co-operative Kitchen, 7:00 to 8:30 pm) as well as our neighborhood events. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again!

Jean Hilde-Fulghum  
BNA Director

\*Next meeting is  
November 15, due to election

**New Bike Lanes**  
Coming to the Briarcrest  
Neighborhood  
Spring 2017  
More information online  
[Briarcrestneighbors.org](http://Briarcrestneighbors.org)



## Calendar of Events

### Ongoing Events:

BNA Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7-8:30, Patty Pan\*

\*Next meeting is November 15, due to election

Humble Feast Community Dinner – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30  
Patty Pan's Neighborhood Kitchen

### Seasonal Events:

Hamlin Halloween Haunt  
Friday, Oct. 23, 6-8:30 Hamlin Park (15<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Halloween Carnival  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 3-7  
Syre Elementary

Parks, Outdoor Recreation & Public Art in Neighborhoods and in Light Rail Station Subareas meeting  
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7-9  
Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers

Briarcrest Storytelling  
Friday, Nov. 4, 7-9  
Jon and Amy Anscher's home  
16010 25th Ave NE

Election Day  
Tuesday, Nov. 8

Aquatic/Community Center Feasibility: Aquatic and Recreation Program & Facility Planning  
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7-9  
Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers

Parents' Night Out  
Friday, Dec. 9 6:30-9  
First Christian Reformed Church

Securing Our Foundation/Shaping Our Future Community Open House: Bringing It All Together  
Saturday, Jan. 7 10am-noon  
Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers

## Free Tutoring for Elementary Students

KidREACH is a one-on-one mentoring program offering free tutoring Wednesday after school for students in first through sixth grade. Tutoring takes place in classrooms at Shoreline Christian School, and is sponsored by the First Christian Reformed Church of Seattle and supported by World Vision. Transportation will be provided from Briarcrest Elementary School. For more information please email [office@seattlecrc.org](mailto:office@seattlecrc.org) or call 206-364-3021.

## Get Rid of Invasive Weeds!

Two large weed wrenches are available for you to borrow, courtesy of the City Parks Department! Contact local resident Bettelinn to set up the details. [bettelinn@hotmail.com](mailto:bettelinn@hotmail.com), 206-363-5517

## Two Halloween Activities



**Halloween Carnival**  
Saturday Oct 29  
GAMES & PRIZES  
HAUNTED HOUSE  
INFLATABLES  
FOOD & DRINKS

**Syre Elementary**  
19545 12th Ave NW  
**from 3 - 7pm**  
open early from 2 - 3pm for kids  
with special needs & their families

RICHMOND BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION | [RICHMONDBEACHWA.ORG/CARNIVAL](http://RICHMONDBEACHWA.ORG/CARNIVAL)

## Hamlin Halloween Haunt

On Friday, October 23, 6-8:30, you're invited to Hamlin Park to listen to spooky songs and stories, toast marshmallows around a campfire, ride a hay wagon, play Halloween games and have your face painted. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

Sponsored by Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

206-801-2600  
[shorelinewa.gov/SpecialEvents](http://shorelinewa.gov/SpecialEvents)

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Next BNA newsletter scheduled for Winter 2017

## The Briar Patch

The west side of Briarcrest Elementary School, between the building and tree canopy, is now known as "The Briar Patch." For years, this space was relatively unused, but over the past year, Briarcrest Elementary School PTA board member April Ingle and University of Washington Community, Environment and Planning student Yifan Li worked together to design a space that can be used as an outdoor classroom and garden.



The garden plan includes established garden beds, murals painted on the ground, and art decorating the fence. The garden's produce will act as a CSA for students at the school who have a food scarcity at home.

Leadership is currently applying for grants, fundraising, and accepting donations so all materials can be purchased by early spring 2017. Volunteers are needed to help this plan become a reality. Please check out the Briarcrest PTA website ([briarcrestpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home](http://briarcrestpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home)) and click on "The Briar Patch" link on the left hand side for more information and history on the project. The garden is intended to act as a Pea Patch during the summer months, so start thinking ahead and pitching in as a steward of the space in exchange for fresh organic produce.

## Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is for any parent of a child or children age six months through eleven years old who might need a little time in December. Use this time for Christmas shopping without children, a date night, or just plain "me" time! The First Christian Reformed Church will provide a safe environment, free of charge, where the children can enjoy playtime, games, and snacks with other children under the supervision of qualified adults. Friday, December 9 from 6:30-9:00 pm. Sponsored by First Christian Reformed Church, please register by email [office@seattlecrc.org](mailto:office@seattlecrc.org) or call 206-364-3021.