

Briarcrest Neighborhood Newsletter

Fall Edition
October 2017

Letter from the Director

Happy Autumn from your Briarcrest Neighborhood Association! Hope your summer was fun and fruitful and that you're enjoying our early fall weather (or is it late summer?) with the kids back at school and winter preparations underway.

The BNA worked on a number of fun projects this summer. Our mini-grant funding request to the City of Shoreline was enthusiastically accepted and we now have wonderful Briarcrest Neighborhood yard signs! Please join us in creating a kind and welcoming neighborhood by putting a sign in your yard. Contact me, or any BNA officer to get a free yard sign.



Two-sided Briarcrest Neighborhood yard sign, available to you for free thanks to a grant from the city!

Our Storytelling Workshop with Norm Brecke and Anne Rutherford in July was a huge success. Attendees learned how to create and tell a personal life story during this fun interactive afternoon. A big thank you to the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council for their support of this event!

The Third Annual Briarcrest Neighborhood Picnic in August welcomed some 50 neighbors of all ages. Activities included hot dogs and burgers, an ice cream feed, cake walk contest, kids' activities and lots of good conversation. Hope to see you there next year!

In the coming year, the BNA will work on neighborhood emergency preparedness using the City's "Map Your Neighborhood" disaster readiness program. At our upcoming monthly meetings we will discuss how we can build and strengthen community disaster readiness for an event such as an earthquake. We would love to have you join us for these discussions! Pick up materials for your own "Map Your Neighborhood" block party from the City by contacting Victoria Alie at (206)801-2254 or valie@shorelinewa.gov.

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 or Emergency Preparedness 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!

If you're new to Briarcrest or know someone who is and you'd like a Briarcrest Hospitality Packet, just contact us. You can find us at our website, our Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group, and on our Facebook page or contact me at jmhilde@earthlink.net or 206-362-4315.

We invite you to join us at our regular Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meetings on the 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!

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Next BNA newsletter scheduled for Winter 2018

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Website: Briarcrestneighbors.org

Google Group: groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/briarcrestneighbors

Facebook: facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors

Be Smart at next BNA meeting



The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association meeting on October 10 will feature a BeSMART presentation. The BeSMART for Kids program addresses simple solutions for parents and adults to reduce and prevent child gun deaths and injuries. Every year, nearly 300 children age 17 and under gain access to a gun and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else, and nearly 500 more die by suicide with a gun. Many of these deaths are entirely preventable with responsible gun storage. We know we can keep our kids safer by introducing these five easy steps to parenting and everyday life. All are welcome to come and learn. Our skilled, knowledgeable presenter will be happy to take questions. Together, we can protect kids. A program of © 2017 Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund.

City Council Candidates' Forum

It's time for our semi-annual City Council Candidates' Forum on October 12! Come meet, talk, and listen. We'll open our doors at 6pm for an opportunity to talk with School Board candidates, then start the City Council candidates question and answer session at 7pm. We'll be in the downstairs function hall at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at the corner of NE 145th St and 20th Ave NE. Do you already know what you'd like to ask the candidates? Send me questions in advance at skbriarcrest@gmail.com. Thanks, and see you there!
—Sarah Kaye

Briarcrest Working on Disaster Preparedness

The Briarcrest Neighborhood is working with Shoreline Disaster Management to establish a disaster HUB for the Briarcrest neighborhood. This will be the first HUB established in Shoreline. The goal for this Hub would be to give residents a place to come together following a significant disaster for communication with the city, with other locations, and with the neighborhood itself. The HUB will collect information on local situations, needs and resources, and assist in the allocation of resources to needs.

The HUB will have a core volunteer group of 5-10 people including Neighborhood Association Members, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Members, and Auxiliary Communication Services (ACS) Radio Operators. The hope is to establish this team as soon as possible.

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association will be having presentations at their monthly meetings addressing various aspects of Emergency Preparedness. At the September meeting, we presented on Map your Neighborhood. The upcoming meetings will have presentations on the following specific topics: October on water, November on food, December on sanitation, January on fire suppression, and February on utility safety. All Briarcrest residents are welcome and encouraged to come find out more about what Briarcrest Neighborhood is doing to be ready for a disaster.



Hamlin Halloween Haunt

Friday, October 20 from 6-8pm in Hamlin Park, bring the kids for spooky songs and stories, toast marshmallows around a campfire, ride the hay wagon, play Halloween games, and have your face painted at the free Hamlin Halloween Haunt. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

Storytelling Evenings

The last BNA storytelling evening, on Sept. 8, was perhaps our best yet, with 9 stories of extreme variety. Tellers had prepared well, and the listeners were appreciative and enthusiastic. We heard two folk tales, one about a guru and an amusing one from Korea; personal stories about the Beatles, a stubborn child, a memorable day in Yemen, and immigration from Lebanon to the U.S.; a scary campfire story with a twist; a lively mostly-mimed incident from an English summer; and a narrative from a cave in France 14,000 years ago. What a smorgasbord!

Our next such evening will be Friday, Nov. 3, 7-9. As usual, Jon and Amy Anscher are generously hosting at 16010 25th Ave NE. There's plenty of parking across the street in the east Hamlin Park lot.

Come to listen or to tell a story, not to exceed 7 minutes. Tellers should practice and time themselves beforehand. Bring a treat to share if you wish. Join us for another evening of wonderful stories! Everyone is welcome!

Open House at Shoreline Christian

Come see what Shoreline Christian School has to offer! For more information, please visit www.shorelinechristian.org.

Preschool to 12th Grade
November 2, 2017 - 6:30 - 9:00

Kindergarten
December 7, 2017 - 7:00 - 9:00

Preschool
January 25, 2018 - 9:30-11:30 and 5:00-7:00



Remember to Vote

November 7 is Election Day! Remember to sign your envelope and turn in your ballot by November 7. You can pop your completed ballot in the mail with a stamp, or use a free drop box – the closest ballot drop boxes are at the Shoreline Library (345 NE 175th Street) and Lake City Library (12501 28th Ave NE).

If you are a new voter, remember the online/mail in deadline to register to vote is October 9, and the in person deadline is October 30.

Only 33.76% of registered voters in King County voted in the primaries.

For more information about registering to vote, visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx>



La fecha límite de la elección es el 7 de noviembre. Regístrate para votar hoy.



Hamlin Park

The City of Shoreline is looking for a new maintenance yard site for both the Ronald Wastewater District and the Seattle Public Utilities' water system in Shoreline. One option the city is considering is repurposing four acres within Hamlin Park.

Though other options are being considered, and decisions have yet to be made, some are concerned about this plan. "Save Hamlin Park" signs can be seen in yards and windows around Briarcrest and Ridgecrest, and neighborhood organizers and environmentalists have encouraged residents to attend rallies and city council meetings.

To read more about the plan, visit

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2017/staffreport073117-9b.pdf>



A big thanks to Patty Pan for sponsoring the postage for this month's mailed out newsletters! Be sure to check out their Humble Feasts the first Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30pm.
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