

# Briarcrest

Neighborhood News



December 2014

## Update on the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association

From the weekly meals at POPY's Cafe to Patty Pan Cooperative and from Briarcrest Elementary PTSA to the South Woods neighbors, the Briarcrest neighborhood in Shoreline is and will continue to remain a vibrant community.

For a long time, the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association has been active in developing a sense of community for the neighborhood. In recent years, the organization has experienced a drop in the number of people attending meetings, pushing more and more of the tasks of running the organization onto fewer and fewer people. One consequence is that the association did not apply for any city mini-grants over the past couple of years, since it has seen fewer people at BNA-sponsored work parties.

At the last meeting of the BNA, in October, the attendees unanimously decided to not to continue monthly meetings for the time being. The members in attendance wanted to make sure the BNA could be in a good position to succeed in fulfilling its mission to develop and maintain a strong community in Briarcrest. We hope the organization can be reinvigorated in 2015, perhaps beginning with a great party. (See party item below.)

If pressing issues for the neighborhood arise, we can call a meeting or meetings as desired.

In the meantime, a few people are continuing to provide news about Briarcrest neighborhood through this newsletter, and members of two email groups share information: **Google Group** and **Briarcrest Next Door**. Also, Alice Keller is now representing the neighborhood at the monthly meetings of the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods.

Within Shoreline (and Briarcrest) there are several other ways to get on-line information about what's happening and what might affect our neighborhood. The South Woods Neighbors has its own Facebook group. At the city-wide level, the City of Shoreline has its own Facebook page and has developed Alert Shoreline for people to follow. Diane Hettrick publishes lots of information about Shoreline at Shoreline Area News. Finally, Secret Shoreline is a great Facebook page.

Several great organizations in Briarcrest continue to work and advocate on behalf of the neighborhood. The Briarcrest, Kellogg, and Shorecrest PTSAs are active. Briarcrest has more churches than any other neighborhood in Shoreline. Patty Pan Cooperative has established itself as a community meeting place at the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> and 158<sup>th</sup>.

Be informed, keep in touch with your neighbors, and be part of a revitalized BNA in 2015!

-- Chris Roberts, Alice Keller, Devra Gartenstein, and Jean Hilde-Fulghum

*Briarcrest Next Door:* To join, <https://nextdoor.com/find-neighborhood/wa/shoreline/>

*Google Group:* To join, contact Jean Hilde-Fulghum, [jmhilde@earthlink.net](mailto:jmhilde@earthlink.net)

*City of Shoreline: Alert Shoreline:* <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/government/departments/police-department/crime-prevention/alert-shoreline>

*Shoreline Area News website:* <http://www.shorelineareanews.com/>

*Briarcrest PTSA website:* <http://briarcrestpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

*Kellogg PTSA website:* <http://kelloggptsa.org/>

*Shorecrest PTSA website:* <http://www.shorecrestptsa.org/>

## Annual BNA Party

The BNA has sponsored an annual spring party for a number of years. Unfortunately, this year there's a dearth of leadership to plan and carry out such a party. However, interest has been expressed in having a summer party at a park, instead, which could offer activities attractive to families with children. This could be a refreshing change!

If you'd like to help plan such an event, please contact Jean Hilde-Fulghum, [jmhilde@earthlink.net](mailto:jmhilde@earthlink.net).

## Thanks to Ian and Donna

Two stalwart members of the BNA have had to withdraw, and we're sorry to see them go.

**Ian Taylor** was Acting Treasurer, the Briarcrest representative to the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods, and a member of the School Relations Committee, as well as a source of energy and good ideas.

**Donna McKinnon** served as Recording Secretary. She and her husband have recently moved to Everett. She isn't sure when she joined the BNA, but it was sufficiently long ago that she can't remember!

## Calendar

**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association:**  
No monthly meetings for the time being.

*Every Wed., 5:00-6:30 -- Popy's Café*, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Free meal, all welcome. To volunteer: 206-363-0446.

*Dec. 5 (1:00-9:00), 6 (8:00 a.m. – 9 p.m.), 7 (8:00-4:30) – Christmas trees and wreaths for sale to benefit Shorecrest senior-class graduation celebration.* Scott Sherman Auto Care, 1211 NE 175<sup>th</sup>, next to post office.

*Sat., Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – North City Tree Lighting Ceremony.* Les Schwab, NE 180<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

*Tues., Dec. 9, 7:30-8:50 p.m. – Christmas Ship Visit.* Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> St.

*Thurs., Dec. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Panel discussion about effects of light-rail-related development, esp. re. property taxes and real estate.* Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers.

*Fri., Dec. 19 – Sun., Dec. 21, 4:30-8:30 p.m. – Kruckeberg Botanic Garden's Solstice Stroll.* 20312 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. RSVP at [kruckeberg.org](http://kruckeberg.org).

*Dec. 22, 23, 26, 29, Jan. 2, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Camp Shoreline* for kids 4 to 12. Holiday day camp, Spartan Recreation Center. \$40-\$45/day. Register at 206-801-2600 or [shorelinewa.gov/registration](http://shorelinewa.gov/registration).

### Shorecrest H.S. – Parking update

The new south driveway and parking lots opened for students on Monday, Nov. 24. They now enter and leave the campus from that driveway. Staff are primarily using the north parking lot, and the central parking lot off the bus loop is primarily for visitors.

Now all the new Shorecrest parking is open. We still have a bunch of landscaping to complete, but messiest work is behind us. We are so glad to have the parking done now and can't thank our neighbors enough for their patience.

For info. on holiday giving -- [shorelinepta.com](http://shorelinepta.com), then Family Services, Holiday Baskets.

-- Craig Degginger, Public Information Officer, Shoreline School District

### Briarcrest Elementary

has just completed the first trimester of the school year. We've grown a lot this year, to 496 students! That also includes 3 All-Day Kindergarten classrooms, a new district initiative. Upcoming events: our K-2 Performing Arts presentation of "Washington, My Home"; Combined 6th Grade Orchestras Holiday Concert at Third Place Commons, Dec. 17, 7:30. For families with 2015-2016 kindergarteners, our annual Kinderfest Kindergarten Fair on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 10:00, at the Shoreline Center.

Happy Holidays, from your friends at Briarcrest!  
-- Jonathan Nesson, Principal

### Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods

Alice Keller has replaced Ian Taylor as the BNA rep to the Council of Neighborhoods. The BNA is entitled to an alternate, as well. A person to attend some of the monthly meetings would be most welcome, instead of or in addition to Alice. The meetings are really quite interesting and informative! If you'd like to attend a meeting now and then to find out what's going on in other neighborhoods and Shoreline in general, contact Alice for information: [briarcrestalice@gmail.com](mailto:briarcrestalice@gmail.com) or 206-362-1125.

### Patty Pan Cooperative

After the first of the year, Patty Pan will start holding their Humble Feasts every Monday evening, not just once a month. No dinner in December. Details at [pattypangrill.com](http://pattypangrill.com).

Many thanks to Patty Pan for covering the cost of printing and mailing the paper copies of this issue. They are excellent Briarcrest neighbors!

### Everest Kitchen

Many Briarcrest residents have enjoyed the delicious Nepali, Indian, and Tibetan dishes at Everest Kitchen, which has been at 14561 Bothell Way NE since 2004. In the spring, it will be at a new location! The restaurant on Bothell Way will close at the end of December. After remodeling of the new place, in the upper level of the Lake Forest Park Shopping Center, reopening is expected in April.

### Little Free Libraries

Besides the two Little Free Libraries mentioned in the September issue (one at 158<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and another at 160<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>), I can report two more: one at Patty Pan Cooperative, on the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and NE 158<sup>th</sup> St. (including, appropriately, some cookbooks), and another one also on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., in the first block north of NE 145<sup>th</sup> St.

Are there others out there? If so, let me know, and I'll list them in the next newsletter.

### Seattle Area Feline Rescue

Would you like to brighten your home with a lively new kitten or affectionate adult cat? How about spending 2 or 3 hours a week helping at a new cat shelter not far from Briarcrest? Are you able to foster a cat or a litter of kittens in your home?

SAFe, a nonprofit, no-kill shelter, opened at 14717 Aurora Ave. N. in July. It's an efficient, clean facility, operated with conscientious care. The staff (almost all are volunteers, including me) and furry residents are fun to work with.

Check out the website -- [seattleareafeline rescue.org](http://seattleareafeline rescue.org) -- call 206-659-6220, and/or go directly to the shelter. They're open Friday through Tuesday, 12:00-7:00.

-- Alice Keller

### Have items for the next newsletter?

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

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