

Briarcrest

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Neighborhood Calendar

www.briarcrestneighbors.net

Submissions for the Briarcrest website:
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Council of Neighborhoods, Wednesday, September 3, October 1, & November 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Shoreline Historical Museum, 749 N 175th Street (short block west of Aurora N). Park on east or south side of Museum. The Council of Neighborhoods comprises two representatives from each of the City's 14 neighborhood associations.

BNA General meeting, Monday, September 8, October 13, & November 10, 7:00 pm, Congregational Church, 15518 27th Ave.

Shoreline United Methodist Missions Auction, Saturday, September 13, 1:00 to 3pm, 14511 25th Ave NE. More info: 363-3040.

IvyOut at South Woods Park Saturday, Sept 20, October 18, & Nov 15, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. South Woods Preservation Group: www.savesouthwoods.org.

Sustainable Shoreline Education Association. For information on upcoming meetings, go to: www.sustainableshoreline.org/.

End of Summer Clean-up, Sunday, September 28, 10:30 and 1:00, First Christian Reformed Church. For information contact Tom: 367-3265 or John: 280-0663.

Embrace Shoreline Schools, Saturday, September 27th, 9:00 am. Local churches, neighborhood assoc, & PTAs meet at Briarcrest, Kellogg & Shorecrest to improve the landscaping.

Tent City Farewell Dinner, Wednesday, September 24th, 4:45 - 6:45 pm. Prince of Peace, 145th & 20th. Neighborhood invited. Info: 363-8100.

Visioning for our Future, Wednesday, October 29th, 7:00 pm, Fircrest Activities Building, Briarcrest & Ridgecrest neighborhoods & Fircrest Staff. Information: 801-2554

Bazaar Sale, December 6, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Seattle Congregational Church. Contact: Marilyn Peterson: 367-9104

Table Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 7:00 pm, 15517 27th Ave NE. Bring articles for the newsletter.

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Thanks to the Seattle Congregational Church & the First Christian Reformed Church for the use of their buildings. This newsletter is published by the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association and is distributed by the volunteer Block Contacts who live on your block. We appreciate your comments, your donations to the BNA which offset the printing costs and your patronage of the local businesses that advertise with us.

Are you ready?

It is 3:00 a.m. on a very cold night January 23, 2009. Knocking. Your lights don't work. Stumble around for a flashlight. What is going on? Who's at the door? The lives of you and your family will depend on recognizing Harry, your block contact. There has been a major earthquake that somehow you slept through and in the next few hours things are going to be very difficult. Harry took the CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) training so he might be able to help you. All services are shut down. You will depend upon Harry and your neighbors for the next many days or weeks.

A different scenario: You and everyone else in your neighborhood have lost their jobs and incomes in the worst economic downturn since the great depression. Electricity, water and phone were shut off because you could not pay the bill. Federal, State, County, City governments and relief agencies are overwhelmed. They have nothing left. Your only hope is to stick together with your neighbors and try to help each other by sharing what you have. Do you know your neighbors? Can you trust them? Will they trust you? Your life and the lives of your loved ones will depend upon it.

We are usually too busy with other things to pay attention to our relationships with our neighbors. Those other things don't seem quite so important when a crisis strikes. I am working hard to create sub-neighborhood meetings that are 2 to 4 block radius from your home or apartment. We will more than likely meet in homes. Can you open your home to your neighbors? Would you go to their home? Can you organize or attend a block party?

We face an increase in the number of new homes and apartments in our neighborhood over the next ten years. What would you like to see our neighborhood look like in 10 years? We could make an environmentally sustainable neighborhood with affordable housing, where people live healthy lives in friendly relationship, and are able to walk to jobs and shopping.

Do you want to help realize this dream? Why not start by actually joining BNA? Ask me how.

- Bill Bear, BNA Director

Dog Attack: On 8/27, two loose dogs attacked & injured a cat at 28th NE & NE 160th. Without intervention the cat may have been killed. **Dog owners: please don't let your dogs run loose!**

Health Lab Snow Job?

The Public Health Laboratory in our neighborhood is part of the Homeland Security's Laboratory Response Network for Bioterrorism. Dangerous substances are in that lab. An expansion to the lab is being planned by the State of Washington Department of Health.

There is a question about whether such a lab should be in any residential community. Terrorists may target the lab itself. There is a plan to protect employees and evacuate the lab if attacked, but nothing is in place to protect Fircrest, the children in the nearby schools or the community at large. Expansion increases the problem. Risk to the community has not been adequately assessed. Even the perception of risk will lower property values.

A stakeholder group meant to examine risk and give voice to the community has been formed. When the seven member panel voted to select a contractor for the assessment, four persons with a community orientation voted for Tetra Tech, while three lab insiders voted for Kleinfelder. But ultimately the three lab insiders prevailed and Kleinfelder has the contract. This has not been reassuring and substantial questions continue to go unanswered.

A stakeholder meeting with the Kleinfelder consultant team is scheduled at the Health Lab for Friday, September 26 from 3 to 6. An open house for the Shoreline community is being hosted by the PHL on Thursday, November 6. Whether we can affect the process or merely learn what has been decided for us remains to be seen. Stay tuned.

I urge all Briarcrest citizens to read the story about the Health Lab and Bioterrorism at www.briarcrestneighbors.net.

- Charlie Brown

Southeast Neighborhood Subarea Planning

The 15-member Citizen Advisory Committee formed to guide the SE Neighborhoods Subarea Planning process had its inaugural meeting on July 15th, followed by a tour of the subarea on August 19th. The committee members are: Bill Bear, Arthur Peach, Cara McKinnon, Cecily Kaplan, David Pyle, Dennis Lee, Dick Nicholson, Jeff Mann, Jennifer Hyatt, Loretta VanDyke, Mark Holmes, Rebecca Tracy, Scott Solberg, Sigrid Strom, and Stacy Haiar. The next meeting is September 16, then the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays for the next several months. For further information see: <http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/departments/planning/sesubarea>

- Ian Taylor

Support Local Businesses

It is my hope that your patronage of these small local businesses surrounding our neighborhood will help them to prosper. We depend on them and they benefit from us. An interdependent relationship between us is uniquely challenged because of their geographical locations. They are so spread out that it is difficult if not impossible for them to be connected as support for one another or for us to interact with them as a unit.

These separate businesses which encompass our neighborhood make it possible for residents to walk easily to services and transportation. I have listed them in clockwise fashion as I did five years ago when the list was first made.

- Bettelinn Krizek Brown

Bothell Way

Acacia Memorial Park and Funeral Home

14951 Bothell Way NE
362-5525

Flo-Anna's Diner

14707 Bothell Way NE
367-5562

Howard's Automotive Repair

14701 Bothell Way NE
362-0177

The Everest Kitchen

14561 Bothell Way NE
206-440-0321

Yu Shan

14553 Bothell Way NE
363-5481

McDonald's

14507 Bothell Way NE
365-9020

NE 145th Street

NW Mechanical, Inc.

3204 NE 145th St.
467-6527

76 Gas Station

1554 NE 145th St.
306-0323

15th Avenue NE

Goodwill

14500 15th Ave NE
631-8454

Black Pearl

14602 15th Ave NE
365-8989

Just Hair

14610 15th Ave NE
363-6764

Personal Touch Family Hair Care

14612 15th Ave NE
365-6332

Elegant Nails

14614 15th Ave NE
206-366-7988

J&J Auto Supply

14616 15th Ave NE
367-0780 or 367-0781

Zaika: Authentic Indian Restaurant

14622 15th Ave NE
206-306-0880

Seattle Best Cleaners

14708 15th Ave NE
367-5614

Hombre Hair Designing

14712 15th Ave NE
362-4221

Animal Surgical Clinic of Seattle

14810 15th Ave NE
545-4322

Dorian Studio

14820 15th Ave NE
368-7770

Family Health Care

1507 NE 150th
363-5353

New City of Shoreline Staff

On September 2nd Mark Mayuga joined the City of Shoreline as the new Economic Development Program Manager.

Mark has worked for over 38 years in the corporate and public sectors. He was the owner and president of DesGra, an advertising and marketing agency in Long Beach, California, for 20 years. In 2002 he became the Redevelopment and Special Projects Manager for the City of Fontana, California, where his primary focus was the revitalization and promotion of the Fontana Downtown Business District. Prior to working for the City, Mark was the Executive Director of the Fontana Chamber of Commerce.

Mark has a B.A. in Marketing and Advertising from California State University, Long Beach. He and his wife Christine have an eight-year-old daughter, Julia. He is a car collector, enjoys sailing and cooking, and Christine teaches musical theater and dance. They are very excited about their move to the Shoreline area.

- Ian Taylor

Learn how to prevent injury from falls and be safe at home

Shoreline Fire and SL-LFP Senior Center host a party for seniors at Paramount Park (8th NE & 153rd St), 10:00 - 2:00, Saturday, Sept 27.

Free medical checks, screenings and assessments, and exercise demonstrations will be offered. Refreshments, advice and giveaways!



A fire truck came to visit the Second Annual First Christian Reformed Church Outreach Block Party held in front of Tina Blanding's house on August 3rd. Eight blocks hosted Block Parties this year for neighbors to meet and socialize. The organizers were: Afifi, Glinda and Steve, Leonard and Rhonda, Tina, Kathy and Brian, Margot and Mark, Bill and Holly, Jon and Becka.

Community Improvement

The City of Shoreline Planning Department, under the direction of Paul Cohen, is preparing a community improvement project in our neighborhood! They plan to grub out the blackberries and replace with drought tolerant, native plants. Upon the suggestions of a few neighbors, the department has chosen the dead end right of way on NE 147th St. between 27th Ave NE and 28th Ave NE as this year's endeavor.

The first phase of this plan is scheduled to take place October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and will involve removing blackberries, limbing up trees, removing a large stump, and installing a crushed gravel pathway. The second future phase will include planting Northwest native plants.

You are highly encouraged to get involved. If you have any questions about volunteering at this fall's event, please contact Stacy Haiar (stacyhaiar@yahoo.com). She is your neighbor and is acting as the community representative for this exciting opportunity! Hope to see you there!
- Stacy Haiar

The Barred Owls are Hooting

Since July 15th Barred Owls have been heard hooting in Grace Cole Nature Park on the northeast boundary of Briarcrest. Their young are fledged and will have full feathers by now. Watch for them, and listen for the young to make begging "sssss" sounds.

Other young birds are showing up trying to figure out how to use the bird feeders. All woodpeckers born this year still have red on the whole tops of their heads (like a flat-top.) I've seen the young of both Hairy and Downy woodpeckers. Later in the year, young Piliated woodpeckers will be attracted to the suet I put out. Watch for a parent to be teaching the young how to eat suet, and how to drum for bugs.

Has anyone seen our local coyotes recently? Many have heard them calling.

Color-banded chickadees are starting to move around before settling into their winter territory--they have been sighted at 16010 28th NE., 16376 28th PI NE (banding site), and at 16358 28th PI NE. They had to fly across at least fifteen yards to get to 16010 28th--one of those yards might have been yours. And who knows which other yards they may visit?

If you see chickadees with colored leg bands, please call me (363-4910) and tell me the colors on the left leg and the right leg, and the address nearest to the sighting. (I have an easy form I can give or email to you.)

- Christine Southwick



Construction is progressing well at this point. The inside of the current building has been completely demolished and the foundation for the new addition (on the South side of the existing building) has been poured. Framing of the interior walls in the existing structure is almost complete and we will begin framing the new addition in the near future (pending weather conditions). - Allen Johnson

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