



BNA Director's Message

Hi neighbors!

I usually begin my message with "Happy Spring " (or winter) depending on the season. This summer, with the world seemingly turned topsy-turvy, with so many souls lost to a worldwide pandemic, ongoing nationwide protests, and a crumbling economy and record-setting unemployment, wishing you a happy summer doesn't seem quite right. So instead, I'll extend my sincere hope that you and yours are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.

The BNA has continued to meet on a monthly basis, using the Zoom platform online to "get together." Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 11th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** If you'd like to join us, please contact me at jmhilde@earthlink.net and I'll send you the Zoom invite. Our Google Group is a convenient way to share neighborhood news: just email me or go to Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group and request an invite if you'd like to join the group.

Like many other activities, our *Storytelling Evenings* were put on hold by the outbreak, but we plan to reconvene in via Zoom! Join us for an evening of storytelling on **Friday, September 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Come prepared with a practiced five to seven-minute story or just come to listen and enjoy! Contact Afifi Durr at afifidurr15@gmail.com for your Zoom invitation.

Sadly, our annual *Briarcrest Summer Picnic* has also been cancelled. We look forward to the picnic all year, so the BNA Leadership Team came up with a new event that will allow for social distancing while still connecting our neighborhood: *The Briarcrest Neighborhood Discovery Tour!* The Tour will take place **Saturday, August 22nd between noon and 4:00 p.m.** Part scavenger hunt/part progressive picnic, the Discovery Tour will highlight many unique, "only in Briarcrest" features of our wonderful neighborhood as well as stops to pick up snacks and beverages. Come learn about your 'hood and meet some of your neighbors! Look for more details in the Discovery Tour flyer that was mailed to you with this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you on the Tour!

As always, the BNA would like to make a difference by helping neighbors in need. Over the past few months, we partnered with *Patty Pan Co-operative* and the City of Shoreline and delivered hundreds of free, healthy meals to low-income seniors as they isolated themselves at home. Our neighbors at *Shoreline United Methodist Church* built a Little Free Food Pantry, located at 14511 - 25th Ave NE, which the BNA helps to keep well-stocked. The Little Pantry offers free food items as well as cloth masks for virus protection! "Take what you need, leave what you can."

Again, I and the entire BNA Leadership Team hope that our neighbors are staying safe and healthy. We can make progress against the pandemic if we all, as a community, diligently comply with recommended health practices like social distancing, wearing a mask, and staying home if we feel ill. A good, practical at-home regimen for prevention and treatment of Covid-19 has been published by the Eastern Virginia Medical School and can be found here: https://www.evms.edu/media/evms_public/departments/internal_medicine/EVMS_Critical_Care_COVID-19_Protocol.pdf

Stay well, neighbors, enjoy the summer weather while it lasts, and we hope to meet you or see you again soon... at a safe distance, of course.

Jean Hilde-Fulghum
BNA Director

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association recognizes and denounces the history of systemic, pernicious racism in the United States of America. Parts of our own neighborhood were at one time covered by legal covenants restricting homeownership to white residents. Nobody should be denied housing, education, employment, or even survival based on the color of their skin. We acknowledge that in addition to overt racism, we may also be subject to unconscious bias which impacts the way we view and interact with others.

We pledge to attempt to improve ourselves, work to eliminate all forms of racism, and practice acts of kindness in our community.

Out With The Old, In With The New

The Kellogg Middle School replacement project is progressing on schedule. Weekly reports can be viewed at <https://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/6164>.

Although many neighbors viewed the net loss of trees with reactions ranging from sadness to frustration, the School District wants us to know that replacement trees on site will be both ecologically appropriate and maintained for several years to ensure that planting is successful. The mature fir trees along 25th Ave NE at the south end of the school site will remain in place.

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Photo by S. Keyes

New: Little Free Pantry

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Ave. NE, has a new Eagle Scout Project—a Little Free Pantry, on 20th Ave. NE, in the garden plot in our parking lot. The motto is: *Take What You Need, Give What You Can.*

We invite & encourage Briarcrest Neighbors to join in this project with us!

Our goal is to stock:

- 1) Nonperishable food items such as soups, beans, canned vegetables & fruits, ramen. Dry goods may be OK as well, if the packaging is durable.
- 2) Toiletries — Soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, diapers repackaged in small packages (there's no room for 12-18 diapers in this LITTLE Free Pantry)
- 3) Small packages of pet food — for pets, this may be downsized from your supply into zip lock bags.
Please do NOT repackage human food in smaller baggies/containers.

We look forward to making a difference in our neighborhood with you!

Pastor Pam Russell



Photo by A. Sison

Build a Talent Bank for Your Neighborhood

During emergencies (like a pandemic or an earthquake) sometimes the people you will rely on live right in your neighborhood. In the last few months, you may have gotten to know your neighbors better. On many Shoreline blocks, neighbors have reached out to help, offering to pick up groceries or check with people who live alone. They have helped build resilient neighborhoods, ones that can survive, adapt, and thrive in the face of change.

In years past, on the second Tuesday in August, Shoreline neighbors have come together to celebrate National Night Out. It is a time to block off streets, share food, and get to know each other better. Unfortunately, this year we won't be able to do that. That doesn't mean we can't still work to build resilient neighborhoods!

We have created a [Talent Bank Worksheet Template](https://shorelinewa.gov/NNO) available at shorelinewa.gov/NNO. Work with your neighbors to create a talent bank to inventory your block's combined skills and resources. Is someone in your neighborhood a medical professional? Is someone tech savvy or good with power tools? Are there any CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members on your block? Are there people that can speak multiple languages that could help with interpretation or translations? Continuing to maintain social distance, talk with your neighbors when you see them outside. Or, if you have contact information, invite them to join the talent bank.

Not all your neighbors may want to share personal information or be involved. Please respect their choice.

The City supports building deeper connections at the neighborhood level to create a safer, more responsive community.

Once information is shared, make copies of the completed worksheet so every household can have one. These lists are confidential. They should not be distributed to anyone other than those who have agreed to participate.

More Information

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NEIGHBORHOOD TALENT BANK

This information is confidential and not to be distributed beyond participating neighbors

ADDRESS	123 Circle Drive		
Name	Phone	Email	
Person #1 (adult)	206-555-1234	person1@gmail.com	
Person #2 (adult)	206-555-1235	person2@gmail.com	
Person #3 (minor)	260-555-1236	person3@gmail.com	
Person #4 (minor)	call person 1 or 2	email person 1 or 2	
Emergency Contact: Person #5, sister to Person #1		425-555-1237	person5@gmail.com
Pets	pet #1 (dog), pet #2 (hamster)		
Resources	Generator, NOAA weather radio, crow bar, person #1 knows CPR and first aid, person #2 is trained in search & rescue		
Skills/Hobbies	Person #1 enjoys woodworking & plays guitar; Person #2 enjoys hiking & is fluent in Spanish; Person #3 is an experienced babysitter		
Good To Know	Household is vegetarian. Person #3 is allergic to bees, there is an epipen in the cabinet by the kitchen sink		

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO BRIARCREST'S
NEW SUMMER EVENT!**

The Briarcrest Neighborhood Association is sad to report that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, our annual Briarcrest picnic normally held in August at Hamlin Park has been cancelled.

Instead, the BNA invites you to a *new event* that will allow for appropriate social distancing while still connecting our neighborhood. It's the –

**BRIARCREST NEIGHBORHOOD
DISCOVERY TOUR**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Begin and end at the parking lot of the American Legion Hall,

14521 - 17th Ave NE

where you can pick up maps/clue sheets

as well as a Certificate of Completion when you finish the tour.

Two walking-tour versions to choose from:

One mile and three miles

(The Discovery Tour could be followed by car if preferred.)

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For more information:

<http://briarcrestneighbors.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/BriarcrestNeighbors/>

To join the Briarcrest Neighbors Google Group contact:

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