

Sheridan Shouter

President's Message

As we end the month of March and begin April, we have all reached the saturation point with no end in sight to the heavy rain and intermittent cold. Luckily, our Beach Members who have been adversely affected earlier in the winter have avoided any further flooding and sewage back flow (although there have been a number of close calls). The Board is awaiting further information from City Councilman and Chair of the King County Flood District, Mr. Bob Lee, regarding a proposed meeting with SBCC Members to hear plans regarding future plans for fixes of these chronic problems. Despite the cold and wet winter, flowers are hesitantly beginning to come out of the ground and some of the migrating humming birds are returning, joining the eagles, ospreys, blue heron and cranes. It hardly seems possible that we are beginning to prepare for spring and eventually summer.

The SBCC Board has been working hard to prepare the Beach Club for spring and summer. We are in a sound financial position and have improved our insurance coverage. Work projects are just around the corner. Beach Chair Fritz Anderson and Pool Chair Jason Clowers will have many jobs for eager volunteers. In addition to normal maintenance and repairs, there are usually a number of jobs that require creative talent to make improvements to our facility. As you know, we have had an increasing problem with milfoil in the lake and the resultant safety concerns. As we approach the summer, we are looking for an individual to assist Fritz with regularly and effectively managing our milfoil problem. I would ask anyone interested in volunteering for this position (to remove and manage our milfoil infestation around our swimming area) to contact Fritz or myself to make arrangements for future work projects. This is of particular concern to guarantee safety throughout the spring and summer. We are nearing the opening of the pool on Memorial Day and preparing for Life Guard Training towards the end of May. We are committed to aggressively manage this problem beginning this spring. I am particularly concerned about children of Members who begin to think of swimming in the lake on a sunny day after school prior to the official opening of our season when there are no life guards on duty.

The Board continues to grapple with safety issues related to entry to the Beach. One area where we will attempt to improve this is in more actively controlling access through the front gate and ensuring that only Members and their guests are allowed to enter the Beach Club. I would remind all Members that at no time should the gate be propped open. Members will notice this year that we are trying to make the staff and lifeguards more easily identifiable by emphasizing that our guards be dressed in consistent uniforms.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Pool Report

Our current weather makes it hard to believe the summer swim season is less than 2 months away. The pool is scheduled to open on time and under budget.

Our guards are scheduled for training and their new uniforms have been ordered.

Jason Clowers, Pool Chair

Swim Team

Registration for Summer Swim Team is Monday, April 11th from 4:30 to 6:30 at Brookside Elementary School.

If you received a swim team packet, please bring your form with you to Brookside on the April 11th. Extra registration forms will be on hand for new swim families.

Fill out forms prior to registration, but **do not write checks** before you turn in your forms. Registration fees: First swimmer \$95, \$75 for each additional child. Operating Fee \$90

Swim team suits are available for ordering. (Separate check for swim suits.)

**Michele Hausman, Liz Rogers,
Teri Clowers & Cyndi Standaert**
Swim Team Moms

Beach Report

The Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner, so that means it's also time for the Mini-workday Easter Cleanup! On April 16th a few volunteers will meet at 9:00AM to make sure the areas are clean for the kids.

The annual Beach/Pool Workdays are coming up in May. Please set aside one of the following dates to work with your neighbors to improve our beach.

Saturday, May 14 & 21 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Be sure to sign-in to receive credit for your work day.

Milfoil can be a BIG problem. We are on the lookout for volunteers to help maintain a safe swim area by removing milfoil before opening day and during the summer season.

To volunteer for the April 16 workday or the milfoil cleanup, contact Fritz at

fritz@anderson-specialties.com

Thanks!
Fritz Anderson, Beach Chair

COMMUNITY EVENTS



"Take a Sip"

Saturday, May 14th
7 to 10 o'clock in the evening
at the Lake Forest Park Civic Club.

This is a wine tasting and small silent auction to raise money to purchase an electronic event/heat board and new banner for the Sheridan Beach Swim Team.

The price of the tickets are \$25.00 per person.
Contact Gegi Ward-gward74@comcast.net or Sedona Sanches-sedhome@hotmail.com to purchase tickets!
Looking forward to spending an evening with friends !!

Sheridan Beach Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 23rd
10 to Noon
Egg Hunt, Games, Face Painting....



In the past few years, we have had concerns over too many eggs being collected by the younger children, leaving few for the older age groups. Be mindful of what your children are collecting and note the increased number of eggs to be dropped off.

Drop off a **minimum of 10** candy filled eggs per child on Friday, 4/22 between 4 & 7:00

Heights: Beach:
Potter Residence Howland Residence
16247 39th Ave NE 16524 Shore Dr NE

Sailing Club News

Teen involvement in the Sailing Club is expanding! Our regularly scheduled Wednesday Regattas and summer sailing lessons will continue!

Wednesday Regatta Potlucks

Wednesday Regatta Potlucks begin regularly at 6 p.m. Families and friends enjoy a potluck dinner and sailing a set course together, practicing their sailing skills. Bring a dish to share and join us sailing!

Sailing Lessons

Sailing lessons will be offered by our skilled teen Sailing Club members, Ethan Hausman and Elliot Fisher. If you are interested in lessons, contact Ethan 206-501-5746/ HelloPerson1000@comcast.net, or Elliot at 206-604-9280, elliottfisher@live.com.

Helpful Boat Rigging Reminder

All sailors should review proper rigging instructions and de-rig boats correctly. Rigging instructions are available in the sailing shed. Ethan Hausman and Elliot Fisher are also knowledgeable resources (contact info provided above).

Adult-Sized Life Vests Needed

We are in need of more adult-sized life vests. If you have gently used life vests, we would appreciate your donation. Contact Mirium Stangel @ 206-383-6467, Mirium@comcast.net.

Sailing Membership Information

All Beach Club members are welcome to join the Sailing Club. There is a one-time capital fee of \$650 per family, payable over two years, plus a \$75 annual operations fee.

To join the Sailing Club:

- **Send a \$400 check payable to Sheridan Beach Community Club to:** Eric Hausman, Treasurer
16034 37th Ave NE
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
- **Fill out the [Agreement and Liability Waiver](#) (needs to be submitted each year)**
- **Contact [Brian Coxon \(coxon-sail@in-tec.com\)](mailto:coxon-sail@in-tec.com) to schedule a qualification exam. Qualifications are listed below:**
 - [Sailing Qualifications Handbook](#)
 - [Qualified Skippers List](#)

For information about the Sailing Club Membership, please contact Liz Richmond at: elizabethrichmond@comcast.net or 206-524-3615.



Safety Report

Parking issues:

If your house was on fire or there was a medical emergency, would the fire truck and ambulance be able to get down your street, or is the street blocked daily by parked cars? **LFP Municipal code calls for 10 feet of clear roadway.** The fire department would prefer 12 feet, because the fire truck, including mirrors is **10.5 feet wide!!** Some of our streets have a width of 24 feet. With parking on both sides (6-8 feet depending on car or truck width and distance from curb) there is often not enough room for safety vehicles. The fire lieutenant told me that during the Christmas Ship event they were called out and had terrible time getting through the parked cars.

If parking is and has been an issue on your block, are you and your neighbors ready to limit parking to one side of the street only? This is what would be required:

- 1) Neighbors must decide which side of the street will be available for parking.
- 2) 70% of the neighbors on that block **MUST AGREE** and sign off on it.
- 3) Then, the city will work with you to put up No Parking signs.

I spoke with a representative from the traffic division, here are some possible options:

- 1) Alternate parking side on odd & even days. Monthly alternating may be possibility.
- 2) One-sided parking could be limited to the especially narrow section (such as on a curve) with "No parking between signs", but this would still require 70% agreement by the whole block (because limiting parking in one area might push the parking farther down the street.)

The Board supports the efforts of residents to keep their streets passable for safety vehicles, and we are willing to help in any way we can. But it is a block by block decision, requiring neighbors to work together. If this issue is a problem on your street, meet with your neighbors and see if you can agree which side to park on. Concern about this issue seems to be at an all time high, so it might be easier than you think to come to an agreement.

Earthquake:

If an earthquake happened while you are reading this, would your earthquake kit be up to date? Does your family have an agreed upon emergency plan, complete with the phone number of an out-of-state relative? There is a lot of preparedness information available.

Seattle Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.seattle.gov/emergency/>

For emergency kits: <http://www.seattle.gov/emergency/prepare/personal/supply.htm>

Streetlights

I was told when I last called about the many streetlights I'm personally working on that calling (even if after hours and leaving the information on the voice mail) is better than using the web site reporting feature, as the phone calls get cleared first each day. Call again if you have a light that isn't working as it could be an error on their part. When the light across the street from my house had sat for two months **with no lamp on it . . . just a pole with wires sticking out** I called again, and it had been reported as being fixed. It was repaired rapidly after my call, which was probably at least the fourth report about that light. Patience and perseverance!

Burke Gilman

Work to improve and widen the trail will begin mid-to-late May. They are working on obtaining the necessary permits from LFP for the bike detour route. As of March 24, King County Planning/Parks plan that the detour route will...*utilize Beach Drive from just south of Log Boom Park (there will have to be short connector trail constructed from the Burke-Gilman Trail down to Beach Drive) and head west past the civic club; then jog to Brentwood; then to Shore Drive and then to Beach Drive and turn northwest up 165th, crossing SR522.* Detour signage would be posted along the entire route.

Barb Sharkey, Safety Chair

SBCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2011

Members in attendance: Susan King, Bruce Olson, Barb Sharkey, Mirium Stangel, Scott King, Aimee Sheridan, Cheryl Waite, Mary Ellen Cavallon, Cathy McMahon, Michael Feinberg, Fritz Anderson, Eric Hausman, Mary Jane Goss

Meeting called to order 7:05pm.

Approval of January minutes: Approved without comment

Sailing Club/Water Polo Report: Discussion of the Boards consideration of the need for background checks (see discussion below re: proposal by Member Richard Sharkey) and evolving insurance issues

Treasurer's Report: Eric presented a budget proposal that included an approximate 5% increase dues for both Beach and Pool members, as recommended by the Board during the January meeting. As noted in January, the last dues increase was in 2008. Budget voted on and passed. The City of LFP asked if we could include a note about LFP 50th Anniversary celebration events this year on the invoice or in the Shouter. Budget detail discussions included: difference between capital expenses and maintenance; current security system vs. potentially changing security systems; tax expenses; and utilities costs. The Treasurer welcomed suggestions for improving the invoice form. Mary Jane Goss discussed information she received that indicated that it might be possible to get a small grant for rebuilding the steps in the Heights leading from 165th to 38th. **ACTION:** Eric, Bruce, and Michael will be meeting with our insurance broker next week to discuss policy issues uncovered during a comprehensive review by Michael Feinberg. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 was approved as submitted by Board vote.

President's Report: No report

Committee Reports:

Pool/Swim Team (report from Jason Clowers presented by President- Jason not present)
All employment offers have been offered/accepted, salaries approved. Training begins 05/22/11. Three new lifeguards have been hired. Remainder are returning. A required inspection by a diver from Cascade Pool works needs to be finalized. Hugh Milburn has contacted Northwest Mechanical to fix solar system. Need new main pump: possible grant from Seattle City Light...? Chlorine issues will be addressed. List of uniforms for Guards has been suggested, and will be forwarded to Treasurer (when costs are determined).
Suggestions for format for Junior Lifeguard program: later in the summer and maybe a week or two in duration? Discussion ensued.

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SBCC BOARD MINUTES CONT.

Beach (Fritz Anderson) Preventative maintenance plan is in the works. Site assessment and deferred maintenance.

Capital Improvements (George Ward-not present) Brief summary presented by President.

Public Safety (Barb Sharkey) Barb has been attending watershed meetings.

Covenants and Restrictions (Don Born-not present) Report provide by President. One property in question has no permit for project, may be in violation of LFP restrictions.

Membership (Aimee Sheridan) Several prospective associates on the waiting list.

Special Events (Mary Jane Goss) Meagan Howland has boxes of Easter supplies. Mary Jane Goss has volunteered to Co-Chair the Special Events committee, with the assistance of Mary Ellen Cavalon.

Communications: (Scott King) Scott is working on assembling prototype for potential website changes. Board willing to support proposals for improvement.

Transportation (Mary Jane Goss) Further discussion of potential LFP mini grant for repair of steps in the Heights.

Old Business:

Directory Update will be finalized and sent out after statements go out, and after work parties in May. Shouter publication schedule: Deadlines are VERY important because Shouter editor (Cheryl Waite) needs adequate time to write and assemble the current Shouter. **ACTION:** Susan King has volunteered to help Cheryl with mailing of the Feb/March Shouter. Cheryl will resend Shouter deadline dates so Board can assist her in promptly meeting deadlines.

Special meeting guest: Member Richard Sharkey, to discuss his proposal to do background checks on specific individuals (including prospective Board Members prior to elections). Richard outlined purpose of proposal. Discussion of Board's Special Committee's recommendation to not accept proposal. Discussion regarding prior legal actions involving SBCC and consideration of risk issues.

Question of whether past/current process is necessary and necessarily consistent with SBCC Bylaws. Discussion ensued regarding problems potentially related to background checks. Desire to not jeopardize recruiting/encouraging people to run on for the Board. Risk management...?

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm

Next meeting March 9th, 2011. Bruce Olson's home, 7pm.

President's Message continued...

We will make an effort to have Beach, Pool Chairs as well as the Life Guard staff pictures available on display so that the Members can familiarize themselves with those individuals. As the season gets underway, please also make an effort to introduce yourself to the staff to allow them to familiarize themselves with all Members.

On a final note, we will be facing a particularly challenging problem this summer as the Burke-Gilman Trail will be under construction (under the control of King County). The Board has a number of concerns with the County's plans for construction on the trail. It now appears that there will be an attempt to create an alternate route for trail users through the Sheridan Beach neighborhood. It is not clear at this point what kind of problems that this will present to Members. It is also not clear at this point how this will affect parking this summer around the Beach Club. Certainly, anyone able to walk to the Beach Club would potentially avoid parking problems should they occur. As summer approaches, remind all children who will be crossing a much more busy SR-522/Bothell Way to exercise additional caution as well as when they are crossing what may be a Burke-Gilman Trail under construction.

Finally, I would urge all of those members who have not yet paid their dues to do so as quickly as possible (including updated information) so that we can quickly complete and distribute a revised 2011 SBCC Directory. I am pleased to announce that as we enter our 2011 summer season that the Board has been working diligently to ensure a safe and satisfying summer season.

Bruce Olson – President SBCC

Email: thefamilyolson@msn.com

Telephone: 206-363-8408

Volunteers Needed:

Mini Work Party for Easter Party - Saturday, April 16 from 9 to 11

Contact Fritz Anderson at fritz@anderson-specialties.com

Easter Party Activities Volunteers - Saturday, April 23 from 9 to Noon

Contact Cheryl Waite at bcbwaite@aol.com

Milfoil Clean-Up in Swim Area

Contact Fritz Anderson at fritz@anderson-specialties.com or

Bruce Olson at thefamilyolson@msn.com

Applications for Associate Membership

The following applicants are being considered for becoming associate members in the Sheridan Beach Community Club. These names are being published for your review.

If you have any comments on any of these applicants, please email Aimee Sheridan, Membership Chair at aimsclimbs@gmail.com or call 206-367-5542.

Silje Sodal and Pete Claar, 18492 43rd Ave. NE
Sponsors: Alexandra Davis and Kim Vance

Greg and Shary Van, 17236 Brookside Blvd. NE
Sponsors: Alexandra Davis and Diane Grabowski

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just in time for Mother's Day!

Sheridan Guild is having a **Spring Plant Sale**
Benefiting Seattle Children's Hospital



Choose from several gorgeous hanging baskets,
tomato's and even herbs.
Grown locally by Bel-R Greenhouse.



Email us at sheridanguild@gmail.com to request an order form.
Hurry, don't delay, all orders and payments are **due April 10th**
with delivery on April 27th to the beach club.

All proceeds support uncompensated care at Seattle Children's Hospital.

5th Anniversary Art Exhibition and Sale

After five years of contributing to pediatric brain tumor research,
Pink Polka Dots pays tribute to its community.

Sunday, May 22nd from 2 to 6pm
at the Lake Forest Park Civic Club
17301 Beach Drive NE



To date, the guild has raised over \$330,000 for for Dr. Jim Olson's
lab at the Fred Hutchinson Research Center. The Pink Polka Dots Guild
is celebrating five years of funding Seattle Children's Hospital
cancer research with an art sale featuring art, crafts, and specialties
from local artists and guild members.

www.pinkpolkadotsguild.net

Mark Your Calendar

April 11, 2011

Swim Team Registration at Brookside

April 16, 2011

Mini Beach Work Party (9 to 11am)

April 22, 2011

Egg Drop Off (4 to 7:00pm)

April 23, 2011

Easter Party (10 to Noon)

May 14 & 21, 2011

Beach Work Parties (9 to 1)

May 22, 2011

Pink Polka Dots Art Show

May 28, 2011

Sheridan Beach Pool Opening Day

Shouter Editor: Cheryl Waite

Send letters/submissions to:

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with subject heading "Shouter" or
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