

Parkwood Neighborhood Association

PNA Annual Newsletter  2014

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Greetings, Parkwood Neighbors!

The Parkwood Neighborhood Association (PNA) is thrilled to bring you our first neighborhood newsletter. We have only been active for a little over a year, but we've already grown to a board of nine volunteers. We're a thoughtful and energetic group that balances dreaming big with making things happen for our wonderful neighborhood. Our goal is to build a greater sense of community by:

- ▶ **Getting to know each other:** Helping to organize community events and activities that will encourage neighbors to get out and meet each other.
- ▶ **Working on local issues:** Addressing neighborhood challenges and opportunities such as crime prevention, emergency preparedness, transportation, and park improvements.
- ▶ **Being informed about our community:** Representing our neighborhood at the council of neighborhoods, and becoming informed about issues and opportunities in greater Shoreline.

Please take a look at our 2014 calendar, and plan to join us at a meeting or event!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

We need many hands to make big ideas happen. The Parkwood Neighborhood Association is entirely volunteer driven, and we are always seeking more help with planning of events and activities, gathering information to share with neighbors, and interacting with the City of Shoreline. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us for more details. We welcome all levels of participation.

- ▶ Attend a Monthly Association Meeting, 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Aegis Library, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm
- ▶ Help plan and assist with community garden improvements (email randygardens@gmail.com)
- ▶ Twin Ponds cleanup (*see details on page 2*)
- ▶ Represent Parkwood at the monthly Council of Neighborhoods (CON) meetings
- ▶ Social media/communications
- ▶ Distribute welcome packets to new neighbors
- ▶ Get together with neighbors on your block to plan for emergencies, form a Block Watch, or organize an annual Night Out Against Crime block party

2014 Neighborhood Calendar*

February

- 7:** Parkwood Neighborhood Winter Social/World Dance Party at Parkwood Elementary (*see page 2*)
- 11:** Deadline to return your special election ballot (*see page 2*)
- 14:** PNA Meeting on diversity in our neighborhood

March

- 12:** PNA Meeting on Emergency Planning

April

- 9:** PNA Meeting on Traffic Issues in Parkwood
- 27:** Spring Cleanup at Twin Ponds (*see page 2*)

May

- 14:** PNA Meeting featuring Q&A with Shoreline Police Outreach Officer Perry

 Please check our website for calendar updates.

June

- 11:** PNA Meeting on Block Watches

July

- 9:** PNA Meeting on National Night Out Against Crime
- TBD:** Summer Neighborhood Potluck at Twin Ponds
- TBD:** Council of Neighborhoods Book Sale

August: Month Off

September

- 10:** PNA Meeting with a special topic TBD

October

- 8:** PNA Meeting on 2015 Planning

November

- 12:** PNA Annual Meeting with guest speakers & election

December

- 10:** PNA Meeting/Holiday social



*All PNA meetings are held at 7 pm at Aegis, 14900 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, in the 2nd floor library.

Report from the Nov. 2013 Annual Meeting

Dick Deal, Shoreline's Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, was the featured guest at PNA's first Annual Meeting on November 13, 2013. He spoke generally about the current state of Shoreline, informed us about Shoreline parks, and answered questions specifically about Twin Ponds Park. Here are some highlights:

- ▶ The City Council has expressed interest in improving 145th Street as part of the proposed light rail station, and will pursue grant funding to help with the costs.
- ▶ The Parks Dept. will begin servicing the restroom in city parks more than once a day, and the police will lock up park restrooms nightly.
- ▶ Mr. Deal took note of our comment that south parking lot lighting at Twin Ponds Park would encourage its use and make it safer.

We also conducted our first official election. We are looking for more board members, so please contact us if you might be interested in being a part of our leadership group.

A Few Facts about Parkwood

3,400

◀ Total population of Parkwood:
(1,500 housing units, 62% owner occupied)

Total population of Shoreline ▶
(21,561 housing units; 65% owner occupied)

53,000

Minority population

38.8%

Largest minority: Asian

17.5%

Percentage of households with children ▶

23%

32%

◀ Percentage of one-person households

Poverty level in Parkwood ▶

8.2%

8.9%

◀ Poverty level in Shoreline

Two School Levy Propositions on Special Ballot

February 11 is the deadline to return your special election ballot, which will include **two replacement levies for the Shoreline School District**. Prop 1 would replace an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. Prop 2 would replace the expiring capital levy for technology improvements and support.

On January 6, the Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 354 supporting Shoreline School District's Proposition No. 1 and No. 2. You can find more information at www.shorelineschools.org.

Volunteer as a Steward of Twin Ponds Park

Over the years, the wooded areas of Twin Ponds Park have slowly been restored to a habitat for native biodiversity. Indigenous plants, shrubs, and trees have replaced invasive English ivy and Himalayan blackberries that choked the area. Volunteers have also removed garbage left by those who used the park as a dump. All this was done through the vision and guidance of the **Stewards of Twin Ponds**, beginning in 1990.

At present, several individuals, including Parkwood residents, continue to volunteer weekly to help maintain pathways and keep ivy and blackberries at bay. If you are hale and hearty, please consider joining the informal Stewards of Twin Ponds. Presently, the weekly outings are on Sundays. If you are interested in helping please **contact Yoshiko Saheki at 362-0149**.



Light Rail Coming to 145th: 145th Citizens Committee Forming

In November 2013, the Sound Transit Board of Directors identified the preferred route to extend light rail from Northgate Mall to Lynnwood. The route, mostly adjacent to I-5, will include a station at 145th Street. Construction will begin in 2018; the route should open by 2023.

Local residents are forming a **Citizens Committee** to work with the City of Shoreline on station area planning. All are welcome to join the group and to help us ensure that the voices of Parkwood and Ridgecrest neighbors are heard. Meetings take place on the **4th Thursday of every month** in Room 301 of City Hall. An email list for updates is also available. Just send your name and request to 145scc@gmail.com.

PNA Leadership

Katie Schielke, Chair

Michelle Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer

Chris Brummer, Transportation & Safety

Mara Calhoun, Community Outreach

Yoshiko Saheki, Twin Ponds

Jennifer Cohen, Member at Large

Barb Levy, Publicity, Member at Large

Robin Lombard, Member at Large

Katie Toth, Member at Large

Visit us online to learn more:

www.parkwoodneighbors.org

email: parkwoodneighbors@gmail.com

Parkwood Neighborhood Survey

As your neighborhood association, we're interested in what *you* think of Parkwood, how connected you are to your neighbors, and what you'd like to see happen in the future. We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to fill out this survey. To take the survey online, click on the link below. Otherwise, mail this page to: **Parkwood Neighborhood Association, 2343 N. 147th Street, Shoreline, WA 98133.** You may use the reverse side if you need more space for your answers. *Thanks so much for your input!*

[Click here to take this survey online.](#)

❶ PNA is a forum for neighbors to *share information*. How would you like us to contact you about neighborhood events and announcements?

Please rank in order of preference (1=Most Preferred):

[] Facebook [] PNA website [] Email

❷ The PNA is eligible to apply for a mini grant from the City of Shoreline. The grants are up to \$5,000 and can be applied to any general improvement in Parkwood that would further our sense of pride in the neighborhood. What improvements would you like to see in Parkwood?

Please rank in order of preference:

- [] Parkwood Neighborhood Banners along 155th or Meridian
- [] A Welcome to Parkwood sign at a prominent entry (e.g., 145th and Meridian)
- [] A gazebo in Twin Ponds Park
- [] A mural on a side of the restroom in Twin Ponds Park
- [] Improvements to the community garden
- [] Other (please describe) _____

❸ PNA meetings can feature a guest speaker or focus on a particular issue. What topics would attract you to attend a PNA meeting?

Please rank in order of preference:

- [] Block Watch, emergency preparedness, and crime prevention
- [] The forthcoming light rail station at 145th
- [] Aurora Square redevelopment
- [] Future development of businesses and services in Parkwood
- [] Traffic and transportation
- [] Land use and any future zoning changes
- [] Thornton Creek Watershed Environmental Awareness
- [] Other (please describe)

In the questions that follow, the PNA would like to get a sense of how connected residents feel to one another.

❹ How many neighbors do you know?

- All of them
- Most of them
- About half of them
- A few of them
- None of them

❺ How strong is your block's sense of community?

- Extremely strong
- Very strong
- Moderately strong
- Slightly strong
- Not at all strong

❻ How strong do you think the overall sense of community is in Parkwood?

- Extremely strong
- Very strong
- Moderately strong
- Slightly strong
- Not at all strong

❼ What can you suggest that might improve our sense of community?

❽ What kind of social events or neighborhood activities would you like to see happen in Parkwood?



From the Shoreline Farmers Market

The Parkwood Neighborhood



WORLD DANCE PARTY

Salsa • Bollywood • Scottish Dance • Folk Dance

FREE!

All ages welcome.

Just bring a dish
for the dessert
potluck.

Friday, Feb. 7

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Parkwood Elementary Gym
1815 N 155th Street**

Everyone is welcome for food, fun, and multicultural dance and music.

Meet new people, gather with neighbors and friends, and learn some new dances.

The Parkwood Neighborhood Association invites you to visit us on Facebook and at our website: www.parkwoodneighbors.org. 



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