



Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association Newsletter

March 2009

Richmond Highlands and Beyond:

- **April 4, 1-3:30 pm,**
April Pool's Day,
Shoreline Pool. Annual
safety day with
contests,
demonstrations and
free rec swim!
- **April 5, noon-4**
Kruckeberg Garden
Work Party, 20312 15th
Ave NW. Bring gloves,
tools and kneeling
pads if you've got 'em!
- **April 7, 7 pm**
**Richmond Highlands
Neighborhood
Association
meeting: Traffic Open
House!**, the Rec
Center, 16544
Fremont Avenue North
- **April 25 Ivy Out Work
Day, 10-1 pm,** Boeing
Creek at the kiosk
near NW 175th & 6th
NW.
- **May 5, 7 pm,**
**Richmond Highlands
Neighborhood
Association meeting
with Sue Walker!** The
Rec, 16544 Fremont
Avenue North
- **May 16, 9 am-12
noon – Embrace
Shoreline Schools
Day - all schools in
Shoreline**



Neighborhood Meeting

**First Tuesday of the
month, 7:00 pm**

**The Rec
16544 Fremont Ave N**

Welcome!

When we decided that we'd like to try to get the Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association active again, we were thinking about meeting our neighbors over cups of coffee, getting to know some of you whom we don't usually run into.

What we've discovered about this organization is that it is much more than that. It is certainly meeting regularly and being social. But it is also

tackling the concerns of the residents – whether those concerns are about growth, land use, traffic, parks, property values, pedestrian safety, off-leash areas, or emergency preparedness.

We are thankful to those of you who have come to a meeting or two, or who have joined a committee. We are looking forward to meeting the rest of you, as we strive to make this neighborhood stronger.

If you are not on our email list and would like to receive community information as it comes up, send an email to Lisa at Surowiec@zenbe.com.

**Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at the
Richmond Highlands Rec Center, 7 pm!**

Calling All Neighbors!

Do you have a yard that gets a lot of drive-by traffic? Do you know of a spot that many of our neighbors frequent?

We need to hear from you! Currently, we are displaying two large laminated signs to advertise the neighborhood association meetings. We

typically put them up a few days before the meeting date, and leave them up for a few days after, in case someone missed the meeting and wants to find out about it.

If you have a suggestion for a good spot, or are willing to put

a sign in your yard for a week at a time, please let us know! Also, if you see a sign that's been up a little too long, please call the number to let us know – don't cut the signs down! They're not easy to replace.

Meet School Superintendent Sue Walker in May

For the May 5 neighborhood meeting, we are pleased to announce the Superintendent of Shoreline Public Schools, Sue Walker as our guest.

Sue will be joining us to talk about the Shorewood Design project, and answer any questions that we may have about the process.

Hopefully, you have been able to attend one of the two community meetings at Shorewood (January 22, March 19), and Sue will be able to fill in any informational gaps we may have.

This is a huge project, not only for the Shoreline School District, but also for our neighborhood!

We hope you'll mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm at the Richmond Highlands Rec Center, 16544 Fremont Ave North.**

Map Your Neighborhood

There is a new tool available to help you get to know your closest neighbors and prepare for an emergency or disaster.

Map your neighborhood builds on the same idea as a Block Watch where neighbors share information like who is nurse or has a chain saw – skills and tools that might be critical in an emergency.

If you want information or to get your block organized, please contact Lisa (206) 533-0118 or Michelle (206) 533-1805.

Embrace Shoreline Schools

On Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 am to noon, please join neighbors, parents, students and volunteers from local churches who will gather at every public school in the Shoreline School District to beautify and improve the school to show the students their schools are important! Most projects involve gardening, but you're also encouraged to drop by with treats, or just encouragement. Please bring gloves and hand tools. For more information, visit <http://www.embraceshorelineschools.org>. Hope to see you all at Shorewood High School on May 16!!

Tent City Moves On

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who donated supplies and helped pack 100 bag lunches for the residents of Tent City on February 16. We had lots of help from members of the Richmond Highlands neighborhood as well as several people from surrounding neighborhoods; with so many volunteers, the event went very quickly and smoothly. The residents of Tent City were very grateful when we dropped off the meal. Tent City was located at the Calvin Presbyterian Church for 3 months, during which the residents of Shoreline provided many, many donations of food and other supplies. We appreciate the generosity and effort put forth by our community.

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We'll be on the Web
soon!

NEXT MEETING:

**April 7, 7-9 pm –
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting: Traffic
Open House**

The Rec Center
16544 Fremont Ave N

Sunset Park Progress

Back in December, the Shoreline City Council granted Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association a generous \$5000 grant to "vision" Sunset Park.

Since then, folks have been working hard. We have done fundraising which has successfully matched the City's grant. We have had many meetings with the School District, the City Council, the Parks Department, and King County to make sure that everyone supports this project. We have chosen a facilitator to lead community meetings later in 2009 to help all of us decide what we'd like that piece of property to look like. In late spring, we should be announcing the first public meeting to get all of us in the same place to talk about the potential for this "park."

It is important to remember that nothing has been decided yet. We can choose to fill it with more ball fields or fewer, keep the building or tear it down, have p-patches or an amphitheatre, trails or a massive playground. This "park" is for us. It should reflect the residents and the things that matter to us. It is an amazing opportunity, and we hope that you will join us in these most exciting steps!

For information: sunsetparkfriends@gmail.com.

Ronald Wastewater Project

Ronald Wastewater has a project coming up, which is of interest to residents close to their site, 17505 Linden Ave N.

The description of the project is "2 storage buildings and site

improvement for landscaping, parking, frontage, fencing, etc. The total lot area is 28,196 square feet, and it is zoned as a public agency and utility yard.

For more information about

this project, visit the Ronald Wastewater office or call George Dicks or Michael Derrick at 546-2494.