



Innis Arden Bulletin

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Activities Announcements



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The community Holiday Party was a success again this year. It was a great event for all - the clubhouse was beautifully decorated, and the food and entertainment for the kids was wonderful. Many thanks to Ann Beres for chairing this event and for her crew of helpers; Judy and Bob Allen, Eddie Beres, Tracy Camerson, Sherree, Phil and Lauren Friend, Jan Holbrook, Jeri and Jeff Jacobsen, Kathy and Jackson Lil- leness, Chuck Meyer, Ron Salvino, Eva Zsido and Rebecca and Gage Waggoner. Also many thanks to Marion Snyder for her beautiful piano playing during the party. Once again, the community came together to make this event happen - thanks to all!

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**Agenda for the January 9, 2007
7:00 PM Board Meeting**

1. Approve minutes
2. Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 - B. President/Vice President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Building and Remodels —
 - E. Activities
 - F. Grounds
 - G. Clubhouse
 - H. Reserves
3. Board Agenda
Steve Dunn, head of the Capital Campaign, will discuss the new YMCA being built in Shoreline
4. Community Comments
5. Adjourn

Sunset is at Risk of Closing

The facts:

- The Shoreline School District needs to cut two million dollars out of the operating budget for the 2007-2008 school year
- A “District Advisory Committee for Programs and Operations” (DACPO) has been established to make a recommendation of proposed cuts to the School Board on January 8th
- Thus far, all decisions made by DACPO have been in the interest of preserving quality education for Shoreline *high* school and *middle* school students: therefore, the two million dollars will have to come from elementary school closures and programs
- Currently, the criteria for school closures is being finalized by the committee
- At the DACPO meeting on December 6th, the closure of 3 elementary schools was discussed.

What can you do to help?

Contact the DACPO ASAP to offer your suggestions for not closing 3 elementary schools

- go to www.shorelineschools.org
- go to the upper left hand corner of the website
- click on “How to contact the committee members”
- Attend the next DACPO meeting to hear for yourself committee discussions and decisions
Wednesday, January 3rd from 5-9PM at the Shoreline Center

Do you have any new neighbors?

If so, please contact the Hospitality Committee so they can deliver a welcome packet.
The hospitality committee is:

**Jan Holbrook 546-3524
Jeri Jacobsen 542-7373
Shelley Watson 542-4369**

Blockwatch Reminder

Please report criminal activity to police at 911 (emergency) or 296-3311 (non-emergency) as well as to your Blockwatch captain.

- **Innis Arden I**—Brian Branagan 546-6773
bbranagan@yahoo.com
- **Innis Arden II**—Shelley Watson 542-4369
shell.watson@comcast.net
- **Innis Arden III**—Judy Allen 542-3219
allenjnb@yahoo.com

If you don't know what Innis Arden subdivision you live in, refer to the address label of this Bulletin. In the upper left corner, subdivision, block and lot numbers are printed.

Reminder



If you plan on changing or adding any structure on your property (deck, garden shed, patio, remodel/addition) contact the Building and Remodels chair Robert Allen at 542-3219. This is your responsibility and obligation as a member of a covenanted community!

Hearings Scheduled

- Jan 10th: Howard, Steele, Mackey v Dragoy, Montgomery, Knauer, and Oughten
- Feb 21st Hollinrake v Meln
- Mar 21st Hollinrake v Jones, Carlson

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2007
6:00-7:00 PM check-in
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM (corrected from November's Bulletin)
At the Clubhouse
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Three Directors will be elected to the Innis Arden Board at the annual shareholders' meeting on January 17th, 2007, and shareholders may ratify the Activities Chair. Shareholders may also vote to ratify the Budget. The terms of R.L. Smith (Treasurer), Maggie Taber (Reserves) and Al Wagar (Secretary) will be expiring.

Ballots (including proxy ballots), candidate statements and meeting agenda will be mailed no later than January 3, 2007.

Two people have submitted their candidacy. Hopefully, at least a third person will be nominated from the floor during the meeting so that all three positions may be filled.

Candidates' Statements

Pat French

I am a CPA and currently employed with Microsoft as a financial system implementation consultant. I am a native of North Seattle and have recently purchased our home from a family member that I have frequently visited over the past 40 years. My address is 17740 14th Ave NW. I am very aware of the Innis Arden community, past and present issues and Cindy and I have purchased our home because of the Covenants. I was the Treasurer for the Wapato Point Homeowners association (85 home sites) for 3 years and also served on the architecture review committee for 3 years. I am a supporter of community agreed upon regulations and have a strong desire to protect the value of our homes.

Please consider my candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors.

Shannon Martsof

In my profession as the director of Marketing and Membership for a local non-profit, I work with volunteers, members and community based organizations to develop positive relationships and healthy activities for youth, adults and families. As an Innis Arden resident, I believe that I can use my professional skill-set to engage members of our board and community in effective communication and actions which will benefit all residents.

My husband and I are raising three sons (one teenager and two toddlers) in this community and I am deeply committed to promoting our neighborhood as a strong, nurturing environment, while protecting the amenities it offers including the pool, beach and tennis courts, the acres of reserves and the local elementary school.

I would work to engage more neighbors in open conversation regarding ideas, values and hopes for the neighborhood, while preserving the integrity and intent of our covenants including the Tree Height Amendment. I would approach all of this with honesty, integrity, openness and respect for all points of view.

I appreciate your support in this election.

**Innis Arden Board Minutes
December 12, 2006**

Board members present: Bob Allen, Brian Dodd, Dave Fosmire, Mike Jacobs, Tracy Landboe, Harley O'Neil, Maggie Taber, R.L. Smith, Al Wagar. Twelve to thirteen community members present.

Called to order: 7:05

Minutes of November 14, 2006 approved 8-0 (one Board member not yet present)

Committee Reports

Treasurer – R.L. Smith

Financial Statement, I. A. Club 31 November 2006
Accounts

WA MU CHECKING	\$47,718
WA MU SAVINGS	\$ 5,645
WELLS FARGO CD	\$54,565
WELLS FARGO CLUB RENTAL	\$ 4,849
SHORELINE CLUB REMODEL	\$ 1,001
TOTAL	\$113,778

President – Mike Jacobs

Litigation Update:

Cottingham: Plaintiffs have filed a motion seeking direct review by the Supreme Court of Judge Barnett's order denying class certification. Plaintiffs have proposed the taking of 18 depositions including certain past and present Board members. Because Judge Barnett has been reassigned to the Family Law Calendar, effective in January, the case will be transferred to Judge Cheryl Carey. The Club's insurance company is covering the legal expenses.

Maddox: Judge Mary Roberts granted the Club's motion for summary judgment dismissing all of the Plaintiff's claims concerning the mandatory dues amendment except for his claim that the Club wrongfully denied him access to its records. The Club intends to file another summary judgment motion regarding that claim which will likely be argued in February. The Club expects the Plaintiff to appeal to the Court of Appeals. The Club's insurance company is covering the legal expenses.

Carlson: A four-hour long summary judgment hearing was held before Judge Charles Mertel on Friday, December 8, 2006. The Carlsons have challenged the validity of the Tree Height Amendment and its

enforceability across subdivisions of Innis Arden. In 1988, the Court of Appeals upheld the Tree Height Amendment. Judge Ellington ruled that the amendment was enforceable across divisions. The Carlsons have also challenged the Warranty of Compliance and the Club's covenant compliance procedure under the 2005 Bylaw. A decision from Judge Mertel is expected on December 20, 2006. (Editor's note: The decision has been delayed.)

Blauert v. Hilyer v. Club: The Plaintiffs are seeking review of the Court of Appeals Commissioner's ruling upholding Judge Bowden's decision to stay the suit until the Cottingham case is decided.

Executive Session: A motion for the Board to hold an executive session concerning current legal issues passed 8-0.

Update on Insurance: North River Insurance Company has agreed to pay all legal expenses in Carlson, approximately \$70,000.00, except for the Club's \$25,000.00 deductible. Our new policy contains a \$5,000.00 deductible.

Vice President – Dave Fosmire

Compliance committee has received no new petitions but has several pending or continued. The hearing scheduled December 13 for Howard, Steele, Mackey v Dragoy, Montgomery, Knauer, and Oughten has been continued to January 10 at the request of the respondents' attorney. Still pending is the Hollinrake - Meln matter, with WAMS setting a deadline of December 22 for the parties to agree on a hearing date before the arbiter Mr. Cooper regarding unresolved issues.

The Board received a request from Dr. & Mrs. Rust asking that fines be waived. The request is scheduled to be heard December 20.

Buchmayr, Hollinrake, Jones v Lewis continued to December 20 at the request of the respondents' attorney.

The Smit v. Flick matter has a hearing date on waiving the imposed fines set for February 21.

Martsof v. Burns hearing before a WAMS arbiter is scheduled to be heard in the Clubhouse on January 12, 2007 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Secretary – Al Wagar

At the Board meeting, Shannon Martsolf submitted a statement that she will be a candidate for a Board position.

(Shortly after our Board meeting, the Secretary found an email message from Pat French saying he will also run for a Board position.)

Note that we have only two announced candidates for the three Board positions that will be vacated.

Building & Remodel – Bob Allen

No report.

Activities – Tracy Landboe



The activities committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help put the Holiday Party together this year. Special thank you to the Holiday party chairpersons, Anne Beres and Rebecca Wagener.

At the last activities meeting all current officers were re-elected for 2007.

Rummage sale collection will be this Saturday, December 16 from 10

Grounds - Brian Dodd

We have been billed \$700 for approximately 90,000 gallons of water supposedly used after sprinklers were shut off for the season. R.L. noted that this occurred between September 13 and November 13. A decision was made to contact the Water Inspector (correct title?) to investigate the matter.

Clubhouse – Harley O'Neil

During November the Clubhouse was used for the election, Ladies' Night Out, a Christmas party, two meetings, and a 50th Anniversary Party. One of the community members present noted that we could be charging much more money for rental of our Clubhouse. Harley noted that new granite countertops will be installed along with new mirror and lighting. Best Plumbing is selling us new sinks at cost and toilets below cost, and we owe Bill Lilliness a big thank you for his generosity. New vinyl floors will go in the men's room., and everyone should be impressed with the completed remodel.

Reserves – Maggie Taber

Maggie received reports that about two large trees are down in Eagle Reserve and maybe one or two in Blue Heron. She still has many plants and will try to get them into the reserves if there's a break in the weather.

Board Agenda

Need for tellers (to count ballots) was discussed, with several people mentioned as possible tellers. Kathryn Carlstrom volunteered to be a teller.

Motion to have Mike Jacobs chair the annual meeting passed 9 - 0.

From November meeting a motion was pending to amend Article 4, Section 6 of our Bylaws by changing the word "arbitrator" to "arbiter" wherever it appears, with provision that a final vote would be taken at the December meeting. This final vote was taken and passed 9 - 0. The change helps avoid implications that any arbitration undertaken is a formal procedure under provisions of RCW Ch 7.04A rather than a less formal procedure authorized by the Homeowner's Association Act, RCW 64.38.

Kathryn Carlstrom reported that the Shoreline School District is proposing to close three elementary schools, with Sunset School likely to be at particular risk, depending on what criteria are used. The district advisory committee's recommendations go to the School Board on January 3, after which there will be public hearings.

Shannon Martsolf submitted a proposed amendment to section 6(4)(b) of our Bylaws. It is designed to insure that compliance issues referred to an arbiter move forward without delays upon delays. (Better terminology anyone?)

Adjourned at: 8:32

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COMING EVENTS
Board Meeting
Activities Meeting
January 8th, 7:00 PM
Board Meeting
January 9th, 7:00 PM
Annual Meeting
January 17th, 6-7 PM
At the Clubhouse

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Deadline for January Bulletin—
January 15th**

Community Notices
(no anonymous items)
Carol Solle, 542-4978
csolle@earthlink.net
17061 12th Avenue N.W.

Remodels—Robert Allen 542-3219

We're on the Web!
www.innisarden.com

 **Innis Arden Bulletin Board** 

(Activities Announcements continued from page 1)

Activities officers were reelected at the December meeting and all 2006 officers were renewed in their positions for 2007. Activities President - Shelley Brodersen, Co-chair - Tracy Landboe, Secretary - Shelley Watson and Treasurer - June Howard. Thanks to all the officers for taking on a second year and many thanks to all Activities members for your hard work throughout 2006 on all the events.

Next Activities Meeting will be held Monday January 8th at 7 p.m. at the Innis Arden Clubhouse.

Home for Rent

We are interested in renting our home at 17232 13th Avenue NW for up to a year. If you are remodeling or know of someone looking to live in the area please let them know. Anyone interested please contact Matt McCutchen at 206 595 4491.

Thanks to the Community

Thank you so much to all my neighbors and friends for your kind thoughts and condolences for my son Jim. Marilyn Jarvis

Rummage Collection

- January 7th, from noon until 2:00 PM
 - January 23rd, from 10:00 AM until noon
- Northwest of the Clubhouse, at the Pool house

We collect clothing (men's women's, children's, infants), bedding, linens, house wares, glassware, collectables, furniture, toys, games, books, stuffed animals, small working appliances, holiday items, tools, paintings, pictures, jewelry (costume and real)

THANK YOU!