



# Innis Arden Bulletin

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## **Invasive English Ivy in Blue Heron Reserve**

By Rick Leary, Innis Arden Reserves Chair

I had the experience of going to high school graced with “hallowed Halls of Ivy”; it was a lovely brick building full of character. While I have always liked the sentimental song with this name, I only recently became aware that English Ivy has become a major invasive villain of the forests in the Pacific Northwest. English Ivy has an adverse impact on trees, on slopes, on wildlife, and on the forest itself.

Once it gets a foothold, English Ivy suppresses and excludes other vegetation to form a dense monoculture ground cover. We have two very good examples of a monoculture in the Blue Heron Reserve. If you have a chance to visit the Blue Heron Reserve, you will notice two areas where the ivy engulfs the ground and shrubs and encircles tree trunks of various sizes, leaving nothing uncovered. While the waxy green leaves of the Ivy may look attractive at first glance, in fact such extensive growth is an indication of a forest that is being stressed and that will eventually decline.

Adverse Impact on Trees. First, Ivy competes with trees and shrubs for water and nutrients. Since Ivy tends to shroud everything that it grows over, seedlings of native trees and shrubs do not have a chance to grow. Second, the stiff waxy Ivy leaves hold water which adds significant weight to trees it is growing on, and the trees become more unstable in high winds and wet weather. As the Ivy covers native shrubs and reaches the major branches of the trees, the Ivy also competes very effectively for light needed for photosynthesis, the basic life process by which trees grow. Finally, as Ivy crowds out the deciduous plants; this interrupts the growth and decay cycle of these plants that replenishes nutrients in the soil is interrupted. Currently, we are cutting away a three foot wide band of Ivy to re-expose the tree trunk and then pulling the lower Ivy stems and branches down to the ground around the tree. This will probably take all winter since there are many trees needing help. Any volunteers willing to help would be greatly appreciated.

Adverse Impact on Slopes. One of the distinctive features of the Innis Arden reserves are the ravines with slopes that are up to 30% grade in places. Ivy does not stabilize slopes because it has a very shallow root system. To be more stable slopes require vegetation with diverse root structures of different depth, some shallow, some deep. The Ivy’s dense ground cover tends to pond the water on the surface of the slope making the top layer heavier and thus more likely to

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**Agenda for the January 8, 2008  
7:00 PM Board Meeting**

1. Approve minutes
2. Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer
  - B. President/Vice President
  - C. Secretary
  - D. Building and Remodels —  
None scheduled for January
  - E. Activities
  - F. Grounds
  - G. Clubhouse
  - H. Reserves
3. Board Agenda
4. Community Comments
5. Adjourn

**Christmas Tree Pickup**

The Shoreline breakfast Rotary Club is partnering with the Shoreline High School football team – they will be picking up and recycling Christmas Trees in the neighborhood on January 5th. Take your trees to the curb, make a nice donation and the team will take and recycle your tree.

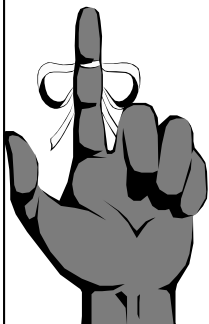
**Blockwatch Reminder**

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

Earlier this month, sometime between 5 pm on Friday and 7am on Monday, many contractor's tools were stolen from a house that was being remodeled on 15th NW. The tools had been locked in the garage.

**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!

**Do you have any new neighbors?**

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

**Lella Norberg 542-4949  
Jeri Jacobsen 542-7373  
Shelley Watson 542-4369**

***Innis Arden Welcomes New Residents:***



Monica Barrera & Ken Beres	10TH AVE NW
Anne & Jerry Bigham	16TH AVE NW
John & Sandy Chou	14TH AVE NW
Thad & Linda Crowe	15TH AVE NW
Robert A. Davis	16TH AVE NW
Kenneth & Kristi Drake	NW 186TH ST
Randi C. Fattizzi	13TH AVE NW
Jonathan and Darcy Foral	10TH AVE NW
Richard H. & Anita R. Geving	15TH AVE NW
Cameron McVie & Jennifer Haffner	10TH AVE NW
Mary Niegovan & Frederic Joseph	13TH AVE NW
James T & Jane M. Mason	NW 167TH ST
Tina M. & Charles M. Olson	14TH AVE NW
Edward & Bridget Poulsen	15TH AVE NW
Madelon & Lawrence Rand	NW 185TH ST
Teresa Tartaghone & Larry Rosok	12TH AVE NW
Robynn & Robert Takamiya	NW 175TH ST
Joanna & John Uberuaga	Springdale CT NW
Rhonwyn & Daniel Wilkinson	NW 185TH ST

**Community Party on January 25th: 7-9 PM**

There will be a party in the clubhouse to welcome all new neighbors who moved to Innis Arden in 2007. Please join the Hospitality committee on Friday night for this wine and cheese event. Everyone is welcome, but we ask that residents bring an appetizer to share and BYOB.

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slide. While erosion problems are not always evident in the reserves, anyone who looks at the stream beds closer to the Puget Sound will see the silt build up in both Boeing Creek and Blue Heron Creek.

Adverse Impact on Wildlife. We are blessed with three active streams in the Innis Arden reserves: Boeing Creek, Blue Heron Creek, and Eagle Creek. I have spotted Pileated Woodpeckers, Red-tailed Hawks, gray squirrels, and Mountain Beaver in the reserves. Bob Phelps and Ed Barnes have found several Coho in Boeing Creek this year. Ivy suppresses native, shade tolerant and shade providing plants along streams. This increases erosion with the consequent increase in sedimentation in the water and reduces water quality necessary for aquatic wildlife. Once the Ivy dominates the stream banks and crowds out shade plants the water temperature increases. Warmer water has less capacity to carry oxygen to aquatic life. This becomes a down spiraling cycle. Decreased streamside habitat also reduces food sources for terrestrial wildlife which feeds on the organisms attracted by streamside and overhanging vegetation.

Adverse Impact on Forests. Ivy's slow systematic destruction of trees will lead to premature toppling and opening of holes in the forest canopy, thus changing the environment making it more hospitable for invaders which are not shade tolerant. Conifers cannot establish themselves even if they do germinate since the Ivy crowds out and smothers native plant seedlings. The landscape becomes a mass of Ivy which only tolerates other similar plant species but not the indigenous species required to support a health wildlife habitat.

Locally we have had Ivy disasters in the cities of Mercer

Island, WA, Newport, OR and Vancouver, B.C. We are working on the Ivy invasion in Blue Heron Reserve to prevent us from having a local mini-disaster. In the next year we are considering renting a small goat herd that will be placed in the forest surrounded by electric "dog" fences. Goats eat Ivy and Himalayan Blackberries, another noxious non-native plant in the reserves. This approach is very environmentally friendly and has been used effectively by the University of Washington campus and the City of Woodinville, to name a few places. In this way we are working to keep our reserves vibrant and healthy for all residents to enjoy.

I have heavily relied on the following references:

USDA Forest Service,

[www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive\\_plants](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants);

Oregon State University,

[www.extension.oregonstate.edu/news](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/news),

Ivy Removal Project, [www.noivyleague.com](http://www.noivyleague.com);

and Metro King County,

[www.dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm](http://www.dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm)



## The Grounded Gardener

Submitted by Nancy Rust

Recently, master gardener Marty Wingate wrote an [article](#) in the Seattle PI (December 19th 2007) entitled "The Grounded Gardener: We have a role in preventing stormwater damage"

Given the recent damage due to flooding, she offers suggestions to help rainwater be less destructive. "One gardener's actions can benefit his or her landscape and be a good influence on others in the neighborhood".

### Permeable concrete

With permeable (also called pervious) concrete, you can stay out of the mud and still allow water to drain naturally through the soil. Pervious concrete forms a

solid surface, yet has large voids throughout to allow water to drain.

For driveways, consider using porous pavers -- they have holes in them, sort of like a honeycomb pattern. Grass or low succulents can grow in the openings. For more information on pervious concrete: <http://www.concretenetwork.com/pervious/>

### Gravel and crushed rock

A patio or pathway that uses gravel or crushed rock is another way to help water drain through the soil. Gravel usually refers to pea gravel -- small, rounded rocks. Crushed rock has sides and points. Either material creates a porous layer and can be useful on level surfaces. Gravel and crushed rock come in decorative

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL  
SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2008 7:00 PM**

**Voting Instructions and Proxy Ballots will be  
mailed at the beginning of January  
The Proxy Ballot has been posted on  
the Innis Arden website**

Four Directors will be elected to the Innis Arden Board at the annual shareholders' meeting on January 16th, 2008, and shareholders may ratify the Activities Chair. Shareholders may also vote to ratify the Budget. The terms of David Fosmire (Vice President), Richard Leary (Reserves) who replaced Brian Dodd earlier this year, Harley O'Neil (Clubhouse) and Kathi Peterson (Grounds) who completed Mark Smith's term, will be expiring.

**Candidates Statements**

The following statements were received from Candidates who are running for the 2008 Innis Arden Board. Four statements were received and there are four open positions. Nominations may be made from the floor.

**David Fosmire**

During my past term, I have worked to improve our community by participating in the Activities Committee, Rummage Sale, Salmon Barbecue and the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods. I have worked on projects with the Reserves Committee to restore and improve the Reserves' trails for the continued enjoyment by all residents. I believe the Board needs to be an active and positive force in our community to enforce the covenants for the benefit of entire community. Without the continuing support of the community, the Board would not have been successful defending the Innis Arden Club from frivolous lawsuits. I promise to uphold the covenants in order to maintain the distinctive character of Innis Arden. If I am re-elected to the Board, I will continue to organize and participate in efforts to enhance the natural beauty of Innis Arden and its community spirit.

**T. Richard Leary**

I am a recently retired research biochemist who has worked in the biotechnology field. I was Director of Research and Development at a division of Fresenius Medical Care, the world's largest supplier of equipment, supplies, and services for kidney dialysis. I have previously served on the board of directors and as program chair for the Puget Sound Biotechnology Society. I have been a resident of Shoreline since 1976. My wife, Elizabeth, and I have lived in Innis Arden since 1992. I am very aware of the past and present issues of the Innis Arden community. Elizabeth and I purchased our home because of the wonderful views sustained by the Covenants. I am a supporter of the agreed upon regulations and want to protect the value

of all of our homes.

Now that I have more time, I wish to give back and actively work on improving the quality of life in our community. Please consider my candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors.

**Kathi Peterson**

Three years ago my husband Jim and I moved into Innis Arden after raising our two sons in Richmond Beach. We have been blessed with the most wonderful neighbors who are now treasured friends. Last year I was asked to consider running for the Innis Arden Board position of Grounds. I was elected to the position and served on the Board this past year. It's been a pleasure working with dedicated community Innis Arden leaders on the Board who strive to make Innis Arden a wonderful place to call home. During this past year, many changes have occurred in our community which have involved Grounds. Currently a sewer project has torn up portions of our community roads causing the Grounds around the clubhouse to be utilized as a staging area for construction, specifically to enhance the speed and completion of the project. I want to serve in the position of Grounds again to see the replanting of the clubhouse and entrance areas to Innis Arden completed for the aesthetic enhancement of the entire Innis Arden community. I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

**Harley O'Neil**

I would appreciate receiving your vote for one of the open positions on the Innis Arden Board. This past year, I have served on the Board with the responsibility for the Club House. My staff has tried to make improvements to our Club House at a reasonable cost to the membership. There are a few more improvements to the Club House, especially the kitchen and Club House floor that I would like to see completed this coming year. If elected, I hope to be able to get that done.

I am also interested in restoring mountain and Puget Sound views to residents of Innis Arden. I believe that trees are necessary for our well being, but also believe that there are species of trees that will protect our critical areas and not obstruct views. I would like to be part of the Board that develops a Stewardship Plan that is acceptable by the City of Shoreline. I think a plan can be created that is acceptable to the super majority of our community, Thank you for considering me for a position on the Innis Arden Board.

**December 11, 2007 Minutes  
Innis Arden Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Michael Jacobs at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Michael Jacobs- President, David Fosmire- Vice President; Shannon Martsolf - Secretary; Bob Allen – Buildings & Remodels, Harley O'Neil - Clubhouse; Rick Leary – Reserves; Kathi Peterson – Grounds.

Board Members Absent: Pat French – Treasurer;

Minutes: The meeting minutes for November 2008 were approved 7 – 0. Harley O'Neil not yet present.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Treasurer** – Pat is away on business, we would typically prepare a report and provide it to be read in his absence. However, at this time, Russ Cole with our property management firm has been sick and unable to complete the November financials, so they will be shared in the January board meeting.

**B. President** - Mike Jacobs: Mike provided an update concerning the lawsuits involving the Club: In Carlson 1, Judge Mertel found at a November 30th hearing that Mr. Carlson was in contempt of court for failing to post the required supersedeas bond and ordered Mr. Carlson to show cause why he should not go to jail. Thereafter, Mr. Carlson cut four of the six subject trees on his property and posted a \$28,000 bond. The Club expects oral argument in the Court of Appeals case in Spring of next year. The Carlsons have filed a second lawsuit(Carlson 2) which names the Club as a party. In Cottingham, the Plaintiffs have until December 16th to file their appeal. Mr. Blauert, Mr. Hilyer, and the Club are working on a potential settlement of the Blauert vs. Hilyer&Club lawsuit.

**C. Vice President** - David Fosmire: Compliance matters: Hollinrake v. Dore – David Fosmire convened the compliance committee to discuss the matter. Board members Fosmire, Leary and Peterson viewed

the property and made a threshold determination that there are trees above the roofline and recommended the compliance matter should be forwarded on to a hearing. The motion passed 8 – 0. In the Hollinrake v. Dillard matter, the Dillards have selected to have an arbiter so the Board hearing scheduled for December 13 is cancelled. The Dillards will have 30 days to choose an arbiter from the Board list. In Hollinrake, Jones and Staley v. Carlson petition, the board is matter until the Carlson lawsuits are heard in the courts. No new compliance matters were submitted this month.

**D. Secretary**, Shannon Grady: Several community members have stepped up to volunteer for the board election in January at the Annual Meeting, but we can still use more. Tonight is the last night you can submit your name to run for election for the IS Board to appear on the ballot, nominations can be taken from the floor the night of the meeting. Harley O'Neil, David Fosmire, and Kathi Petersen are running for re-election. Rick Leary is running for election, he completed Brian Dodd's term who re-located outside of Innis Arden earlier in the year. Reminder, if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting please send your proxy to the board or give to a friend or neighbor so your vote can be counted. Last year the meeting was delayed for quite some time until enough shareholders could be counted toward a quorum. We need everyone's participation, make sure your voice is heard.

**E. Building and Remodels** – Bob Allen:

Blaylock – 17701 17th Ave NW; application is complete and there was one issue raised by a neighbor – the board reviewed the concern raised regarding the remodel and potential drainage issues. After discussion the board agreed the drainage concern was determined to be a city matter not a neighborhood matter. Motion to approve the addition/remodel passed 8 – 0.

Stephens – 17777 15th Ave NW; carport enclosure and breezeway, new entry, application is in order. Motion to approve the remodel passed 8 – 0.

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Uberuaga – 18542 Springdale Court; addition to the house. Application is complete – they made several adjustments to their plans based on neighbors concerns. Motion made to approve the addition subject to a covenant restriction limiting height of trees to height of original roofline. Uberuagas agreed to the restriction and will file it with the county. Motion passed 8 – 0.

**F. Activities** – The Holiday party was held the second of December, it was well attended and enjoyed by all. At the December meeting, activities elected their new board members. Officers include Lisa Pagan, secretary; Monica Barrera-Beres, Treasurer; Jeri Jacobsen, President. Brian Branagan was elected board representative and he will be on the Annual Meeting ballot for ratification.

**G. Reserves** – Rick Leary: The reserves sustained damage during the recent storms! In Eagle we have two trees down, one slid into the creek. In Blue Heron, a stand of bamboo slid into the creek, the slope is encroaching the bridge and is washing debris into the sound. The reserve has significant issues and Rick has put up a new sign closing the trail. In addition Blue Heron has an ivy invasion and over time there will be extensive stressing of trees. In Boeing Creek we have two trees down, part of the trail washed away. One shareholder pushed a tree out of the way, off the trail. Rick repaired the washed away section to the degree it is safely passable. In Grouse, the water flow washed out a section and caused the closing of part of Ridgefield Road. Reminder: new keys to Boeing Creek Reserve will be available at the January annual meeting. Thorpe and Associates have not yet completed all reports related to a vegetation management plan. We will continue to work with them, while we begin to examine the relationship between our covenants and the City of Shoreline's regulation of the city code.

**H. Grounds** – Kathi Petersen. First phase of re-planting the clubhouse is completed to the degree possible, the remainder of the plantings will be done in May at the latest when the sewer improvement project is completed. If the 2008 budget is approved at

the Annual Meeting, we will have the funds necessary to complete significant improvements to our ground, the entrance to Innis Arden road, the entrance to the clubhouse and the clubhouse grounds. Judy Allen on behalf of grounds requested \$845 to complete the designs by Boxwood to include the electrical infrastructure, lighting and security cameras. Motion made to approve the expenditure passed 8 – 0.

**I. Clubhouse** – Harley O'Neil: In November we had \$835 in income and \$428.20 in expenses. A concern was expressed by a shareholder regarding losing the coat closets – we need to purchase some retractable coat racks for use during clubhouse events. Harley will contact Tom Howard to discuss options.

### **Board Agenda**

Annual Meeting: Proposed By-law amendment related to conducting Annual Meeting. Dave Fosmire's motion to adopt a new by-law Article II, Section 3 (f) of the IA by-laws titled "Teller Procedures" passed 8 – 0.

Community comments:

Harley O'Neil announced that the Shoreline breakfast Rotary Club is partnering with the Shoreline High School football team – they will be picking up and recycling Christmas Trees in the neighborhood on January 5th. Take your trees to the curb, make a nice donation and the team will take and recycle your tree. Harley also wanted to thank Bob Allen for doing such an excellent job working with members of the community who are doing remodels. His reports to the Board are very thorough and it is very apparent that he has spent a considerable amount of time with people who are going through the stressful remodeling activity. My hat is off to him for such an excellent job.

Judy Allen wanted to recognize Rick Leary for his outstanding work on the reserves and his enthusiastic "jumping in" to this important board position.

## December Activities Announcements

We had another fun Christmas party this year. Many neighbors came to celebrate the start of the holiday season with great food and wine at the annual party. The club house looked especially grand with lots of new holiday décor and the huge new tree we acquired last year, all with the beautiful backdrop of the fresh walls, paint, bathrooms and fabulous roaring fireplace, which contributed to a great warm party atmosphere. Two elves got the party started with balloon crafts. There was nothing they couldn't make out of balloons and good cheer. Then a little before 5, the children were led in singing carols by Sylvie Thorstenson, with Blake Holbrook accompanying on the piano.



They did a great job getting the kids together to greet Santa who appeared during a round of Santa Clause is Coming to Town. Santa was beautifully dressed in traditional old-fashioned Santa attire. The children lined up patiently to each have a turn sitting with him, telling him what was on their wish lists and having photos snapped by parents and grandparents. Santa stayed for a while longer and mingled with the adults, enjoyed our beautiful tree and had some more photos taken. We hope to see you there next year.

Thanks to all our helpers who came to the decorating party and who helped the day of the party especially Judy Allen, Eddie Beres, Gage Wagoner, Monica Barrera, Anne Beres, Rebecca Wagoner, Jeri Jacobsen, Harley O'Neil and RL Smith, Sylvie and Blake. THANK YOU!

We had a successful meeting in December and now have all new officers.

- President: Jeri Jacobsen
- Co-Chair: Brian Branagan
- Lisa Pagan: Secretary
- Monica Barerra-Beres: Treasurer

Our next meeting will be at the Club House on Monday, January 7th at 7:00. We will have appetizers and wine...all are welcome to join us as we begin a new year.

### Rummage Collection Schedule

Monday January 7th, February 11th, 10-Noon  
Saturday January 26th, February 23rd, 2-4 PM

At the northwest side of the Clubhouse

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**COMING EVENTS**  
**Activities Meeting**  
January 7th, 7:00 PM  
**Board Meeting**  
January 8th, 7:00 PM  
**Annual Meeting**  
January 16th, 6-7 PM  
**Newcomers' Party**  
January 29th, 7-9 PM  
At the Clubhouse

**Deadline for January Bulletin—  
January 13th**  
**Community Notices**  
(no anonymous items)  
Carol Solle, 542-4978  
csolle@earthlink.net  
17061 12th Avenue N.W.

Remodels—Robert Allen 542-3219

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tints, so consider a tone that goes well with your house.

### **Unmortared flagstone**

Flagstones -- those large, irregular pieces -- are a popular surface for patios. Often, flagstones are mortared, so that there is no space between. But that lack of space means rainwater pools up in depressions and runs off into the usual channel -- our overloaded stormwater system.

Unmortared flagstone gives rain a chance to get into the soil, and it offers the chance to plant the cracks with low-growing plants that like the hot rocks (or part shade) and don't mind being stepped on. Those plants include ground-cover thymes, Corsican mint (*Mentha requienii*), New Zealand brass buttons (*Leptinella*) and creeping wire vine (*Muehlenbeckia axillaris*).

### **Mulch**

Water runs more slowly when it must run through a layer of material, such as mulch, that is made up of pieces of varying sizes. When we apply a mulch to our garden, we lay a blanket of material with multiple

benefits: slower water movement, a low level of nutrients and help in smothering weeds. Bark mulch isn't as beneficial, because it is bark's job to shed water, not to let it infiltrate.

### **No bare soil**

Soil with no protection is ripe for runoff. Resist the extreme tidy look and let some leaves rest in the flowerbeds. Don't cut back herbaceous perennials, but instead leave them through winter.

### **Layered plantings**

Layering can be accomplished by using trees, shrubs, perennials and groundcovers, allowing the plants do their part to intercept water. Rain hits the leaves of trees, trickles down furrowed bark, splashes off shrubbery and drips from the lowest leaf into the ground, all at different times and different intensities, instead of one huge gush.

An added benefit for the gardener is that a layered planting results in fewer weeds, so we help ourselves at the same time.

Ms. Wingate also recommends [rainwater gardens](#), [cisterns](#), [green roofs](#), and less lawn.