



# Innis Arden Bulletin

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## Board Members

**President**-Mike Jacobs

**Vice President**-David Fosmire

**Secretary**-Shannon Martsolf

**Treasurer**-Pat French

**Activities**-Brian Branagan

**Building and Remodel-**

Robert Allen

**Clubhouse**-Harley O'Neil

**Grounds**-Kathi Peterson

**Reserves**-Richard Leary

## 2008 Annual Shareholders' Meeting January 16, 2008



From left: O'Neil, Peterson, Allen, Fosmire, Jacobs, Martsolf, Landboe, and Leary

Innis Arden successfully held its 2008 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 16th. With 283 shareholders voting in person or by proxy, a quorum was established at approximately 7:45 pm. After hearing board reports, candidate statements and community Q&A, shareholders voted, the votes counted and the results announced. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

### ELECTION RESULTS:

- 2008 Budget: 246 yes, 18 no 12 abstain
- 2008 Dues: 257 yes, 21 no, 4 abstain
- Brian Branagan was ratified as Activities Chair (1 year term)

### Election of Officers for three year terms (2008 - 2010):

- 250 Dave Fosmire
- 260 Rick Leary
- 320 Harley O'Neil
- 261 Kathi Peterson

The annual meeting and election take significant work to put on, it takes the help and dedication of many hard-working volunteers. Please join me in thanking RL Smith - Election Supervisor; Judy Allen - Head Teller; Al Wagar, June Howard, Phil Friend, Rob Blair, Kathryn Smithhart, Troy Martsolf, Randi Fattizzi, Jerry Lundli - Tellers; Carol Solle - election protocol, annual meeting notice and proxies; and Chris Kocher - Activities who provided the refreshments. Without the help of this fine team, we could not produce such a well-run event.

—Shannon Martsolf

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**Agenda for the March 4, 2008  
At the Swim Club Snack Bar  
7:00 PM Board Meeting**

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

**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**

**Richmond Beach Garden Tour 2008**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Beach Blossoms Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. A growing event, this year we would like to extend a formal invitation to any gardening enthusiasts in Innis Arden who would like to participate and open their garden for the tour. The deadline to sign up is May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to take part, or get more information, please contact Lynn Wright at 206-542-4554, or send an email to [beachrights@msn.com](mailto:beachrights@msn.com)

*Condolences*

**Allison M. "Al" COX** Age 87, of Shoreline, passed away on February 10, 2008. He was born in Ballard on June 7, 1920. Mr. Cox graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army in Alaska, Hawaii and Canton Island during World War II. Al worked as a self-employed certified public accountant and also operated a toy train dealership with his son John since 1960. He was a longtime member of the Train Collector's Association. Mr. Cox is survived by his son, John Cox & wife Suzanne, of Seattle and sister, Virginia Johnston, of Long Beach, Washington. Al was preceded in death by his wife, Irene in 1996.

**Martin J. GOLDEN** passed away at his home in Rancho Mirage, CA on January 12, 2008 at the age of 83. After graduating from O'Dea High School, he joined the Army, returned to Seattle and resumed his education to be a Certified Public Accountant having his own practice until retirement. He is survived by his wife, Angela and their children, Tim, Peggy (Sam) Topel, Ron (Donna), Sandra Heintzman, Janis (Donn) Northquist, Marty (Sheila), Mary (Mike) Hartman, Angela (Bud) Mercer, Kerrin, Carole (Gary) Burton, Lori (Rick) Stephens and Doug (Sunny), 34 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Richard.

**February Activities Announcements**

- March 8 and 9 - Rummage Sale. Helpers are still needed for this event. The last collection date is February 23rd. If you are available to volunteer, please call either Julie Forster or Karen Sando.
- March 22 - Annual Egg Scramble at 2:00 behind the club house. All little ones come with your Easter baskets and see what treats have been hidden around the fields.
- April 18th - The Innis Arden Wine Tasting Event will be on Friday, from 7:00 to 9:30. Cost will be \$25 for all those who pre-register/pre-pay and \$30 at the door. Call Jan Holbrook at 206.546.3524 to pre-register.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ladies Night event. Mark your calendars!. Details to be published in the next newsletter.
- The next Activities Meeting will be on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00. It will be held at Brian Branagan's home. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. We have a lot of fun and have some great new things in the works. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Blockwatch Reminder**

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

- Innis Arden I—Brian Branagan 546-6773  
[bbranagan@yahoo.com](mailto:bbranagan@yahoo.com)
- Innis Arden III—Judy Allen 542-3219  
[allenjnb@yahoo.com](mailto:allenjnb@yahoo.com)

The Newcomers' Party was held on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed meeting their neighbors and mingling. Special thanks to organizers: Lella Norberg, Jan Holbrook and Shelley Watson. Also thanks to Jeri Jacobsen, Dave Fosmire, Ewa Sledziewski, Judy & Bob Allen, and everyone who brought appetizers and helped at the party.

## The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Innis Arden Rummage Sale - PLEASE HELP!

Please help make the 47<sup>th</sup> annual rummage sale a success and raise money for our community! The profits are used to fund Activities Committee projects and events. Past examples include re-surfacing the tennis courts, paving the track & parking lots & painting the clubhouse plus underwriting the Holiday party, Wine Tasting Evening, Oktoberfest, Easter Egg Scramble and more.

### SPECIFIC REQUESTS:

- \* We need **PICNIC BENCHES** to use as shelving in all departments. Please label with your name and phone number underneath it to ensure safe return. Bring to the clubhouse Sat Feb 24th or Sun Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **FOOD, FOOD, FOOD FOR THE WORKERS!** Please call Sue Hoverson at 533-1224 or email [sailto@msn.com](mailto:sailto@msn.com) to offer a tray of food for those who are working during the set-up week and the sale weekend.
- \* **PAPER GROCERY SACKS** – We can use PAPER grocery sacks. Please deliver to the clubhouse during open hours.

### Our Sincere Thanks!

For information, or to offer to help in any way please contact Julie Forster (542-9705 / [julieforster@hotmail.com](mailto:julieforster@hotmail.com))  
or Karen Sando (546-6036 / [rksando@comcast.net](mailto:rksando@comcast.net))

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>HELP NEEDED</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Saturday: March 1	Set up Clubhouse Hang signs, Move tables and chairs, Lay out shelving, and set up departments. Please bring a hand-truck if you have one	Noon – 4:00pm
Sunday: March 2	Transfer and Move items from pool house to clubhouse. Please bring a hand-truck if you have one. GREAT time for the Mon-Fri employed to help. <b>ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:</b> We need your help moving heavy objects, etc. If you need community service hours, this is the time and place!	Noon – 4:00pm
Mon – Fri Mar 3 – Mar 7	Sort and set up all departments. We need lots of workers to lay-out and price all the treasures in all the departments. Come for as long or short a time as you can. <b>Any time you can give is welcome! No experience needed!</b>	9:30am - 5:00pm
Tuesday March 4	<b>EXTRA MALE HELP WANTED!</b> In addition to regular volunteers, six to eight able-bodied men are needed to help assemble the tent for outdoor items. Please call Julie Forster (542-9705) if you are able to help.	<b>1:00-3:00pm</b>
Mon – Th Mar 3 – Mar 6	<b>DONATIONS ACCEPTED EVERYDAY UNTIL MARCH 8th</b> <b>Please bring items to the front door of the clubhouse. Please stay to help sort them if you can! The last day we can accept your offerings is TH, March 6.</b>	10:00am - 5:00pm
Friday, March 7	<b>VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON AND AUCTION AT 11:30am</b> Regular workday until 11:30am. All workers who have previously volunteered a minimum of 8 hrs are invited to attend the luncheon & auction.	9:30-11:30 Regular work day <b>11:30 Lunch &amp; Auction!</b>
Saturday, March 8	<b>THE SALE</b> – Cashiers, clerks, etc. are needed all day. The busiest time is 9:00-11:00. Many volunteers are needed inside/outside, front & back, and security. GREAT time for the Mon-Fri employed to help. <b>No previous rummage sale experience needed. Come one, come all!</b>	Please arrive by 8:30am If working in the morning Sale runs 9:00am – 4:00pm
Sun Mar 9	<b>THE ½ PRICE SALE</b> – cashiers, clerks, etc. / \$4 bag sale at 2pm	Noon – 4:00pm
Sun March 9	A fresh crew is <i>really</i> needed to take down, put away, & box for charities	4:00pm – 6:30pm

**If you can help, please contact Julie Forster (542-9705 / [julieforster@hotmail.com](mailto:julieforster@hotmail.com))  
or Karen Sando (546-6036 / [rksando@comcast.net](mailto:rksando@comcast.net))**

#### Attention Innis Arden Neighbors

The Innis Arden Directory will soon be updated. Is your information correct in the 2007 directory?

Neighborhood youth may wish to list their skills on the 'Youth Employment' page of the Directory free of charge. Skills may include animal sitting, babysitting, lawn mowing, plant care, car wash, party help, house-

cleaning, yard work, and/or all of the above. Would you like to advertise your business in the directory (\$40 for the size of a business card)?

Please contact Carol Solle by 3-1-08 at 542-4978 or [csolle@earthlink.net](mailto:csolle@earthlink.net) for corrections, youth employment entries, and paid advertising.

## Innis Arden Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Board President Michael Jacobs at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Michael Jacobs – President, David Fosmire – Vice President, Pat French – Treasurer, Bob Allen – Buildings and Remodels, Rick Leary – Reserves, Brian Branagen – Activities, Kathi Peterson – Grounds. Board Members Absent: Harley O’Neil – Clubhouse, Shannon Martsof – Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008 January Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

### Committee Reports



A. Treasurer – Pat French: The cash balance for the month ending January 31, 2008 was \$149,515, which is a reflection of deposits due to the 2008 dues and reimbursement for legal fees of approx 57,000. Our legal fees receivable on January 31, are \$50,331, which is substantially below the October 2007 high of \$126,167.67. Dues assessments from prior years total \$9,635, not counting late fees and interest. We currently have 9 shareholders who have not paid their 2007 and prior year dues. Expenditures were within budget with the largest expenditure (\$11,000) for the latest phase of the clubhouse remodel.

B. President – Mike Jacobs: Mike Jacobs provided a litigation update. In Carlson v. Innis Arden Club, Inc., oral argument in the Court of Appeals will likely occur in mid to late April. Regarding the Cottingham matter, Mike will be discussing with the insurer in the coming weeks how the \$252,000 in attorney's fees awarded to the Club by the court should be apportioned as the insurer did not cover the entirety of the Club's legal expenses. In Blauert v. Hilyer & Club, the parties are attempting to work out a settlement. In Tronsen, the Club will be seeking a default order as Mr. Tronsen failed to file an answer. The Club will be reconsidering the fines it imposed in Meln at a hearing set for February 26th. The Club passed a resolution indemnifying Kris Sundberg with regard to liens filed at the Club's request for unpaid dues and fines.



The Club will be reconsidering fines in the Lewis matter at a hearing date to be announced.



C. Vice President – Dave Fosmire: No new compliance violations have been reported this month. As a result of Mr. Hollinrake withdrawing his petition, the Hollinrake v Dore hearing has been cancelled. The tree in question has been removed. The Board authorized \$4980 from the Reserves budget to be spent on completing the survey of Reserve K (clubhouse, pool and grounds) by Group Four Inc. This will help clarify how the grounds may be maintained, especially relating to inappropriate trees on the Clubhouse grounds.

D. Buildings and Remodels – Bob Allen

- Friend, 1537 NW 186th St: New attached garage. Application approved 7-0.
- Thom, 17123 13th Ave NW: deck stairway. Application approved 7-0.



Teel, 1435 Springdale Pl, has inquired about setbacks on lots which have frontage on two streets. Our legal counsel has confirmed that property lines which are adjacent streets are subject to “front” setbacks. Property lines which meet the street on one end and each other at the other end are “sides” and subject to ten foot setbacks. This clarification will be added to the “Homeowner’s Guidelines for Remodels and New Construction”, which can be found on the Innis Arden website.

Roof changes which do not modify the shape, height or width of the homeowner’s roof and are a replacement of the same type of material “like for like” are not subject to Board approval. Changes which are questionable should be clarified by the Board, through the B & R chair, prior to initiating the change to prevent the filing of a covenant violation claim. Questions should be addressed to the B & R chair.

Surveys, by professional surveyors, must be submitted as part of the Board approval process when applications are submitted for projects which involve changes to the roof dimensions or remodels which approach setbacks. Doing this in advance of prepara-

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ration of drawings will save time and expense for the homeowner and for those involved in the application approval process. The height of the existing structure is measured from sea level. Drawings of the proposed remodel or new home must show the existing on the same drawing.

Questions regarding buildings and remodels should be addressed to the Building and Remodels, chair Bob Allen (542-3219).

## E. Reserves – Rick Leary:

### 1. Reserves subcommittee:

a. Current members are Jonathan Howe, John Haggman, Al Wagar, and John Hushagen. All have either training or practical knowledge of Urban Forests, trail management, and invasive control.



### b. Tree Solutions

- i. We met with Ann Hirschi, consulting arborist at Tree Solutions
- ii. She presented a draft of what will be presented to RW Thorpe for their part of the Forest Management Plan
- iii. Ann discussed various options for opening up view corridors in Blue Heron would improve views for some residents and get with City of Shoreline approval.
- iv. I suggested that Ann give the board a preview of her report so that she can get feedback and guidance. This has been arranged for the next board meeting.

### 2. Assessment of Reserves by the Committee (Blue Heron, Eagle, Coyote, and Boeing Creek)

- a. Invasive plants – English Ivy, Laurel, English holly, and Himalayan Blackberry
- b. Trail Issues – Tires, decrepit bridge, trail washout
- c. Red Alder – near the end of their life, perhaps 20 years left. They are starting to shed major branches from the top, i.e. see large limb and tree about 100 yards in from east end of the trail in Blue Heron Reserve that came down in Jan 2008. We need to start planting trees that will take over when these trees totally fail. Also it is probably not advisable to walk in the reserves when it is windy

because of these older alders.

d. I will start having work parties to address the various issues. A number of Innis Arden community members have called to volunteer for work parties. We will still need more.

e. I will start a regular committee report for the monthly Bulletin on what has been accomplished in the reserves to improve them.

f. I would like to purchase approximately 200 trees to plant in Blue Heron in the areas around the Red Alder. Propose to plant Vine Maple, Shore Pine, Oregon Ash, Black Hawthorne, and Mountain Juniper – all reasonably low lying (Less than 50 feet, most less than 25 feet). This will cost \$300 to \$1000. After this initial planting using volunteer we will monitor the success OF THE work parties. We could spend up to \$5,000 to \$10,000 on replanting alone this year.

### 3. Abandoned Boeing Creek Sewage Treatment Plant

a. The plant apparently was built in the 1940s by WILLIAM Boeing. It was abandoned as a treatment plant in 1962 according to KC records. The plant was always a private plant. Both Ronald Sewer District and King County claim that this plant was never under their control.

b. The fence around it is in disrepair. The gate will not close properly. The SE corner of the fence has been peeled up by vandals to allow easy access. The dirt has washed away from the SW corner leaving a hanging fence with a gap of 3 feet by 8 feet. Thus, extensive repair needs to be done to restrict access.

c. There is a large cement walled vault of approximately 15 feet wide by 30 feet long by 15 to 20 feet deep. There is a manhole access with steel ladder rungs built into the side of the vault. There are two openings (3 feet by 5 feet) where vandals have peeled back the sheet metal to complete expose the vault from the top. The two openings and the manhole definitely present a serious liability to the shareholders if residents or others decide to explore and become entrapped. Also the rusted metal combined with the sewage residues makes for prime tetanus inoculation. There are also other smaller troughs that are potential hazards.

d. **Short Term Solution** – Repair the fence sufficiently to prevent access and then moni-

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tor regularly. Put up "No Trespassing Signs". Estimate \$2000.

**e. Long Term Solution** – Rebuild the road down to the abandoned plant (~\$100,000). Fill in the vault with rubble from Innis Arden construction projects. Total Cost: \$100,000+. This is the safest long term solution since there will always be a risk of unauthorized access.

**F. Activities – Brian Branagan**

- The new officers of the Innis Arden Activities Committee requested information from the Board to determine whether or not they were covered by the insurance policies of The Innis Arden Club Association. Board President Mike Jacobs said he believed they were and would check the policy.



The Innis Arden Blockwatch Program is being reorganized. Instead of one Blockwatch Captain for each Division, we are recruiting up to 34 Captains for Neighborhood Groups comprised of up to 20 homes each. This will allow information to spread more quickly among neighbors. If you are interested in becoming a Blockwatch Captain for your neighborhood, please contact Brian Branagan at [bbranagan@verizon.net](mailto:bbranagan@verizon.net)

There are several upcoming Activities:

- The annual Innis Arden Rummage Sale is coming up March 8th and 9th.. There will be a Volunteer Lunch on March 7th. There is a need for someone to host/chair the event. Please contact Julie Forster if you are interested.
- The Easter Egg Scramble will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 2pm at the Clubhouse.
- The Innis Arden Wine Tasting will be Friday, April 18th. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.
- A Ladies Night Out is being planned for the first weekend in May. Stay tuned to the Innis Arden Newsletter for more information.

**G. Grounds – Kathi Peterson**

This past month Rick Leary and Bob and Judy Allen hauled five loads of donated landscape rock from the Johnson residence to the clubhouse area for later use in re-landscaping. It was no easy task considering our recent winter weather and the weight of the five truck loads of the landscape rock. Our community is sincerely indebted to the three of them for their "above and beyond" work on behalf of the Innis Arden community this past month.



Judy Allen, on behalf of Grounds, sought out bids for cement work to be done behind the clubhouse once the current broken cement patio is removed by the Coluccio Construction Company and after Coluccio spreads four inches of gravel where the cement once was. Those shareholders who attended the Innis Arden Annual Meeting saw a professional display of proposed improvements and enhancements for the patio area behind the clubhouse. We are working toward accomplishing those improvements by getting bids and planning ahead for future needs (such as wiring for sound equipment and security and electricity, etc.) Judy Allen presented the Board with two bids for cement work which she recently received. The board discussed the two bids and decided to seek more bids before making a final decision regarding which company to use for the concrete work.

The meeting ended before Judy could comment on additional work which was done to the front of the clubhouse this past month. All the plants from the entrance circle have been saved and transplanted in the area in front of the play field. The Rhododendrons have all been replanted in front of the clubhouse parking area to block headlights as requested by adjacent residents. Discussion regarding the project will resume at the March meeting.

The finished solid core table top which now serves as a large desk/work surface in the Innis Arden office was a donated gift from Bob and Judy Allen. Many thanks to them for this thoughtful and much needed addition to the office!

Next Innis Arden Board Meeting will be March 4 in the Swim Club Snack Bar. Mike Jacobs will be out of town on March 11th and the clubhouse won't be available due to the Rummage Sale.

The meeting was adjourned by President Michael Jacobs at 8:54 p.m.  
Kathi Peterson (for Secretary Shannon Martsolf)

## It's All About Community!



Capital Campaign

## Community Open House

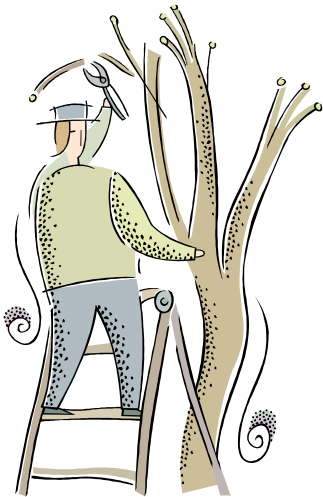
You are cordially invited to Steve Dunn's on **March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.** to get the latest updates on the new Dale Turner Family YMCA and learn how you can invest in the project. Steve will be providing food and beverages and representatives from the YMCA will be on hand to answer your questions. This is a great chance to socialize with your neighbors and learn about this great new community resource.

Call Steve at (206) 276-8466 if you are interested in attending.



New Dale Turner Family YMCA scheduled to open in Fall 2008!

### SPRING PLANTING & PRUNING



With the arrival of spring, here is a reminder concerning the planting and trimming of trees, shrubbery and hedges. It's time to go outside and check out the trees and hedges on your lot, and determine if you have neighbors above or adjacent to you with views being blocked, and to bring your vegetation into compliance, as a neighborly gesture. In a view community such as ours, there is a need to protect each other's view corridors.

- View blocking trees and shrubbery should be

maintained year-round at no more than roof height (Tree Height Amendment).

- View blocking hedges should be no more than 6 feet in height (paragraph 10 of the original Restrictive Mutual Easements).

If the view-blocking vegetation is in a critical area (which is the case in many instances), then the issue becomes much more complicated although minor (up to 25% of the canopy without crown reduction) pruning may be allowed with the approval of an arborist.

This is a good time to talk with those around you concerning the need for proper and effective trimming. All of us are winners when improved views and healthy, beautiful trees contribute to increased property values.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Activities Meeting**

March 3rd

At Brian Branagan's

**Board Meeting**

March 4th

At the Swim Club Snack Bar

**Rummage Sale**

March 8th-9th

**Deadline for March Bulletin—  
March 9th**

**Community Notices**

(no anonymous items)

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**Request to rent** a 4 bedroom home for 1 week (8/10-8/17/08). This rental request is for a responsible family arriving from out of country. No smoking and no pets. Price is definitely negotiable. If there is availability, please contact Jacqueline: 206-963-1349

**Please don't feed the crows!** We are having an ongoing problem with crows at our house. Apparently, someone is feeding the crows peanuts and they like to come to our house and sit on the roof and gutters to eat their peanuts, leaving the shells to drop into our gutters and fall to our patio in the back yard. Although this requires me to clean the gutters more often, its the mess of the peanut shells around the house that is really annoying.

**Message from the Bulletin Editor**—I have finally organized all of the email addresses gathered over the years and added them to the shareholder database. Email addresses representing 290 unique properties (out of a possible 538) in Innis Arden have been col-

lected. This is helpful for distributing information (blind copied) pertinent to our community—lost or found pets, Activities events, criminal activity, meeting agendas etc. With so many residents having internet access, perhaps it is time to rethink our Bulletin distribution process.

Did you know that Bulletins from January 2000 to January 2008 are available on our web site? See <http://www.innisarden.com/newsletters/index.html>.

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