

Happy Fall

November 2012



*From the Surrey Downs Community Club
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Update from the Surrey Downs Community Club Board of Directors

At a community meeting on April 1, 2012 the following Surrey Downs residents were confirmed as elected members of the Surrey Downs Community Club Board for the year 2012-2013:

Executive Board

Ron Bennett-President

Leonard Marino-First Vice President

Scott Lampe-Treasurer

Stacie Leblanc Anderson-Secretary

Vice Presidents

Betsy Blackstock

Charles Fisher

Kathy Gray

Keith Zhang

Jesse Pacem

Joe Rosmann

John Gray

Mary Hoole

Michelle Bomberger

Peng Li

Steve Hall

Susan Ilvanakis

Subsequently, Ron Bennett moved out of the neighborhood, thus becoming unable to serve on the board, per the Surrey Downs By-Laws. At the June 20, 2012 SDCC Board meeting Leonard Marino, First Vice President, agreed to serve as Acting/Interim President. In addition, Jesse Pacem chose not to serve; the SDCC Board decided not to fill his position. Note: John and Kathy Lindquist Gray recently resigned from the board as they have moved out of the neighborhood. If you have any questions please contact Leonard Marino.

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The SDCC Board is made up of resident homeowners who are interested in the welfare of the neighborhood. The Board welcomes Surrey neighbors to attend the monthly board meetings. If there is an issue or an idea that you would like to bring to the attention of the Surrey Downs Community Club Board, please contact Leonard Marino lsmarino@comcast.net. If you would like to attend a meeting and have an item to discuss, please let Leonard know to ensure that your item is added to the agenda.

Surrey Downs WEBSITE is NOW On-Line

Many THANKS to Surrey Neighbor Jesse Pacem and Surrey Board Member Peng Li! Surrey Downs now has a website that is up and running. Soon there will be further information available at this address.

Please go to <http://surreydowns.cc/> and see how it looks.

Upcoming Surrey Downs Holiday Events

First Saturday at Tully's (Saturday December 1st)

Come to Tully's on Main between 8:30 and 9:30 am Saturday Dec. 1st and have a warm beverage with Surrey neighbors. Be one of the first 5 residents to arrive and your beverage will be free. On Saturday November 3rd you could find 14 Surrey neighbors to visit with at Tully's. Residents chatted about all kinds of issues...holidays, trips, the weather, aches and pains, grandchildren, children and much more. Hope to see you on the 1st.

Invitation from Surrey Neighbor Kristin Edlund-- Sammamish Symphony Holiday Pops Concert (Saturday December 7th)

"I'd love to invite the neighborhood to the Sammamish Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert right here in downtown Bellevue at The Meydenbauer Center on Saturday Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm! I'll be playing violin with the symphony...this is a family-friendly concert, great for kids! The Beaver Lake Middle School Choir will sing and it is free for children 10 and under to attend. (Adults \$16, Senior/students \$12) Tickets are available at the door, or at Ticketweb.com. Hope to see some Surrey faces in the audience!" Thanks, Kristin Edlund

Annual Surrey Downs Family Holiday Party (Friday December 14th)

Join neighbors in celebrating the season on Friday December 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Once again we will gather at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (10420 SE 11th Street; just off of Bellevue Way, south of The Bellevue Nursery). Please bring your favorite savory or sweet dish (that serves 6-8 people) to share. There will be activities for the children, and plenty of time to mingle with old friends while enjoying delicious food. We have many new neighbors; this will be a great opportunity to meet, greet and welcome them to our extraordinary community. Please contact Michelle Bomberger 503-2578 michelle@bomberger.net or Betsy Blackstock 454-2385 bbdj@yaho.com if you have any questions. See you then!

3rd Annual Holiday Tea for Retired Women of Surrey Downs (Friday December 21st)

Neighbor Lee Maxwell will again open her home for the 3rd Annual Traditional Holiday Tea for The Retired Ladies of Surrey Downs. The event will begin at 2 pm Friday afternoon December 21st at the Maxwell Residence, 933-111th Place SE. Join us to sip tea, enjoy goodies, greet longtime friends, and make new acquaintances. Come share memories of holidays past and time spent in our Historic Surrey Downs Neighborhood. Please RSVP to Lee 455-2587, no later than Mon. Dec. 17. We would be happy to arrange transportation for you.

Updates from Surrey Downs Summer Events

Annual Surrey Downs Garage Sales

This year's Annual Surrey Downs Garage Sales were held August 25, a beautiful Saturday. Treasures were spread on tables, lawns, and driveways; there were loads and loads of shoppers. This year 26 homes participated and once again many items merely moved from home to home, never leaving the neighborhood. The McIntyre gang held a bake sale, and new neighbors Jennifer and Rich Strophy donated a big orange thermos jug to the SDCC; we used it at this year's picnic! Thank you Strophys!

Annual Surrey Downs Summer Picnic

Sunday September 9 was a perfect Pacific Northwest afternoon for the Annual Surrey Summer Picnic. The huge turnout (100+ adults and 50+ children) tells the SDCC Board that this might be a great date to have the picnic next year. Thank you to Joe Rosmann and Leonard Marino who manned the barbecues, and to the rest of the SDCC Board who once again made this such a successful event. And as usual, all of the other food that came from Surrey kitchens was delicious. A special thank you to Stacie Leblanc Anderson and her daughter Sierra for painting many incredible little (and big) faces during the picnic. Thank you to the Bellevue Fire Department Team from Station #1 on Bellevue Way; they ran their pumper truck dry entertaining our young water enthusiasts. It was wonderful to meet many of our new neighbors and to see the number of children blossoming in our community. Hope to see everyone again next year.

Hello and Good-bye-- About Surrey Downs Residents

Tiny New Neighbors

Ann Guilford (boy and girl)
The Irwins (girl)
Chris and Kendra Breiland (boy)
Holly and Adam Shafer (girl)
Jesse and Colleen Pacem (boy)
And two other baby boys!

New Residents

Bobbie and Michael Graff
Carrie and Tim Hood
Holly and Adam Shafer
Jennifer and Ken Pierce
Jennifer and Steve Mohr
Jennifer and Rich Strophy
Lauren and Brad Padden
Siona and Mark King (Son and Daughter-in-law of Nina and Ches King)
Stella and Chris Ray

Happy Trails to You

Art and Betty Miller (moved to Oregon to be with family)
Ron Bennett (moved to Whidbey Island to be near family)
Ryan and Jennifer LaBrie (moved to Mercer Island)
Ches and Nina King (moved away but son/daughter-in law moved into their Surrey home)
Ray and Naomi Sheckler (downsized to Renton)
Kristie and Michael Diedrich (moved to Oregon)

Special Congratulations

Chris and Kendra Breiland---were renters on SE 9th and are now owners on 109th. So great that they wanted to stay in this wonderful community.

Gone but Never Forgotten

Ann Ragsdale
Linda Walkley
Norma Spofford
Robert Anderson
Thomas Twiggs

Updates on Neighborhood Safety

On Thursday November 15, 2012 neighbor from South Surrey reported:

"Per the previous recommendation: Increase our **awareness of people** in our neighborhood. If you see a car that you don't recognize that seems to be travelling slowly through the area, get as much information as you can about the car and report it to the 911 operator, I have reported an incident in front of our house that exactly matched the above description involving two white teenage boys in a Black Toyota Corolla 6VBZ594.

I was working in the front yard, raking leaves and they did not see me behind the big maple tree when they pulled over and the passenger got out of the car and peeped inside the Mercedes car of our friend. I confronted him and he said he was trying to parallel park...:-) I said we had many car prowls incidents and that I would be reporting them. I noted the car's number and then they left.

I called 911 and the Bellevue police showed up a few minutes later. I have given them all the details. They said they will keep a watch but since a crime was not committed, there wasn't much to do!! The Black Toyota turned out to be a rental car in some female's name. The police said they would at least try to find out more details of the renter and the two occupants that I reported."

Also on Thursday November 15, 2012, another South Surrey neighbor reported:

"We noticed that our mailboxes on S.E. 9th Street were broken into on Thursday evening, (Nov. 15th). Some mail may have been stolen. "

Reminders from the Bellevue Police Department

- Please remember to lock all doors and windows when you leave. If you are going to be away overnight, please consider alerting a neighbor so that they can keep an eye on your house. If any of your yard is hidden from view, perhaps a friend or neighbor could take a stroll around your yard while you are away or even at work. Consider adding some motion-sensor lights.
- If you see or hear something suspicious around your house, please make your first response to immediately call 911. The faster they are alerted, the faster they can arrive. The Bellevue Police suggest that checking things out yourself is generally unwise; call them and let them take care of it.
- Please remember to lock your car whenever you leave it unattended in your driveway. The City of Bellevue reports that the majority of car prowls in Surrey Downs and other neighborhoods have been the result of cars being left unlocked. Please put 'locking up' high on your list of things to do.

A huge THANK YOU to these neighbors who alerted the police as well as neighbors.