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Have you seen the missing orca?



“BELLY FULL OF SALMON” WAS STILL MISSING WHEN THE PAPER WENT TO PRESS

-PHOTO BY WAYNE PRIDEMORE

By Jessica Jain
President RBCA

One of our beloved Beach Orcas, stolen from its post at the entrance to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park sometime between Friday evening of May 13 and Sunday afternoon, May 15, is still missing.

“Belly Full of Salmon,” is about 3’ long and 2’ high. Created by artist Melissa Cole as part of the Beach Orca Project in 2017, it is made of fiberglass and decorated with vividly colored, textured and patterned paintings and mosaic with fused glass accents.

Another orca taken at the same time was found near Boeing Creek and returned by Richmond Highlands resident, Herb Albin.

RBCA is offering a “no-questions-asked” drop-off of the orca, regardless of its current condition. **Please deliver our orca to the Richmond Beach Library, no questions asked.**

Let’s work together, hold out for someone to do the right thing and keep our Beach Orcas from becoming an endangered species.

Please contact RBCA President Jessica Jain at (425) 306-8268 with information relating to the missing orca.

Richmond Beach Community News awarded best in nation

By Tom Mailhot
RBCA Treasurer

Your RBCA newspaper has won the 2021 award as the best printed neighborhood newsletter in the entire country by Neighborhoods USA, a national non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening neighborhoods. This is the fourth time your community news has won this honor. Yes—best in the entire country, and yes—the fourth time. This repeated level of excellence does not happen by chance. Read about our extraordinary volunteer staff in the Special Recognition story, page 8.

2022 Community Service Award recipients

By Tom Petersen

There were many nominations for the Marge Unruh Community Service Award, which goes each year to neighborhood members or businesses that have contributed to the betterment of Richmond Beach and the lives of the people who live here. Every year, honorees are those who have volunteered selflessly or who have added to their professional duties a special care and personal attention for this place.

Maintaining a sense of community and purpose in a year of pandemic-imposed isolation and the disruption in the decades-old traditions that defined Richmond Beach has been an enormous task, sometimes difficult to perceive; this year the Richmond Beach community expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Teresa Pape, Kay Lakey and Betty Ngan.

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Richmond Beach graduates



By Sheri Ashleman

Congratulations to the Richmond Beach graduates of 2022. Your community is so proud of you for persevering through the past several years and wishes you the best in all your future endeavors!

Read on about the graduates.

Spencer Brown is graduating from Shorewood. He lettered four years on the boy’s swim team, played baseball his first two years and lettered in golf his last two years. Spencer made it to the DECA state competition this year. He has been very active in Shoreline Young Life, including being a Wyldlife leader for Einstein boys. He is looking forward to Malibu Club Young Life camp this summer. He has been working as a lifeguard at local pools. Spencer will attend WSU in the fall; he has been accepted into the Honors College as a 2022 Top Scholar.

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2022 Richmond Beach Garden Tour



-PHOTO BY KRIS FORDICE

By Kris Fordice
Event Coordinator

The Richmond Beach 30th Anniversary Garden Tour will take place on **Saturday, June 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** We have lined up eight amazing gardens starting near Hillwood and running through Innis Arden and Richmond Beach. Our garden hosts have been working hard to get their gardens ready for the tour and are eager to greet you. Read all about the tour on page 4.

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RBCA welcomes Adam Star and Allison Taylor to the board

By Kathryn Muller
RBCA Board Member

The RBCA is excited to introduce two new board members. During the RBCA Board meeting in May, Adam Star and Allison Taylor were unanimously appointed to join the board. We are excited to have them be a part of the RBCA and look forward to their contributions. Learn more about them below.



- PHOTO COURTESY ADAM STAR

Adam Star

Adam Star joined the RBCA Board in 2022. Star has been living in Richmond Beach since 2020 with his wife, Katya, and daughter, Amelia. Originally from the east coast, Adam

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Letter from the President

This will be the last month your Letter from the President will be from me. Next month I hope the newly elected president will continue these letters and bring news of what new and exciting changes are coming to the RBCA. I have been on the board for four years and have served as President for two. It has been an honor, and although the pandemic brought unexpected challenges, I walk away with only positive memories. As my family plans to stay in Richmond Beach, I fully expect you'll see my name on the board roster some time again.

I would like to use this last letter to talk about someone who has been with the board almost as long as I have. Three and a half years ago, not too long after I joined, Sheri Ashleman gave notice to the board that she would be retiring as our executive director. We were all genuinely terrified that we would not be able to find someone to fill her shoes. The interview committee met with three candidates, but there was a clear and unanimous front runner. Her name was Teresa Pape. We hired her and never looked back.

Teresa has brought many of our processes online and helped to streamline others. She has grown our social media presence and brought so many new businesses and partnerships to the RBCA. She saw the board through the pandemic with countless ideas for how we could continue to engage with the community. She single-handedly delivered dozens of RBCA masks door to door to fulfill online orders. Previous RBCA President Christine Quigley writes, "She worked remarkably hard for our RBCA community (and so did her husband Craig), and I will forever be inspired and grateful."

Personally, I greatly enjoyed working with Teresa. She was always willing to go above and beyond and never let the little things bother her. At events she always greeted everyone with a smile, even if they were complaining about a moved carnival game, or how this thing used to be done that way. Not letting it phase her at all, Teresa would say, "But isn't it so much better this way?!" Working with Teresa is not work. She makes it easy and fun. And she was right there with us.

Teresa has a new position is ShoreLake Arts as Program Manager for Arts and Culture Events. So, we can all still enjoy her hard work at events throughout Shoreline. I wish you all the best Teresa. The three plus years you spent with the RBCA has left an impression that won't soon fade! Thank you!

Jessica Jain,
RBCA Board President

Historic photo find sheds light on an era



ONE OF THE PICTURES FOUND AT A LOCAL GARAGE SALE SHOWS TWO SOLDIERS STANDING NEXT TO A SANDBAG BUNKER ON OLYMPIC AVENUE (NOW RICHMOND BEACH DRIVE). THE NOTES ON THE BACK OF THIS PHOTO STATES "JUNE 1942 SANDBAG HOUSE POST #3."

-PHOTO COURTESY CAROL ZEMANEK

By Tom Petersen

Carol Zemanek, a librarian in Richmond Beach, sets a good example: She keeps her eyes and ears open for those bits of history that are sprinkled all over our community when she visits local garage sales.

Her most recent discoveries are two photos from an era that is oddly under-chronicled for the neighborhood: World War II. Thanks to the two-volume Shoreline Memories books from 1973 and a couple other memoirs, we know a lot about Richmond Beach up until the mid-1930s. The emphasis when those volumes were compiled was on talking to the people left who remembered the founding years of the neighborhood. No such project documenting the next phase (the mid-20th Century boom years) ever quite got off the ground. A lot of stories remain untold, and pictures of Richmond Beach in those days sit in albums and boxes . . . somewhere.

The pictures of Richmond Beach during the war tell a tale of West Coast civil defense. The bombing of Pearl Harbor exposed how vulnerable targets were in the age of submarines and air power. The "Triangle of Fire" of forts and gun batteries built during World War I to prevent enemy ships from entering Puget Sound suddenly seemed quaint. Residents along any shoreline could easily imagine planes suddenly swooping over the Olympics or submarines surfacing on their beaches.

Though Richmond Beach's tiny workshops and modest piers were too small for war manufacturing, the aviation fuel depot at Point Wells and the Great Northern rail line were naturally considered rich targets by military strategists. Richmond Beach, like every other community, sprang into action, with people hanging blackout curtains in their windows and volunteers scanning the skies and eying the waves 24 hours a day.

The pictures show that the military had a formal role, with a little communications hut to relay any observations from Richmond Beach and a sandbag machine gun bunker in case hostile forces arrived on the waterfront. The sandbag bunker picture is shown above.

What is wonderful about the old pictures is what they capture beyond the main subject. We can see what people were wearing and reading. In the background are houses, some long gone, others still standing. Nailed to the post behind the bunker are the hand-painted wooden street signs with names on them, still up though officially the streets were numbered by this time.

If you, or people you know, remember Richmond Beach in the 1940s, '50s or '60s, and/or have photographs showing the neighborhood (especially businesses, schools, parks or other public spaces), please preserve such memories for posterity. You can share them by contacting the RBCA or the Shoreline Historical Museum.



WW II SOLDIER POST RICH BEACH

A BICYCLIST STOPS BY A SOLDIER IN A COMMUNICATION HUT. THE NOTE UNDER THIS PHOTO SAYS "WWII SOLDIER POST, RICHMOND BEACH."

- PHOTO COURTESY CAROL ZEMANEK

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Richmond Beach graduates



Sarah Clements received a Master's of Science in Land and Food Systems at the University of British Columbia. Her thesis assesses how to train new farmers in alternative agricultural methods that are sustainable and can meet society's food needs amidst challenges such as climate change and political-economic uncertainty. Based in Vancouver, BC, Sarah is the farm manager and lead instructor at Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School at the institute of sustainable food systems at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Sarah teaches students the principles and practices of regenerative farming via experiential learning on a 20-acre organic farm with crops and pastured animals.

Wolfie Erhart is graduating with honors from Shorewood. He is a drumline member and marched with the Bands of America National Honor Band at the 2022 Rose Parade. He received varsity letters in golf and football, including a coach's award. He is a Gold Level President's Volunteer Service Award recipient for time spent on international medical mission trips, at the Historical Society and with Wonderland. He is a National Merit Scholarship winner and was awarded a Rotary Scholarship. He will major in Pre-Professional Studies and Global Health and march in the Fighting Irish band at the University of Notre Dame.

Anna Ertsgaard is graduating from Shorewood High School. Anna lettered for four years in women's varsity golf. An All-Wesco first team selection, she was captain her junior and senior year. Anna played French horn in the Wind Ensemble and Marching Band and was a drum major during her senior year. Anna plans to attend Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall to study architecture.

Connor Farrand is graduating from Western Washington University, with a BA in Political Science and minors in Economics and Sociology. Growing up in Shoreline schools, he enjoyed playing sports, playing music and developing deep friendships. His plans include trying varied kinds of work, travel and enjoying life as a non-student for a change!

Everett Farrand is graduating from Shorewood High School and will be starting at

the University of Washington in Seattle in the fall, with a major to be determined. Growing up in Shoreline, he enjoyed recreational sports, playing music (four different instruments) and developing deep friendships. He is especially thrilled recently to have joined two Syre classmates in forming a popular local band, Pilot Seat.

Ada Franey is graduating from Shorewood High School, continuing on to Rhode Island School of Design this fall. During her time at Shorewood, she devoted her time to her studies, cross country as participant and team captain, ASB as senator and vice president and NHS. Outside of school, she immersed herself in art, pursuing her passion for painting, textiles and fashion design.

Anna Kleyn. Lifelong resident of Richmond Beach, Anna Kleyn, is graduating from Shorewood High School. Anna will be studying Animal Science at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

David Lin is graduating from Shorewood High School. After being student body president of Syre Elementary and Einstein Middle School, he was an ASB class senator at Shorewood for all four years. He played on Shorewood's tennis, basketball and golf teams each year, being a captain for all three teams. He has been very active in the community, leading middle-school youth groups, engaging in global health initiatives, being president of the Shorewood National Honor Society and more. Next year, he will attend UC Berkeley, planning to major in molecular and cellular biology on the pre-med track.

Kaitlyn Manalili will attend Colorado School of Mines where she plans to earn an engineering degree and to play soccer. Kaitlyn played for Shorewood girls varsity soccer for all four years and was captain as a senior. She also was a Link Leader for two years and has been involved in many clubs at Shorewood, including Interact, Sparks, Japanese Club and NHS.

Morgan Manalili is signed to play soccer at Western Washington University where she will be for the next four years. Her experience at Shorewood High School includes playing varsity soccer for four years and being captain when she was a senior. Morgan was a Link Leader for two years and was also involved in clubs such as NHS and Interact.

Sheridan Moore has been a member of Shorewood Drama for the last four years. She also played soccer for Shorewood before a career ending injury. She has been on the Dean's List for several years and will be graduating with a Service of Distinction Community Service Award. She is a Youth Advisor for Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds. See Graduates, page 7

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TERESA PAPE - PHOTO BY NASH PAPE

Teresa Pape

The RBCA's Executive Director job was already busy and difficult enough, with hundreds of tasks, large and small, every month, to keep the neighborhood vibrant and active and informed while equipping and empowering the board and the many volunteers to run programs and activities . . . and then COVID hit. Teresa Pape reinvented the organization—at times she WAS the organization—and created and guided the quarantine version of community-building. Where other neighborhoods shut down entirely, Richmond Beach had Pape's drone-videoed Garden Tour, the Haunted Richmond Beach Walk and Mini-Carnival, Bingo Night and online programming to keep everyone connected.

All the while, though the work got harder and more time consuming, she never lost her spunk and good cheer. Her contribution to the betterment of Richmond Beach over the last four years has been enormous.

Long-time RBCA Board Member Tom Mailhot recalls: "I remember her first Strawberry Festival, the first event she had to organize for RBCA. There are always a thousand decisions that need to be made on the day of the event. While I'm sure she felt overwhelmed, she did a great job of keeping a smile on her face and projecting a positive can-do attitude throughout the day."

Amy Borg adds: "I admire her hands-on approach. I think of her walking the streets WITH the volunteers to do door hangers for the Turkey Day Fun Run—she didn't give us instructions and go back home. Doing whatever it takes to get things done."



- PHOTO COURTESY BETTY NGAN

Betty Ngan

The pride of Richmond Beach is the newspaper you hold in your hands (or are reading online). The Richmond Beach Community News was again recognized as the best neighborhood printed newsletter in the nation, placing first See Community Service Award, page 7

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GRACE GARDEN FOUNTAIN AND CHIVE PLANT

- PHOTO BY BETTY NGAN

1. The Grace Garden - 728 N 193rd Street, Hillwood. This garden returns to the tour to delight visitors once again. The large garden is composed of five distinct “rooms” and is home to more than 30 pieces of art. Pick up a list of the art pieces and garden partners before you start.

Notably, the patio has mature rhododendrons and camellia and a variety of trees and shrubs collected from Shoreline’s Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, and the woodland garden has a stream and pond and an 80’ tall climbing hydrangea on the Douglas fir. The newest addition is a potager, or French “kitchen garden,” with raised beds, and espaliered cherry and apple trees.



HASTINGS GARDEN

-PHOTO BY DENISE HASTINGS

2. The Farlow Garden - 1435 NW 204th Place, Richmond Beach.

The Farlows began renovating the entire garden eight years ago. The welcoming front garden is mostly a part-shade ornamental garden with a few coveted sun spots for lilies and blueberries. The shady, steep, back garden was originally a woodland area with mature trees, native shrubs, ferns and ivy strangling it all! It is now a flowing mix of natives and ornamentals with places to sit and a treehouse for their son to climb.

3. The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden - 20312 15th Avenue NW, Richmond Beach.

This is the hidden jewel of Richmond Beach. Once the private garden of Dr. Art Kruckeberg, professor of botany at the University of Washington, and his wife, Mareen, it is now a city of Shoreline Park. From the Rain Garden, make your way to the lower meadow and the Pacific Northwest Native Plant Demonstration Garden where there are many signs to help you identify the plants. Be sure to check out the “Wood Wave” in the Children’s Discovery Garden. It’s a four-ton sculpture, by artist Bruce Johnson, made from a 1,000 year old redwood tree. Climbing on the sculpture is allowed and a good way to experience the sculpture.

4. The Hastings Garden - 1047 NW 197th Place, Richmond Beach.

The owners have lived in Richmond Beach since 1994, but have only recently taken on a gardening remodel. The garden, starting with a 1960s garden design by Ed Hume, now has mature Japanese maples, rhododendrons and azaleas. Art is placed around the garden to compliment the shapes and colors of nature.



FRAMED BY AN OLD PEAR TREE IN THE ROGERS’ GARDEN IS A WEATHER VANE THAT WAS RESCUED FROM THE OLD HOME OF CAPTAIN RO-BART IN RICHMOND BEACH.

5. The Rogers Garden - 2108 NW 204th, Richmond Beach.

This half-acre “legacy” garden has been owned by only two families in the last 100+ years, originally owned by the Granlund family since around 1910 and then by the Rogers since 1987. Victor Granlund, a gardener and general handyman, developed the structure of the garden over decades, including a chicken coop, orchard, terraces and steps. Dozens of native rhododendrons, azaleas and fruit trees, planted at least 60 years ago, still thrive (over 75 trees). The Rogers added, a dining terrace, vegetable and herb gardens and several garden follies. A 19th century church steeple from Stanwood and a Japanese maple direct you to the lower gardens. See the magnificent katsura, paulownia, several Japanese maples and a variety of ferns. Look for the architectural birdhouses designed by the current owner. The owners also maintain the traffic triangle in front of the house, which has been turned into a wildflower garden, enjoyed and supported by local neighbors.

6. The France-Majorowicz Garden - 19715 23rd Avenue NW, Richmond Beach.

Eleven years ago, the France-Majorowicz garden was a vacant lot overgrown with blackberries and other “volunteers.” Even though this home is in the relatively dense heart of Richmond Beach, the rear garden has been transformed into a lovely private oasis with a patio surrounded by relatively easy to maintain plantings; it’s a perfect spot to indulge in the beverage of your choice and a great read. As new construction, the front garden was designed to comply with the city of Shoreline’s right-of-way rules and contains a stone work and plants of contrasting shapes and shades.

7. The Heinemann and Phisuthikul Garden - 2618 NW 198th Street, Richmond Beach.

Marilyn Heinemann and Chakorn Phisuthikul have lived at this property since 1989, originally moving into a small 50+-year-old home with two totally overgrown lots while raising two young children. They built a new home on the property and completely renovated the garden, which is inspired by the theme “east meets west.” The garden at the entry, redesigned by Nakano Associates, has Asian elements, and the front garden is more western inspired. Since last year, the owners have undertaken an update to each garden, refreshing the look.

8. The Amundsen Garden - 18454 16th Avenue NW, Innis Arden.

A sign greets you as you enter the Amundson garden—“Great art teaches us to live life more alertly.” The owners have worked to maximize nature and art, placing a dozen large-scale contemporary sculptures in the garden so each piece is enhanced by the site, and the

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art further enhances the garden site. The lower level incorporates a view of a running stream.

Space limits the number of photos we can print here, but you can see the gardens yourself. As always, the garden tour is free and will happen rain or shine. Pick up maps at Richmond Beach Library, Sky Nursery and Beach House Greetings.

You can also download the map and garden descriptions with the QR code on page 4 or get a Google interactive map with the QR code below.

GARDEN TOUR MAP ONLY



HEINEMANN AND PHISUTHIKUL GARDEN



ALPINE PLANT IN GRACE GARDEN - PHOTOS ABOVE BY BETTY NGAN

An inside look at the printing process and the face behind the press

By Kathryn Muller
RBCA Board

Located in the bustling Industrial District in South Seattle is an expansive gray building with few external markers. It sits nestled adjacent to FedEx's lively shipping center just off Airport Way S. From the outside, the building appears quiet, but when you walk through the doors your senses are swarmed—a cacophony of sounds, sights and smells. Ink and metallic odors waft throughout the space, sounds of whirling gears echo and reverberate off the walls and wishing papers fly from the press at astonishing speed. It's a lot to take in! The building is home to the Pacific Publishing Company, and it's where



TOP - JACKSON AT PACIFIC PUBLISHING COMPANY; BOTTOM - A LOOK INSIDE THE PLANT - PHOTOS BY KATHRYN MULLER

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Interest Rates

Interest rates are up and the market is already cooling as we saw with rate hikes in May 2018. Seattle's economy remains among the fastest growing in the nation, and millennials are starting new families by the droves. A strong local economy and strong buyer demand continue making home investment a smart choice!

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Kudos

By Teresa Pape
RBCA Executive Director

To **Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen** for being the event coordinator of the Richmond Beach Community Garage Sale. Elisabeth handles all aspects of this community tradition, and it would not happen without her dedication to the event.

To **Bob Fordice** for taking hundreds of pictures of this year's Shoreline Firefighters Egg Hunt at the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park last month. Seeing children so happy to be back hunting eggs this year after the pandemic was a special treat for the community.

To **Sheri Ashleman** for coordinating graduation announcements. These announcements have been a Richmond Beach tradition for many, many years, and it takes extra time to make sure they are all just right.

To **Kris Fordice** for being the event coordinator of the Richmond Beach Garden Tour. Planning for the tour takes months of hard work. Kris organizes this event not only for her passion of gardening, but also for her passion about supporting the Richmond Beach Community Association.

To the **Orca Committee: Randy Ziegler, Heinz Streng, Tom Mailhot and George Buswell** who have reinstalled the beloved Orcas to their posts all over Richmond Beach. There is something magical about seeing them appear every spring.

To **Herb Albin** of Richmond Highlands for returning one of the missing orcas.

From Meet our printer, page 5

the Richmond Beach Community News (RBCN) comes to life. RBCN is published by the Richmond Beach Community Association. from September through June. More than 2,100 copies are mailed to Richmond Beach residents and dues-paying members outside the community. The paper is made possible thanks to community volunteers and advertising support.

Each month Jackson, a prepress technician at Pacific Publishing Company, gets involved in taking the paper from a digital proof to the tangible community newspaper that arrives in your mailbox each month.

The process is much more elaborate than one might think. It's not as easy as simply clicking print, like you do on your printer at home. "It's an art," Jackson said. If a paper isn't put together properly, there are a myriad of things that can go awry. Colors can bleed, graphics can look distorted, pages can get askew, the list goes on. Jackson helps to ensure the paper is pristine.

Without Jackson, photographs and graphics would turn into colorful, messy blobs on the pages. After the file is corrected, he places the pages into a template. He then moves from his monitors and goes into a small room to the right of his office space. Through the door is the plate maker, which he affectionately calls his baby. Thirty-two lasers are used to transfer the text and images onto a large 914" x 610" x .2" plates.

Jackson wasn't always in the printing industry. He started his career as a cook in the army. He served for 15 years as a cook and logistical officer and taught culinary arts for a time at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). When he got out of the army, he attended school at the Art Institute of Seattle and graduated in the top five percent of his class.

Pacific Publishing Company prints many local newspapers around Seattle (about 36 newspapers), providing marketing, distribution, mailing and more. "We specialize in short runs," Jackson said, which are typically between 200-10,000 newspapers, and some clients do almost 50,000.

When asked what he thought about the future of the newspaper industry, he said if you don't understand what makes a newspaper special, then it's probably just not for you. "This medium for communication is older," he admitted. "The industry has changed over time because of technology, but it's also made creating newspapers more fun and feasible. I really enjoy working with clients to bring their visions into reality." Newspapers may be a significant piece of history, but to Jackson, they also have a place in the future.

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From Graduates, page 3



During the last four years, she has visited 11 National Parks. She plans on attending University of San Francisco Honors College studying Biology to attain her MS in Biotech.

Drew Nelson will be graduating from Shorewood in June. Drew is passionate about cross country running and track. He started running at Syre and continued on at Einstein and Shorewood. He was a cross country co-captain this year. Drew also enjoys playing the piano. Drew will be leaving in September to spend two years in Tokyo, Japan, on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and then will go on to attend Brigham Young University in 2024.

Mark Penrod (Shorewood '14, Pomona College '18) has earned a Master's Degree in Data Science from the Harvard Institute for Applied Computational Science (IACS), where he focused his studies on the theory and application of Machine Learning/AI Algorithms. While in Boston, Mark performed with the Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum. After receiving his degree, Mark will join Levi Strauss & Co. as a Data Scientist at their San Francisco headquarters.

Aidan G. Schutte is graduating with honors from O'Dea High. Aidan lettered four years on varsity swimming, was a state champion, is a record holder at O'Dea, an Academic All American for swimming and a four-year varsity lacrosse player (state champion 2019). At O'Dea, Aidan was a student leader, peer mentor and a member of National Honor Society. At Klahaya, he participated on the swim team, was a record holder and also lifeguarded and taught swim lessons. Aidan is excited to attend the University of Washington in the fall, where he hopes to major in biology and pursue medical school.

Payton Strain, ASB President of Shorewood High School (2018), graduates in June from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Anthropology/minor in Law Societies and Justice. Payton received a Certificate of High Scholarship for her selection to the Dean's List (2020-2021), she is a member of Chi Omega Sorority, acted as Director of Sisterhood in 2020, participated in ASUW Arts & Entertainment Club for three years and participated in Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship in 2021. Payton plans on spending the next one to two years volunteering through either the Peace Corps/a NGO working in the healthcare field abroad.

From New Board members, page 1

and Katya moved to the Seattle area in 2012 and lived in Ballard until just after Amelia was born. They were immediately attracted to Richmond Beach's family friendly environment, community traditions and beautiful scenery. You can often find the Stars at Richmond Beach Community Park playground or partaking in Amelia's favorite activity, watching the trains at Kayu Kayu Ac.

In his spare time, Star enjoys traveling with his family; attempting to master his grill or dutch oven depending on the season; sampling Washington's many fine breweries, distilleries and wineries; golfing and (the fun, not super hard) Peloton rides. Star is an active member of the Washington State Bar and currently works for Amazon Web Services as an attorney specializing in privacy and security regulatory issues. He has a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and a J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law. Star also volunteers for Cornell Alumni Ambassador Network and Washington Lawyers for the Arts.



- PHOTO COURTESY ALLISON TAYLOR

Allison Taylor

Allison Taylor moved to Richmond Beach in 2011 with her two sons (then 11 and 15), husband, Tom, and two dogs and immediately fell in love with the community. She's been the ad manager for the Richmond Beach Community News longer than she can remember and has also served as the volunteer coordinator for both the Strawberry Festival and the Halloween Carnival. Professionally, she served the city of Shoreline as Deputy City Clerk for three years, but recently returned to the private sector in administration at an independent school in Shoreline. When she's not busy with family, work or RCBA activities, she helps Shorewood out with costumes for most of their plays. Her early professional life was as a stage actor, and she attended Boston University prior to completing her bachelor's in business administration in 2017.



From Community Service Award, page 3

in the nationwide Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) competition this year. (See story on page 1.) This is thanks to Betty Ngan, who has been the production manager for nearly four years. She inherited an already-successful publication, determined to not let standards slip—and made good on that, with the awards to prove it.

Starting in 2019 Ngan mastered a whole new professional layout software program and photo management software as the technology evolved, and she continued to learn to meet the changing demands of printing on newsprint. Says Ngan, "I am very proud to be continuing the tradition of this neighborhood newspaper. There are not many communities that have a quality neighborhood newspaper like the RBCN. The paper keeps people informed and connected, and it gives our small community an identity."

It's a huge job that requires many hours each month and a steady commitment to putting out the paper on time working along with the rest of the newspaper team. Thanks to Ngan, Richmond Beach has an award-winning paper.



- PHOTO COURTESY KAY LAKEY

Kay Lakey

It's easy to stand on the Bluff Trail and somehow assume that the Saltwater Park, the city's jewel attraction and destination, is a natural wonder. It's not. It's a former sand and gravel pit that was quickly overwhelmed by weeds, brambles and noxious invasive species.

For nearly a decade, Kay Lakey has spent thousands of hours personally ridding the hillsides of scotchbroom and the like and directing the planting of native grasses and shrubs. She organizes the work crews and volunteers, leading by example as she tackles the job herself. It is stewardship of the highest order—not merely beautification, but important environmental restoration that ultimately enhances the plant health of not just the park, but surrounding areas as well. It is this kind of service and dedication that deserves accolades and gratitude.

Lakey herself shares her motivation and philosophy by quoting the last two sentences of the book *Gathering Moss*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer: "It's (schistostega's) life and ours exists only because of myriad synchronicities that bring us to this particular place at this

particular moment. In return for such a gift, the only sane response is to glitter in reply."

Lakey goes on to say, "For me that synchronicity was having the opportunity to begin volunteering nine years ago with Diane Brewster and the UWREN students at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. At that time, we created the Friends of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, which has brought friendships, opportunities to learn and teach habitat restoration and connections with all ages of people from the community. This is the glitter of volunteering; watching not only the park transform, but also watching our friendships and connections to the city and community grow and develop."

Final Thoughts

By Teresa Pape
RBCA Executive Director

As they say, all good things must come to an end, and my contract as RBCA Executive Director has done just that. It is with a broken heart that I say goodbye to the Richmond Beach community that welcomed me in 2018. Stepping into this role created by Sheri Ashleman was no easy task. She is a wonderful mentor and friend.

Speaking of friends, I cannot tell you how many delightful and kind people I have met during my time as executive director. Many of them have become the best kind of friends—ones that walk together, share meals, have tea, share stories and a few curse words and lots of laughs. Each one of you has brought joy into my life.

During the pandemic, I bonded with community members who represent the four corners and created the Halloween-themed scavenger hunt, which I hope to continue for many more years. Although the RBCA is spending the summer reorganizing a bit, the good news is there are still wonderful events happening in the area.

In my new role as program manager at ShoreLake Arts, I have not forgotten the beloved community, and I am happy to bring you Shakespeare in the Park (*Cymbeline*) at Richmond Beach Community Library Park on July 13 and Northwest Blend, a wonderful Hawaiian band, performing at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden on August 17.

Thank you to this wonderful community that allowed me to share a bit of my heart and soul with each event, program, newspaper and kiosk sign. Thank you to all of you who sent me notes, texts and messages of support. Together we did a lot of great things and created memories for generations to share. I wish you all health and happiness.

Special recognition and thanks to all our wonderful volunteers

By Teresa Pape
RBCA Executive Director

The Richmond Beach Community Association is more than just a business, it is a group of people who work together to make our community one of a kind. Although the RBCA is run by a board of directors, it really is the volunteers that do a lot of the behind-the-scenes work. Pre-2019, there were monthly community meetings where we were able to formally recognize and thank some of our biggest volunteers. However, since we are no longer holding public meetings, please take a few minutes to read about some of the wonderful people who make up our great community.

Volunteer recognition

RBCA would like to send out a big thank you to the many volunteers who help the organization all year.

Memberships to the RBCA are a vital source of income, and we send our appreciation to Karen Marshall for managing our memberships and keeping our records updated. Marshall will be stepping away as the coordinator, and RBCA Board Member Amy Borg will take her place.

Graphic Designer Leah Malmos provides graphic design services for all our events. You may not have ever seen her, but her work is displayed all over town and on social media.

Photographer Bob Fordice took over as the community photographer last year. His photos have become the archives of our community showcasing the people and events that bring us together.

The Richmond Beach Community News has an outstanding volunteer staff. It takes countless hours and dedication to bring you this publication every month. Betty Ngan is acknowledged for her great work as the Production Manager of the newspaper. Ngan spends hours with the layout and making sure the

paper is just right.

Our advertisers are vital to the newspaper and the duo of Allison Taylor and Sheri Ashleman is important to the success of the paper. Advertising Manager Taylor works with the advertisers, handles the renewals and the monthly tracking and billing as well as proofing the paper. Community leader Ashleman oversees advertising relations. Ashleman also works as the proofreader reviewing the paper for content and grammar errors. When she has done her final review of the layout, we know the paper is ready for print.

A newspaper without graphics and photos is just words. We are lucky to have a very talented graphic artist working with us. We are thankful for Young Rizo's work and designs.

Student writer Finley Stroh has brought a youthful perspective to the paper. We appreciate that she finds a way to submit articles on top of keeping up with her studies and busy life as a teenager.

The paper wouldn't get out into the community if it wasn't for circulation coordinators Jill Brunsch and John Thielke. Brunsch will be leaving us this summer but Jenny Lohman graciously volunteered to take her place. Thielke will continue to handle distribution and mailings.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the regular contributors to the paper, Tom Petersen and Anina Coder Sill. Petersen always finds a way to add a bit of history to

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the paper and reminds us of the need to donate blood. Anina's Corner is a lighthearted regular article. Also Jerry Patterson's articles about notable people in our community are always interesting. There are many writers who contributed stories including: Sheri Ashleman George Buswell, Dave Davis, Kris Fordice, Jamie Holter, Sarah Niece, Joanna Stone, Teresa Pape, and almost every member of the RBCA Board. I sincerely apologize for any omissions. We are very lucky to have such a large and talented group of volunteers who make sure the paper is always top notch.

I also want to acknowledge the work and dedication it takes to be an event coordinator. These volunteers are made up of some type of secret sauce. Most of them work under the radar for months, preparing, planning and organizing many of your favorite community events. Elisabeth Enge-Nyssen - the Community Garage Sale, Kris Fordice - Richmond Beach Garden Tour, Caitrin Connolly - Sandcastle Contest, Nate Mouttet and Family - Holiday Craft Party.

New at the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library ongoing book sale!

By Karen Thielke

There is now a half-price section as part of the on-going Friends hallway book sale at the RB Library! We appreciate your one bag/per month donations which supply our ongoing book sale with a wide variety of titles.

Our best sellers are books published within the past 10 years especially recent fiction, mysteries, cookbooks, children's titles, gardening, history and science. (There is very limited storage space for old books.)

Rock CDs are attracting a loyal following! Thanks to the community for supporting the book sale with your purchases and your donations.

Summer 2022 Food Drive at Richmond Beach Congregational Church

June 4

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

By Todd Stine

You make a difference when you give to the Edmonds Food Bank and your next opportunity will be **Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in the upper parking lot of Richmond Beach Congregational Church (RBCC UCC) at 1512 NW 195th Street at the corner of 15th Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road.

In the spring we collected over 600 pounds of needed food and hygiene supplies. As the school year ends and summer time begins, we remember those who will miss school lunches by donating single-serve and high protein items. Also, please consider gluten-free and sugar-free foods. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

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