# The Lettini Newsletter

## **Highlights**



Charlie's Car



Happy Caitlin



What the Danny? A storm trooper?



Geese Halloween?



Beautiful Autumn

#### Christmas 2012





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The viper omy went to one car snow – but had lots a interests. I was elected to the Board of Directors at the Mercerwood Shore Club until they found out that Senior Members couldn't serve on the board. In the one month that I severed I did more that all other members did in all their tenures. So much for getting old.

Inge had another great garden — millions of tomatoes (red - green - yellow and purple) and potatoes — purple potatoes (yes purple) — I ate some and turned purple for two days. She and her friend Andrea went to Las Vegas for a fun weekend. She had hernia surgery but recovered very fast and didn't loose a step.

She spends a lot of time in the garden and yard making sure everything is up to par. As usual she helped feed the homeless on Thanksgiving and cooks for the homeless once a month. She also teaches a meditation class every week. And since she got an iPhone she has become a texting fiend. Text's all the time.

Inge also babysits the little girl across the street every Monday for several hours and keeps tabs on the elderly lady next

**D**arin had a hole in one in his golfing experiences and an eagle in another. Good



recruited by Charlie as his "partner in crime." She has been labeled a "Diva" at day care due to her obstinate attitude sprinkled with a little mischief and major cuteness!

Charlie loves pre-school and is practicing his driving skills with his favorite driving companion, Caitlin (see pix). He surprises us with his amazing imagination and creativity. He is our best little helper!

Danny dressed up as a storm trouper for Halloween and impressed all of the Halloween kids in the neighborhood that came to get candy (see pix).

Dominic started 2nd grade and Jocelyn started 1st grade. Both are doing well. Kim's house seems to be birthday central now as both kids celebrated their 8th and 7th birthdays here. Joce had three birthday's – family (mom) – dad –and friends. They had a piñata, which was a

### Christmas 2012



#### At Luther Burbank Park

**Happy Holidays** 

Lets be thankful for what we have



We hope that everyone has a Great Holiday Season and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year



big hit at the friends' party. I didn't get to hit it they have become masters in managing tons of kids at their house now and keeping them busy and happy!

Danny and Kim are still at their same work places (Microsoft and Bonney-Watson) and are still renting a house in Bellevue while looking for a permanent house. The house they are in has a huge back yard - which is great for parties and play. Kim joined the PTSA and is now their Secretary. Both kids have now started to read books to Kim and Danny. Joce was doing this last year, but Dominic is now doing it! Big steps! Danny and Kim celebrated their 1st year anniversary - and their wedding party after one year – thanks to Inge.

The wedding party was quite an event – it was held at Kim and Danny's house and had dozens of people in attendance. It's now official – Kim and Danny are married and living very happily.

Jocelyn and Dominic like to come over to our house and play X-Box/Kinect, Wii and computer games. When they come over my iPhone and Macbook belongs to them for gaming. It's amazing how fast kids learn computer games - they don't even have to be able to read, they just have at it. Occasionally Joce will spend an overnight with us. Dominic is now a Cub Scout and still likes to build Lego things. Joce is a Daisy (pre Girl Scouts). She continues to collect dolls and loves to get dressed up as a princess.

Darin tried to chop his hand off and die when he decided to "clean up some branches on a few trees" using his electric chainsaw. Luckily, he stills remains a threat to all PGA players and is slowly making his way back on the golf course. Darin was elected to the Board of the First Tee, a non-profit organization helping disadvantaged youth through the principals of the game of golf.

Kara had fun helping out with the First Tee's auction, and her own auction benefiting Seattle

Children's Hospital, Research, Foundation. Charlie loves to come to our house and play with Grandpa. He has spent overnights with us – his favorite TV program is Cailou. He has quite a throwing arm and is a southpaw – baseball in the future?

Mark and I only had one outing – but we got to see a Sea Lion trying to catch salmon at the Ballard Locks. And watched a duck catch a fish but fortunately it got away.

Although it was late – we had a great summer. Set a record for days without rain – temperatures in the high 70's and a few in the 80's with low humidity. Never got to 90.

**B**ut to make up for it we just had a rainstorm – over 2 inches in 24 hours. I'll be cleaning up water in the basement. But what a terrible smell.

I'm still trying to relearn Quantum Physics/Computing – what a confusing physics – no one seems to really know what is going on. But the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) seems to have discovered the Higgs Boson, which indicates that there is a Higgs field, which gives mass to particles (like electrons and protons) and means that we really exist.

Happy Holidays to all.