



# Sherwood Forest Community Club



April 2019 Issue

## Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Thank you for reading our 2019 newsletter, as always, I hope you find this information useful. Once again, I want to thank all our block leaders and volunteers for their continuous work that has kept SFCC relevant through the years.

Our community is experiencing new challenges due to growth and transformation. There are many changes planned for our area and they will impact our neighborhood in one way or another in the next few years.

I believe it is very important that we come together and face these changes as a community. Our community club has been busy this year with multiple projects and engagements with city of Bellevue and other neighborhood leaders and stakeholders.

We have been successful and achieved results in the past when the whole neighborhood is engaged and active. There are many ways to get involved and participate. Please find more details on these projects in this newsletter. If you are interested in participating in any of them, please do not hesitate to contact me or the board.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you

Emmanuel Solis

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## Annual Dues 2019

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The **SFCC annual dues remain \$10.00 per household**. The dues pay for basic operating expenses (P.O Box rental, printing, postage, annual meeting room rental, etc ) that allow SFCC to operate and implement goals, plans, and improvements for the neighborhood. A sincere "thank you" to the SFCC members who already paid their 2019-2020 dues. Residents who have yet to remit their dues payment should mail them to:

**Sherwood Forest Community Club.  
P.O. Box 7344, Bellevue, WA 98008**

Find the return envelope attached to this newsletter.

You can also setup automatic payment for SFCC annual dues through your checking account "Bill Pay" service. Many Sherwood Forest neighbors are already using this convenient way to pay their annual dues. Your bank will mail a check directly to SFCC every year once you set it up. Set it once and do not worry about it anymore, it has no additional cost for you or for SFCC.

For details Email:  
[sfccbellevue@hotmail.com](mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com)



**SFCC OFFICERS, TRUSTEES  
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
ARE ELECTED IN OCTOBER  
DURING THE ANNUAL  
MEETING.**

**SFCC BOARD MEMBERS  
GET TOGETHER THE  
THIRD THURSDAY OF  
EACH MONTH TO DISCUSS  
TOPICS OF INTEREST FOR  
OUR COMMUNITY**

**WE INVITE YOU TO  
PARTICIPATE.**

**GET IN TOUCH!**

**Check us online!**

[sherwoodforestblog.wordpress.com](https://sherwoodforestblog.wordpress.com)

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS!**

**PLEASE EMAIL US IF  
YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN HELPING YOUR  
NEIGHBORS.**

**WE NEED A SECRETARY  
AND BLOCK REPS FOR  
NE 29TH ST (WEST),  
NE 27TH ST (EAST) AND  
NE 28TH (WEST)**

## **SFCC Officers and Trustees**

Emmanuel Solis	President
Patrick Tousignant	Vice President
(Open position)	Secretary
Lee Sargent	Treasurer
John Haro	Trustee
Kurt Howeler	Trustee
Janet Castaneda	Trustee
Ken Schiring	Honorary Trustee

To review the board meeting minutes, including the annual meeting, please visit:  
<https://sherwoodforestblog.wordpress.com/about/board-meeting-minutes/>

## **SFCC Block Representatives**

NE 30th to 164 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt Howeler
NE 29th St (east end)	Sam Osheroff
NE 28th St (east end)	Ken Schiring
NE 27th St (east end)	Open
NE 26th St (east end)	Diane Parry
NE 25th St	Samir Chugdar
NE 24th St (east end)	Lee Sargent
162nd Ave NE (south end)	Dan Crevensten
161st Ave NE	John Haro
NE 26th St (west end)	Grant Gilkinson
NE 27th St (west end)	Allison Goodman
NE 28th St (west end)	Open
160th Pl NE (west Peachtree)	Hank Sung
NE 29th (east Peachtree)	Open
NE 27th Pl (Sherwood Gardens)	Regi John
160th Ave NE (south end)	Karen Campbell
159th Ave NE	Gary Dubois
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## SFCC Committees

### ◆ Block Watch

Develop and implement, block-by-block, the City of Bellevue Block Watch program to promote residential awareness, safety and security.

### ◆ Communication

Develop and maintain an electronic communication system. Help with publication of SFCC Newsletter and any other communication material.

### ◆ Emergency Preparedness

Develop and implement a block-by block preparedness program to address impacts from severe storms, earthquakes, and other disasters.

### ◆ Land Use

Monitor Bellevue and Redmond land use development proposals affecting the Sherwood Forest neighborhood. Have contact with City of Bellevue officials of Land Use.

### ◆ Neighborhood Enhancement

Monitor the Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement program, including announcement and proposals for northeast Bellevue. Solicit feedback from residents.

### ◆ Traffic & Transportation

Monitor and report to the SFCC Board of Directors regarding traffic flow patterns and speeds throughout SFCC neighborhood. Monitor Bellevue and Redmond transportation plans, proposals and projects with the potential to impact the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood.

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Are you interested in volunteering in our neighborhood?

SFCC committees are always looking for neighbors to collaborate.  
Find the committee that fits you and contact us at: [sfccbellevue@hotmail.com](mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com)

## SFCC board meeting with Microsoft's Real State & Facilities

This past May, several members of the SFCC board met with Microsoft Real Estate & Facilities group. The meeting was lead by Jim Stanton, Sr. Community Affairs Manager. He and other members of his team provided an update on the new Microsoft campus. Of special interest to our group was the discussion about their new massive underground parking. Although Microsoft is promoting and building with public transportation in mind, it is also doubling the net amount of parking spaces in the new campus from the existing 3,256 spaces to a new total ranging from 6,300 to 6,500 spaces.

Mr. Stanton also informed us that the first phase of the project consists of the demolition of the previous buildings and the construction of the new underground parking. This phase is expected to last about a year and Microsoft will not work after-hours on any demolition or construction, however hauling operations can occur 24 hours a day.

In this meeting, SFCC board expressed concerns with the anticipated increase in local traffic and the lack of transportation infrastructure improvements south of their Campus. Microsoft representatives shared our concerns and mentioned they will continue to promote commuting alternatives for their employees and are willing to work with the City of Bellevue on potential improvement projects, however nothing concise was discussed. Our team will continue to meet with Microsoft and provide feedback to try help mitigate the impact to our community.

More details and facts about Microsoft's new campus can be found online at:

<https://news.microsoft.com/modern-campus>



## HELP STOP BTC REDEVELOPMENT, ATTEND THE MEETING ON 4/24/19

Bellevue Technology Center has once again submitted an application to amend Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan. If approved, their application could result in the removal of the restriction currently governing the site. As was the case before, SFCC has coordinated the response with other Northeast Bellevue neighborhoods to present a well educated and organized front that opposes the redevelopment.

We have created a "Save our Neighborhoods" campaign that we will use to counter the applicants proposal. Please help us stop BTC development by:

### 1.– Signing the paper and/or online petition from "Save our Neighborhoods" at:

<https://www.change.org/p/bellevue-city-council-save-our-neighborhoods>

### 2.– Attend the April 24<sup>th</sup> public hearing with the Planning Commission at 6:30pm at Bellevue City Hall. If you can, wear green so everyone can see you are there in support of our neighborhoods.

Thank you!

Sherwood Forest Community Club Board and Trustees



## Tree Preservation in Sherwood Forest

Sherwood Forest Community Club has continued our commitment to work towards tree preservation in our neighborhood. Over the last couple of year Sherwood Forest has lost more than 20 mature evergreen trees and that is a great concern for many members of the community and the board. We have constantly presented these concerns to City of Bellevue officials in hopes to raise awareness of this issue city-wide. Unfortunately it takes time and constant community engagement to change the policies that are currently in effect. In the meantime the protection of the trees relies mainly on us, the homeowners.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, SFCC along with several other neighborhood leaders, participated in the "Talking about Trees" edition of the Neighborhood Leadership Gathering series hosted by City of Bellevue. About 50 neighborhood leaders attended the gathering where city officials presented an assessment on the current tree canopy and trends related to it, along with information about "trees in our parks" and "trees and development". More importantly, SFCC and other neighborhood leaders urged the City to adopt a more effective policy around legacy tree preservation.

Currently canopy coverage across the city is at 37 percent of Bellevue's land area, with a goal to increase that to 40 percent. However 65 percent of all trees in the city are on residential land. It is SFCC opinion that without a change to the current policy it will be impossible to increase the current canopy coverage, in fact we expect the coverage will continue to decrease until new policies are implemented.

You can help by contacting Jennifer Ewing at Environmental Stewardship Initiative (Telephone: 425-452-6129, Email: [jewing@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jewing@bellevuewa.gov)), and let her know you want stricter rules regarding tree removal in residential areas. Also, learn more, help educate your neighbors, and consider obtaining a "We love our trees" yard sign from City of Bellevue by visiting the address below.

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/environmental-stewardship/trees-open-space>



- ◇ *Tree removal companies often approach **homeowners** telling them that the trees in their yards are hazardous and must be taken down. We strongly recommend getting an opinion from a certified arborist, not affiliated with a tree removal company, before doing any work.*
- ◇ *Prior to removal of any trees you should contact the Land Use desk to ensure compliance with applicable codes*