

# Sherwood Forest Community Club



April 2021 Issue

# Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

I, Lee Sargent, am your current president of the SFCC. Inspired by our past efforts, I know we can do great things. We need your input about: what needs improving, what is working well, and your support in large and small ways.

In that light, we have **three important opportunities to share** in this newsletter. They are:

- Collecting the dues to secure a count of the membership
- Member balloting for updating our SFCC Board ByLaws
- An invitation to our Sherwood Forest community emergency preparedness organization.

Please consider them each.

As a club, we have a recognized presence with the city. Just ask myself, Emmanuel Solis or Regi John. We can get things done.

Example: At a planning meeting recently in which 9 people attended the meeting excluding city representatives, 3 of the people representing developers (regional Master Builders assoc., Amazon, Chamber of Commerce) and 6 residents. (3 were from Sherwood Forest.) The needs of the community as understood by the six representatives were well expressed. Would it have been more effective if there were a few more residents present? Yes. (Thank you, Emmanuel and Janet, for sharing your presence and words at this meeting.)

Lee Sargent—President 2021

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# **Emergency Preparedness**



Will you know who to get in an emergency while you wait for 911? Will your kids know?

When we have an earthquake that causes power lines to be down, roads closed, etc., what will you do? For a day? A week? Longer?

These are among the many questions we are asking.

We, like you, are hoping that these things never occur. And we know that preparing each other can improve a bad situation dramatically. That includes knowing how our neighbors can help, who will get help, who might need help, etc.

We are only asking some of the questions. You can help us. Expand our questions. Identify local resources needed. Share with us your expertise. Share with us your needs.

Please contact us with your insights or questions Current facilitator:

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SFCC Emergency Preparedness committee <a href="https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org/emergency-preparedness">https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org/emergency-preparedness</a>



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

SFCC BOARD MEMBERS MEET <u>VIA ZOOM</u> ON THE THIRD THURSDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH TO **DISCUSS TOPICS OF** INTEREST FOR OUR **COMMUNITY** 

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

**GET IN TOUCH!** 

sfccbellevue@hotmail.com

### Check us online!

https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS!
PLEASE EMAIL US IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN HELPING YOUR
NEIGHBORS.
WE ARE LOOKING FOR
A NEW BLOCK REP FOR
NE 29TH ST (WEST).
COMMITTEE POSITIONS
ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
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### **SFCC Officers and Trustees**

Lee Sargent President

Nate Kessler Vice President

Anne Drebin Secretary

John Haro Treasurer

**Emmanuel Solis** Trustee

Patrick Tousignant Trustee

Janet Castaneda Trustee

Ken Schiring, Kurt Howeler **Honorary Trustees** 

To review the board meeting minutes, including the annual meeting, please visit: https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org/about/board-meeting-minutes/

# **SFCC Block Representatives**

Block #1	NE 30th to 164 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt Howeler
Block #2	NE 29th St (east end)	Sam Osheroff
Block #3	NE 28th St (east end)	Ken Schiring
Block #4	NE 27th St (east end)	Sylvia Fuerstenberg
Block #5	NE 26th St (east end)	Diane Parry
Block #6	NE 25th St	Samir Chudgar
Block #7	NE 24th St (east end)	Lee Sargent
Block #8	162nd Ave NE (south end)	Dan Crevensten
Block #9	161st Ave NE	John Haro
Block #10	NE 26th St (west end)	Grant Gilkinson
Block #11	NE 27th St (west end)	Allison Goodman
Block #12	NE 28th St (west end)	Nate Kesler
Block #13	160th Pl NE (west Peachtree)	Hank Sung
Block #14	NE 29th (west Peachtree)	Open
Block #15	NE 27th PI (Sherwood Gardens)	Regi John
Block #16	160th Ave NE (south end)	Karen Campbell
Block #17	159th Ave NE	Gary Dubois
Block #18	Belmore	Ying Peng

### **SFCC Committees**

#### ♦ Block Watch

Develop and implement the City of Bellevue's 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 officials for Land Use.

#### **♦** Neighborhood Enhancement

Monitor the Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement program, including announcements 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 and surrounding areas. Monitor Bellevue and Redmond transportation plans, proposals and projects with the potential to impact the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood.

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: <a href="mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com">sfccbellevue@hotmail.com</a>

#### **Annual Dues 2021**

The **SFCC annual dues remain \$10.00** per household. Dues pay for basic resources that allow SFCC to operate and implement goals, plans, and improvements for the neighborhood. This year, your contributions allowed SFCC to acquire a license for an annual zoom account used for every board, committee and community meeting, including meetings with City of Bellevue officials. As always, a sincere "thank you" to the SFCC members who have already sent in their annual dues. Residents who have yet to remit their payment should send a check to:

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

We recommend you setup automatic payment for SFCC annual dues through your checking account "Bill Pay" service. We have explored receiving electronic payments via Zelle or Paypal, but their fees are not cost effective at this time. We will continue to keep an eye on those options for the future.

If you would like to earmark an additional donation to a specific issue, please just note the issue on you donation check.

Our Treasurer's Reports are part of our Meeting Minutes which are available for review on the SFCC website.

Questions? Email: sfccbellevue@hotmail.com



# New development application at NE 24th St (Bel-Red Medical Building)

There is a permit application to build a 3-story building with underground parking on NE 24th St., (almost at the corner of 156th Ave NE) where the Bel-Red medical offices stand right now. The application states the developer will replace two one-story buildings with one 3-story building with underground parking for 57 cars. According to the application, the first floor will become a church and the two remaining floors will be office space.

SFCC continues to track this application. The process does not call for a public hearing therefore if you are interested in receiving updates for this project you need to register as a "party of record" for the application by contacting city planner: Leah Chulsky 425-452-6834 <a href="lchulsky@bellevuewa.gov">lchulsky@bellevuewa.gov</a>

Details for the application can be found here:

https://bellevuewa.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf\_document/2021/21-104361-LD.pdf



The Great Neighborhoods program is starting to wrap up its Northeast Bellevue project. After collecting feedback from the community, city of Bellevue staff has produced policies based on the information received during virtual meetings throughout the year. Please continue to engage, participate and provide your feedback on these policies at <a href="https://www.engagingbellevue.com/northeast-bellevue">https://www.engagingbellevue.com/northeast-bellevue</a>

## SFCC Bylaws update and ballot

Earlier this year, the board of directors appointed a special committee to review and update the bylaws for SFCC. The SFCC bylaws are the legal document that sets the rules and procedures of our organization. The bylaws were last updated in 1992 and club members need to approve a new revision by a majority vote to become official.

The bylaws committee has created a revised version of the bylaws that simplifies some of the rules for elections, terms, and allows for the use of current technology to carry out official communications. It also made positions gender neutral, removed unnecessary details and made the document easier to read by simple formatting and styling.

We ask all club members to review the changes to the SFCC bylaws by reviewing the documents available at <a href="https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org/new-2021-bylaws">https://sherwoodforestbellevue.org/new-2021-bylaws</a>

**Please submit your vote** and comments by mail or email to:

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You can cut below this line and return this ballot with your information using the attached envelope.				
Approve 2021 SFCC Bylaws		Reject 2021 SFCC Bylaws		
Name:	Address:			