

# Sherwood Forest Community Club

## April 2024



### Message from the Presidents

Hello neighbors,

We would like to introduce ourselves to you as your new co-presidents of the Community Club. We have lived in Sherwood Forest on 27<sup>th</sup> St since spring of 1991. This has been a great community in which to raise our family and make friends. We are also involved in the Garden Club and the Emergency Preparedness committee. With all the changes in the greater city of Bellevue, we have not been immune to changes and challenges in Sherwood Forest. We are proud to be a part of the community of Sherwood Forest and we hope to continue the long-standing efforts to maintain a thriving neighborhood. We encourage homeowners and renters alike to join in the efforts to maintain this unique, thriving neighborhood club. We hope to meet you at the summer party!

- *Charlie Margolis and Sylvia Fuerstenberg*

### Block Party – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The 2024 block party will be held on **Sunday, August, 18<sup>th</sup>**. We had another great turnout last year and look forward to seeing all of you again this year. For those of you who haven't attended in the past, it's a fun event that gives us a chance to meet and reconnect with our neighbors.



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## Annual Dues 2024

SFCC annual dues remain **\$10.00** per household. Your contribution directly supports our programs, events, and community initiatives. Last year, your contributions were used to fund the block party, the printing of the newsletters, to book the room for the annual meeting and to cover the PO box rental. Your generosity also, allowed us to restore and maintain the two Sherwood Forest signs located at the entrances of our neighborhood.

As always, a sincere “thank you” to the SFCC members who have already sent in their annual dues. How to become a member? Residents who have yet to remit their payment have several options:

- Send a check to: **Sherwood Forest Community Club. P.O. Box 7344, Bellevue, WA 98008**
- Pay via Paypal or Venmo to: [sfccbellevue@hotmail.com](mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com)
- Setup automatic payment for SFCC through your checking account “Bill Pay” service.

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 online at SFCC website: [www.sherwoodforestbellevue.org](http://www.sherwoodforestbellevue.org)



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*Janet Castañeda – Treasurer 2024*

## Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)

Each year, the City of Bellevue provides funding for capital improvement projects aimed at improving the quality of life and enhancing the neighborhood’s character. This year, one of the areas served is Northeast Bellevue. More information can be found on the City’s website: [Neighborhood Enhancement Program](#).

Many of us have enjoyed the improvements made to the Ardmore Park trails and playground, which were funded thru this program in 2017. If you have an idea for an enhancement project in our area, you can submit your idea on-line: [Neighborhood Enhancement Program](#), or complete the form you recently received in the mail. Submissions are due by May 7th.

# Emergency Preparedness Report

The Sherwood Forest Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to meet in 2024. We are planning neighborhood walks this spring to engage with our community and discuss best practices such as: how to safely shut off water and gas services, what kinds of things to stock at home, etc.

SFCC co-president Charlie Margolis is our newest CERT member (CERT is a FEMA certification for community emergency preparedness). Joseph Joy (SFCC secretary) is part of the Bellevue CERT board of directors helping shape the organization. **We encourage more of the Sherwood Forest community to take the basic CERT class.** This year's class is over seven consecutive Tuesday evenings, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, September 10<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a final drill and graduation on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:45am until Noon. More information available at <https://bellevuecert.org/>.

We are also always looking for more members to join our Emergency Preparedness committee. Please contact us at [sfccbellevue@hotmail.com](mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com) for any questions or if you would like more information.

Remember you can also visit us at:

[www.sherwoodforestbellevue.org](http://www.sherwoodforestbellevue.org)

## Neighborhood News and Events

- With the opening of the new 152<sup>nd</sup> off ramp from SR520, there is more traffic along NE 30<sup>th</sup> and 164<sup>th</sup>. Many of these vehicles are exceeding the speed limits. Please **be mindful and diligent when walking, biking and driving along these streets.**
- **East Link light rail**, between South Bellevue and Redmond Technology Station, is opening **April 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Experience Bellevue** takes place on three Saturdays: May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Experience Bellevue program includes three days of events featuring guided neighborhood tours highlighting key topics of interest, opportunities to meet the people behind Bellevue's city government services and a family-friendly festival. Learn more and register at:

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-news/experience-bellevue-24>

## Spring Maintenance Checklist

- ☐ Inspect and Service HVAC Systems
- ☐ Check and Clean Windows and Screens
- ☐ Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- ☐ Inspect and Clean Gutters and Downspouts
- ☐ Inspect Roof and Attic
- ☐ Seal Cracks and Gaps
- ☐ Service Lawn Equipment
- ☐ Fertilize and Prepare Garden Beds
- ☐ Inspect and Clean Outdoor Lighting
- ☐ Trim Trees and Shrubs
- ☐ Test Sprinkler Systems and Outdoor Faucets
- ☐ Inspect Deck and Patio
- ☐ Clean and Organize Garage and Storage Areas

Remember to prioritize safety and consider hiring professionals for tasks that require specialized knowledge or equipment.

## Garden Club Report

The third season of the Sherwood Forest Garden Club is in full swing. We started off the year by taking in the wonderful scents and sights during a trip to the Witt Winter Garden at the Washington Park Arboretum. We have several other field trips planned for the year. In May, we'll be heading down to Federal Way to visit the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden and Pacific Bonsai Museum. We also plan on scheduling a community project and more open discussions involving demonstrations and exchanging knowledge.

We typically meet at 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Come meet some neighbors and join the fun! Any questions, email us at [sfccbellevue@hotmail.com](mailto:sfccbellevue@hotmail.com). You can also find information about upcoming meetings on Nextdoor and the Sherwood Forest website.

**NOTE:** The Interlake High School Horticulture Department is having their Spring plant sale April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and support our local school!  
<https://interlakehorticulture.com/the-plant-sales/>



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