



Sherwood Forest Community Club



April 2017 Issue

Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Glad you are reading the SFCC newsletter for 2017. There's lots happening within and around the community, this newsletter is one avenue for you to stay informed, connected and engaged. Nextdoor.com is another great way to stay connected at the community level.

I first want to recognize and thank the Board members, Trustees, Committee Chairs and members and the Block Representatives of SFCC. These volunteers ensure that SFCC continues to be a relevant community organization that is engaged both within the community and broader with other communities in Bellevue and the City of Bellevue.

One of the things we've been working on is to provide more transparency to the going-ons within the SFCC Board.

To that end, we've decided to publish our monthly meeting minutes on our website.

Also, a reminder that in October we'll have our Annual meeting, where we will have a change of guard on the SFCC Board. SO, if you are interested in participating at a deeper and broader level within the community, do consider becoming a Board member. The various committees are also always looking for participants. If you have any questions on the topic of participating, please send an email to sfccbellevue@hotmail.com, or post on Nextdoor.

Sherwood Forest is our community. Let's work together to ensure that Sherwood Forest continues to be this great enclave, with magnificent evergreens, to live, go to school, work, play, raise our families.

Thank you.

Regi John

To review the board meeting minutes please visit:

<https://sherwoodforestblog.wordpress.com/about/board-meeting-minutes/>



City of Bellevue Senior Planner to Discuss BTC Application

Nicholas Matz, a Senior Planner with City of Bellevue, has reached out to us and agreed to meet with our community.

Bellevue Technology Center has submitted an application to amend the *Crossroads Subarea Plan/Bellevue Technology Center CPA (17-104627 AC)*. This application has been filed by the property owner. The plan amendment application proposes changes in the Crossroads Subarea Plan (a neighborhood area plan in the Comprehensive Plan). Those changes include: adding new policies in the General Land Use and Economics sections of the Plan; amending three policies already in the plan (Policies S-CR-16, S-CR-63 and S-CR-66); and amending the Crossroads Subarea Plan map (Figure S-CR.1).

According to Mr. Matz, changing the Comprehensive Plan is a formal process with many steps, and is called the 'CPA' process.

He also indicated that State law further limits the ability to make changes to that plan to once per calendar year, and the Planning Commission will begin its study of the 2017 CPA applications on April 26th, 2017. Early and continuous public engagement is a hallmark of this amendment process and a very important one.

Please take this opportunity to connect with City of Bellevue and learn more about the CPA process and how it may affect our community. Attend the meeting, get informed and provide your feedback to the planning department.

When:

April 5th, 2017, 7:00pm

Where:

Interlake High School Library

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

SFCC BOARD MEMBERS GET TOGETHER THE SECOND 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

Minutes of the 2017 SFCC meetings are now available at the website.

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SFCC Officers and Trustees

Regi John	President
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SFCC Annual Meeting 2016

SFCC Block Representatives

NE 30th to 164 th	Kurt Howeler
NE 29th St (east end)	Sam Osheroff
NE 28th St (east end)	Ken Schiring
NE 27th St (east end)	Kathy Roché-Zujko
NE 26th St (east end)	Diane Parry
NE 25th St	Samir Chugdar
NE 24th St (east end)	Cathy Lewis
162nd Ave NE (south end)	Dan Crevensten
161st Ave NE	John Haro
NE 26th St (west end)	Grant Gilkinson
NE 27th St (west end)	TBD
NE 28th St (west end)	Herb Holeman
160th Pl NE (west Peachtree)	Hank Sung
NE 29th (east Peachtree)	TBD
NE 27th Pl (Sherwood Gardens)	Regi John
160th Ave NE (south end)	Karen Campbell
159th Ave NE	Gary Dubois
Belmore	Ying Ping

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

Message from the Treasurer

Thank you to all members of the SFCC for their contribution and support last year. Membership participation decreased last year, and although our expenses increased, we will maintain the SFCC annual dues at \$10.00 per household this year.

Many of the day to day operating expenses are covered by donations of the board members themselves but annual dues pay for recurring expenses like P.O. box and meeting room rentals, newsletter printing as well as federal and state registration fees. I am confident that your contributions will set us on the right path again by the end of our fiscal year.

Please mail your annual dues to:

Sherwood Forest Community Club.

P.O. Box 7344, Bellevue, WA 98008

(An addressed envelope is attached)

We are excited to announce that last year we completed the process to re-instate SFCC as a 501(c)4 Non-profit organization with the IRS. SFCC is once again able to receive donations under this status. As a reminder, a 501(c)4 Non-profit is an organization that furthers a social welfare objective but do not quite qualify as a charity.

Examples of these types of organization are Lions Club or Home Owners Associations. The difference between our

status and that of a charity organization is that although we can receive donations, donors cannot deduct those contributions from their taxes. Another difference is that our IRS status allows us to freely conduct political activities aimed to help pass or repeal legislation, as well as outreach to gain public support or opposition to legislation.

We believe we will exercise this ability to represent SFCC interests at public hearings and influence decision making at city hall regarding the future of our community.

Please feel free to contact SFCC for more details



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Tree Preservation News

SFCC has been gathering information to better understand how to modify the tree cutting regulations. In recent years, our neighborhood and surroundings have lost many large trees to business developments and individual property owners. We believe that the existing tree removal regulations in Bellevue are insufficient and members of the Community Club spoke to the Environmental Stewardship Program Manager, Jennifer Ewing who advised there is NO formal process to change the permitting process. SFCC was advised to draft a letter to the City Council with our proposal and try to get as many neighborhood signatures as possible.

The Environmental Stewardship will be doing a community outreach this coming year regarding tree preservation and Ms. Ewing notes the Council might be taking up tree removal permitting as a City-wide concern in general, however that's not certain to happen this year. It was suggested to create a proposal to present to City of Bellevue to push the issue for a city-wide permitting requirement. The proposal has been attached to this Newsletter.

Please review the document and provide your support by signing and returning the petition to your Block Representative. You can also sign the petition online at :

<https://gopetition.com/petitions/sherwood-forest-tree-preservation.html>

Deadline: **Apr 30th, 2017**

Keep your SFCC private listing information updated .

Please send any changes regarding homeowner name (s), phone#, email address to your Block Rep. or email updates to:

sfccbellevue@hotmail.com



Annual Dues 2017

Did you know?

You can setup automatic payment of 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 forget it, it has no additional cost for you or for SFCC.

For details Email:
sfccbellevue@hotmail.com

Traffic Corner

Sherwood Forest has primarily two types of streets, perimeter and interior. While our perimeter streets of NE30th, 164th NE and NE24th actually front and are within residential areas, they provide access to our interior streets and a way for us and others to reach areas outside of our community. According to various surveys, these outside streets carry around 20 times the number of cars as do our inside streets, at an average speed in excess of the posted limit of 25MPH.

In order to provide better safety conditions for pedestrians, especially our children and cars SFCC has worked with The City of Bellevue and The Bellevue P. D. on various projects and solutions pertaining to these exterior streets. Streets have been widened, curbs gutters and sewers put in, sidewalks added and more and better lighting installed for greater visibility. Traffic police periodically post themselves where they are in a position to encourage better compliance with signs and safe practices.

More recently, a yellow flashing light crosswalk was built on NE24th and 162nd to provide better safety for nearby school students, as a number of incidents had been occurring there. Upgraded signal and turn lane work at NE24th and 164th NE has also been recently completed. Lastly, the high bush growth on NE30th on the SW corner of the 164th intersection has been removed for better visibility of oncoming traffic for those waiting at the stop sign to turn, and gives drivers on 30th a clearer view of the intersection.

Currently, yellow guideposts are planned for the center of the speed cushions on 164th NE to encourage drivers to stay within their lanes and the speed limit. Further, pending completion of a financing plan, flashing yellow lighted crosswalks are under consideration for 24th and 166th, near Sherwood Forest Elementary School and on 164th between SF Elementary and Interlake HS.

SFCC and residents will continue to work with those who can help us as our community safety and welfare are vital to all of us. Next time we will talk about our interior streets and issues.

Sherwood Forest Traffic Committee

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