



Sherwood Forest Community Club



July 2020 Issue

Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

My name is Lee Sargent and I am privileged to be your current SFCC president, inspired by our past presidents, most recently Emmanuel Solis. I have lived in Sherwood Forest for 41 years and I worked for Unigard Insurance (now in BTC) for 35 years. I have seen many changes and watched the SFCC fight some battles, which have resulted in victories and helped residents gain benefits.

We, as a club, have no legal authority, except through the power of presence, working together and consolidating our presence at meetings. This has worked and the City of Bellevue, responds - just ask Emmanuel Solis or, before him, Regi John. The most recent accomplishment was led by Emmanuel and Janet and prevented the BTC group from allowing more frequent City Master Plan reviews. This helped the City reduce expenses, focus on current planning direction, and cut down the number of repeated requests by developers. What did this cost the Forest? It cost planning time and time spent speaking to the City Council members

earnestly. This was aided by other Forest residents just showing up at a few meetings with them.

Thank you Emmanuel, Janet, Patrick, and everyone else, for being such inspirational examples to us all! It didn't cost a lot of money. It did require time and presence. It worked!

We (the SFCC board) strive to represent you in many ways. We want to represent you fairly in discussions with the City of Bellevue, to make you aware of issues that are occurring, in planning for future needs, in methods of allowing us to help each other and to know what you want us to do. Help us, please.

There are a lot of us who share this neighborhood we call Sherwood Forest and, because of that, we need to get to know your view of our neighborhood. We want to hear from you of what you see that needs improving, what is working well - and your support, in large and small ways, will make this work.

Lee Sargent—President 2020

Annual Dues 2020

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. This year, your dues contributions allowed SFCC to produce informational pamphlets used in city meetings to protest the proposed BTC development, and to scan SFCC documents going back to 1958 for archival purposes. A sincere "thank you" to the SFCC members who have already sent in their 2020 dues. Residents who have yet to remit their dues payment should send a check 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.

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

John Haro – Treasurer 2020



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

SFCC BOARD MEMBERS ARE GETTING TOGETHER ON ZOOM 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>

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BLOCK REPS FOR NE 29TH ST (WEST), AND NE 28TH (WEST).

COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE!

SFCC Officers and Trustees

Lee Sargent	President
Patrick Tousignant	Vice President
Anne Drebin	Secretary
John Haro	Treasurer
Emmanuel Solis	Trustee
Kurt Howeler	Trustee
Janet Castaneda	Trustee
Ken Schiring	Honorary Trustee

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

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)	Sylvia Fuerstenberg
NE 26th St (east end)	Diane Parry
NE 25th St	Samir Chudgar
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 (west Peachtree)	Open
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 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. 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: sfccbellevue@hotmail.com

Sherwood Forest Community Club virtual meetings— Join us!

The SFCC board is adapting to the new challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Similar to many other groups and organizations, we have moved our monthly meetings to be virtual meetings. We had our first virtual meeting in June via Skype, and our second was in July via Zoom. They were both very successful!

One of the benefits of moving to this format is that, although the meetings are always open to club members, it makes it much easier for the SFCC Block Reps and community members to join us at the monthly meetings. This enables us to get more participation in a safe way.

If you're not set up to do a virtual meeting, you can even participate just by calling in. Most laptops nowadays all have a camera and microphone and will work with Skype or Zoom.

It is very likely that our Annual Meeting will be held online this October via Zoom or Skype. We are expecting this will make it easier for people to attend and participate. So be on the lookout for the details on how to join in our next newsletter.

We can help guide you through setup and test of your system before the meeting. If you have any questions, technical or otherwise, email us.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION—VISION AND VALUES

For the last 3 years, SFCC has worked with the City of Bellevue to promote and participate in the Great Neighborhoods initiative. This program is the process for developing the plans for our neighborhood. These plans include:

- A statement that reflects the community's core values
- A community profile that examines current conditions and trends
- An examination of key opportunities and challenges
- Policies to guide future development
- A list of community identified goals and actions

Like most processes, it takes time and effort. But most importantly, it takes participation to make it meaningful. We need your help providing your input and direction. This is a great opportunity for **you** to bring **your priorities** into the plans. Help shape the future of our neighborhood by clarifying what is important to us as a community and what is important for the city to do to help us achieve that goal.

Below is the official invitation for the first of several opportunities for you to participate in this process. This will be the first in a series of conversations. If you're interested in hosting a conversation for your neighbors, please reach out to Brooke Brod at bbrod@bellevuewa.gov.

CITY OF BELLEVUE

GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

What does your neighborhood's future look like?

Neighborhoods are dynamic. New people move in. Families grow. Couples downsize. New businesses open. Technology transforms how people live their lives.

Making sure our neighborhoods continue to be places where people feel at home, feel connected, and where they can thrive, doesn't just happen. It takes a plan. And we can't plan without you! That's why we're bringing people together to talk about what matters now and in the future.

Please join us for a Neighborhood Conversation "Northeast Bellevue Vision & Values"

Thursday, July 23 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3fVSmC6>



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