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# DEAR NEIGHBORS,

Summer is blooming in Somerset! The fountain flowers are planted, our boulevard is lined with every color of the beautiful PNW, windows are open and neighbors are coming outside to enjoy the sunshine. It's definitely my favorite time of the year, which makes it even more difficult to share that my family and I will be leaving Somerset and moving to the Midwest in a few weeks. I have submitted my resignation to the SCA board, effective following the June 14, 2018 board meeting. The board will share the duties of the president for the remainder of this year. We've lived here for a little over five years and have truly grown to love this neighborhood and all of its unique charms – the wide array of cultures, the eclectic mix of architecture and of course, those amazing



views that can inspire even the most seasoned Somerset resident to remember just how lucky we really are to live here.

This community is truly an anomaly; hidden in the midst of a city full of newcomers and apartments, Somerset is special. To keep it that way, our founders created the Somerset Community Association to help insure

that our covenants are followed, our landscaping and entrances are beautiful and that we maintain all that makes us unique. They also knew, as we do now, that it takes more than a handful of devoted volunteers to successfully manage our finances and the nominal but important duties involved. Now more than ever, we need YOU, our neighbors – new and old – to join the Somerset Community Association and pitch in a few hours of your time. Our board of directors has vacancies that only you – Somerset residents – can fill. We need new families to share the responsibilities so that we can continue to have our neighborhood 4th of July Parade and picnic, and to publish the Somerset Sun. If we each take our turn and share the work, it's not burdensome.

I urge each of you to consider reaching out to a board member and offering your talents or a bit of time – join the board or a committee. Don't be shy! It's a terrific way to meet new friends. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board, and I thank you all for allowing me to serve for this abbreviated time.

Our best wishes for a long and beautiful summer!

*Dana Knorr*

*President, Somerset Community Association*

## SCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## SOMERSET 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars now and save the date for *Wednesday, July 4th* for our 12th Annual Somerset Community Association Parade and Picnic in the Park. It's a great day for neighbors to get together, have lots of fun and celebrate our country's Independence.

We'll have prizes for best costumes, such as most traditional, most original and most patriotically adorned family. The walking parade starts at 11:00 am at the Somerset Rec Club pool/tennis parking lot at the corner of Somerset Boulevard and Somerset Drive. Plan to arrive between 10:30 and 10:45 am to form up for the parade. The parade route is about 8/10 of a mile, ending at Forest Hill Neighborhood Park.

Then it will be time for BBQ hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert for all, hosted by the Somerset Community Association. We are planning for field games and a bouncy house/castle, and of course, a honey bucket!

Bring the entire family! The kids will enjoy a demonstration of one of Bellevue's big fire trucks. It's the best way to start your day of celebration and honor of our great country. Donations welcome.

*Hope to see you there!*

# RANDOM ACTS OF COMMUNITY: A LITTLE LIBRARY

by Kiran Mascarenhas

On 143rd Avenue stands a little blue monument to community and to reading. The Molinari family built the little library as a cool family project to share their love of reading with their community, especially the elementary school kids passing by. I interviewed Julie Molinari, mom of twins Claire and Jack, about their adventures in book circulation. Readers everywhere will empathize.

**KM:** Whose idea was the Little Library? Who built it?

**JM:** I guess it was my idea. I figured we were in a great location with the elementary school so close and all the foot traffic we get on our street, but the kids (who were ten at the time) and I kind of thought it through together. We started brainstorming where we would put it and what it would look like, then brought it up with my dad the next time we saw him. The next thing we knew, he was over with plans for building it. He'd sketched it out, planned the materials and a budget, and was rearing to go. The kids and I started working on it with him later that week. It was finished in September 2015.

**KM:** Why did you decide to install it? What does reading mean to you?

**JM:** At the time, I had seen quite a few little libraries in more urban neighborhoods, but not many in the suburbs. I didn't see any reason why Somerset shouldn't have one. I love sharing a good read and, even better, discovering one. What better way than to have a library in your own front yard?

**KM:** What are the coolest, lamest, and strangest items you've found in it?

**JM:** The coolest things we've found in there have been notes from library users thanking us for building it. We got one from someone working on his/her masters in library science who

praised all little libraries, and a couple of notes (and also rocks, shells, leaves and flowers) from children, which we always appreciate. Personally, I was thrilled to find *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, in hardcover, right after it had come out. The lamest thing was a book that I took out right

away and recycled. I won't go into details, let me just say that it was not cool with kids using the library. And the strangest, well, one day I came home to find a bag of kids' golf clubs leaning up against the fence in front of the little library. I guess someone thought people could donate whatever they wanted there—not just books—which was odd. I took the clubs to the Northwest Center truck the next day.

**KM:** How would you like the neighborhood to interact with this library?

**JM:** I'd really just like people to use it. Take a book and either keep it or bring it back. Bring back a different book. Or leave a book and don't take a

book. Take two books, or more. If you have a lot of books you'd like to donate to the Somerset Little Library, feel free to leave them on our porch in a bag or a box, and I'll put them in the library when there is room for them. All kinds of books are welcome. But things get moved about, so look around in there.

Back in January, my family came over to celebrate a family birthday on a Saturday afternoon. My parents arrived early to help get things ready, and when they came through the door, my mom said, "You should take a picture of the boy outside by the library, it's the sweetest thing. He's got his bike laying against the curb, the library door is wide open, and he's leaning up against the fence reading a book. He's completely lost in it, because he didn't even notice us pulling up in the driveway." Forty-five minutes later, my brother and sister-in-law arrived. When they came in, my sister-in-law said, "There is the cutest boy out there sitting on your fence reading a book." I couldn't believe he was still there, especially because it was January and not the nicest weather. I wanted to shout, "You know, you can take the books home!" but I left him alone to enjoy what was apparently a very good book!





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*Mary & Jeff*



# ENERGIZE EASTSIDE

Energize Eastside is a big, complex project. It can be intimidating! CENSE has a new 3-minute video that explains what the project is, what the downsides are, and how better solutions can increase reliability and benefit the environment today. Please watch it and share: [www.cense.org/video](http://www.cense.org/video).

## CENSE UPDATE

State Commission agrees with CENSE questions -- On May 7, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, the agency that regulates PSE's activities and service rates, announced they have questions about PSE's project similar to those raised by CENSE:

1. Is PSE required to help export huge amounts of electricity to Canada and California, even when these transfers stress the Eastside grid?
2. Did PSE adequately model local generation plants that were designed to serve peak loads?
3. Why hasn't PSE revised its forecasts to account for flat or declining electricity consumption?

4. Why did PSE refuse to share its modeling data with qualified experts?

Cities need good answers to these fundamental questions before they approve permits for a project which would remove thousands of trees and dig big holes near active petroleum pipelines. The pipelines pass very close to homes, schools, churches, and parks.

Next steps - At the time of publication, we still don't know when the Bellevue public hearing will be held. This hearing is crucial, because it will create the official legal record for the project. No testimony or evidence can be added for future appeals.

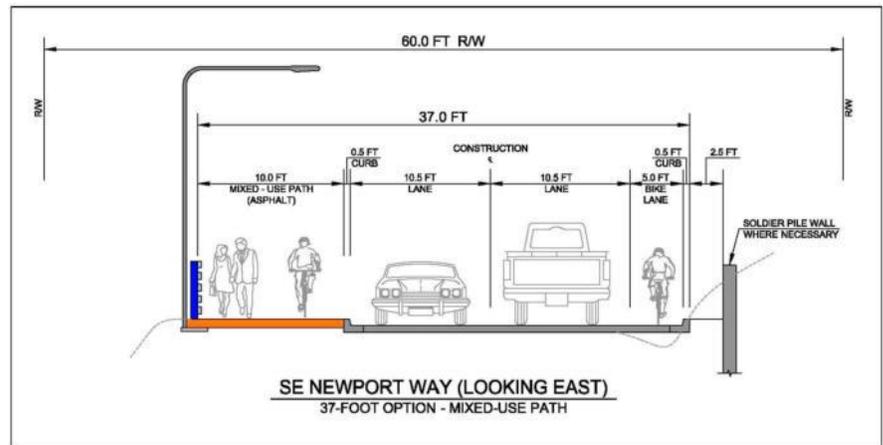
The City of Bellevue might schedule a public hearing in July or August. CENSE is urging the city to schedule the hearing after summer when more residents would be available to participate.

CENSE will widely publicize the meeting date as soon as it is announced by the city.

"Energize Eastside" is Puget Sound Energy's proposal to install higher-voltage power lines and taller poles through four Eastside cities, including Somerset. During the past four years, the citizen's group CENSE has been raising key questions about the need for this project.

## NEWPORT WAY SIDEWALK/BIKE LANE UPDATE

According to Paul Krawczyk, City of Bellevue's Project Manager, the design plan for this project is nearing 90% completion. Various city departments (Parks, Utilities, Land Use and Transportation Departments) still need to do a comprehensive review of the plan. The next phase is to apply for the numerous permits required (Corps of Engineers, Environmental Permit, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife). The project is scheduled to go out for bid sometime this Fall.



SE Newport Way - 150<sup>th</sup> Ave SE to Somerset Blvd.  
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Construction of the Newport Way sidewalk/bike lane is on schedule to begin in Spring of 2019. The road construction will last approximately one year; however, the scheduled completion date is dependent on weather and permitting.

PSE will be putting in new power poles in late Spring or early Summer. These new poles will also hold the future street lighting along Newport Way.

*Kristi Weir*  
Somerset Resident  
Member of Newport Way Sidewalk Committee

## Landscaping Growth Responsibilities

Spring/Summer is a busy time for the Covenant Review Committee. The arrival of sunny weather is the start of the growing season and offers an opportunity to remind Somerset residents about our responsibilities as they relate to plant and tree growth. Here are some landscaping guidelines to remember:

All landscaping plans should be submitted to the CRC in advance, where they will be evaluated for potential interference with neighbors' protected views. Trees and shrubs should be selected for low growth and positioned so that, even at maturity, they will not interfere with those views. **Each homeowner has a responsibility to maintain ALL trees and shrubs, ALL YEAR ROUND, so that they do not interfere with others' views.**

Landscaping that is visible from the street must be maintained in a manner that is comparable with the surrounding neighborhood. **Help keep Somerset beautiful by trimming your grass and controlling any weeds.**

City of Bellevue Code requires that homeowners trim vegetation so as not to obstruct pedestrian or vehicle passage. City guidelines state minimum clearance is to the inside edge of the sidewalk and seven feet above the sidewalk surface. Trees that overhang the street must be maintained so that there is 14 feet of clearance above the roadway. **Vegetation should be trimmed so as not to obstruct sidewalks or streets.**

Each homeowner is responsible for maintaining any "landscaping strip" area (between the sidewalk and street) which abuts their property. Sometimes called "hellstrips," these areas are often ignored when they are at the rear boundary of a property. Unkempt hellstrips affect visitors' first impressions and the general appeal of the neighborhood. **Keep landscaping strips tidy all year round.**

## COVENANT CORNER

Keep in mind that the Somerset neighborhood is well-established and that some of the vegetation has been in place for 30 to 40 years. Additionally, trees outside of Somerset (and therefore not controlled by our Covenants) are growing into some of our neighborhood views. Help us keep the views that we do have control over by maintaining your trees as required. If you would like additional information on Landscaping and View Guidelines, or recommended, low-growth plantings, please visit our website at [www.Somerset98006.org](http://www.Somerset98006.org) under the "Covenants" tab.

Diane Fern, Chair  
Covenants Review Committee

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## Commitment to Community

Somerset Resident—15 Years / Realtor—10 Years

PTSA Boards (various positions) - 11+ years

Involved in Somerset Elementary School Auctions - 3

Somerset Community Association—Pres (2 yr) + Welcoming and VP (2 yrs)

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# SUMMER LANDSCAPING

Summer arrived early this year and it has been beautiful. The warm weather has enabled yards to flourish and everything is growing rapidly. As you drive around our great community, please enjoy the beautiful flowering bulbs, bushes, and trees in all of our yards and entrances.

Earthworks will be planting flowering annuals and perennials in front of the fountain and throughout the entrance area on Somerset Boulevard. They will also be planting a flowering Akebono Cherry Tree in the bed behind the main entry. Owners near the entrance have been cleaning up their properties to help us enhance the area. Also, all of the common areas will soon be covered with fine dark bark. The irrigation system in the entrance areas will be turned on by Aquasense this month and they will be maintaining it. They are also helping SCA to resolve the irrigation leak and repair a portion of the irrigation system.

On Earth Day, a small group of volunteers helped to weed and enhance the plantings at the corner of Somerset Boulevard, along the fence up the hill, and along Somerset Drive. They were also able to cut and remove all of the blackberry bushes on the fence on the Boulevard, and on many of the junipers on Somerset Drive. A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers that helped make the Somerset Recreation Club look great this Spring!

Lastly as you all enjoy the sunshine, we would like to ask that you to continue to work in your yards. Many plants have already blossomed and they will need to be trimmed and fertilized. It is a great time to plant your pots with flowers, add a small vegetable garden, and/or perennials in your yard to enjoy the flowers all year around. I would again like to encourage you to use organic fertilizers and reduce or eliminate all pesticides and herbicides. If you weed frequently you will avoid having to use herbicides. I would also like to ask that you try to prune rather than remove trees. If you keep trees in your yard, it will encourage birds that will eat the bugs in your yard and on your house. Also, trees keep the sun's rays off your house and reduce the need for fans and/or air conditioning, thus lowering your monthly energy costs.

SCA is dedicated to making our community look great during each season and are committed to being supportive of the environment and striving to improve our community. If you have other questions regarding trees and landscaping etc., please do not hesitate to contact me at [suesander10@hotmail.com](mailto:suesander10@hotmail.com).

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# AVOIDING ROADBLOCKS ON YOUR WAY TO FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

by Nancy Juetten

Along the road of life, couples travel together in sickness and health, scarcity and wealth, and everything in between as they create lives full of promise and possibility. Sometimes, they miss a few important stops that could otherwise save them time, toil and trouble when it comes to organizing their most crucial financial information. Here are five blind spots couples often miss and how to course correct for smooth cruising:

**Each partner is on a different track.** One pays most of the bills online, the other can't navigate an online dashboard to save his/her life. If one partner doesn't know what the other is doing, it can be pretty hard to merge lanes and get it together when it counts.

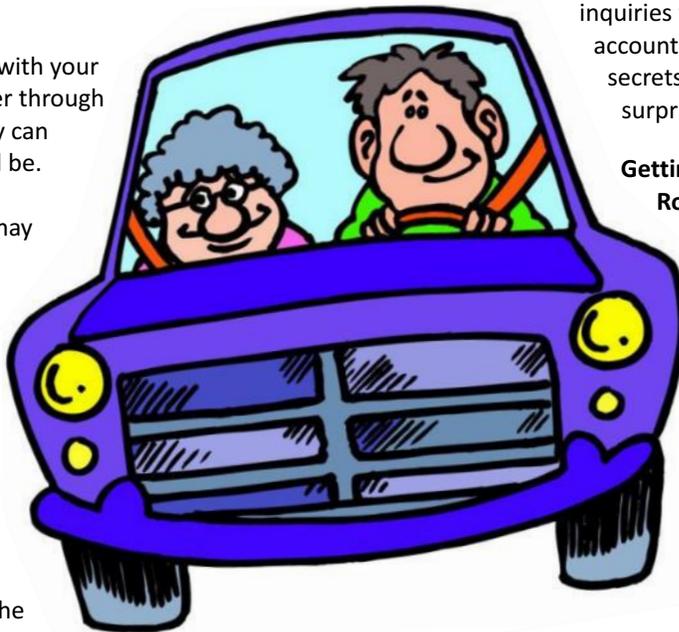
**Correction:** Make a date with your partner to walk him or her through the details so either party can pick up the pieces if need be. Getting clarity on service providers and expenses may ignite powerful conversations around what you want to start, stop, or keep doing to achieve your bigger goals in life.

**No junk in the trunk.** Your CPA has likely suggested setting up a document storage box for important papers or possibly advised the set-up of a safe deposit box for valuables.

**Correction:** Follow this advice - be sure to put treasures where the right people can find them.

**No GPS.** Online accounts each have passwords, account numbers and security questions that grant the owner access. If this vital information isn't stored securely in one safe place, it can be extremely difficult and time consuming find.

**Correction:** Take the time to catalog access information for online accounts and save that information on a thumb drive that both parties can find when it is needed.



## Playing Passenger Instead of Driver.

Every couple divides roles and responsibilities. When one takes the driver seat consistently on personal finance matters, it leaves the other in a potentially dis-empowering situation of being a passenger.



**Correction:** Take steps today to make sure both names are on utility bills and bank accounts so either can make inquiries when needed. Be honest about all the accounts that are held individually so there are no secrets that could turn into unwelcome surprises later.

## Getting Stuck on the Procrastination

**Roundabout.** The single biggest blind spot that gets couples into trouble is never getting organized in the first place. Procrastination, denial, or letting life get in the way are the top reasons couples stay in the dark when it comes to getting their personal finances organized.

**Correction:** Take steps today to get those personal papers in order so power and control can be within reach for those moments in life when it truly matters. When life serves up a bump in the road and issues of life or death are on the line, the last thing anyone wants to worry about is where they can find what is needed in order to navigate the situation at hand.

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## By Council Member Jennifer Robertson

### It's Summer - Enjoy Our Bellevue Parks!

Summer is a great time to meet more of our neighbors and enjoy the beauty here in the nearly 100 parks located in

# COUNCIL CORNER

Bellevue, the “city in a park.” The City is always working to improve our park system for the people of Bellevue, including honoring the “parks levy” commitment to build new projects as approved by the voters in 2008. There are also lots of parks programs and activities, from camps to hikes to nature walks to outdoor movies. Check out the City’s website at [parks.bellevuewa.gov/programs](http://parks.bellevuewa.gov/programs) to find out what opportunities are available this summer in Bellevue Parks.

Two of the City’s major parks have been under renovation the past few years:

**Meydenbauer Bay Park Development.** Adding more waterfront access in Bellevue has been a Council priority. Meydenbauer Bay Park is getting a major upgrade and expansion which is phased into at least 4 phases. Phase 1 is almost completed and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. The beach house structure is complete, as are the stream bed construction and pedestrian overlook structures. A long floating pier is being installed with additional vertical work (including public rest room, meeting rooms and boat rental facility) starting after Labor Day.

**Downtown Park – Inspiration Playground.** The Downtown Park has also had a major upgrade. The walking path circle and playground expansion and upgrade were both completed last year. The playground is usable by children of all abilities and is whimsical and fun. You will not find another playground like it. It reminds me of being inside a Dr. Seuss book. The circle pathway has also been completed. The final piece of the Downtown Park is the NE corner entry. The City is currently working to conceptualize this entry and create a plan. Come down to the Downtown Park this summer for the big Family Fourth celebration and be sure to bring some kids to enjoy the Inspiration Playground.

There were also many smaller park renovation projects all around the City, including the Forest Park Trail repair, South Bellevue Community Center zipline facilities, and summit trail repairs. If you see a Bellevue Park that needs some loving care or additional amenities, please write in to the City. This is a budget year and we will be setting the 6-year capital budget for parks and for all other City projects by December.

In the meantime, I will see you around the neighborhood or on the pool deck cheering for our Somerset Stingrays!

*Jennifer Robertson is a 3-term member of the Bellevue City Council and a municipal attorney. She lives with her husband and children in Somerset.*



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## By My-Linh Thai, Bellevue School District Board of Directors - President

### Keeping Up With the Bellevue School District

The Bellevue School District once again congratulates our students and families for a successful 2017-2018 school year!

This is the year we welcomed our new Superintendent, Ivan Duran. He started his position in July 2017 and presented his one-year plan to the Board, which includes:

- 1. Develop an effective Equity and Inclusion Team to provide strong organizational and leadership processes for school improvement.** Every school has created an Equity and Inclusion Team (EI Team) to provide cultural, instructional, and organizational leadership in every building.
- 2. Effectively implement Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) focused on inclusive academic instruction.** District leadership, school leadership, and school staff worked to define academic MTSS and how to effectively implement it in schools. This has led to many adjustments to better serve our students with a focus on high quality instruction and effective interventions for students who need additional support.
- 3. Effectively implement Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) focused on inclusive behavior instruction.** Restorative practices have the potential to be an effective strategy to repair relationships. We also took a closer look to how we serve our students in the Special Needs program, starting with an examination of which schools host the program, and the challenges these schools experience.

- 4. Balanced Literacy in elementary schools.**
- 5. Integrated Math 1 (IMT1) in middle schools.**
- 6. Algebra/Geometry Block in high schools.**

# SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

This is also a year where we have been working on a five-year strategic plan for the BSD. We launched our Strategic Planning work in March. Through creation of a new Strategic Plan, we will set the course for the district for the next three to five years, defining our vision and values, refining our mission, solidifying our priorities, and providing a framework for aligning our work with those priorities. Between June and August, the BSD will hold a series of community meetings to invite feedbacks on the strategic plan.

Thank you for your continuous input and engagement to support our students and our schools. Please stay in touch with the district by visiting our schools, or the district website at [bsd405.org](http://bsd405.org).

*My-Linh Thai resides with her family in Somerset and is President of the Bellevue School District Board. Her two children attend Bellevue public schools.*

## SOMERSET DIRECTORY COMING SOON

The 2018 Somerset Directory (now published biennially) is going to print and will be distributed only to paid members of the Somerset Community Association. Look for it in your mailbox soon.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 31? Please register your child as soon as possible so that the school knows how many students to expect. The Bellevue School District offers free full-day Kindergarten in every elementary school, including Somerset. Kindergarten registration: [bsd405.org/schools/kindergarten/](http://bsd405.org/schools/kindergarten/). The first day of Kindergarten will be **Tuesday, September 4, 2018** (other grades begin August 31). Each family will have the opportunity to meet with a member of their school's Kindergarten team before school starts.

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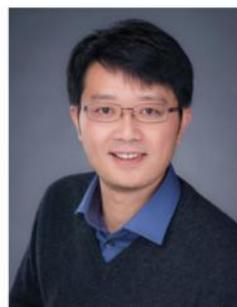
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## GARBAGE BIN REMINDER

Somerset residents, for the most part, keep our neighborhood looking tidy and well kept. Every Wednesday we put our gray, green, and/or blue bins out at curbside for pickup, and then pull them in that evening. But some residents occasionally forget about that last step!

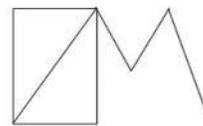
## HAPPINESS IS



...when the garbage has just been collected.

It would be great if we all could take those necessary few minutes to keep our neighborhood looking better by getting those bins off the street and tucked out of sight. It doesn't seem like a big deal but every little bit helps when living in a nice community like Somerset.

Bev Edwards,  
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# THE SCOOP ON POOP

-  The average dog excretes three-fourths of a pound of waste per day– or 274 pounds of waste per year.
-  Dog poop is an environmental pollutant - harmful organisms in pet waste (such as roundworms, giardia, and salmonella) can survive in the environment for months, and be transmitted to people, especially children.
-  Storm water can carry bacteria from dog waste into streams and lakes through storm drains.
-  Biodegradable pet waste bags are misleading. While the bags may biodegrade, pet waste should NOT be composted. Compost from our yard waste bins or your home compost pile does not get hot enough to kill the harmful organisms in animal waste. Whether you're using a biodegradable bag or a plastic grocery sack, dog poop belongs in the garbage.
-  Another removal method for dog poop is to flush it. The EPA suggests flushing dog poop as the most ecologically friendly removal method. There are even several water-soluble bags on the market which you can safely flush.

Let's keep our green spaces, shoes and waterways clean and poop-free!



Public announcement from one of our newest and youngest Somerset neighbors.



PLANNING TO REMODEL?

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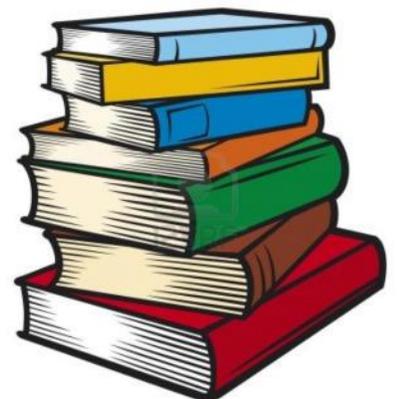
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## GOOD READS

Looking for a good historical novel? I have two that I would recommend: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah and *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Both depict what it was like to live under the domination of Nazi Germany. *The Nightingale* tells the story of two sisters whose lives are changed forever while living in Nazi-occupied France. *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is primarily about a young Italian man whose courage and resilience are tested as he struggles to survive the brutal occupation of his beloved homeland. Other recommendations are welcome; just email me your "Good Reads" at [edwardsbd@q.com](mailto:edwardsbd@q.com).

Booklovers might also want to open a free account on [Goodreads.com](http://Goodreads.com), a "social cataloging" website that allows individuals to search its database of books, annotations and reviews. Your account will allow you to generate library catalogs and reading lists to share with friends.

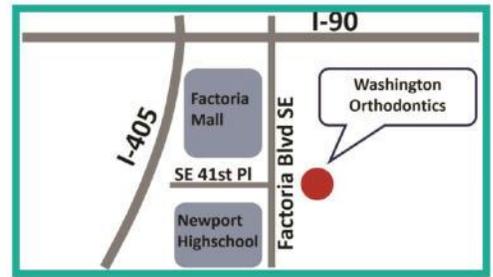
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Dr. Sung spent his early childhood growing up in Ashland, Ohio until his family moved back to South Korea where he spent most of his school years. Dr. Sung was offered a scholarship for physics after winning a national high school contest.

While working as an engineer affiliated with the military for three years, Dr. Sung frequently volunteered at a catholic medical facility located in a remote rural area of Korea. He quickly realized that his true passion lied in treating people and serving the need of the community.

After several busy years in Southern California for academics, research, and teaching dentistry and orthodontics, Dr. Sung and his family finally decided to move to this beautiful state of Washington, where he met some of the nicest people in the world. Everyday is a joy for Dr. Sung; meeting new people and making their life brighter and healthier with a beautiful smile.

Being an author of a case study in one of the most respected journals in Orthodontics, Dr. Sung is proud to be one of the doctors leading the newest technology. His exemplary treatment of a case was also published and shared with other specialists in the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. As an active member of the professional society, he has presented numerous cases that he treated.

The Somerset Rec. Club features an outdoor 4-lane heated swimming pool, water slide, toddler pool, and tennis court facilities and offers summer swim team, swim lessons, tennis lessons, tennis team and fun social events for the whole family, such as pizza/bingo nights, outdoor movies, etc. Poolside decks and grills are available to members to enjoy the amazing views.



Check out [www.somersetrec.org](http://www.somersetrec.org) to find out more and make sure to like us on FB to keep updated on SRC news and events!

## SRC BOARD SETS 2018 FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS: \$60,000

It's no secret that SRC is not a new facility, but the 2018 SRC Board is executing on an aggressive plan to put some "giddy-up" back into the Club's step! While there are still many projects to tackle, before our 2018 opening day SRC underwent some much-needed improvements including a brand-new, low-maintenance lower deck and deck railing, an updated front office appearance (more open and welcoming!), the removal of dead trees, a pool cover, a new staircase to our lower parking lot, paint and decor updates, and much more! These are in addition to the new roof and upgrades to the pool filtration system undertaken in late 2017. A special shout-out to all of our generous donors and hard-working volunteers!

What does the future hold? While we wish many improvements could simply be done with some elbow grease, paint, and volunteers, there are many projects that will require significant funds to become a reality. This is where everyone who loves SRC comes in! If you love that the Somerset neighborhood includes a community pool we are asking *YOU* to open your wallets during the 2018 season and decide how best to donate! Attend and donate at the annual fundraising event in July or make an online donation at any time! Any and all donations are appreciated. Online donations can be made at [www.somersetrec.org](http://www.somersetrec.org).

The 2018 SRC Board has set an ambitious fundraising goal of **\$60,000** during the 2018 season to be used towards *Phase 1 Critical Improvements*. At present the identified areas include the upper and lower decks, slide, the women's bathroom, and potentially electrical/snack shack, but please note this list is subject to change. (The tennis courts and lower clubhouse are much bigger and more costly endeavors and at this time the Board's initial aim is to focus on bringing the most used areas to a standard that our community can be proud of.)



The best news is that SRC is now a 501(c)(3) corporation and charitable donations to SRC are allowed as tax deductions by the IRS. It also makes SRC eligible to receive additional "matching funds" for donations made by individuals working for various employers in the area. Please consult with a financial advisor or tax professional to understand how charitable donations would impact your tax status.

Questions please contact Michael Ketchum, SRC President at [somersetrecclub@gmail.com](mailto:somersetrecclub@gmail.com).

## SUMMER SWIM TEAM: FIRST MEET OF THE SEASON IS JUNE 19

Our Division II Somerset Stingrays team looks forward to another competitive (yet fun) season for boys and girls ages 7-18. The SRC summer swim team is a spirited, family-based swim team committed to providing a well-rounded swim experience balancing community, sportsmanship, and overall enjoyment with high quality instruction, individual skill development, and a competitive team-oriented environment.

For the full schedule of swim team dates including practice times and swim meets please check out the Aquatics section at [www.somersetrec.org](http://www.somersetrec.org).

Questions about Swim Team? Please contact our Swim Team Coordinators with any swim team questions: Shannon Gregory-Lowe and Megan Reed at [SRCswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:SRCswimteam@gmail.com).

And check out SRC's awesome new logo for the Somerset Stingrays!



## SUMMER GROUP SWIM LESSONS AT SRC: CONVENIENT LOCATION & GREAT INSTRUCTORS

Somerset Rec Club 2018 Summer Group Swim Lesson Schedule is now posted at [www.somersetrec.org](http://www.somersetrec.org). Lessons begin the week of June 25 - sign up for your preferred dates now as spots are limited! Ideal for children ages 5-12. Group lessons are on weekdays for 30 minutes. Kids will be grouped according to ability. SRC ratio of coach to student is very low for new swimmers and goes up slightly as kids become water safe.

### 2018 GROUP SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE AND COSTS

Week	Dates	Times	Cost
Weeks 1 & 2:	June 25th – July 6th (10 classes)	12-12:30pm / 12:30 – 1pm	Member Cost \$100 Nonmember \$150
Weeks 3 & 4:	July 9th – July 20th (10 classes)	12-12:30pm / 12:30 – 1pm	Member Cost \$100 Nonmember \$150
Weeks 5 & 6:	July 23rd – August 3rd (10 classes)	12– 12:30pm / 12:30 – 1pm	Member Cost \$100 Nonmember \$150



### TENNIS IS ON!

Tennis team and lessons will be available to members only this year. Junior Tennis Open House is June 16th! Join SRC at this free event to kick off the season and get all your tennis questions answered. We will run fun tennis games for the kids and you can learn more about Tennis Team and Group Tennis Lessons. If interested in coaching or if you have any questions, please contact Emilie Castle, our Tennis Team Coordinator, with any tennis-related questions at [emiliecastle@gmail.com](mailto:emiliecastle@gmail.com).

## SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS AT SRC

### MONDAY, JUNE 25 - PIZZA AND BINGO

A fun night for the whole family! Dinner includes a slice of pizza, salad, beverage and a treat. Bingo cards are for sale during the event. Lots of fun prizes!

### SATURDAY, JULY 14 - ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION

Join us for this catered adults' evening out at the pool. Always a fabulous time. Includes a silent and live auction to support the Rec Club, with fantastic items and experiences to bid on.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2 - INTERNATIONAL FOOD POTLUCK

Bring a dish to share and enjoy socializing with other Rec Club families while the kids swim.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 - FUNDAY TUESDAY!

Burgers and hotdogs will be available for purchase, you provide the dessert. Pool games for the kids!

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

**August: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25**

Movies start at dusk. Bring a float for the pool, or sit in a chaise poolside. Members may bring paying guests. This is one of the amazing benefits of membership – watching a movie outdoors together on a balmy summer's eve.

*Additional social events will be announced during the summer. If you have an idea for a fun social event for our members, please contact our Social Events Coordinator, Emilie Castle, at [emiliecastle@gmail.com](mailto:emiliecastle@gmail.com) and let her know!*

## How to Keep Informed of Emergencies and Safety Alerts:

- Sign up for ALERT King County (powered by CodeRed) to stay informed about potential hazards and threats that impact our area. [www.kingcounty.gov/depts/emergency-management/alert-king-county.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/emergency-management/alert-king-county.aspx)

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Subscribe to receive email or text notifications on "Emergencies and Extreme Weather" [bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/communications/emergencies-and-extreme-weather/](http://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/communications/emergencies-and-extreme-weather/)
- Follow Bellevue Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on Facebook or Twitter
- Subscribe to the Bellevue OEM newsletter
- Sign up to receive alerts or check the crime map [www.crimemapping.com/map/wa/bellevue](http://www.crimemapping.com/map/wa/bellevue) for a list of reported crime activity in your area
- Sign up for *Nextdoor.com* (social network) for Somerset and check for emergency & safety posts

### Reminder - CERT Lite Training

Sign up for free CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Lite preparedness training through *eventbrite.com* offered by Bellevue Office of Emergency Management. Build skills in a three-hour workshop on personal preparedness, light disaster medical, fire safety, light search and rescue concepts and an introduction to the Map Your Neighborhood program. Register now (offered at various locations throughout Bellevue, space is limited):

- June 9 (West Bellevue and Woodridge)
- July 21 (Lake Hills)
- Aug 25 (West Lake Sammamish)
- Sept 15 (Eastgate & Factoria areas)
- Oct 13 (Somerset, Cougar Mountain and Lakemont)
- Nov. 3 (Newport and Open)

## We're Safer Together

The Somerset Community Association hopes to help strengthen community and support emergency preparedness through our block groups. Neighbors are safer when they take the time to know one another and have ways to communicate by phone or email. Forming ties to your neighbors also provides a greater ability to observe and report suspicious or out of place activity when it occurs. Consider incorporating block watch preparedness into your block groups to:

- emphasize ways to reduce the risk of being a victim,
- encourage neighbors to know one another,
- teach neighbors to recognize and report suspicious activity,
- allow for communication between neighbors and with the police department,
- keep neighbors informed with greater access to criminal activity information,
- give residents one-on-one interaction with law enforcement (and each other)
- provide opportunities for neighbors to address issues as a group, and
- have fun!!!

Are you organizing a gathering this summer for your street or block group? Here are some resources if you are interested in inviting a speaker or adding an element of preparedness to your event: Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach/Neighborhood Link program (June - September) provides resources to help encourage residents to organize neighborhood block parties, celebrations and community service.

Find out more about inviting a fire truck to your get together, requesting safety/preparedness presentations on crime prevention, disaster preparedness, fire safety from the fire department, office of emergency management and/or police. Contact Carol Ross, [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov), (425) 452-7917, or Ying Carlson, [ycarlson@bellevue.gov](mailto:ycarlson@bellevue.gov), (425) 452-4342 (Bellevue's Neighborhood Liaison for Somerset).

Thank you to our volunteers and neighborhood organizers. Please let us know when you are having your block group parties this summer and how we can help you self-organize. Don't

forget to ask about \$100 reimbursement for SCA block group organizers for qualified block group gatherings with preparedness elements and \$100 for neighborhood community preparedness supplies for your organized block group. We appreciate your work towards making the community a more connected, enriched, enjoyable and safer place to live. Please send us updates on your block gatherings and photos are welcome!



# Is your husband taking care of the personal finances in your household?

*If your answer is YES, you're not alone.*

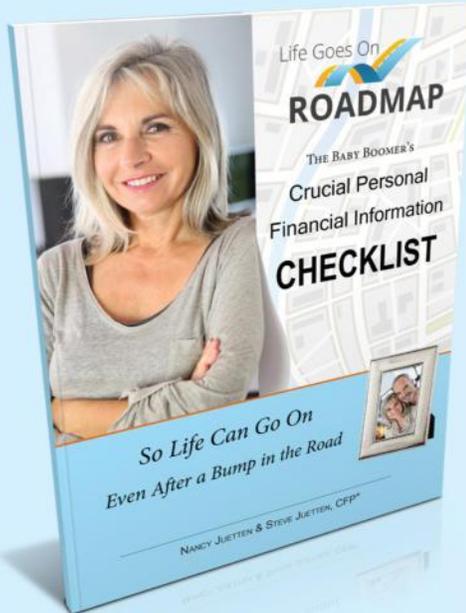
That was the way we had things set up in our household, too.

But then I started hearing about lots of random things that were happening to friends and family members that had me questioning the wisdom this approach.

**The husband of a good friend got the flu, checked into the hospital, and died unexpectedly.**

**A happily married woman was blindsided by the divorce papers that were delivered to her on New Year's Day.**

**A friend got a scary health diagnosis after a routine physical check-up.**



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# BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SPRING FOR SCHOOLS BENEFIT

*Bellevue Schools Foundation donors and sponsors raised a record \$825,000 at the 30th Annual Spring for Schools Benefit Luncheon on Friday, April 27.*

Students and educators shared information, tested robots, played mariachi music, and described their personal experiences with donor-funded programs that enrich the educational experience for every Bellevue student. Through districtwide initiatives such as K–12 STEM Integration and Social Emotional Learning in our middle schools, as well as school-based grants and music enrichment, donors effectively “move the needle” for student opportunity and achievement.

Guests at the luncheon, featuring Honorary Chair Robbie Bach and Chair Connie Peterson, heard moving speakers and watched new video presentations reflecting how Foundation supporters have been advancing excellence in our public schools for 30 years.

From Master of Ceremonies Joyce Taylor of King 5 News to dynamic student and educator speakers (including Presenting Sponsors The Bellevue Collection and Kemper Freeman Family and Innovation Sponsor Lincoln South Food Hall), the community came together to reaffirm our collective commitment to “civic engineering” — ensuring that the future prosperity and liveability of Bellevue is preserved through supporting quality public education.

Bellevue High School senior Caroline Swanson described to the guests her research into social justice issues, under the auspices of the innovative AP Capstone Diploma program. Sherwood Forest Elementary Principal Danelle Edwards shared how her school is incorporating STEM concepts into

every classroom and subject in the dual language school, which also is home to part of the district’s Pacific special education program — every student benefits from STEM integration at Sherwood Forest.

To wrap up the event, Newport High School junior Izayah Baldauf described the many ways Foundation programs have intersected with his education. From

accessing reading assistance in second grade to entering a program designed to help kids prepare for college starting in middle school — Advancement via Individual

Determination, or AVID — and to a unique equity

experience for students of color called Breaking Out of the Margins (BOOM), Izayah embodied the reason the community supports public education through donations to the Foundation. As Izayah so aptly put it, “I wasn’t too young to know what it was like be proud of doing something well.” That’s the feeling guests at the fundraiser want every student to carry with them, from preschool to graduation and beyond.

Did you miss the event? You can find out more about BSF or make a donation any time at [www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org).



**Student speaker Izayah Baldauf, a junior at Newport High School**

Photo courtesy Depth of Field Photography.



**Parents and neighbors represent Somerset at the BSF luncheon.**

# SOMERSET VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Have a couple of hours to spare? Get involved in the Somerset community! We are currently looking for help on these committees:

## Communications Committee:

**Chairperson:** Oversee the collection of articles and ads for the Somerset Sun. Time commitment: Approx 20-25 hours 4x/year.

**Advertising Sales:** Earn a \$ commission by selling ads in Somerset Sun to businesses nearby. Time commitment: Approx 10-15 hours, 4x/year.

**Photographers:** You don't have to be a pro to help out -- we need volunteers to provide great local photos for the Sun. Approximately 2 hours, 4x/year.

**Writers/Contributors:** If you have a great story, recipe or a bit of Somerset history, let us know and we'll share it in the Sun. You can also help us develop content.

**Social Media Manager:** Make updates and entries for Somerset Community Association.

## Emergency Preparedness Committee:

**Committee Member:** Work on committee to generate and implement emergency preparedness and community building events in the Somerset neighborhood.

**Community-building Committee:** Work with EP committee to generate and implement community building events in the Somerset neighborhood

**Block Captains:** Volunteer to be a block captain for your street! You'll get everything you need to develop a plan and work with your neighbors.

## 4th of July Parade and Picnic Coordinators:

Help us continue this fun annual event! We need individuals or families to help put it together. (Everything you need to recreate this fun event is established and documented -- just follow the plan and make it happen!)

## Landscape Committee:

**Various:** Volunteer your skills; landscape design, planting, maintenance help, etc. If you enjoy gardening and have an hour or hours to contribute, join the committee and help make Somerset even more beautiful.

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

## THANK YOU TO OUR SOMERSET PATRIOTS!

The Somerset 4th of July Parade and Picnic is a wonderful annual event -- entirely coordinated and manned by a great group of volunteers every year since its inception. We owe a *HUGE* debt of gratitude to **Steve O'Donnell** and **Tammy Alford** (both of whom have recently moved out of the neighborhood) for their many years of dedication and hard work organizing and executing this special neighborhood celebration. Many thanks also to **Scott Robertson**, a former SCA Board President, who has generously agreed to Chair the 2018 event this July!

But -- now it's time to "pass the baton" to a new group of volunteers. Although the SCA is committed to providing funds to cover the event expenses, the Board doesn't have the manpower to coordinate and manage the event. Each board member already has a full plate of duties, and some are doing "double-duty" as we are still looking for additional board members and some positions remain unfilled. We are therefore looking for a new group of volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and energy to the event. If you love this tradition and would like to help it continue next year, please contact the SCA at [somerset98006@gmail.com](mailto:somerset98006@gmail.com).



# STEPHANIE KRISTEN

## COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
'What are you doing for others?'*  
- Martin Luther King Jr



One of my favorite podcasts is **Happier** by Gretchen Rubin. In her weekly podcast, she focuses on the little things, the actionable items we can do on a daily basis to bring joy and happiness to our world and those around us. In a recent episode they featured the **Five Love Languages**, a book by Gary Chapman which talks about the way we show our love to others.

It was a huge “aha” moment for me when I realized my love language is *Acts of Service*. Nothing brings me greater pleasure than helping others. It is the foundation of my relationships with family, friends, community and my business. I truly enjoy doing things for others which explains why I enjoy selling real estate so much. It is not a sales position, but a service position.

Real estate is the opportunity to serve others in one of the biggest decisions they make. By listening to my clients and understanding their goals, I am able to use my years of experience to help them from beginning to end. I love be able make the whole process easier for them.

We are lucky to be part of a community that cares. Thank you to everyone who takes the time for service. I believe we are all in a better place when we ask the question,

***'How can I help?'***

I look forward to working together..

~ Stephanie



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