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DEAR NEIGHBORS,

We hope that you have enjoyed a beautiful summer here in Somerset and wherever else your travels might have taken you. Our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic was fantastic this year and well-attended as usual. On the brink of cancellation, the event was saved by Past President Scott Robertson stepping in to lead a group of hardworking volunteers in neighborhood food and fun. Thank you, Scott and everyone else who worked so hard to make it happen!

The SCA Board of Directors has experienced some setbacks this year, with positions remaining vacant and the relocation of President Dana Knorr to the Midwest. Dana's good nature, efficiency and approachability will be sorely missed, and we wish her all the best. Come visit us soon, Dana! Her shoes will be difficult to fill, but I have agreed to do my best as Interim President for the rest of this calendar year. A new Board will be elected and a new President will take over after our annual general meeting in January, 2019.

Our SCA membership target has almost been met this year, and I encourage you to join if you haven't done so already. We rely on membership fees not only to provide the landscaping maintenance in our common areas, but to support this newsletter and the community events that are so popular. I would also like you to consider serving on our Board of Directors. If you have appreciated any of the work we do or events we plan, or even if you have a complaint about how they've been handled, we need your help to continue, and to improve. Please contact the SCA at somerset98006@gmail.com if you are interested in getting more involved.

Thank you for your continued support of our community!

Diane Fern
Interim President, Somerset Community Association

SCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ENERGIZE EASTSIDE UPDATE

The debate over PSE's giant transmission line through Somerset was rather quiet over the summer. PSE and CENSE are busy preparing for public hearings that might take place this fall. As the Somerset Sun goes to press, no dates have been announced for Bellevue or the other cities that are impacted by the project.

CENSE UPDATE

Power Outages in Somerset

On the afternoon of July 25, as temperatures hit 90 degrees, Somerset and parts of Newport Hills lost power for three to four hours. Members of CENSE asked PSE about the cause. PSE says a critical piece of equipment failed in the Somerset substation (Energize Eastside would not have prevented this outage). Although it took nearly 12 hours to fix the equipment, PSE service technicians switched customers over to other substations in the area.

A technology called "self-healing grid" can handle grid switching in minutes instead of hours. PSE has installed this technology in 22 neighborhoods. Somerset needs this solution! Somerset outages are twenty times longer than downtown, the first neighborhood to benefit from smarter technology.

Vulnerable power lines on Newport Way are another problem for Somerset. Trees fall on these lines during storms, causing long outages for our neighborhood. Council member Jennifer Robertson has asked PSE to move the wires underground during the upcoming Newport Way sidewalk project.

If you support these efforts to improve Somerset's electrical reliability, please sign this CENSE petition to PSE's CEO and Bellevue's Deputy City Manager: bit.ly/SomersetElectric

Australian bank sells share of PSE

In August, PSE announced that Macquarie, an Australian investment bank, will sell its 44% ownership share of PSE to Canadian and Dutch pension funds. According to PSE, there will be "no change in local operations, employment or regulatory oversight."

For ratepayers, "business as usual" isn't a promising outcome. The proposed sale perpetuates 100% control of our energy company by absentee owners outside the U.S. The primary goal for these fund managers is a high rate of return on their investment. This causes the company to pursue projects that aren't aligned with community values, like Energize Eastside and the Tacoma LNG plant.

Last Chance for 300 Trees!

PSE says it will start clearing trees on 148th Ave and SE 8th St this fall. The company wants to build an obsolete and unnecessary power line on these beautiful streets (this is different from Energize Eastside). Like Somerset, the Lake Hills neighborhood would benefit from a "self-healing grid," and no trees would be harmed. PSE prefers the power line, which would generate higher profits for the company.



While CENSE is fully occupied with Energize Eastside, a new group, 350 Eastside, has volunteered to fight for the trees. Please visit their new website, 300trees.org. It has a short video, narrated by Somerset resident Don Marsh, which explains the problem and the smart solution.

The website includes another petition for PSE's CEO: bit.ly/300petition -- please sign it! We need at least 1,000 signatures to motivate PSE to change. It's not an easy goal, but with your help, we will achieve a better outcome for our city and our environment.

CENSE volunteers will work with regulators and legislators to achieve a good result for our community and the environment.

STEPHANIE KRISTEN

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

I have always believed in the importance of giving back to our community. Enriching the neighborhoods in which we live and work is an integral part of how we do business. Supporting these programs is one more way of caring for and improving the lives of those around us.

Windermere is excited to be the **Official Real Estate Company of the Seattle Seahawks**. But I'm even more proud of how this partnership is being used to help homeless youth in our community.

Windermere has a long history of helping low-income and homeless families through the **Windermere Foundation**, which since 1989 has donated over than \$35 million to programs and organizations that provide shelter, food, children's programs, and emergency services to those in need. Every time I sell a home, a portion of my commission goes toward this important cause. And now, for every Seahawks home game tackle, the Windermere Foundation will donate \$100 to YouthCare, which provides much-needed services to homeless youth.

Join us in supporting the **#TackleHomelessness** campaign!

For more information on additional causes I actively support please check out my website **SheKnowsRealEstate.com** on my "about me" page.



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FALL LANDSCAPING

Fall Landscape and Maintenance 2018

Fall will start on September 22nd and we will be seeing shorter, but still sunny (and hopefully a few wet) days in the next month. I would like to encourage you to go outside and walk around our gorgeous neighborhood and community. It is also a good time over the next several months to trim your trees and plants, as well as planting mums and other fall flowering plants.

The Somerset Blvd Entrance landscaping is maintained by Earthworks and the irrigation systems by AquaSense. Our irrigation pipe under the south corner of Somerset Blvd has been replaced this summer and the irrigation for the planting area along Somerset Blvd after last year's leak is operational.

We have experienced a number of issues over the few months which have been caused by (1) the Bellevue School District installing an internet/communication system from Newport Way to Somerset Elementary School, and (2) the City of Bellevue installing ADA compliant ramps at each of the corners at the entrance and a new crosswalk on Newport Way. These projects have caused the removal of numerous plants and damaged our irrigation system. In the area near the center fountain, the entrance has been reduced, the plants have been replaced, the rocks placed back next to the curb at the entrance and the irrigation systems repaired. The areas on both sides of the entrance have also had hedges and other plants removed which will be replaced. The COB will be reimbursing SCA for the costs incurred as a result of their project. Gary Albert (supported by Kenn Gennari) has been invaluable and supervised the repairs to

our irrigation system in coordination with the contractors and the COB staff.

The area on the east side of the entrance has not been affected and the vegetation is looking good. All of the common areas near the entrance will be covered with fine dark bark in the near future. The City of Bellevue Parks Dept. continues to care for the median along Highland Dr. The



easement area along the east side of Somerset Elementary is weeded and periodically watered by Earthworks. We encourage residents along Somerset Blvd and Highland Dr to maintain their landscaping as their properties represent Somerset to all who travel those main routes through our neighborhood.

So, as we enter this fall season, please continue to water and fertilize your yard, and pick up the leaves as they fall. Please try to be "green" by limiting the use of herbicides and pesticides. The SCA is committed to being supportive of the environment and to making our community look great during every season. If you have other questions regarding trimming/cutting trees or landscaping, please do not hesitate to contact me at suesander10@hotmail.com or our CRC Committee. Thank you!

Sue Sander
Landscape Chair



REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE



Active Listings

8	Homes Currently For Sale
3,028	Average Square Feet
33	Average Days of Market
\$1,225,975	Average List Price

Pending Listings

3	Current Pending Sales
2,762	Average Sq Ft
13	Average Days on Market before going under contract
\$1,406,444	Average List Price when home went under contract

Sold

27	Closed Sales within last 90 days
2,848	Average Sq Ft
15	Average Days on Market before going under contract
\$1,392,555	Average Final Sales price **
2.95%	Average % of sale OVER list price
25	# of homes hold over \$1M
93%	of Homes that sold over \$1M

Cash Sales

6	Homes Purchased with Cash
22%	of total sales purchased with cash
\$1,392,981	Average Cash Sale **

Rentals

11	# of homes available for rent
\$3,740	Average monthly rent advertised
16	Average # of Days on Market
8	# of homes Rented in last 90 days
\$3,613	Average monthly rent advertised
49	Average # of Days on Market prior to Rental

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* Data based on NWMLS 90 Day Reports Dated 8/9/18*

Keep Our Sidewalks Safe and Clear

Fall is in the air! The leaves are changing colors and falling. On many streets, children are seen hurrying down the sidewalks for an exciting year of learning. Please note that the City of Bellevue requires sidewalks to be free from weeds, grass, protruding shrubs, trees and other debris, as their presence limits the use of the sidewalk, and could cause people to injure themselves. *Are your shrubs, hedges or groundcovers sprawling across the walk or overhanging the sidewalk's edge?*

The City of Bellevue's ordinance requires vertical vegetation (certain plants, trees) to be trimmed at least seven feet above the sidewalk so tree branches do not cause passersby to duck or risk injury. Shrubs and other lower vegetation should be pruned back one foot from the sidewalk edge. Leaves, pine needles, cones, etc. need to be blown or swept off the

sidewalk. (As a word of caution, if someone were to slip on your section of sidewalk due to such obstructions or lack of homeowner maintenance, it's possible that you could be held legally liable.)



Sidewalks must remain clear of all obstructions, all the time. Pedestrians, wheelchairs and strollers should have access to the entire width of the sidewalk and must not be forced to detour into the road. Trash, recycling and yard waste bins

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should be placed in the street, next to the curb – not on the sidewalk. The City of Bellevue has a law against parking on sidewalks and will ticket. Parking on sidewalks causes sidewalks and curbs to crack and is very costly to repair. If you are having guests, please ask them to refrain from parking on the sidewalk.

Let's take care of our sidewalks so that we can all enjoy an evening stroll through our beautiful Somerset neighborhood!

“My sisters and I worked with Lynn to sell our family home in Bellevue of over 50 years. It was an emotional journey which we couldn't have done without Lynn's encouragement, guidance, and positivity. It was quite evident from the get-go that Lynn is well versed in the real estate market. She walked us through the stages from pre-inspection and presentation to offers and closing with professionalism and efficiency. **Her high energy, outgoing nature and humor, coupled with a strong moral compass are qualities we admire that set her above others in the real estate business.** Lynn always made us feel like helping us was her highest priority. Her review and negotiation expertise was a sight to behold as she worked tirelessly for us. We put complete trust in her abilities and knowledge to sell our home and we're thrilled with the results. We are forever grateful to Lynn for navigating us through this experience and our recommendation to have Lynn as your agent is rock solid.”

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By Council Member Jennifer Robertson

November Election News

It is autumn, which means that the kids go back to school, the Somerset pool will be closing soon, Council returns

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from our August break and elections will be happening in November. This being an even numbered year means that legislative races are on the ballot along with any qualifying statewide initiatives.

To be certified for the General Election ballot, petitions containing the signatures of 259,622 registered voters needed to be filed with the Secretary of State by July 6. A summary of the three ballot measures that are either certified or are expected to be certified is included below.

Initiative 1639—Gun Violence Prevention: This measure would require enhanced background checks, firearm training, and waiting periods before semi-automatic assault rifles could be purchased or delivered. It would impose age limitations on who may purchase or possess certain firearms, including prohibiting firearm purchases by those under 21 years of age (18 years of age is the current standard). It would require secured firearm storage or trigger-locks and would criminalize certain firearm storage resulting in authorized use. It would enact other firearm-related requirements, including certain warnings, recordkeeping and fees. (Note: as this article was going to print, a judge ruled that defects in this initiative petition requires it to be removed from the ballot. However, since that decision is being appealed and this may yet still appear on the ballot, information on this initiative is being kept in this article.)

Initiative 1634—Taxation of Groceries: This measure is in response to the Seattle soda/sugar tax and would prohibit new or increased local taxes, fees, or assessments on raw or processed foods, beverages or their ingredients, intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, marijuana products, and tobacco, unless they are generally applicable and meet specified requirements. Collection of local sales and use taxes, and of taxes, fees, and assessments on such raw or processed foods or ingredients thereof, that were in effect on January 15, 2018, may continue. The proposed Initiative does not prevent the state from imposing a soda tax and it grandfathers in existing local soda taxes, such as the one imposed by Seattle earlier this year.

Initiative 1631—Clean Air Clean Energy: This measure is awaiting certification and would enact a carbon emissions fee of \$15 per metric ton of carbon beginning January 1, 2020 with additional increases per metric ton of \$2 each year. While called a pollution fee, this is really a carbon tax. This “fee” is expected to **add approximately \$0.14 per gallon to the cost of gasoline**. But unlike the State gas tax which must be used for “transportation purposes”, **none of these funds would be used for transportation**. Revenue raised instead would go into two funds to be spent according to an unelected board appointed by the Governor: (1) a fund for air quality and energy programs and projects, and (2) a fund for water quality and forest health projects. The exact spending and uses are not spelled out and are left vague.

Whatever your perspective, please remember to vote in the General Election by November 6, 2018.

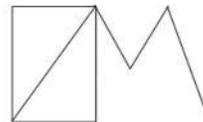
Jennifer Robertson is a 3-term member of the Bellevue City Council and a municipal attorney. She lives with her husband and children in Somerset.



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JULY 2018

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↑ 15%

NEW LISTINGS
27% ↑
FOR SALE

DAYS ON MARKET
↑ 18%

LIST vs. SALES PRICE
↓ 3.3%

Summer Slow Down or Market Shift?

It is fairly typical to see the Real Estate market stagnate in the later summer months, but there is much talk in the industry right now as to if this is indeed a start to a longer lasting market shift.

National market trends would indicate that we may be headed for just that, however we have a unique and diverse economy with heavy growth forecasts in our business sectors... and our area specifically, boasts great commute times and nationally recognized schools. So does that make us immune?

You may have noticed inventory of homes for sale has increased significantly and "Days on Market" are also increasing. But don't panic...we are still in a vibrant market with plenty of demand.

Sellers may need to adjust their expectations, be ready to price properly *within the market* and to see fewer offers. However, homes in Somerset will continue to sell, though potentially with a slower appreciation over the next year.

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FALL YARD MAINTENANCE

As we head into the fall season, it is a good time to work in your yard and prepare it for rain and cooler temperatures. Over the next several months there are a number of steps to take to ensure that your yard will thrive during the fall and winter months. Regarding your grass, make sure that you continue to mow until late October or early November and fertilize with fall/winter fertilizer. This will enable your lawn to look great through the end of the year and bright green for the start of spring.



Planting areas should be cleaned up after the leaves have fallen and you can either compost the leaves or rake them around the base of each of your trees and bushes. (Rake up leaves before they have time to become

soaked by rain and freeze!) This is a good time of year to trim your plants, as well as planting fall flowering perennials. Because deciduous trees and shrubs suffer less stress when dormant, wait until the leaves fall to prune them. Also, a number of nurseries have great sales during the fall and you can purchase and plant rhododendrons, azaleas, or dwarf

fruit trees, so that they have time to grow a bit this fall and be ready to blossom next spring.

If you have outdoor potted plants, it is best to remove all of the dead or dying annuals. You can plant perennials that will survive all year. Place the pots under your roof and close to wall, so that your plants will thrive better during the freezing winter temperatures. Fall is also the best time to plant bulbs – the soil is warm enough to promote early root growth, and a cold period is still ahead – an essential element to a great spring display. Bulbs such as daffodils will spread and naturalize and keep on blooming year after year.

Sue's Secret:

If you have geraniums, you can place them collectively in one pot, if they will all fit, and place them in your garage until the end of March. It is critical that you water the plants when they become dry. This will enable them to survive during the winter months. I have done this for over 25 years in my Somerset home and the geraniums continue to thrive.

PLUM DELICIOUS!

Italian Prune Plums have a short but prolific season in late September and are a favorite in Somerset gardens. Sometimes also called Empress Plums, they are the European-style plum (*Prunica domestica*) - small, dense, egg-shaped fruit with blue or purple skin, freestone pits and yellow flesh. (These are the plums that are made into prunes.) When cooked, they turn an amazing fuchsia pink color and are not reminiscent of prunes in any way!

New York Times Plum Torte

The NY Times published this recipe for Plum Torte every September from 1983 until 1989, when the editors determined that enough was enough.

3/4 to 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 cup unbleached flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking powder
Pinch of salt (optional)
2 eggs
24 halves pitted purple plums
Sugar, lemon juice and cinnamon, for topping

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cream the sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the flour, baking powder, salt and eggs and beat well. Spoon the batter into a springform pan of 8, 9 or 10 inches. Place the plum halves skin side up on top of the batter. Sprinkle lightly with sugar and lemon juice, depending on the sweetness of the fruit. Sprinkle with about 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, depending on how much you like cinnamon. Bake 1 hour, approximately. Remove and cool; refrigerate or freeze if desired. Or cool to lukewarm and serve plain or with whipped cream. (To serve a torte that was frozen, defrost and reheat it briefly at 300 degrees.)

Roasted Italian Plums

Italian prune plums are firm and not overly juicy; they take well to roasting and won't fall apart. Source: Martha Stewart Living, October 2002

2-3/4 pounds italian prune plums, halved and pitted
1/4 cup sugar
2 Tbsp melted butter

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Toss plums in a large bowl with sugar and butter; place cut side down on a rimmed baking sheet. Roast until plums are cooked through and caramelized, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven, and serve.



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Hannah Wilcox	2020	(425) 652-1844
Sammy Wilcox	2021	(425) 652-6700

4TH OF JULY FUN

Somerset residents and their families enjoyed the 12th annual Somerset Parade and Picnic on the 4th of July. Led by Bellevue firefighters in their shiny red fire engine, the parade began at the SRC and wound down to Forest Hill Neighborhood Park. Once there, everyone enjoyed the bouncy house and games, freshly grilled hot dogs and a fun afternoon. Look for details in the Spring issue of the Somerset Sun about how you can help with next year's event!



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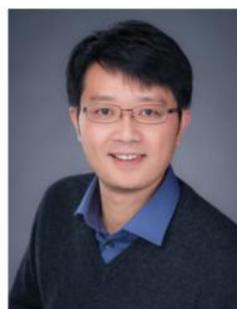


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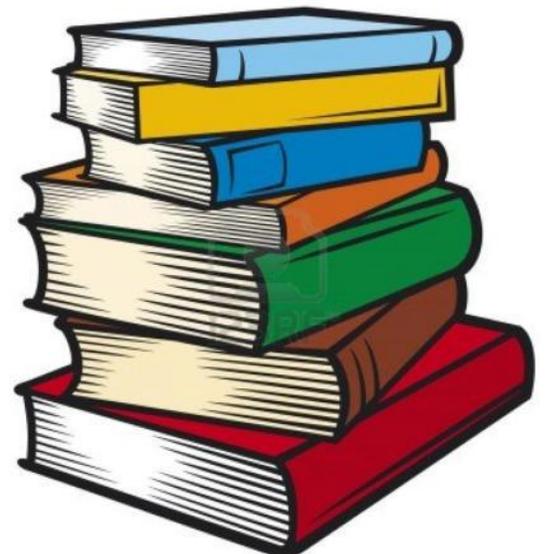
The following two books have been recommended to me as excellent "reads" -

The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys are Struggling and What We Can Do About It, by Warren Farrell and John Gray. Read the authors' theories about why our boys are struggling and why we live in a world of increasing violence. This book proposes one modern male perspective on parenthood and suggests how to assist struggling young men to find healthy purpose and true success.

Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. A compelling story of a modern woman who questions her history. In alternating timelines of current day and 1939 Memphis, she discovers devastating secrets in her family's past. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals in which an adoption organization kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families.

If you have *Good Reads* you would like to share, please let me know. If you're in a Somerset book club, tell us about your club and entice your neighbors with some of your favorite recent reads.

Bev Edwards
SCA Board Member



SOMERSET WOMEN FOR MEDIC ONE



Did you know that Somerset has a group of women who have been dedicated advocates for Bellevue Medic One for over 40 years? Somerset Women for Medic One was founded in 1974 by a group of neighborhood friends. While their first contributions were

bridge tournament proceeds, the group has grown and continues to support the program by receiving and processing donations to Medic One.

Fifty years ago, there were no paramedics. Medical emergency victims transported by ambulance received only cursory first aid on their journey to a hospital for treatment. The Medic One Program was founded in the late 1960s in Seattle based on the belief that pre-hospital care by non-physicians (with remote physician guidance) could greatly improve a patient's chances of survival. Seattle Medic One was born and began training paramedics.

The City of Bellevue was second to join the King County Medic One Program in 1972 with ten firefighters trained as paramedics that first year. The donations processed by Somerset Women for Medic One supplement the Medic One levy funding. Currently, Medic One is primarily funded by a 6-year countywide levy. This program ensures that medical emergencies across the county receive the same top-level response. Medic One provides Advanced Life Support services at no cost to the patient. A renewal of this levy, called "Medic One" or "EMS," will be on the ballot sometime in the next year.

In Bellevue, all firefighters are trained as emergency medical technicians. However, certain firefighters receive additional training to become a Medic One Paramedic. Their training

lasts for ten months and provides them with over 2,500 hours of instruction, including classroom work, clinical training and supervised field training. Somerset Women for Medic One continues to process donations to Medic One, as well as conducts fundraisers and private events to help pay for supplies, equipment and additional paramedic training. There are currently 41 Medic One Paramedics and three supervisors in the Bellevue Fire District.

King County First Responders have the best cardiac arrest save rate in the world. Somerset Women for Medic One play a vital role in supporting Medic One, and by doing so, help save lives. Please consider joining in this support.



Somerset Women for Medic One is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and your tax-deductible donations may be sent to Somerset Women for Medic One, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Membership is open to residents of Bellevue and environs. New members are welcome at any time. Meetings of Somerset Women for Medic One are held at 11:00am on the first Thursday of September, October, February, March, April, and May. Meetings are held at Fire Station # 9, 12412 Newcastle Way, Bellevue, Washington 98006. For additional information, or if you have any questions, please contact Martha Garmanian, (425) 747-4201, or mgarmanian@msn.com.

SRC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 general membership meeting of the Somerset Recreation Club (SRC) will be held on Saturday September 15th from 6-8 pm at the lower deck of the SRC pool. This meeting is open to all 2018 members of SRC. The SRC Board of Directors encourages all members to attend this meeting as we will elect new Board members, review our financial

position and discuss our operational and strategic plans. It is also your opportunity to ask questions of the Board and to raise any concerns and issues you may have. It is important that we have a quorum in order to elect incoming Board members, so please attend if at all possible.

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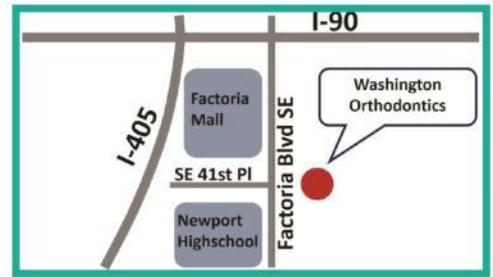
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Dr. Sung spent his early childhood growing up in Ashland, Ohio until his family moved back to South Korea where he spent most of his school years. Dr. Sung was offered a scholarship for physics after winning a national high school contest.

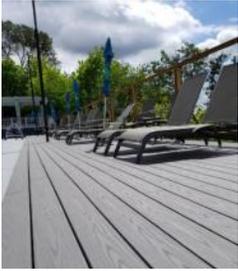
While working as an engineer affiliated with the military for three years, Dr. Sung frequently volunteered at a catholic medical facility located in a remote rural area of Korea. He quickly realized that his true passion lied in treating people and serving the need of the community.

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.

A successful 2018 season is coming to a close as this newsletter goes to print. It included many facility improvements, fundraising, fun social events and a hard-working swim team!

SRC Improvements in 2018



The facility was updated with some wonderful improvements this year: a brand-new, low-maintenance lower deck and deck railing, an updated front office, a new shaded seating area in front of the clubhouse, the removal of dead trees, a pool cover, a new staircase to the 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.

Fun Social Activities!

Social offerings this year included Pizza & Bingo nights, outdoor movies, an international food potluck and Funday Tuesday (bbq and pool games). Of course, our annual dinner & auction event was held in July where we enjoyed a beautiful evening on the deck socializing and bidding on fantastic items to raise funds for the SRC.

More Improvements in 2019

As of print, the SRC had nearly reached its 2018 fundraising goal of \$60,000! The SRC Board will be working hard to bring the club a new upper deck for 2019, and potentially other improvements as the budget will allow. A big shout out to everyone who helped us get here including SRC Auction attendees, online donors, corporate matching, work party donations, Woodswim and Tanya Franzen-Garrett. If you have missed the giving campaign deadlines and still want to donate to SRC, you may do so online at www.somersetrec.org at any time.

SRC Swim Team – Summer 2018 RECAP



The Division II Somerset Stingrays had an amazing summer swim season, with 129 swimmers (including 16 Sharkies) – one of the largest teams in years. SRC was the co-winner of

Division 2A meets! Thank you to our wonderful Assistant Coach Will Delbrueck and Head Coach Erica Johnson, who returned for her **tenth** year at Somerset! They provided high quality instruction, motivation, and support to our swimmers who practiced daily. Swim team parents stepped up to provide the more than 40+ volunteers needed to put on each swim meet!

In addition, three new pool records were set:

- 🏅 Sean B. broke the (40-year) 13-14 boys 50 Free record with a time of 24.40!
- 🏅 Madeleine C. broke the 15-over girl's 50 Breast record with a time of 31.38!
- 🏅 The 15-18 girls 200 Free relay of Madeleine C., Madison A., Nabilah R. and Lailey K. broke the record with a time of 1:46.01!



If you missed out on the fun this year and you are interested in joining the swim team in 2019, please feel free to contact srcswimteam@gmail.com so that you can receive communications about the 2019 Summer Season!

Thanks for all your continued support!

Reminder: SRC is a 501(c)(3) corporation and therefore donations to SRC are allowed as tax deductions by the IRS, and 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.



Coach Erica models the beautiful cape made for her from many years of swim meet ribbons!

In the case of a major emergency, we must all be prepared to provide for ourselves and our families for an unknown length of time. Roads and bridges may be damaged and unsafe. Your own home may be damaged. It won't be easy to get anywhere to shop, and stores will quickly run out of supplies. Utilities may be damaged and unavailable. Emergency personnel will be busy with the most urgent safety needs. We recommend that every household build or supplement

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency & Preparedness Kits! Here are some things to consider:

WATER: Keep a 7-10 day supply of 1 gallon per person, per day. (Hint: don't use dairy containers to store water.)

FOOD: Keep a 7-10 day supply of non-perishable foods that use little to no water or cooking to prepare. Include re-usable plates & utensils, and a pot for boiling water (Hint: pack a manual can opener.)

MEDICAL: first aid kit including bandages for injuries, pain & fever reducer, scissors, hand sanitizer; extra supply and list of prescription medications, extra glasses or contact lenses

SHELTER: a tarp or tent, plastic sheeting and duct tape

WARMTH: blankets or sleeping bags, extra clothing such as rain ponchos, coats, hats, gloves and sturdy shoes

LIGHTING: flashlights or battery-powered lanterns (Hint: include extra batteries)

SANITATION: large garbage bags with ties, toilet paper, moist towelettes and bleach

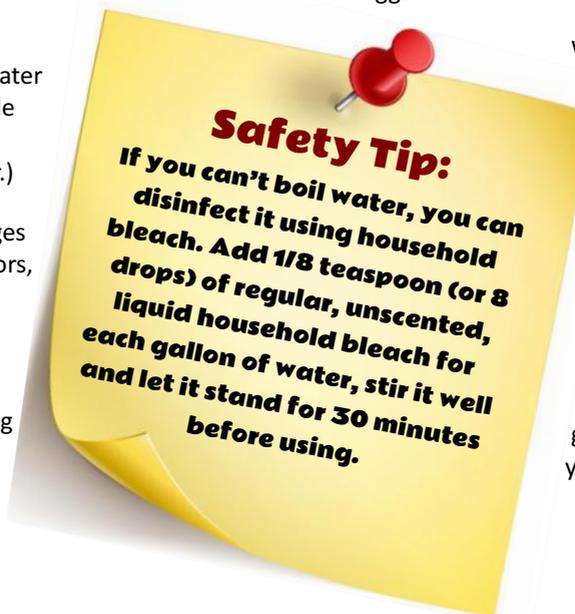
HYGIENE: toothbrushes/paste, soap, feminine supplies

TOOLS: utility knife, axe, rope, duct tape, fire extinguisher (Hint: include wrench for turning off utilities if necessary)

GENERAL: dust masks, matches in waterproof container, signal flare, extra cash in small denominations, extra set of car/home keys, a backpack in case you must leave home

DOCUMENTS: copies of insurance policy, birth certificates, driver's licenses, etc. (Hint: you can store copies of all these documents on a USB drive)

Check out the makeitthrough.org website to print a more detailed basic preparedness kit supply list similar to the above. See also Bellevue's and King County's emergency preparedness websites and FEMA sites for other supply list suggestions.



We recommend you start building your supply of preparedness items, including search and rescue materials and tools, in increments. The most important thing is to get started today! When resources are scarce, any supplies that you have on hand will serve you well!

Build kits and go-bag kits for home, cars, work, and school or for being on the go – you never know where you are going to be when disaster strikes or when you may need something from your kit.

CERT Program. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers on disaster preparedness that impact their area and trains them on response skills. Bellevue has one more CERT course scheduled for 2018. The course will start this Fall (specific start date to be determined). Space is limited so register early for these through Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management.

CERT-Lite. If you don't have time for a multi-week course, but can spare a morning, Bellevue's 3-hour CERT Lite program might be just right for you! In a short time, learn about personal preparedness, medical, fire safety, search and rescue concepts and an introduction to the Map Your

Neighborhood Program. These classes are expected to open and fill months in advance. They are first come, first served with priority to residents who live in the area that the trainings are held. Register on Eventbrite.com to take advantage of this very valuable, free training.

Sept. 15 - Eastgate/Factoria, South Bellevue Community Center

Oct. 13 - Somerset/Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, Newport Covenant Church, Bellevue

Nov. 3 - Newport and open, South Bellevue Community Center



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Are Seattle & Eastside Home Prices Headed Down?

What a difference a couple of months can make in the housing market. In May, inventory levels were still at record lows and many homes were getting multiple offers. The Seattle area has seen the largest home price increases in the country for the last 20 months in a row, according to Case-Shiller data. With the median house price at \$812,500 in Seattle and \$978,000 on the Eastside, we are at a tipping point where record-high home prices, overly optimistic sellers and buyer fatigue have converged. The total inventory of homes listed for sale has now grown for three straight months on a year-over-year basis, suggesting a new trend. Redfin data showed 32 percent of homes across the region had price drops in June, up from 27 percent a year ago and the highest for any June since the company started tracking in 2012.

What does this mean for sellers and buyers? We have seen many market cycles in our 30-year career and this is a normal market correction after many years of a hot seller's market. We are moving towards a 'balanced' market, which will ensure continued market appreciation and strong buyer demand. Sellers need to be more realistic about the value of their home and shouldn't expect to get multiple offers, or offers with Escalation Clauses significantly over the asking price. Buyers will likely have more homes to look at in their preferred price range and area and may encounter less competitive multiple-offer situations. Be cautious about using on-line home valuation tools, as they are just one of many data points that need to be considered when pricing your home properly for today's market.

While the frenzied market and bidding wars may have slowed down for now, well-priced homes in top condition are still getting a great response from the market and selling quickly, so buyers should be prepared to be proactive once they find the right home.

Smart home sellers and home buyers will engage the services of an experienced local real estate professional to help them navigate today's changing market. Be sure and ask for your agent's sales track record in the neighborhood, get a list of references, and understand what top-tier strategies your agent will be utilizing to get your home sold.

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Grant Castle and Auction Chair Emilie Castle.