



## 2023-24 Board of Directors Candidates

### **Chuck Doland**

**9539 NE 1st St.**

My Background is lengthy and includes neighborhood resident for 45 years. West Bellevue Community Club president three or more times. Member of the Bellevue City CBD study and representative from West Bellevue Neighborhood. I also served on the Downtown Park organization committee and have been a member of the Bellevue Rotary Club for 47 years. I am passionate about maintaining Lochleven and our West Bellevue Neighborhood.

### **Ravi Gadde**

**9726 NE 5TH ST**

My name is Ravi Gadde and I have been a resident of 9726 NE 5TH ST since September, 2016. Prior to moving here we owned a home in the Lakehills neighborhood for about 10 years. Our kids were born and grew up in that neighborhood in a village-like environment where we know all neighbors in the 2 blocks around which created an everyone knows everyone environment. This enabled our neighborhood to be one of the safest for the kids to enjoy outdoors where we all trusted neighbors to look out for the kids. We conducted summer block parties with potluck, blocking the streets, arranging barbeque, games for adults and kids and had fun times. We even had neighborhood parties at our own house. We have been missing all that fun and community touch since we moved here and would like to be part of the LCA leadership team to plan, collaborate and conduct activities that are more encouraging for neighbors.

I believe one of the first steps LCA could focus on is increasing the LCA memberships by educating and encouraging neighbors to become LCA members.

To give a brief background about myself, I moved to the US in 2002 from India and to Bellevue in 2005 and have been living in Bellevue since then. I played several leadership roles in software companies like Classmates.com, T-Mobile, Nike, Pepsi, BestBuy etc., before i started my own Healthcare Startup from which i took an exit recently. I also had experience running FedEx delivery business and Auto Repair and Fleet management businesses. Currently I own and operate a Software Solutions and Consulting business and an Auto Repair business in Bellevue.

I was on board for a couple of Nonprofits organizations in the past like ROOTS ([ROOTS Young Adult Shelter \(rootsinfo.org\)](http://rootsinfo.org)), CHOICE ([CHOICE Humanitarian – Reducing poverty around the world](http://CHOICE Humanitarian – Reducing poverty around the world)) and Volunteered for several nonprofit organizations like WATS(Washington Telugu Samiti, a Indian regional nonprofit association), IAWW (India Association of Western Washington), Techstars, SAC (Seattle Angel Conference), Essential Church, Bellevue Ski Club, Coached Kids soccer etc.,

I would love to have an opportunity to serve on the board for the LCA and make the LCA move interesting for neighbors to be involved.

**Scott Lampe****9909 NE 1st St.****Curren board president**

My wife Ellen and I have lived in Lochleven for 6 years, having served as Lochleven Community Association board member and president the past year. I also serve as president of the Bayside Place Homeowners Association and am a board member of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association. Other volunteer activities include serving on the Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel, membership of Bellevue Rotary and board member of the Eastside Transportation Association. I am retired from full time employment which provides the opportunity to serve others in these various activities.

The major accomplishment of the past year for the LCA was revision of the association's bylaws and articles of incorporation to be compliant with state statutes. An element of the revision I am particularly pleased with is the establishment of staggered two-year terms for board members which will provide continuity for the board going forward.

In addition to keeping the membership informed of important developments impacting our community, I believe the board's other main function is to build community through activities such as the successful Halloween party and the Pancake Breakfast. My desire is to provide more opportunities such as these to get to know others in our neighborhood. Safety is also of the utmost importance in maintaining the high quality of life we have in Lochleven.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this past year and I hope to contribute to Lochleven's bright future by serving on the board once again.

**Steve McConnell****9749 NE 5th St.**

**Bio:** I have lived in the Lochleven neighborhood for 14 years and in Bellevue for almost 40 years. I walk in the neighborhood nearly every day with my (overly-friendly) golden retriever, Cooper. In the past, I served on the board of the old West Bellevue Community Club during its wind down phase. I also served on the board of the Bellevue School District for 6 years, including two years as board president. I've been a member of Bellevue Rotary for 12 years, including one year as president. Most recently, I chaired the LCA committee that updated our LCA bylaws. As chair of that committee, I enjoyed my interactions with the current board. I felt like we worked well together, and I believe we did good work on behalf of our neighborhood

**Position Statement:** I believe that LCA should serve as a positive force bringing neighbors together in a neighborly way. I believe that most of the time the LCA should serve as an apolitical community-building organization – helping neighbors to meet neighbors, and making our wonderful neighborhood a friendly, welcoming place for everyone. In terms of local political issues, most of the time I believe the LCA's role should be limited to publicizing relevant information from the city to LCA members, raising awareness of issues that might affect our neighborhood so that it's easy for people in our neighborhood to make their individual voices heard if they choose to do so. From time to time, I believe it is also appropriate for the LCA to serve a more political function by communicating positions to the city on behalf of the neighborhood. However, that should happen only in the cases in which there is strong consensus within the neighborhood and only after the LCA has taken steps to verify that there truly is a cohesive feeling within the neighborhood. Thanks for reading this, and if this sounds good to you, I would appreciate your vote.

**Wayne Novak****9951 Lake Washington Blvd****Current board treasurer**

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to my service again as a member of the LCA Board. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as a board member and Treasurer, and I am eager to continue my involvement. Currently, I also hold a position on the Advisory Board of the Bellevue Salvation Army. Furthermore, I serve as a board member for the HOA at the Vue and as a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association.

If elected, my primary objective is to prioritize and enhance resident safety and security. Additionally, I am enthusiastic about facilitating connections among neighbors and fostering a stronger sense of community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and eager to contribute to the growth and well-being of our community.

**Yuan Zheng****700 95th Ave. NE****Current board secretary**

My family has proudly called the Lochleven neighborhood our home for the past 10 years. We were instantly captivated by its safe, friendly, and diverse atmosphere. It is here that our son, Isaac, was born and has thrived. You may have spotted us strolling through the neighborhood, cherishing the environment that nurtures his growth. I also serve as the vice president of the board of trustees for Bellevue Discovery Preschool, a nonprofit preschool supporting highly capable children, their families, and communities.

I am the current Lochleven Community Association board secretary. One significant accomplishment this year was successfully amending our bylaws and articles of incorporation to align with Washington State statutes, guaranteeing compliance. This achievement has laid a solid foundation for our future endeavors.

Looking ahead, I will support the board to bring more exciting events that will further unite our diverse community. I remain dedicated to keeping our membership well-informed about crucial community and local matters. Moreover, I am committed to facilitating inclusive discussions that encourage active participation from every member of our community. Together, we can shape a vibrant and harmonious neighborhood.