

## **FHNA board election candidates 22 Jan 2020**

**Bill Blanchard:** Bill has lived on Finn Hill since 1989. He and his wife Joanie raised their three children on the hill, where they attended the local schools. He spent 25 years in the advertising industry, creating marketing messages for consumer brands and corporations. Bill has spent the last 15 years working as a real estate agent for Windermere in Kirkland. Bill has served on the Kirkland Strategic Housing Committee, is Co-Chair of the Kirkland Association of Neighborhoods (KAN), and Chairman of the Big Finn Hill Parks Committee. As a FHNA board member, Bill has taken leading roles in organizing the “Green Loop,” DennyFest and has principal responsibility for directing the creation of and our efforts to acquire land for open space. Bill brings years of communications and marketing experience to the board, as well as enthusiasm for the neighborhood’s past and future.

**Ed Hunt:** Ed has lived on top of Finn Hill since 1996 and came to the area because of the beauty and charm of the local area and the friendliness of the community here. He is married with two children, one of whom attends Juanita High School and one in college who also went to schools on the hill. Working for a small software company dealing with computers and databases, he now works from home, so is often around the neighborhood. As an engineer he brings a practical skill set to the FHNA board, contributing to the efforts to expand Juanita Heights Park, develop the neighborhood plan and setup Dennyfest, for which he has been the emcee for several years. He's interested in promoting alternative technologies for our area (such as solar power and electric vehicles). He's also a pilot and keen astronomer under frustratingly cloudy northwest skies.

**Amanda Judd:** Amanda has spent 18 years as a professional in the non-profit human services field working to connect at-risk youth and adults to resources and services. Recognizing the privilege she has in calling such a beautiful and thriving city home, Amanda actively volunteers and engages in community building and strengthening efforts. They include: serving on the Park Board for the City of Kirkland (Vice-Chair), being a neighborhood representative in the Neighborhood Safety Program, and volunteering on the planning committees for Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July, Pumpkins in the Park, Winterfest, and Crossing Kirkland. Amanda would like to serve her neighbors as a Board Member by bringing her skills and passion for organization, advocacy, and community-building to FHNA.

**James Kumin:** James has lived on Finn Hill since fall of 2012 when he arrived to serve as pastor of Inglewood Presbyterian. He grew up in Portland, but then lived in LA County, central New Jersey, and SE Michigan before making it back to the PNW. After college he first worked as a city planner while also launching a non-profit learning center in his Latino immigrant neighborhood; he then became a pastor in a desire to integrate his love for neighborhoods and skills in networking resources across lines that typically divide us from each other. He also enjoys walks with his wife, playing with his two kids (age 10 and 7), laughing at his dog, and ingesting a wide variety of good food. A board member since 2017, James has been involved in organizing a variety of FHNA events and enhancing community outreach efforts.

**Jaime Lusardo:** A Finn Hill resident since 2009, Jaime lives with her husband and three young boys. Her family chose the Finn Hill neighborhood for its walking schools, numerous beautiful parks, and strong community identity. Jaime has been an active community volunteer for several years. She's volunteered extensively with Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance (FHNA) - managing the community booths at both the Kirkland and Juanita Farmers Markets for the past six years and co-chairing the FHNA Spring Egg Hunt for the past two years. Jaime also serves on Thoreau Elementary PTA Board and volunteers with the Kirkland Woman's Club. Jaime is passionate about fostering community well-being within the neighborhood - including improving walkability, growing a sense of community, and caring for shared green spaces. Outside of volunteering Jaime enjoys watching her boys' sporting events, hiking, and backpacking.

**Fred Schaffalitzky:** Fred moved to Washington in 2010 and has lived in Holmes Point on Finn Hill since 2013. After leaving academia in 2005 he spent his professional career in various information-technology companies on projects related to remote sensing and robotics. As an FHNA board member, Fred has coordinated work parties in Juanita Woodlands Park and is involved with land acquisition projects on the west side of Finn Hill. He has also taken on some of the membership database management and related IT tasks, such as the simplified website more appropriate for mobile users.