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## Jump-starting affordable housing

By Janet Lewine, AICP, Associate Planner

When the City Council adopted an affordable housing strategy in June, it was a considerable milestone. But the culmination of more than a year of research, analysis and community input was more of a beginning than an end, as the city now considers programs and regulatory updates that could add up to 2,500 affordable homes to Bellevue over the next 10 years.

The Affordable Housing Strategy consists of five broad, interrelated strategies with over 20 specific actions designed to create affordable homes and provide new or expanded assistance for residents struggling to remain in Bellevue.

On Aug. 7, staff presented the council with a two-phase work program for carrying out the actions. The program will unfold over the next two to three years,

with additional council and public review required for several of the actions.

Work is already underway on several “jump-start” actions identified as high priorities by the council, including updating the multifamily tax exemption program to encourage more private development to include affordable housing and increasing the amount of housing that can be built on nonprofit housing sites and faith-based owned properties that are appropriately located for housing.

More information on the project, including the Affordable Housing Strategy report and additional background information, can be found on the city website at <http://planning.bellevuewa.gov/planning/planning-initiatives/affordable-housing-strategy/>.



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Anjana Murali rides the frog (or toad) at Downtown Park's Inspiration Playground. Built in partnership with the Bellevue Rotary, the play area has many features that engage the senses. Seattle Magazine rates the playground among the area's best of 2017.

## Homelessness management discussions to continue

By Lenka Wright, Chief Communications Officer

The City Council this year has been discussing how to make the 2016-2017 Council Vision priority of establishing a permanent Eastside men's shelter a reality. Items related to homelessness will come before the council for action and discussion through the remainder of 2017 and into the new year.

In September the council held two public hearings regarding interim regulations adopted on Aug. 7. The hearings concerned Ordinance 6369, which prohibits safe injection sites citywide, and Ordinance 6368, which concerns the permit process required to establish a permanent homeless shelter and identifies land use

districts where a such a shelter may be permitted.

Following the hearing for Ordinance 6369, the council directed staff to prepare a permanent ordinance prohibiting safe injection sites in Bellevue. That ordinance was expected to come before the council on Monday, Oct. 16.

The council took no action after the hearing for Ordinance 6368. The temporary regulations will expire in February 2018. Council discussions are expected to continue through this six-month period to establish permanent regulations regarding permitting and land use districts for homeless shelters.

Several study sessions on Bellevue's response to homelessness and moving people into permanent housing are anticipated through the end of 2017 and into 2018. In addition to the continued discussions on regulations for homeless shelters, the council will receive an update on homelessness in Bellevue and provide direction on RV/car camping regulations and giving input on education and outreach materials regarding panhandling.

The Interim Men's Shelter is located at Lincoln Center, 555 116th Ave. NE, and is set to open sometime in November.

You can stay updated on upcoming council discussions by signing up for Alerts at <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/city-council/council-meetings/council-agendas-and-minutes/>.



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# Council Corner

## Growth Corridor accommodates big companies, protects neighborhoods



By Councilmember Kevin Wallace

Earlier this month the City Council directed staff to respond to Amazon's RFP for its new headquarters. For the most part, the public response has been positive – people recognize we need to create a pathway for major employers to move and grow in Bellevue. But people also have legitimate concerns about how we do that without making traffic worse than it already is here in Bellevue.

For my final Council Corner column, I want to explain Bellevue's decades-long plan for accommodating growth in our "Growth Corridor" and providing the transportation infrastructure we need for it to be viable.

The Growth Corridor is the 1,350-acre area made up of downtown, BelRed, the Wilburton commercial area and East Main. This is equivalent in size to all of downtown Seattle west of Interstate 5 from Seattle Center to Safeco Field. Continued growth in these areas is supported by land-use plans that have either been recently completed (downtown and BelRed) or are likely to be completed next year (East Main and Wilburton).

Under Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan, between now and 2035, we plan to accommodate 88 percent of our new housing units (13,900 out of 15,800) and 80 percent of new jobs (41,500 out of 51,800) in the Growth Corridor.

### Land-use plans

The land-use plans for the entire Growth Corridor are broken into five planning efforts (details on the Hot Topics page on the city website):

- **Downtown Livability Initiative:** On Oct. 16 the council adopted new land use code for downtown, which is now one of our largest residential neighborhoods in addition to being a regional employment center. The process that began in 2013 to modernize 30+ year-old zoning provisions will accommodate 8.5 million square feet of additional office space while facilitating better open space, parks and pedestrian amenities.
- **BelRed Plan and Look Back:** Adopted in 2009, the BelRed plan is enabling medium-density development around the light rail stations at the Spring District and 130th Avenue Northeast. To better realize the BelRed vision, the city is in the midst of the "BelRed Look Back," a targeted review and update of the area's zoning code.
- **East Main:** Planning has been underway to increase the density in the area to the east of the East Main light rail station, between 112th Avenue Southeast and Interstate 405. The policy plan and accompanying zoning provisions are expected to be complete in 2018.
- **Wilburton Commercial Area:** Forming a vision for what used to be auto row east of downtown will enable transit-oriented residential and commercial growth. Much like the east edge of downtown, Wilburton provides a great opportunity for Bellevue to continue job growth in the technology sector by enabling the types of buildings technology companies want. The process is expected to be complete by late next year.
- **Grand Connection:** The final piece of the puzzle is the Grand Connection – a spectacular pedestrian pathway that will link Wilburton to downtown from the Eastside Rail Corridor across I-405, then stretching up the pedestrian corridor, through Downtown Park, and all the way to Meydenbauer Bay Park. The Grand Connection is a long-term work in progress, but ultimately will create a string of pearls through the Growth Corridor.

### Transportation

It's not enough to just permit additional density in this area -- we still need to be able to get around. To answer the call, Bellevue has been methodically expanding the capacity of every major transportation mode available, and working to enable and embrace new technologies.

- **Highways:** Work is underway to continue the expansion of I-405, which runs through the heart of the Growth Corridor. I-405 is the only major highway capacity expansion in the Seattle area.
- **Arterials:** Bellevue is in the midst of a \$300 million plan to expand key arterials in the Growth Corridor, including 120th and 124th avenues in BelRed. We are also building Spring Boulevard, a new east-west arterial through BelRed.



- **Light Rail:** East Link is under construction and opens in 2023, and will form the transit spine of the Growth Corridor with five stations in the corridor.
- **Bus Service:** King County Metro and Sound Transit are continuing to expand service and connections to Bellevue, including a long-awaited bus rapid transit line along the I-405 corridor, linking Bothell, Kirkland and Renton to downtown Bellevue.
- **Bicycle:** The city continues to invest in improvements to bicycle corridors to make cycling a realistic and safe transportation option. The county's Eastside Rail Corridor and our Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative and Grand Connection will be game changers for cycling.
- **New Technologies:** New technologies that facilitate car-sharing, ride-sharing and other tools will allow us to gain more efficiencies out of the infrastructure we already have.

More work needs to be done, and we maintain committed to protecting our city and the way of life of the people who already live and work here. But, through careful planning and aggressive investments in infrastructure, Bellevue can continue to grow and enable the creation of new and exciting buildings for Microsoft, Paccar, Boeing, T-Mobile, Concur, Salesforce, PSE and the hundreds of other exciting companies that call Bellevue home. And yes, Bellevue can accommodate Amazon's growth too.

# Council Roundup

By Brad Harwood, Deputy Communications Officer

### Commendation for fire chief

Mayor John Stokes presented a commendation on Sept. 25 from the City Council to Fire Chief Mark Risen. Risen, who retired that week, served more than 38 years in the fire service, including the last 35 with Bellevue.

Risen was leading the Fire Department last year, when Bellevue voters approved a levy that will fund the construction of a new fire station and improve existing ones.

"Through his ingenuity, teamwork and professionalism, Chief Risen has spearheaded the transition of our fire department from a suburban to an urban service provider," Stokes noted in the proclamation.

### Reviewing Downtown Livability proposals

The council on Sept. 18 held its fifth study session concerning the Downtown Livability

Initiative. Over the course of the briefings, the council discussed proposed amendments to the Land Use Code intended to ensure downtown is a vibrant, mixed-use center with improvements for people living, working and walking in the neighborhood.

At the Sept. 18 meeting, the council discussed requiring the upper floors of high-rises that exceed a certain height to have smaller floor plates, which would result in buildings that taper at the top. The intent is to create more light and architectural diversity. Regulations under consideration would vary depending on the specific zone downtown and whether the building is a business tower or residential high-rise.

The council is expected to adopt new development regulations for downtown this fall. It would be the first comprehensive update of the neighborhood's Land Use Code since its original adoption in 1981.

### 'Creative Edge' initiative

On Sept. 5 the council received a progress report on "Creative Edge," a new initiative aimed at leveraging Bellevue's artistic, cultural and creative strengths, also referred to as the "creative economy." The idea is to develop a strategy that uses the arts to create economic and aesthetic value for the city. Cities have increasingly recognized the value of the arts in creating attractive communities where people want to live and work.

The project is in the strategy development phase. The city hosted a Creative Edge workshop for arts, businesses and civic leaders on Sept. 13 at City Hall.

Councilmembers voiced enthusiasm for the project and said they looked forward to hearing more as work continues. The strategy is expected to be completed in March 2018.



## City Council elections coming up



Four City Council seats are on the Nov. 7 ballot.

No incumbent is running for position 4 because Councilmember Kevin Wallace is stepping down at the conclusion of his term. No incumbent is running for position 5 either because Vandana Slatter vacated her seat to serve in the Legislature and her replacement, Ernie Simas, will only serve until the certification of the election on Nov. 28.



While most people in King County vote by mail, voters with disabilities can go to an accessible voting center, equipped with assistive audio and visual technology, at the Bellevue Regional Library, 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. You can also return your ballot without postage at drop boxes around Bellevue, including at the library.

The information below is from the King County Voters Pamphlet, available on the King County Elections website ([www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx)).

### Position 2

	<b>Randy Grein</b> Systems Engineer University of Washington		<b>Conrad Lee</b> (incumbent) Retired Boeing Engineer
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### Position 4

	<b>Karol Brown</b> Immigration Attorney World One Law Group		<b>Jared Nieuwenhuis</b> Marketing Director HeR Interactive
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### Position 5

	<b>Phillip Yin</b> Small Business Owner		<b>Janice Zahn</b> Public Works Construction Manager Port of Seattle
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### Position 6

	<b>Steven Fricke</b> Assistant General Counsel Microsoft		<b>Lynne Robinson</b> (incumbent) Small Business Owner
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## Getting 'smart' about energy conservation

By Brad Harwood, Deputy Communications Officer

The city is making strides in energy conservation thanks to two successful programs, spearheaded as part of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative.

In 2015 to 2016, the city participated in the Georgetown University Energy Prize – a national competition for cities to reduce energy use. During the two-year span, Bellevue's per capita residential energy use decreased by respectable 3.6 percent from 2015 to 2016. Nearly 700 residents took the "Smart Energy Pledge," and 818 students participated in the program.

"Urban Smart Bellevue" is a partnership

[www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)

between Puget Sound Energy and the city that aims to make the downtown core a smarter, more efficient, more sustainable place to work. The goal is for businesses to reduce collective annual electricity use by 5 percent.

Participating companies have cut energy usage by inspiring friendly competition and prizes for employees, who:

- take the stairs instead of the elevator;
- power off or safely unplug computers and other workstation devices at the end of the work day;
- turn off the lights in all common rooms and

work spaces when not in use; or

- power off or safely unplug unused equipment in common areas.

Over 100 businesses have signed up for the program so far, with an average electricity savings of 7 percent for large companies and 11 percent for smaller ones.

"We're encouraged by the positive community response to these energy-saving programs," said Jennifer Ewing, Environmental Stewardship program manager. "Bellevue embraces the value of conservation and is leading with innovation and collective action."

## SchoolPool expands options for getting to class

By Stela Nikolova, Transportation Assistant Planner

SchoolPool, a program that helps students and parents find carpools and other options for getting to class, has expanded this year, with 13 Bellevue public schools participating.

The program was piloted in eight Bellevue schools last year, and, based on lessons learned, has been revamped and improved with additional resources. This year, the SchoolPool team is

helping families throughout the district find a carpool, try public transit when a school bus is not an option, and form walking and biking groups.

Schools can opt to participate and receive customized materials to promote the program and educate families. The participating schools are completing trip logging calendars twice a year to

help SchoolPool continue to improve and track progress of the program.

Learn more at [www.BellevueSchoolPool.org](http://www.BellevueSchoolPool.org), or send the SchoolPool team an email at [info@cywb.org](mailto:info@cywb.org).

Bellevue SchoolPool is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District and King County Metro.

## Building Connections through Summer Chats

In July and August, the City of Bellevue held a number of “Summer Chats” around the city. These informal gatherings were an opportunity for residents to share what was on their mind about their neighborhood with City Manager Brad Miyake and department directors in a casual setting outside of City Hall.

Topics ranged from traffic and alternate modes of transportation to maintaining Bellevue’s reputation as a “City in a Park.” The chats were held at Bellden Café, the Crossroads Bellevue shopping center community room, the Newport Way Library and the Bellevue Botanical Garden.



City Manager Brad Miyake (right) speaks with residents at the Crossroads Bellevue community room.

## Weigh in on signature I-405 crossing

By Bradley Calvert, Community Development Manager



Lid park alternative

After more than a year of gathering feedback and design development, the city has released a draft framework plan for the Grand Connection. The document features proposed concepts and ideas for part of the non-motorized corridor envisioned for Bellevue from Meydenbauer Bay to Wilburton.

The framework plan, which addresses the segment between Meydenbauer Bay Park and City Hall, includes recommendations for raised intersections, corner plazas and large-scale public art. Additionally, we invite input on three concepts for a signature crossing over Interstate 405.

Visioning for the entire Grand Connection began in early 2016, with New York-based Balmori Associates hired to lead the design work. The goal is a unique urban experience that will enhance connectivity and mobility in Bellevue. The project also includes the development of a new land use vision

for the Wilburton commercial area.

The framework plan is available for review and comment online (at <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/planning/planning-initiatives>, look for Wilburton-Grand Connection). Adoption is expected later this year. Comments can be submitted via the form online or by contacting me, Bradley Calvert, at [bcalvert@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bcalvert@bellevuewa.gov).

Regarding the part of the Grand Connection to cross I-405, three alternatives have been developed. Summaries are included here. You are invited to see all the details about each and comment online.

**Sculptural Bridge:** Built with sustainable materials, the bridge would have a curvilinear form, extending from Northeast Sixth Street, south of the future East Link aerial guideway, into the Wilburton commercial area. The bridge would include a grand stair that would descend into a public space in Wilburton, as well as a connection over 116th Avenue to the Eastside Rail Corridor. The bridge would include play areas and viewing platforms to Mount Rainier.

**Linear Bridge:** The linear bridge would offer a more direct connection between downtown and the Wilburton commercial area, with connections from Northeast Fourth and Sixth streets converging over I-405 to create a generous path for pedestrians and cyclists. Modest public space could be provided on the western end as a gateway to the crossing, and on the eastern end along 116th Avenue. The crossing would include vegetated berms that would help screen the sights and sounds of the interstate and a direct elevated connection to the Eastside Rail Corridor.

**Lid Park:** With the lid park alternative, we would create a new public space over I-405 between Northeast Fourth and Sixth streets. Approximately 200,000 square feet of space would be created, with a rolling topography to partially cover the access ramps to the interstate and create a unique form. A central plaza would be available for events and public use, surrounded by hills that could be used for play and viewing platforms. A direct elevated connection over 116th Avenue Northeast would link the Grand Connection to the Eastside Rail Corridor.

We invite you to preview the I-405 crossing concepts at <http://www.bellevuegrandconnection.com/interstate-405-crossing> and provide your input. The I-405 crossing will be evaluated as part of the Wilburton commercial area planning initiative SEPA process and will also be released as a second volume to the Grand Connection framework plan.



## Bellevue embraces Welcoming Week

By Brad Harwood, Deputy Communications Officer



BDAN members, from left, Jennifer Karls, Anthony Austin and Aisha Kabani at a Welcoming Week event.

In collaboration with other Eastside cities, nonprofit partners, faith organizations and community groups, the City of Bellevue hosted a variety of activities in celebration of Welcoming Week. The Eastside's edition of the national "Welcoming America" program featured 30 events between Sept. 15 and 24.

"We're proud to be a part of Welcoming Week," said Mark Manuel, diversity outreach and engagement administrator for the city. "It's a great opportunity to bring the community together and for all residents to be part of something positive that influences the way we relate to each other."

On Sept. 18, Mayor John Stokes presented a Welcoming Week proclamation also signed by the mayors of Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish. The events in Bellevue highlighted the city's ongoing commitment to diversity while also recognizing the importance of engaging immigrants, refugees and residents from all cultural backgrounds.

Coordinated by the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, the events were hosted by an array of local partners and our own Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network (BDAN).

The population on the Eastside has increased by over 88,000 in the last seven years, and 40 percent of newcomers have arrived from places outside the U.S. More than a third of Eastside residents now speak a language other than English at home. As of 2015, Bellevue became the largest city in Washington to have a majority population of people of color.

In 2014, the City Council adopted the vision statement, "Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting our past." Through the Diversity Advantage initiative, the city has made a strategic effort to engage residents and ensure our services are delivered to all equitably.

Welcoming Week is sponsored by Welcoming America, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports local outreach efforts to "build bridges between newcomers and long-time residents."

## You can now report 'bias-related events'

By Seth Tyler, Police Public Information Officer

Although it can be extremely unsettling, it is not a hate crime in Washington when someone yells a racial slur at someone else. Absent a threat of harm to persons or property, the action doesn't fit the definition of malicious harassment, which is a crime.

However, Bellevue police still want to track the frequency and scope of such incidents here and have added "bias-related event" to the incident types people can report online.

"I encourage anyone who believes they were a victim of a bias-related event to report it, either online or in person," Police Chief Steve Mylett said. "We take bias-related incidents seriously and are committed to fully investigating all reports we receive."

To make an online report, go to <https://police.bellevuewa.gov> and select "Report a Crime."

A "bias-related event" is a non-criminal incident during which bias, that's based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, color, religion,

gender, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or any other similar factor, is present.

To report other crimes, particularly crimes in progress, you should always call 911. If you believe you have been a victim of a hate crime – threats or injury against people or their property as a result of a stated bias – you should always call 911. In 2016, Bellevue police received 14 reports of malicious harassment.

To make the reporting process more convenient to the public and to better track bias-related events, Bellevue police added the new category to its online reporting system. This change was implemented in response to feedback from many people who stated that they were not reporting bias-related events because they believed the police would not be interested and/or weren't comfortable reporting the incident via 911.

The bias-related event category will provide the police with valuable information on the frequency and scope of such incidents. Nationally, a rise in hate crimes and bias-related events over the past year has been reported.

## When cultural differences make it hard to communicate

By Marcia McReynolds, Mediation Manager

"My neighbor keeps saying yes when I ask him to trim the tree, but it seems like he really means no."

"She is very pushy and demanding!"

The way we say and hear things is often as important as what we say, especially when cultures differ. Seldom is the issue just the tree blocking the view or the poorly parked car. Increasingly, cultural difference and bias underlie many of the conflicts conciliators in the city's Mediation program handle. In our diverse city, it can be easy for people from "We-cultures" and "I-cultures" to misunderstand each other.

### I and We cultures

Social scientists have identified China, India and countries in Southeast Asia, Africa and South America as We cultures. They say the U.S., Russia, Canada, Australia and countries in Europe are I cultures.

I-culture people tend to be focused on the individual's goals, rights and freedoms. They are direct in communication and say what they want. Difference of opinion is something to negotiate openly. They value direct and "efficient" conversation that gets to a particular point.

We-culture people tend to be focused on the collective – the people who make up their culture – and they tend to stick together. Outward conflict is avoided and saying right out what you want is seen as rude and pushy. People in We cultures use body language and vocal tone to express a preference while still showing deference to the group. They also see life as inter-connected, so there is a "many-pointedness" to any issue.

None of us is completely "I" or "We," but we do tend to communicate predominately one way or the other.

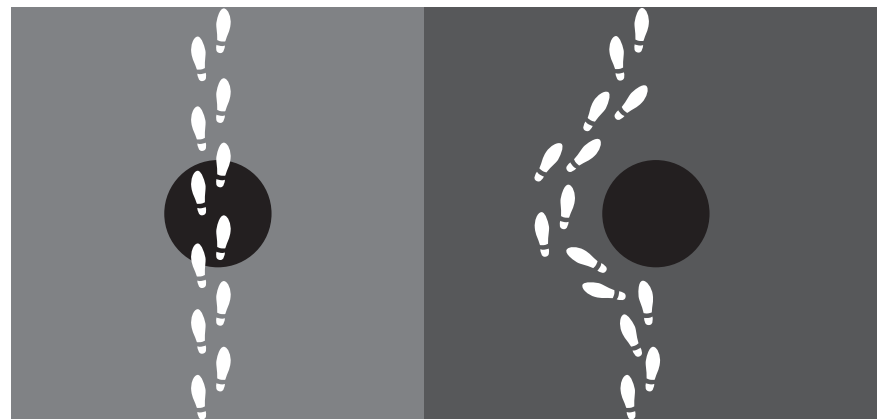
### Crossing the Cultural Divide

If you understand your neighbor's underlying communication style, you are more likely to be receptive to what he or she says. The more people in the community can learn about each other, the sooner these cultural clashes and resentments can be healed.

If you're from an I-culture, it can be helpful to make a connection with your neighbor through "small talk," creating common ground before telling them what you want. Read their body language and tone of voice to understand how they really feel about a proposal.

If you're from a We-culture, sometimes it's OK to say explicitly what you want and why. Know that I-culture people will not be offended if you say no.

The Mediation team, in a partnership with Spring Cheng of Resonance Path, offers a workshop about communicating across I and We cultures to community groups upon request. Learn more at <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/conflict-assistance>.



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# New TV show offers scoop on local issues

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator



Chief Communications Officer Lenka Wright interviews Police Captain Andrew Popochock (center) and Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Terry Smith.

The city has rolled out a new public affairs show called BellevueNOW, which provides an avenue for in-depth exploration of community issues. Through the Bellevue Television show, the public can learn more about city programs and services, and the people who deliver them.

Hosted by Chief Communications Officer Lenka Wright, a former TV news anchor, BellevueNOW made its debut on BTV, cable channel 21, in July. The first episode featured City Manager Brad Miyake discussing his role as city manager along with insights about Bellevue's approach to homelessness and what residents should do when they encounter someone experiencing homelessness.

The next episode, airing late this month, looks at how the city's addressing increasing regional traffic while planning for growth. Plus, learn what you should have in your emergency preparedness kit, especially with winter storms around the corner. New episodes are taped quarterly.

Watch BellevueNOW on BTV at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. The show's also available online on Bellevue's YouTube channel.

If you have a suggestion for a future episode of BellevueNOW, email [BTV@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BTV@bellevuewa.gov).

## First down for light rail tunnel

By Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach, Transportation Department

With football season in full swing, it's tempting to use a sports metaphor for Sound Transit's light rail tunnel construction. If completing the tunnel downtown were a kind of touchdown, then Sound Transit's contractor, Atkinson Construction, is a third of the way down the field with a first down.

Atkinson has been excavating since February, and has dug a little over 700 feet. The team will "score" when it reaches the north portal at City Hall, where it will connect to the future Bellevue Downtown station. The tunnel will stretch 2,000 feet or a little more than six football fields.

The drive started at Main Street and 112th Avenue Southeast, the south portal and site of the future East Main station.

Rather than use a boring machine or digging a large trench in the roadway that is later covered, the downtown tunnel is being constructed by sequential excavation. This method removes soil in small sections using an excavator and a cutting tool known as a "roadheader."

Once the soil is removed, pressurized concrete, called shotcrete, is sprayed on the tunnel's sides, ceiling and floor. Steel lattice girders are inserted to provide additional structural support. To view a time lapse video of tunnel excavation, go to [www.soundtransit.org/blog/platform/](http://www.soundtransit.org/blog/platform/).

At any given time of the day or night, about 20 crew members are excavating the tunnel. They are expected to see daylight at the north portal end zone in early 2019.



## An event will mark completion, launch of BelRed road projects

By Tresa Berg, Transportation Public Involvement Manager

The BelRed area is rapidly transforming, with new apartment buildings and the recently opened Global Innovation Exchange completed recently and new businesses such as REI's future headquarters coming soon. The corridor's transportation system is keeping pace; the city already has completed several major road projects and even more are on the way.



The BelRed connection section of 120th Avenue Northeast south of Northeast 12th Street.

completed large road improvement projects that will better connect downtown to the BelRed area and help meet anticipated employment and population growth.

These projects include the extension of Northeast Fourth Street, between 116th and 120th avenues, and three separate stages of construction on 120th Avenue Northeast: between Northeast Third and Eighth streets; between Northeast Eighth and 12th streets; and between Northeast 12th and 16th streets.

Together, the improvements represent more than \$100 million in investments in Bellevue's future. The work already is paying dividends with safer, more convenient ways to travel for bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers, transit and freight between downtown, Wilburton, BelRed and the Overlake area.

In addition to ongoing construction of Sound Transit's East Link light rail route, the city will improve several different sections of roadway and add intersections, bike lanes and sidewalks. Featured projects will include:

- Building new segments of Northeast Spring Boulevard: 116th Avenue Northeast to the Eastside Rail Corridor, 120th Avenue Northeast to 124th Avenue Northeast and 130th Avenue Northeast to 132nd Avenue Northeast. The section of Northeast Spring Boulevard, from the Eastside Rail Corridor to 120th Avenue Northeast, already is under construction.
- Widening segments of 124th Avenue Northeast: Northeast Eighth to Northeast 12th Street, Northeast 12th to Northeast Spring Boulevard, Northeast Spring Boulevard to Ichigo Way and Ichigo Way to Northup Way; and
- Widening 130th Avenue Northeast, from Bel-Red Road to Northeast 20th Street.

If you want to learn when the project celebration will be held, please contact Tresa Berg, public involvement manager, at 425-452-4638 or [tberg@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tberg@bellevuewa.gov). For more information visit the BelRed website at <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/belred-transformation>.



## Helpful tips to prepare for rain and prevent flooding

By Jerry Shuster, Senior Stormwater Engineer



Sandbags protect a Newport Shores home from high water.

The long warm, dry summer is a fading memory as we move into the rainy season. While no one's expecting flooding like Houston experienced after Hurricane Harvey, heavy rains here can overwhelm the city's storm drain system occasionally, and it's good to be prepared.

Bellevue's drainage system includes storm drains, flood storage ponds, pipes and ditches that mostly discharge to wetlands, lakes and streams. Properties located next to wetland, lakes and streams are most susceptible to flooding. Floodplains near these surface waters benefit the entire community by providing temporary storage of floodwaters until a storm subsides.

Of course, you don't need to be in a floodplain to experience flooding. Most flooding in Bellevue is caused by storm drains in streets and parking lots that get clogged with leaves and debris, especially in heavy rains. Utilities crews inspect, clean and maintain the city's storm drain system, but there are more than 20,000 public storm drains in the city and help from residents to keep them free of debris is much appreciated.

Floodplain boundaries are shown on FEMA flood insurance rate maps.

To find out if your property is in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-6977 or check Bellevue's floodplain maps at <https://bellevuewa.gov/floodplainmap>. The city also keeps elevation certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplains.

Flood insurance is required for structures in the floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers policies to protect your property from floods. Even if you don't live in a floodplain, flood insurance is recommended because a typical homeowner's insurance policy will not cover water damage unless the damage is caused by interior flooding, such as an overflowing toilet or a leaking sink.

Ask your insurance carrier for information about the NFIP. Keep in mind that Bellevue residents receive a 25 percent discount on NFIP policies due to Bellevue's floodplain management program. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

Other helpful tips:

- Utilities staff can help you with flooding or other drainage problems that affect your property. Call 425-452-7840.
- Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves, if your property floods. For information on gas and electric shutoff procedures, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. If you need help finding your main water shut off valve, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840.
- Never wade or drive through flooded areas. Turn around, don't drown.
- Prevent erosion and slow stormwater runoff by preserving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes.
- Routinely clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from storm drains, driveways culverts, drainage ditches, swales, gutters and downspouts.
- The City has information about potential financial assistance programs to help with property flooding. Contact Bellevue Utilities.
- If your crawl space or basement floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, test it regularly.

## City seeks public's help to keep roads, sidewalks and drains clear

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

With fall upon us, Bellevue street maintenance workers are looking to residents for help in keeping city streets clean. While crews can trim along main roads, the city lacks the resources to maintain all trees along residential properties.

Residents are responsible for trimming trees and shrubs on residential streets and keeping sidewalks near homes clear of vegetation. Such maintenance ensures access for cars, trucks, pedestrians and street sweepers.

Here's what you can do to help. Trim vegetation back one foot behind sidewalks, seven feet above sidewalks, and 15 feet over roadways. The city owns two street sweepers to keep roads clear. But if trees have grown over curbs, sweepers can't safely clear away leaves and other debris.

Overgrown vegetation can cause damage to the sweeper, or lead to flooding due to clogged storm drains.

Another important contribution is to remove leaves and other debris from storm drains near your home to help prevent flooding. City workers remove leaves as part of routine maintenance, but in the fall there is no way to keep all 20,000 public storm drains clear without the public's help.



For questions about the maintenance of streets, sidewalks or landscaping, please call 425-452-7840.

## Ready to declutter? Fall recycling event coming up Oct. 28

By Michael May, Utilities Public Information Officer

Now's the time to declutter before winter comes! Everything you drop off will be recycled at Bellevue's Annual Fall Recycling Event, Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE.

**What's accepted:** If you haven't been able to find a second life for the following items, please make sure they are safely secured when you are transporting them to the event with tarps, rope, straps, netting or other means. Only cars, passenger vans and pickups are allowed to drop off items. No flatbed or dump trucks are allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial or contaminated loads.

**Cash-only fee for the following items:**

- Appliances and scrap metal (\$33 for air conditioners, \$28 for refrigerators and freezers, \$5 for water heaters with insulation coating)

- Mattresses and box springs (\$15 per item)
- Porcelain toilets and sinks (\$15 per item)
- Residential propane tanks (\$5 per item) and small, empty camping tanks (\$1)
- Tires (limit six for the following: \$2 for each tire, \$3.50 for each tire on a rim, \$10 for each large truck tire, and \$15 for each truck tire on a rim)

**Other items accepted include:**

- Auto parts (metal and non-greasy)
- Appliances (such as blenders, dishwashers, dryers and washing machines, microwaves, stoves, and toasters)
- Clean scrap wood (untreated and unpainted)
- Electronic equipment (DVD and VCR players, cell phones, computer keyboards and mice, copiers, fax machines, printers, scanners and stereos)

- Exercise equipment
- Lawnmowers (drain oil and gasoline, remove batteries for electric)
- Lead acid batteries (car, truck, marine and motorcycle)
- Metal lawn furniture
- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, children's toys, coolers, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, PVC pipe and sports bottles)
- Secure shredding of confidential materials (limit 5 file-sized boxes no larger than 15 inches long, 10 inches wide and 12 inches high)
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts (clean and dry white blocks and packing peanuts of any color)

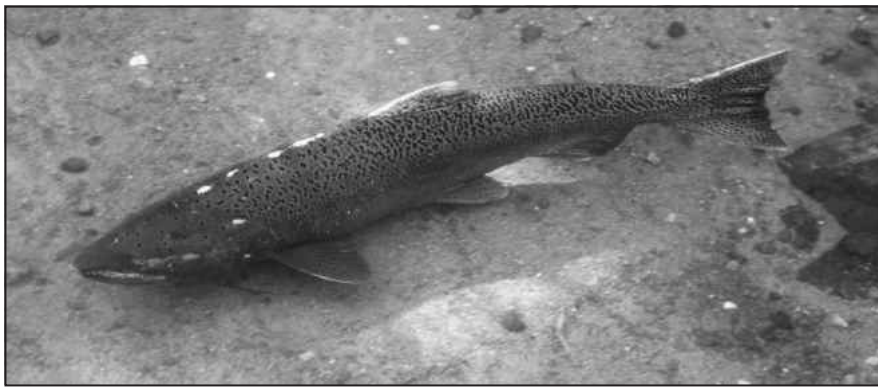
Learn more at <https://bellevuewa.gov/fallrecyclingevent>.

## Only rain down the storm drain



Stormwater flows directly into local streams and lakes without treatment. Your choices can help salmon by protecting water quality in our local streams and lakes.

- Sweep instead of pressure washing. If you still need to pressure wash, sweep first and divert the water into soil if possible. Never use soap or hot water.
- Fix vehicle leaks. Visit [FixCarLeaks.org](http://FixCarLeaks.org) for information on free leak inspections and a repair coupon available any of the 12 participating repair shops in Bellevue.



Salmon in Bellevue's streams and lakes are affected if you wash your car in the driveway.

- Scoop the poop, bag it, and place it in the trash. Pet waste contains harmful microorganisms that can be transferred to humans.
- Practice Natural Yard Care. Choose the right plants, build healthy soil, and water wisely to grow healthy plants and avoid using pesticides and fertilizers that can contaminate our streams and lakes.



## Winterize your irrigation system

During the fall most irrigation systems should be winterized to prevent pipes from freezing and breaking.

Many times this involves using compressed air to "blow out" the excess water left in the irrigation piping. Although this is the best method, backflow of compressed air and contaminants may enter the drinking water distribution system and cause damage and/or health risks if not performed properly.

Please visit <https://bellevuewa.gov/backflow> or email [backflow@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:backflow@bellevuewa.gov) for more information on backflow prevention.

## No EBCC column this issue

State law prohibits the use of public resources, indirectly or directly, for campaign purposes. A ballot measure (East Bellevue Community Municipal Corporation Proposition No. 1) concerning the continuation of the EBCC is on the November ballot. The ballot also includes election of councilmembers for all five council positions. In compliance with election laws, the EBCC column is not included in this issue.

The seats on the ballot are listed here, with the candidates:

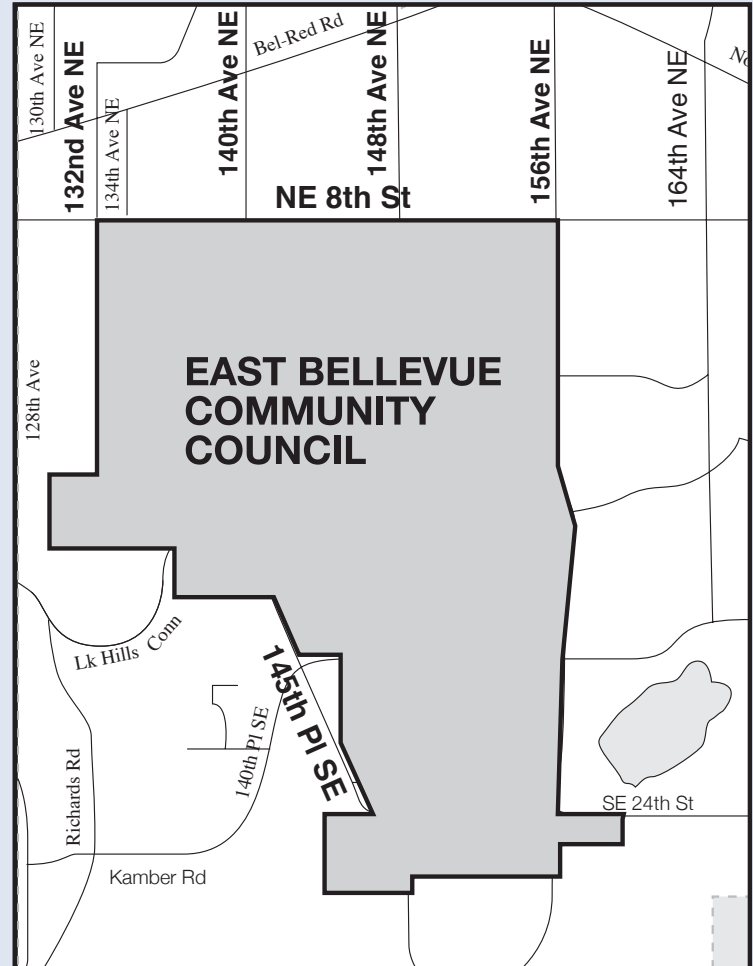
**Position 1:** William Capron, Steve Kasner (incumbent)

**Position 2:** Betsi Hummer

**Position 3:** Gerald Hughes

**Position 4:** Stephanie Walter

**Position 5:** Ross Gooding



**EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

For more information about the EBCC, call Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts, 425-452-6806.  
**The EBCC** meets the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.  
**Members:** Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Betsi Hummer, William Capron

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the EBCC via email at [EBCC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:EBCC@bellevuewa.gov). To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC, <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/east-bellevue-community-council>.

## Where to find information when the weather turns nasty

By David Grant, Public Information Officer

Storm season last year was the wettest on record and last summer was the driest on record. What does this fall and winter have in store?

It's impossible to know for certain, but it's a sure thing that it's good to be prepared. Here are some telephone numbers and web pages that can help:

- **Who to call:** For life-threatening emergencies, call 911. To report flooding, blocked or hazardous streets and sidewalks, fallen trees, damaged traffic signs or signals, and similar problems, call the city's 24-hour response line at 425-452-7840. Call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773 to report a power outage;
- **Social media information during a weather emergency:** Check the city's general Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/bellevuewa>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bellevuewashington>) for the latest developments;

- **Website information:** During significant weather events, get information about local impacts, including the city's response on our Emergencies and Extreme Weather page (under Communications on the city website). Under that page is a Winter Weather Tips page, with information on preparedness, reporting trouble, driving in difficult conditions, power outages, garbage collection schedules and warming centers. Flood protection information also is available (<https://bellevuewa.gov/BeFloodReady>);
- **Smart phone information:** Use the MyBellevue app and click on the Emergencies and Extreme Weather widget.

In case of snow and ice, city crews have seven medium-sized, four-by-four trucks and eight dump trucks ready that can be configured with plows and sanders to clear roadways.





# Citywide Projects Update

Throughout the city, there are many projects in various stages of development. This update includes all projects with an estimated budget of \$250,000 or more, sorted by neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact the project manager.

## Bridle Trails

**Pikes Peak Reservoir and Pump Station Replacement:** Replacing 1-million gallon steel reservoir with 1.25-million gallon reservoir and replacing pump station. Public outreach and alternatives analysis in progress. Design 2017-2019; Construction 2019-2021. \$5.7 million. Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

## BelRed

**Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing pump station in BelRed area. Construction:** TBD. \$4 million (est.) In design. Vanaja S. Rajah, Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

**New Water Inlet Station:** Install water inlet station for additional capacity for growth in downtown, BelRed and Wilburton areas and improved water supply. Design 2017-2018; Construction 2018-2019. \$5.2 million. Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

**NE Spring Blvd: 116th to 120th Ave NE (Zone 1):** Widening NE 12th Street to five lanes from 116th Ave NE to a new intersection at NE Spring Blvd (Zone 1A). From NE 12th Street to 120th: new four-lane roadway, a multipurpose path along the north side, and two bridges over the East Link light rail alignment (Zone 1B). Zone 1B construction complete October 2018, Zone 1A construction in 2018 (est.). \$36.5 million. <https://bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm> Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

**NE Spring Blvd: 120th to 124th Ave NE (Zone 2)\*:** Design complete for a new four-lane roadway, outside lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks and on-street parking. Construction in 2018 subject to right-of-way negotiations. \$3.4 million. <https://bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm> Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

**NE Spring Blvd: 130th to 132nd Ave NE (Zone 4)\*:** Design of an eastbound lane, a bike lane, landscaping and a sidewalk south of the future 130th light rail station. Construction 2020 (est.). \$17 million (est.) <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/belred-transformation/n-e-spring-blvd/n-e-spring-blvd-130th-132nd-zone-4/> Gregory Lucas, GLucas@bellevuewa.gov

**124th Ave NE: Ichigo Way to Northup Way\*:** Widening 124th Avenue NE to five lanes. 90 percent design complete. Construction in 2021 pending right of way acquisition and available funding. \$31 million (est.) [bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-14th-to-northup.htm](https://bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-14th-to-northup.htm) Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

**124th Ave NE: NE Spring Blvd to Ichigo Way:** Widening 124th Avenue NE to five lanes. Design complete. Construction in 2018 pending right of way acquisition. \$29.3 million (est.) Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

**124th Ave NE: BelRed Rd to NE Spring Blvd\*:** Widening 124th Avenue NE to five lanes. Complete design Fall 2018. Construction in 2020 pending right of way acquisition and available funding. \$20.1 million (est.) [bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-ne-8th-to-ne-14th.htm](https://bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-ne-8th-to-ne-14th.htm) Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

**124th Ave NE: NE 8th St to NE 12th St\*:** Developing 30 percent design and environmental documentation for roadway and non-motorized improvements. Completing 30 percent design fall 2018. Construction pending right of way acquisition. \$0.91 million (est.) <https://bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-ne-8th-to-ne-14th.htm> Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

**130th Ave NE: BelRed Rd to NE 20th St\*:** Redesigning 130th Avenue to include bike lanes, on-street parking, sidewalks and landscaping. Construction in 2020 (est.) \$25 million (est.) <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/belred-transformation/130th-avenue-ne-belred-rd-to-ne-20th-st/> Gregory Lucas, GLucas@bellevuewa.gov

\*These projects are funded, in whole or in part, with a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

## Downtown

**Downtown Transportation Plan Projects:** Raising the 106th Avenue NE and NE Sixth Street/Compass Plaza intersection. <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/planning/infrastructure-and-subareas/downtown-transportation-plan> Kevin McDonald, Kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov

**Meydenbauer Basin NE 8th & 100th:** Designing and constructing stormwater conveyance improvements on 100th Avenue NE and NE 4th Street to reduce/eliminate local flooding. Construction 2018. \$4.0 million James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

**106th Ave NE and NE 6th St Raised Intersection:** Raising the 200-foot-in length intersection. Improvements include: upgraded traffic signal system, bollards, sidewalks and wider crosswalk. Construction Spring/Summer 2018. \$780,000. Jun An, JAn@bellevuewa.gov

## Eastgate

**Bellevue Airfield Park: Design and permitting Phase 1:** New park's master plan is to include a sports field, trails, playground, parking and landfill infrastructure. Phase 1 design. \$1.6 million <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/planning-and-development/current-projects/airfield-park> Pam Fehrman, Pfehman@bellevuewa.gov

**Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station:** Installing new reservoir and pump station. Construction underway. \$3.2 million. James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

**Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement:** Construction 2018. \$2.0 million James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

**SE Newport Way Improvements: 150th Ave SE to Somerset Blvd:** In design for a multipurpose path on the north side and a bike lane on the south side. \$8.1 million. Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

**150th Ave SE at SE 37th St and at SE Newport Way:** Begin design summer 2017 by adding turn lanes at these two locations to improve traffic flow and a sidewalk on the west side of 150th. Only funded for 60 percent design, \$5.4 million. Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov or Jun An, JAn@bellevuewa.gov

**Eastgate Way Bike Lanes - Richards Road to SE 35 Pl:** Begin design summer 2017 on new bike lanes on both sides of Eastgate Way. Construction summer 2018, \$770,000. Chelsea Morrison, CRMorrison@bellevuewa.gov

## Factoria

**Factoria Blvd Storm Conveyance Improvements:** Improving storm water conveyance system along Factoria Boulevard between SE 38th Street and Richards Creek inlet. \$3 million (est.). In design. Construction 2018. Birol Shaha, Bshaha@bellevuewa.gov

**Eastside Rail Corridor Interim Trail:** King County project will construct interim (gravel) trail from Newcastle Beach Park to Ripley Lane (in Renton). Construction 2017. Mike Ingram, Mingram@bellevuewa.gov

## Newport Hills

**Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station:** Rehabilitating wastewater pumping station to meet current standards. In final design and permitting. Construction 2019. \$1.1 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

## Newport

**Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction Project:** Replacing five culverts and two outfalls in Newport Shores. Two culverts and one outfall in design. One culvert in construction now. First culvert cost: \$1.7 million (est.) Debbie Harris, dharris@bellevuewa.gov

**Forest Drive Pedestrian Crossing Improvements:** Add flashing beacon systems for five existing crosswalks; plus one new one with improved curb ramps. Design begins spring 2018, Construction fall/winter 2018. \$430,000. Mike Rodni, mrodni@bellevuewa.gov

## Lake Hills

**158th Pl SE Sidewalk - Lake Hills Blvd to SE 5th St:** Add a six-foot sidewalk on the east side of 158th Place SE between Lake Hills Boulevard and SE 5th Street. Design fall 2017, Construction spring/summer 2018. \$1.8 million (est.) Mike Rodni, MRodni@bellevuewa.gov

**Main St - 140th Ave to 164th Crosswalk Improvements:** Improve three existing crosswalks add a flashing beacon system and improve curb ramps and sidewalks. Design winter 2017, Construction 2018, \$280,000. Kurt Latt, Klatt@bellevuewa.gov

## Northeast Bellevue

**Eastside Rail Corridor Interim Trail:** King County project will construct interim (gravel) trail from 108th Avenue NE (near the South Kirkland P& R) to SR 520. Construction 2017. Mike Ingram, Mingram@bellevuewa.gov

**Northeast Bellevue Pedestrian Crossing improvements:** With federal and state grants, improving five crosswalks near Interlake High School and Sherwood Elementary School, with a sixth site on Northup Way near NE 10th Street. Flashing beacons systems and sidewalk and curb ramp improvements. Design fall 2017; Construction 2018. Chelsea Morrison, CRMorrison@bellevuewa.gov

## Northwest Bellevue

**Meydenbauer Bay Park - Phase 1:** Implementing master plan. Expanding park west of 99th Avenue NE. Construction began in May, complete by the end of 2018. \$17 million <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/planning-and-development/meydenbauer-bay-park-and-marina-projects>. Scott VanderHyden, Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov

**2830 - 107th Ave NE Fish Passage:** Removing fish passage barrier on tributary to Yarrow Creek to allow access for spawning and rearing habitat for salmon. Design 2017-2018; Construction 2018 (est.). \$0.63 million. Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

**Vuecrest Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation:** Rehabilitating the sewer system. Construction 2018. \$1.1 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

**Vuecrest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement:** Replacing sections of sewer system along with a section of asbestos-concrete water main. Construction fall 2017 through spring 2018. \$1.3 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

## Somerset/Sunset

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail:** I-405 to 150th Ave SE: Designing new 12-foot-wide trail from I-405 to the vicinity of 150th Avenue SE. Includes crosswalks, landscaping, lighting, and urban design. Design complete Winter 2017. \$1.2 million for design only. <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/capital-projects/mountains-to-sound-greenway-trail/> Chris Masek, Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

**Somerset Reservoir No. 1 Pressure Reducing Station (PRV) Relocation:** Relocating the existing PRV out of the existing reservoir. Design completion fall 2017; Construction early 2018. \$100,000 (est.). Stephen Noeske, snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

## West Bellevue

**Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design and permitting. \$7 million. Depending on Sound Transit schedule, construction of new neighborhood park could begin spring 2018. <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/planning-and-development/current-projects/surrey-downs-park-master-planning>. Pam Fehrman, pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov

**Bellevue Way SE Southbound HOV Lane:** Developing 30percent design and environmental documentation for extending a southbound inside high-occupancy vehicle lane from the Bellevue Way/112th Avenue SE and Bellevue Way/108th intersection to the South Bellevue park and ride main entrance. Completing 30 percent design fall 2017. \$4.4 million. <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/capital-projects/bellevue-way-h-o-v/> Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

## West Lake Sammamish

**West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Phase 2:** Work includes preliminary design (5percent) of W. Lk. Sammamish Parkway between NE 8th Street and SE 19th Street. Project undergoing environmental analysis and geotechnical work to determine project limits of a roadway improvement and water line replacement project. \$8 million. Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

## Wilburton

**NE 8th Street Culvert Replacement at Kelsey Creek:** Replacing existing culverts with a new fish passable culvert. Design 2017; Construction 2018. \$3.2 million. James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

**Wilburton Area Sidewalk Projects:** Neighborhood Levy project will provide sidewalks on 118th Avenue SE, 128th Avenue SE/NE, and NE 2nd Street. Public Open House in October. In design; construction spring 2018 to summer 2018. \$2 million (est.) Jun An, JAn@bellevuewa.gov

## Woodridge

**Woodridge Open Space Sewer Pipeline Replacement:** Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer pipeline within Woodridge Open Space. Construction late 2017. \$1 million. Birol Shaha, Bshaha@bellevuewa.gov

**Kelsey Creek Glendale Country Club 8th Tee Assessment:** Evaluating recently constructed fish passage improvements and impacts to 8th tee channel stability. Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

**Richards Road and Lake Hills Connector Resurfacing and ADA Improvements:** Roadway repairs and paving on Richards Road from SE 36th Street to Lake Hills Connector and west on the Connector to SE 8th Street. Rebuilds ADA sidewalk ramps and adds bike lanes on Richards Road. Construction October 2017. Teresa Becker, Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov

## Various Locations

**East Link Light Rail:** Bellevue Way/I-90 ramp closures and 112th Ave. SE lane closures continue through Nov. Traffic revisions, street closures and potential night work in BelRed area: Northern portion 110th Ave. NE at NE 6th Street to close early October through spring 2018. Current News: <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/>. Sound Transit Construction Alerts: [soundtransit.org/subscribe](http://soundtransit.org/subscribe). 24-Hour Construction Hotline 1-888-298-2395. Marie Jensen, mjensen@bellevuewa.gov

**2018 Overlay Program:** The 2018 pavement preservation project candidates are in the south and east sides of Bellevue. Construction early 2018. 2016 - 2020 project sites can be found at <https://bellevuewa.gov/overlay>. Teresa Becker, Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov

**2017 AC Water Main Replacement, Phase 3:** Replacing approximately 12,331 linear feet of 4- and 6-inch asbestos-cement water main in different areas within the Bellevue service area. Construction early 2018. Abe Santos, asantos@bellevuewa.gov

**2018 AC Water Main Replacement, Phase 1:** Replacing approximately 14,285 linear feet of 4- and 6-inch asbestos-cement water main in different areas within the Bellevue service area. Construction mid 2018. Abe Santos, asantos@bellevuewa.gov

**Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2017:** Repairing sewer system in advance of street paving projects throughout the city: Crossroads, Eastgate, Lake Hills, West Bellevue and West Lake Sammamish. Design/2016-17, Construction/winter 2017 through spring 2018. \$1.2 million (est.) Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov



# Community Calendar

## October

### South Bellevue Halloween on the Hill

South Bellevue Community Center  
14509 SE Newport Way

#### Bellevue Zip Scare

Oct. 28; Tours start every 15 minutes, 6-7:45 p.m.

Cost: \$27/youth 12-17; \$42/ages 18 & up

Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark!

Register at [www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov) or by calling 425-452-4240

#### Great SBCC Pumpkin Race and Jump

Oct. 28, 10 a.m. and noon

Free; Rent (\$10) or buy (\$25) pumpkin racer supplies kit if needed. Register and receive helpful instructions on how to prepare for race day! Ages 6 & up; Preregistration is required code #108040

Register at [www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov) or by calling 425-452-4240

#### Halloween on the Hill Carnival

Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Games, food, bouncy houses. Entertainment 3-4 p.m.

Tickets sold day of at SBCC. Some free activities.

All ages family event. No registration required.

#### Dessert Theater on the Hill

Oct. 28, Rooms A and B, 6:30 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre presents "Snow White and the Seven Souls." Family friendly.

Ticket Prices: \$10/person

Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required by Oct. 26, code #119074

Register at [www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov) or by calling 425-452-4240

#### The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Oct. 27, 28, Nov. 3, 4 at 7 p.m.

Oct. 29, Nov. 4, 5 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th St.

This show follows the delightful story of a town overrun with rats and a bad mayor. The Pied Piper saves the town but not before helping the town realize what truly matters.

\$12 per ticket before Oct. 23.

425-452-7155 or [BYT@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BYT@bellevuewa.gov)

## November

### "As You Like It"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Nov. 10, 17, 18 at 7 p.m. Nov. 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th St.

Classic Shakespeare with a BYT twist. This comedy has great moments and lines that include "all the world's a stage" and "too much of a good thing." Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$10 per ticket.

425-452-7155 or [BYT@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BYT@bellevuewa.gov)

### Thanksgiving Lunch

Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center  
4063 148th Ave. NE

Preregistration required, course #108267/Space limited

425-452-6885 or [www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.parksreg.bellevuewa.gov)

\$4/each at the door

### "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Nov. 24, 25, Dec. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m.;  
Nov. 26, Dec. 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th St.

Celebrate the season with an endearing story of a parent's love. \$12 per ticket before Nov. 20. 425-452-7155 or [BYT@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BYT@bellevuewa.gov)

## December

### Hilltop Holiday Craft Fair

Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;  
Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center  
9825 NE 24th St.

Thousands of quality crafts from more than 60 of Northwest's finest artists and crafters. Free admission. [www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/](http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/) or 206-920-2957 or contact Northwest Arts Center at [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106

## Sounds of Swing Dances

Dec. 12, 2-4 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center  
4063 148th Ave. NE  
\$3 at the door  
425-452-7681

## Bellevue Magic Season Events

### Garden d'Lights

Nov. 25-Dec. 31, 4:30-9 p.m. every evening including holidays. Lights go out at 9:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main St.

\$5 Admission. Free for children 10 and under.

Free parking is available at Wilburton Hill Park.

\$5/premium on-site parking; free for limited mobility.

Tickets are available online starting Oct. 15.

[www.gardendlights.org](http://www.gardendlights.org)

425-452-6844

### Magic Season Ice Arena

Nov. 24-Jan. 15; open daily, hours vary

Downtown Park

One block south of Bellevue Square at NE 1st Street and 100th Avenue NE

Partial open-air rink (the only one in the Seattle area) featuring a heated tent for spectators.

\$14 admission includes skate rental; 8-year-olds and under \$10 (includes skate rental).

425-453-1223 or [www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/ice-arena](http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/ice-arena)

### Snowflake Lane

Nov. 24-Dec. 24, 7 p.m.

Bellevue Way between Northeast Eighth and Fourth streets.

Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and other winter characters march, with music and light show.

Free

425-646-3660 or [www.snowflakelane.com](http://www.snowflakelane.com)



The Great Pumpkin Race at the South Bellevue Community Center is on.

### "Fit for the Feast" Masters Swim Workout

Nov. 23, 9-11 a.m.

Bellevue Aquatic Center  
601 143rd Ave. NE

Ages 19 and up. All abilities are welcome. Cost is \$12, includes a t-shirt.

425-452-2806

### Youth Appreciation & Safety Day

Nov. 24, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Bellevue Aquatic Center  
601 143rd Ave. NE

Bring your kids to this special swim session with safety demonstration and raffles.

Free admission and open swim for children 12 & under. Free t-shirt for first 50 youth 12 and under. \$7 for ages 13 and older. 425-452-4444

### Christmas Ship Festival

Dec. 3, 3-4:30 p.m.

Newcastle Beach Park  
4400 Lk Washington Blvd. SE

Ship arrives off-shore at 3:40 p.m. See the ships from onshore with a beach fire to keep you warm.

Free. Preregistration is not required.

425-452-4106 or [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov)

### "Miracle on 34th Street"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 10, 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th St.

Is Macy's Santa real or hired? This work by Meredith Wilson includes classics such as "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." \$12 per ticket before Dec. 4.

425-452-7155 or [BYT@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BYT@bellevuewa.gov)



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### City Hall

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**Service First (general information):** 425-452-6800

**City of Bellevue website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://bellevuewa.gov)

**City Council Office:** 425-452-7810

### City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays each month: study session 6-8 p.m., regular session 8-10 p.m.  
2nd and 4th Mondays each month: extended study session 6-10 p.m.

### Board & Commission Meetings

Call 425-452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas

Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.

Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board: 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Planning: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

### City Offices

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 425-452-6464

City Manager: 425-452-7228

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 425-452-2800

Development Services: 425-452-6800

New permit applications: 425-452-4898

Inspection requests, application and inspection status, pay fees: 425-452-6875

Simple permits, inspection requests: [MyBuildingPermit.com](http://MyBuildingPermit.com)

Application and inspection status: [MyBuildingPermit.com](http://MyBuildingPermit.com)

Code Compliance: 425-452-4570

Diversity Program: 425-452-7886

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.: 425-452-6466

Fire Emergency Only: 911

Fire Non-Emergency

Business and Information: 425-452-6892

Inspection: 425-452-4254

Fire prevention: 425-452-6872

Human Resources: 425-452-6838

Information Technology: 425-452-4626

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 425-452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 425-452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 425-452-4200

Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 425-452-6885

Youth Sports: 425-452-6885

Ballfield Rental: 425-452-6914

Picnics/Facility Rentals: 425-452-6914

Park Maintenance: 425-452-6855

Human Services: 425-452-6884

Probation: 425-452-6956

Community Centers:

Crossroads Community Center: 425-452-4874

Highland Community Center: 425-452-7686

North Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-7681

South Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-4240

Marina Hotline: 425-452-4883

Planning & Community Development: 425-452-7892

Police Emergency Only: 911

Police Non-Emergency

Crossroads Station: 425-452-2891

Factoria Station: 425-452-2880

Complaints and Information: 425-452-6917

Crime Prevention: Commercial 425-452-2979; Residential 425-452-6915

Traffic Enforcement: 425-452-6940

Transportation

Administration/Information: 425-452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 425-452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 425-452-6973

Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance & Emergency: 425-452-7840

### Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

Allied Waste/Rabanco: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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## CERT Lite: the "road show" of preparedness trainings

By Sophia Lopez, Emergency Management Coordinator

Bellevue's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program empowers residents to be self-sufficient and help their neighbors in an emergency, but only 60 people can take the nine-week, 27-hour basic training each year. With "CERT Lite," the city can now give a condensed version of the training to up to 400 residents annually.



Muslim women in Bellevue take CERT Lite.

Rolled out this year, CERT Lite pulls critical life safety skills from the CERT curriculum that can be taught in three hours. Staff from the fire department's Office of Emergency Management and trained volunteers go on location and train up to 50 people on:

- how to use a fire extinguisher and fire safety;
- personal preparedness;
- how to use the Map Your Neighborhood program;
- search and rescue concepts; and
- light disaster medical with emphasis on wrapping a wound and bleeding control.

CERT Lite has been presented for neighborhood groups, apartment complexes and businesses upon request so far, with more than 100 people expected to receive training by the end of the year.

The program will probably be tweaked next year to allow for more regular presentations at community centers and schools, with classes rotating around the city. This way, people who want to attend a CERT Lite class won't be responsible for lining up 49 other attendees.

Beginning next year, Emergency Management will start going to neighborhoods throughout the city with CERT Lite. We will announce when and where the next classes will be on the city website and social media.

If you are interested in learning more about CERT and CERT Lite or other topics related to Bellevue's emergency management, please go to <https://fire.bellevuewa.gov/emergency-management>.

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