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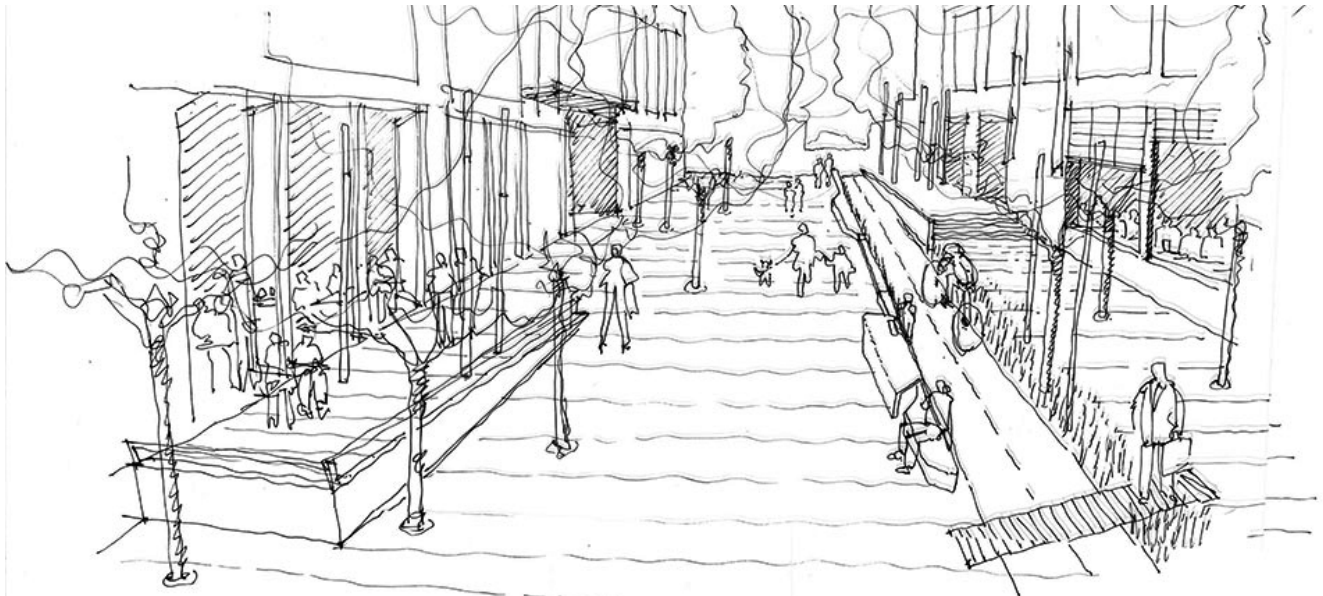
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Vision for 'Grand Connection'

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator



Architects and planners sketched ideas like this one for the Grand Connection vision at a charrette in April.

The city is developing a vision for a “Grand Connection,” a pedestrian and bike corridor that would stretch through downtown and connect with the Wilburton commercial area. The city is conducting outreach with businesses, residents and other stakeholders to craft a design and vision that reflects the community’s needs.

To gather more resident input, the city has launched an online, interactive map that will allow people to mark what they love about the corridor now, where it needs improvement and what could be added. The city has also placed an oversized map in the City Hall concourse for people to provide feedback with Post-it notes.

The conceptual route – from the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront to the Eastside Rail Corridor – would connect and celebrate distinctive parts of downtown, including Old Bellevue, Downtown Park, the transit center and the Meydenbauer Convention Center.

In December the City Council approved the start of the planning effort. In March, the council

approved the hiring of New York-based urban design and landscape architecture firm Balmori Associates to lead the visioning phase of the project. Balmori has assembled a team of engineers and transportation specialists to collaborate in creating a high-level vision for the project.

In early April, nearly 80 architects, planners and artists participated in a design charrette co-hosted by the city and Bellevue Arts Museum. They shared dramatic sketches and ideas for various segments of the route at a public open house at the museum.

In May, a national advisory panel from the Urban Land Institute conducted a weeklong study of the Wilburton commercial area, considering its potential for planned growth as one end of the Grand Connection.

You can learn more about the Wilburton-Grand Connection study initiative at www.bellevuewa.gov/grand-connection.htm. The city has also launched a new website, www.bellevuegrandconnection.com, to exhibit the work from the charrette and gather feedback and input on the project.

City explores possible ballot measures for key projects

By Brad Harwood, Acting Strategic Communications Advisor

The City Council is considering two measures that would appear on the November ballot. These measures would fund neighborhood safety and connectivity and new, remodeled or improved fire facilities.

Residents will have the opportunity to learn more and weigh in at three open houses this month. The council strongly encourages residents to attend one of the following open houses, each running 5-7 p.m.

June 28—Bellevue Youth Theatre,
16051 NE 10th St.;

June 29—South Bellevue Community Center,
14509 SE Newport Way; and

June 30—City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

The city will also release an online survey to receive comments from those who cannot attend the

public meetings. Residents are encouraged to check Bellevue’s Facebook and Twitter pages for updates (www.bellevuewa.gov/social-media.htm).

Beginning in 2014, the council has been discussing the city’s ability to fund a long list of important capital projects. Despite current initiatives to improve Bellevue’s infrastructure, forecast data shows a significant funding gap.


The council is considering two measures that would fund important transportation and fire facility projects.

Residents consistently state in surveys that they want improvements to Bellevue’s streets and other transportation facilities. More bike lanes, crosswalks and sidewalks would make school routes and neighborhoods in general safer. Investments in technology could improve safety and reduce congestion.

“Collisions involving pedestrians are trending up,” said Ron Kessack, assistant director with Bellevue Transportation. “Bellevue has seen a 20 percent increase in the past three years. We are looking at investments in more sidewalks and crosswalks, providing safe walking and biking routes for students at schools throughout Bellevue.”

A measure to fund transportation improvements would cost approximately \$80 per year for the owner of the average Bellevue home.

Another possible measure would fund seismic retrofits for fire stations across the city, and could also help fund the construction of a new fire station downtown, Bellevue’s fastest growing residential neighborhood. The proposal would cost about \$80 per year for the owner of the average Bellevue home.

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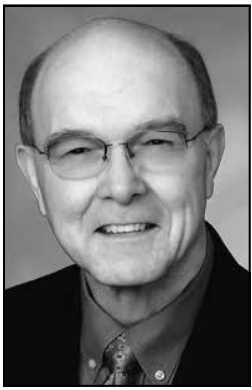
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Council Corner

Bellevue: Journey from self-contained suburb to the Eastside's urban center

By Mayor John Stokes



When Bellevue was incorporated in 1953, our founders sought to create a self-sufficient city. They did so in a visionary and exemplary manner that also set the stage for the transformation of our community into a major regional employment hub, attractive cultural center, and the economic powerhouse of the Eastside. Bellevue has in many respects been a model for smart, focused growth, all the while remaining a “city in a park.”

Where we came from

In the 1940s, Bellevue was a blank slate – strawberry fields, forests and some houses, all a ferry boat ride from Seattle. The founders wanted a city that was successful, strong, self-reliant and safe. Over the next two decades they set about planning a city with good roads, abundant parks and excellent schools. The community's leaders saw the Lake Washington Floating Bridge as a way to attract people and business from Seattle. In reality, that connection across Lake Washington also led Bellevue to begin its role as a strong regional player and partner with Seattle and our neighboring cities.

Where we are going

As we all know, of course, Bellevue is subject to that basic law of Nature: “things change.” While change in Bellevue has been steady for 63 years, we are now in a period of rapid and often dizzying transformation that calls for even greater vision, focus and collective community action.

We incorporated in 1953 as a city of 6,000 residents. In 20 years, we were at 62,000, a tenfold increase. Today our population is double again – 135,000. More people live in downtown high-rises (14,000) now than lived in the entire city originally.

We are well into a new chapter of growth – in which Bellevue is becoming a global hub of innovation and dynamism. We have recently kicked off exciting projects like the “Grand Connection,” and we are working on a host of new initiatives. Add to that one of the most diverse and vibrant group of citizens in the country, and we can understand why REI and other companies from around the world are choosing to call Bellevue “home.”

While the physical scope of the city is essentially set today, we continue to plan for future growth within those boundaries. The BelRed plan is touted nationwide for its smart investment in transit and high-quality development. The pace of growth in downtown is brisk, the Spring District is starting to rise just across I-405 on 112th Street, and East Link construction is underway. The council is also working on the area between downtown and BelRed, and the Eastgate I-90 corridor. Outside our city limits, other areas on our borders are growing and the changing patterns of living and transportation are having a significant impact on Bellevue.

Bellevue into the future

We have the base of a great city, but change is pressing in on all sides. We have the opportunity to lead the way to smart, responsible and productive growth while honoring our history and the fundamentals of sound governance.

Just as the founders of Bellevue had a vision to make it what it is today, the City Council in 2014 drafted a 20-year vision for this new Bellevue, focused on:

- Leveraging our diversity in business, education and other realms;
- Building our economy with world-class companies moving here;
- Celebrating our culture and diversity;
- Promoting excellence in education for all, from preschool to college; and
- Supporting connected neighborhoods that include affordable housing.

To realize our vision, we will work with business, civic and neighborhood leaders to:

- Develop memorable places in the city;
- Expand our educational system;
- Support our diverse population;
- Strengthen our neighborhoods; and
- Foster regional leadership and economic development

Developing memorable places

Planners talk about “place-making,” something that can set a city apart from others. Our parks represent a form of place-making, offering enough memorable, distinctive destinations to establish us as a prime visitor destination and great home town.

The scenic “Grand Connection” pedestrian and bike path will stretch from the Meydenbauer Bay Waterfront Park to the Eastside Rail Corridor in Wilburton. This awesome boulevard with an iconic crossing of I-405 will offer residents and visitors a scenic route from West Bellevue and Lake Washington through Downtown, past City Hall and the Transportation Hub to connect with the east part of the city. The “Grand Connection” ultimately symbolizes our future: a city connected by roads, rail transit and trails, a city connected to its people and the region.

Expanding our educational system

As a community, we have always valued education. Our public schools are among the very best in the nation. We have an excellent



Bellevue College has been adding four-year degrees and has the potential to become a four-year university.

array of educational opportunities and the council has made it a priority to build on them. An exciting international collaboration, the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX), a unique partnership between the University of Washington, China's Tsinghua University and Microsoft is coming to BelRed this year, next to the soon to be REI site in the Spring District.

Bellevue's higher education opportunities are about to expand in dramatic ways. Bellevue College, one of the largest higher education institutions in the state, has been adding four-year degrees and has the potential to become a standalone four-year university. It is also exploring a connection with Washington State University. Seattle University has established a graduate program facility in Bellevue and looks to expand its presence here.

Supporting diversity

Our headline slogan in our vision statement is “Bellevue Welcomes the World, Our Diversity is our Strength.” Bellevue has become one of the most culturally diverse cities in the country. It has proven to be a major draw in the global business world. Our Diversity Advantage initiative guides us in our effort to provide appropriate services. It supports international communities to ensure they strengthen our social fabric and contribute to our cultural richness. I believe there is no city in our state that takes this vision and promise to heart as does Bellevue, and we are culturally, economically and humanly stronger and blessed because of this.

Strengthening neighborhoods

While a lot of attention is focused on smart growth in the downtown, BelRed and Wilburton areas, we haven't lost sight of our many other wonderful residential neighborhoods. In the very near future we will embark on a multi-year program to update the plans for Bellevue's 16 neighborhood areas. The city council will receive an update on this planning process later in the year.

It is very important that our workforce employees have a place to live in Bellevue. To tackle this issue, the council recently launched an affordable housing initiative. This will also help us tackle the regional homelessness issue, in collaboration with other cities and human services organizations.

Regional leadership and economic development

Your city council, working for Bellevue with our excellent and talented city staff, is taking bold steps to act thoughtfully and responsibly as the Eastside's regional leader and urban center. We have rejoined the Sound Cities Association after an absence of 16 years. Further, we are working, through our new and aggressive Economic Development Office, with organizations such as the Seattle and King County Economic Development Council, to build a strong and focused effort to attract and keep global and regional businesses. More than ever we are all connected, and that will only increase over time.

Making our vision a reality

The Bellevue of tomorrow holds unlimited promise and what we do the next two years will greatly affect how we realize it. I strongly encourage you, individual citizens, neighborhood leaders, business leaders and those who do great work in the nonprofit sector, to learn more about the council's vision and our 2016-17 priorities at www.bellevuewa.gov/council-vision.htm. Work with us to realize our dreams for the city of the future, your Bellevue, so that it continues being the “place where you want to be.”

This column was adapted and expanded from a presentation given by Mayor Stokes and Deputy Mayor Chelminiak at the Bellevue Downtown Association's 2016 “state of the city” breakfast in April. You can view the entire speech at www.youtube.com/bellevuewashington.



Trenching for East Link tunnel begins on 110th Ave NE

By Marie Jensen, East Link Outreach

In late March, construction started for the East Link downtown tunnel at what will be the south portal (Main Street and 112th Avenue), with the demolition of structures and removal of vegetation. This month, trenching on 110th Avenue Northeast between Northeast Sixth and Fourth streets begins to prepare the ground beneath the roadway for what will become part of the north portal.

Full road closures on 110th Avenue Northeast will be necessary, followed by partial road closures. Construction will occur within hours allowed by the city's code.

- Trenching will continue through Labor Day;
- 110th Avenue Northeast will be closed in

both directions in front of City Hall and City Center Plaza II through late July;

- A southbound lane on 110th will be open in late July to allow access to the City Center Plaza II parking garage;
- Construction hours during full closure: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Construction hours during partial closure: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.. (Saturday/Sunday work may be necessary and would be allowed 9 a.m.-6 p.m.);
- Work should be completed by arts fair weekend, July 29-31.

Tunneling will be done by a sequential excavation method, reaching three to four feet each day, and does not involve a boring machine.

Tunnel construction is expected to be complete in mid-2020.

In mid-2017, construction of the central segment of East Link is anticipated to begin, which will include the East Main, Bellevue Downtown, Wilburton and Spring District/120th stations and associated guideway construction. The downtown station will be street-level on Northeast Sixth Street, with an east entrance from 110th Avenue and a west entrance at 112th Avenue.

To receive East Link construction alerts, go to www.soundtransit.org/subscribe. Find your best route, by subscribing to Alerts for Traffic Advisories at www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.

New vision for art and culture here?

By Joshua Heim, Arts Manager

How should the arts in Bellevue look in 10 to 20 years? And what will it take to get them there?

These are the questions the Bellevue Arts Commission has been discussing as part of an effort to update the "Cultural Compass," which provides the strategic vision for art and culture in Bellevue and charts the path for how the community can realize that vision.

The City Council adopted the Compass in 2004, with the vision statement, "By 2015, Bellevue's cultural sector will have reached adulthood." Has Bellevue's cultural sector reached adulthood?

In March, the Arts Commission surveyed more than 120 leaders in Bellevue's cultural sector to understand how close Bellevue has come to this vision. Over 60 percent of respondents thought there is a gap between where we are and where we wanted to be.

"It is now 2016 and there is still some work to be done to make Bellevue's cultural sector a real success," one arts leader said. "It is on the right path, but not there yet."

More interestingly, a number of leaders questioned if adulthood is the aim. With this feedback in mind, the Arts Commission has drafted a new vision statement and updated the core initiatives that can help the community realize this vision in 10 to 20 years' time. The commission wants to hear feedback from you on the new strategic vision and core initiatives.

Draft vision statement

- Arts and culture are visible and integral to the Bellevue experience.
- Diversity is celebrated.
- Creativity is nurtured everywhere.
- Innovation is encouraged.
- Cultural experiences are accessible.
- The creative community is instrumental in shaping Bellevue's future.

Resident input wanted

The Arts Commission welcomes input from residents about its draft vision and initiatives, and will offer multiple venues for you to share your thoughts, including the following:

How to give feedback:

By email: jheim@bellevuewa.gov

By Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bellevuewashington/>

By mail: Re: Arts Commission

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Cities test earthquake readiness

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator

A magnitude 9.0 earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone would wreak widespread damage across the Pacific Northwest. To prepare for the kind of coordination across all levels of government that would be essential for recovery, cities and counties in Washington, Oregon and Idaho participated in a massive training exercise called "Cascadia Rising" this month.

At Bellevue, staff practiced a response across departments in conjunction with King County and other Eastside cities. For "Cascadia Rising," Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management developed a scenario of collapsed bridges, burst natural gas pipes and other damages that may occur during a real event to test the city's preparations.

The city is working hard to be as resilient as possible to hazards and disasters. Are you?

"In a serious earthquake or other major disaster, people can't rely on the government to make everything better right away," noted Charles Bolaños, interim emergency manager. "We're preparing to do our part, but



our message is always, have the supplies to be self-sufficient for up to seven days or more if possible."

Don't be paralyzed by the thought of a major earthquake and tsunami here. Just take a deep breath and consider practical steps you and your household can take now to be better prepared should disaster strike.

Ways you can prepare and stay safe

Prepare for earthquakes and other disasters in advance (and secure greater peace of mind) by:

- Making a plan for how you will communicate with your family and where you will meet if separated. Practice your plan at least annually.
- Building emergency kits for your home, workplace, and vehicle. If finances are tight, start small and add supplies as you are able, or band together with a neighbor to share resources.
- Helping each other by knowing your neighbors, their special needs, and available community resources.

He makes pets' (and owners') lives better

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator

The dog catcher likes dogs.

That's the first thing you should know about Aaron Wheatley, animal control officer with Regional Animal Services of King County. He and his wife have three dogs and he cared for cats and dogs in the county's shelter in Kent for several years before promotion to field officer.



Animal control officer Aaron Wheatley stands by his truck.

Officer Wheatley's sentiments prove helpful when he's dealing with pets and their owners alike. "The goal is compliance, not punishment," Wheatley notes.

Bellevue contracts with King County for animal control services, and pet licensing helps pay for those services. More than 100,000 cats and dogs are licensed with Regional Animal Services, which provides services to 1 million residents in 25 cities, including Bellevue, and unincorporated King County.

According to Tim Anderson, field sergeant with Regional Animal Services, the agency responded to 1,569 calls in the first four months of this year. RASKC found owners for 534 animals in that time, took in 1,654 animals and reunited 198 pets with their owners.

The 5,508 calls for service in 2015 included:

- 36 percent for stray animals;

- 15 percent for animal cruelty;
- 12 percent for vicious or aggressive animals; and
- 11 percent for dead animals on roadways.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife handles calls regarding raccoons and coyotes.

The field officers typically handle three to nine cases each day, depending on the complexity, Wheatley said. While some of the officers range only in the north or south parts of the county, Wheatley switches from one to the other.

On a weekday in May, Wheatley starts an afternoon patrol with a visit to Downtown Park, where reports of unleashed dogs come in periodically. Wheatley says he regularly receives complaints about unleashed dogs at various parks, but he's rarely found one. He spot checks parks at various times of day between other field calls.

On this sunny afternoon, there are several people strolling the promenade or walking in the grass with pets. People notice Wheatley right away. He wears a black uniform and baseball cap with the RASKC badge and drives a heavy-duty truck with "Animal Control" on the sides in big letters and six compartments in the back for pets. Yes, he does have a net.

After that, Wheatley responds to a stray dog report. The owner has been letting their pet wander the neighborhood is the complaint, accompanied by a video of the dog pooping in someone's yard with no owner or leash in sight.

Wheatley is polite and doesn't argue when the woman who comes to the door claims she's not the owner. He just leaves contact information. He wants to give them a chance to explain their side, but their dog was reported loose last year too. They will probably receive a \$50 fine.

"I like going out into the world and making a difference," said Wheatley, who doesn't like sitting in an office. "I'm helping the animals and the people."

Indeed, Regional Animal Services does a lot to help animals and people across King County. Pet owners are required to license their pets, which supports RASKC. You can buy a license online at www.kingcounty.gov/LicenseMyPet or at City Hall or other Bellevue locations listed on the city's pet licensing web page, www.bellevuewa.gov/pet-licenses.htm.

Budget hearings July 18 and Nov. 21

By Toni Rezah, Acting Finance Director

The City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall on July 18 concerning the 2017-18 budget now being developed.

The hearing is the second of three for the public budget process. The first was on June 6 and the last will be Nov. 21, after the city manager has submitted his preliminary budget.

Since 2010 Bellevue has used a budgeting method called "Budget One." The process emphasizes community outcomes, not departments. It involves a series of steps that create a government based on available funding, which is then connected to these outcomes and their associated service delivery results.

The 2017-18 outcomes are:

- Improved mobility and connectivity;

- Economic growth and competitiveness;
- Responsive government;
- Safe community;
- Quality neighborhoods/Innovative, vibrant and caring community;
- Healthy and sustainable environment.

A residential budget survey in March showed mobility as residents' top priority. Nearly all residents (95 percent) feel that the overall quality of life in Bellevue exceeds or greatly exceeds their expectations. Respondents also gave high marks to the quality of city services (91 percent) and acknowledged their value based on paid tax dollars (83 percent). Four out of five problems cited by residents concerned

transportation and/or congestion.

The July 18 and Nov. 21 hearings represent important opportunities for the public to let the council know what services pay most when funded. At both hearings, the public is invited to provide testimony on the operating and capital budgets, as well as the property and other tax rates.

The city manager will present a proposed budget to the council in October. The council will then review and approve the general and capital projects budgets sometime before the end of the year.

Updates about the budget process are available at www.bellevuewa.gov/budget-public-involvement.htm.

Sector captains are new police points of contact

By Seth Tyler, Police Public Information Officer

To give residents and businesses a direct point of contact for questions or concerns related to crime or police activity, Police Chief Steve Mylett has divided Bellevue into three sectors and assigned a captain to each one.

"The sector captains ensure that issues in the community are handled effectively and swiftly," Mylett noted when he introduced the program last year.

The sector captains are each responsible for a defined area of the city, and work with the residents and businesses in their sector to address problems and concerns. Their duties include attending community meetings and events, and working with block watch and homeowner associations to address neighborhood issues.

Prior to this program, a resident would simply file a police report when a crime occurred or work with the crime prevention detective. The sector captains will have the authority to direct resources or connect with the appropriate agency to address concerns.

The way the police patrol of the city has not changed with the introduction of sector captains. They do not manage groups of officers assigned to a sector.



Marcia Harnden



Carl Kleinknecht



John McCracken

The sector captains are introduced here, with their regular assignments.

Marcia Harnden is the captain in charge of the North sector, which includes the Bridle Trails and Crossroads neighborhoods. In addition to managing the police presence in her sector, Captain Harnden leads the Patrol Division, supervises the K-9 Unit and is in charge of field training.

Carl Kleinknecht is the captain in charge of the West Sector, which includes downtown and the West Bellevue, Woodridge and Enatai neighborhoods. Captain Kleinknecht is assigned to the Patrol Division and is in charge of the Special Enforcement Team, the downtown squad and the bomb squad.

John McCracken is the captain in charge of the South Sector, which includes the Eastgate, Factoria, Lakemont and Newport Hills neighborhoods. Captain McCracken is assigned to the Traffic Section, overseeing the Motor Unit, Collision Investigation team and Parking Enforcement team. Captain McCracken is also the commander of the SWAT team, Hostage Negotiation team and Honor Guard.



Bike lanes and crosswalks and overlays, oh my

By Tresa Berg, Transportation Public Involvement Manager



The Northeast Sixth Street pedestrian corridor, sometimes called the “cattle chute,” is being widened and given a more gradual incline.

Whether you're driving, walking or biking, upgrades to key arterials along with new bike lanes, crosswalks pavement overlays will make it easier for you to get around Bellevue. Construction is underway this summer.

The Northeast Sixth Street pedestrian corridor, which thousands use each day to walk and bike downtown between 106th and 108th avenues, is being widened. Arterials slated for

improvements include:

- 120th Avenue Northeast (widening): Northeast Eighth to Northeast 12th Street;
- Northup Way (bike lanes, sidewalks): Northeast 24th Street to Northeast 33rd Place; and
- 123rd Avenue Southeast (sidewalks, traffic circle): Southeast 20th to Southeast 26th Street.
- Pavement overlays take two or more weeks. Projects set for the next several months include:
 - Lake Hills Connector, from 140th Avenue Northeast to Richards Road;
 - Northeast Eighth Street, between 156th and 164th avenues;
 - 140th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast Eighth and 24th streets;
 - Northeast 24th Street between Bel-Red Road and 164th Avenue Northeast;
 - 146th Avenue Southeast, between Southeast Eastgate Way and Southeast Allen Road;
 - Southeast Allen Road between 150th Avenue Southeast and Southeast Eastgate Way; and
 - 164th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast Eighth Street and Northup Way.

We will also install crosswalks downtown at:

- Northeast First and Sixth streets at 102nd Avenue and 106th Avenue;
- 108th Avenue Southeast and Northeast Fourth Street;
- 110th Avenue Northeast near the Bravern;
- Southeast Eighth Street between 100th Avenue Southeast and Bellevue Way; and
- 116th Avenue Northeast, north of Children's Hospital.

If you want to avoid any of these construction projects, the following tools will keep you informed:

- Traffic Advisories: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Real Time Bellevue Traffic: www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- Current construction updates on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- City CIP projects interactive map: www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- Download “MyBellevue” App to access all of these tools on your mobile phone or tablet.

City tackles affordable housing shortage

By Michael Kattermann, Senior Planner, and Janet Lewine, Associate Planner

Community input and findings from the Comprehensive Plan Update, Human Service Needs Update and a survey of Bellevue businesses show there is a critical need for more affordable housing in the city.

In response, the City Council has asked staff to develop a strategy that will make it easier for the sales clerks, office administrators and young professionals who work here to live here too.

Residents will have opportunities to weigh in, starting with a forum set for June 23 at City Hall, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

As Bellevue continues to thrive, attracting new residents and companies, it faces growing pains similar to other metropolitan centers throughout the country. Economic vitality and sustainability come with challenges, including the need to provide housing that is affordable to Bellevue's current and future workforce.

The city has been working to increase affordable housing for years. Bellevue is a charter member of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), a consortium of Eastside cities and King County. The city has recently acted to encourage affordable housing in the private sector with a multifamily tax exemption and incentives in the land use regulations for BelRed, especially around future light rail stations.

Despite these efforts, the need for affordable housing in Bellevue and the surrounding region continues to exceed the supply.

Companies who participated in Bellevue's 2015 Survey of Businesses rated the city low on affordable housing options. Nearly half of the city's workforce cannot afford to live in Bellevue, and 41 percent of Bellevue businesses said they had difficulty finding qualified staff due to the affordable housing crunch here.

In December, the council made it a priority to “develop an affordable

housing plan for the needs of our diverse population.” The goal is a clear set of actions the city can take to significantly increase the supply of affordable housing in Bellevue over the next 10 years.

Potential actions include:

- development requirements and incentives;
- dedicated funding sources;
- more flexibility in types of housing; and
- programs to preserve housing that is already affordable.

Staff will evaluate potential actions for their ability to generate affordable housing, at what cost and in what time period. Evaluation of potential actions will receive guidance from a 15-member technical advisory group, which provides expertise on various aspects of housing development including design, finance and real estate.

This summer and fall, residents and stakeholders will be asked to offer feedback on the potential effectiveness, costs and implications of the actions the city is considering. This feedback will be used to inform the draft strategy, and ultimately, the council's decision on which actions to include in the affordable housing strategy. The community will also be asked to provide input on the draft strategy that will be considered by the council.

To stay informed about this project and find out how to participate in the community discussion, please visit www.bellevuewa.gov/affordable-housing.htm and sign up for email or text alerts. Progress updates and resources for technical advisory group meetings and public discussion will be posted. For more information, please contact Mike Kattermann, senior planner, mkattermann@bellevuewa.gov, or Janet Lewine, associate planner, jlewine@bellevuewa.gov.

Schools exceed green goals

By Michael May, Utilities Public Information Officer

The Bellevue School District set ambitious conservation goals for this school year. Partnering with Bellevue Utilities in the “Green Genius” program, the district not only met its goals; it exceeded them.

As a part of the Green Genius program, all schools were required to meet conservation goals and have a team to lead their efforts.

This year, the school district started switching to reusable lunch trays. Each elementary school that served lunches on reusable trays prevented the use and disposal of more than 50,000 Styrofoam trays this year. This saved money and reduced waste. All schools are on track to make the switch permanently.

In the most competitive Cafeteria Challenge since the program was launched in 2012, 13 schools, representing almost 8,000 students and staff, reduced their lunchtime waste to the weight of three U.S. quarters per person! Spiritridge took first place for elementary schools, followed by Phantom Lake, with Bennett, Clyde Hill and Puesta del Sol tying for third. The first-place winner for middle and high schools was Highland Middle School.

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Grease down drain is bad news

Fats, oil and grease from food preparation and cleanup can result in a sewage backup into your home. When you wash that goopy stuff down the kitchen sink drain, it can build up in your private side sewer or the public sewer main and block it.

To prevent blockages in sewer pipes from fats, oil and grease (“FOG” for short) Bellevue Utilities recommends doing the following when you're washing your dishes:

- Pour fats, oils and grease into a disposable container, such as a jar or can. Put it in the freezer and throw it in the trash after the FOG has hardened.
- Use paper towels or napkins from meals to wipe greasy dishes before washing. Put them in your food and yard waste cart.
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste and put scraps in your food and yard waste cart.

Bellwether is back for the summer! See the art, exper

By Scott MacDonald, Planning and Community Development

Downtown will once again be the home of Bellwether, Bellevue's biennial sculpture exhibition, now in its 13th edition. Featuring more than 30 artworks in a wide range of styles and media, plus a series of art events, the exhibition will have something for everyone during its run, July 29 to Oct 9.



Aurlia gouthroii Erodium, by Carol Gouthro, will be at City Hall.

These are just a few of the artworks being installed in Downtown Park this summer, several of them created specifically for this show.

Like Downtown Park, many of the artworks located at City Hall and in the Pedestrian Corridor promote the theme of confluence, both in terms of innovation and community. Artist Barbara De Pirro is creating an artwork, *Pollinate & Bloom*, completely from recycled materials for the Pedestrian Corridor. City Hall will feature many artworks, both inside and out on the plaza, and as well as in the plaza pavilion, which use materials in new ways. A great example is artist Margery Amdur's artworks, which are beautiful tapestries made from brightly painted sponges covered in vibrant gouache, ink and pastel pigment.

New to this year's exhibition will be a series of art experiences planned for City Hall, along the Pedestrian Corridor and in Downtown Park. These experiences are



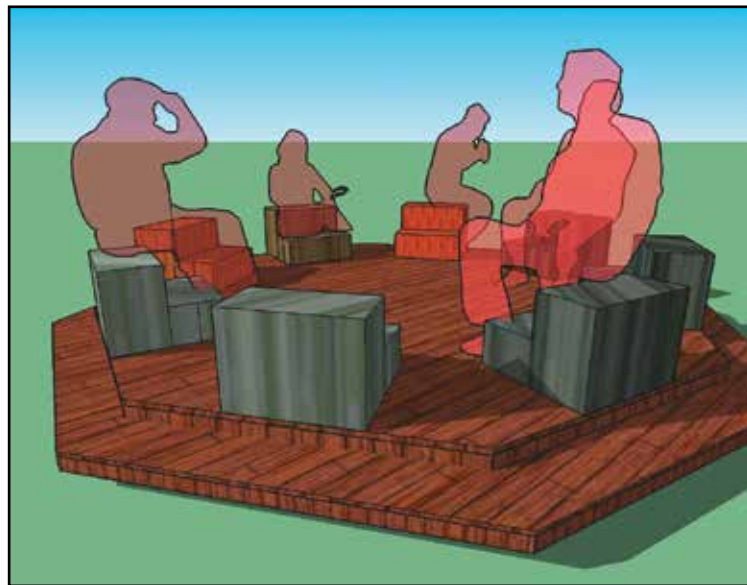
Amass #3, by Margery Amdur, is made from vibrantly colored sponges and will be on display in the glass pavilion on the City Hall plaza.

This year's theme for the exhibition, "Confluence", is used to mean the coming together of great ideas and people, but at its core the exhibition is about innovation and community. A great example of this is Quintin Rivera-Toro's artwork *Reunion*, which will be built on site in Downtown Park. His artwork creates a space for the community to gather, sit and talk, and is definitely one to look for. Another artwork in Downtown Park will be created during a collaboration between artist John Fleming and local Bellevue teens. The work, not

intended to engage the crowd, activate public spaces and offer new opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to experience art. All are welcome to these family-friendly events. More information about these events will go out to Bellevue residents as details become finalized.

The exhibition will offer performances or art experiences seen on your lunch break or at the opening event, to highly crafted, meticulously detailed sculptures. All artworks are thoughtful and there is quite a bit of color throughout the exhibition. Each major venue for the art, Downtown Park, the Pedestrian Corridor and City Hall, has artworks concentrated in smaller areas to stimulate a dialogue. Everyone is encouraged to walk the route, grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant, and take in some art!

To keep up to date with the exhibition or to learn more, please visit www.bellevuewa.gov/bellwether2016.htm



Reunion, to be built in Downtown Park by artist Quintin Rivera-Toro, will offer a place for people to sit, gather and connect.



El Soporte Del Cubo, by Fabrizio Constanza, will be at City Hall and is made from highly reflective stainless steel.



Untitled, by Amanda Salov, will be on display with many other artworks in the glass pavilion on the City Hall plaza.



11048, by Jae, City of Bellevue

BELLWETHER artwork walk the

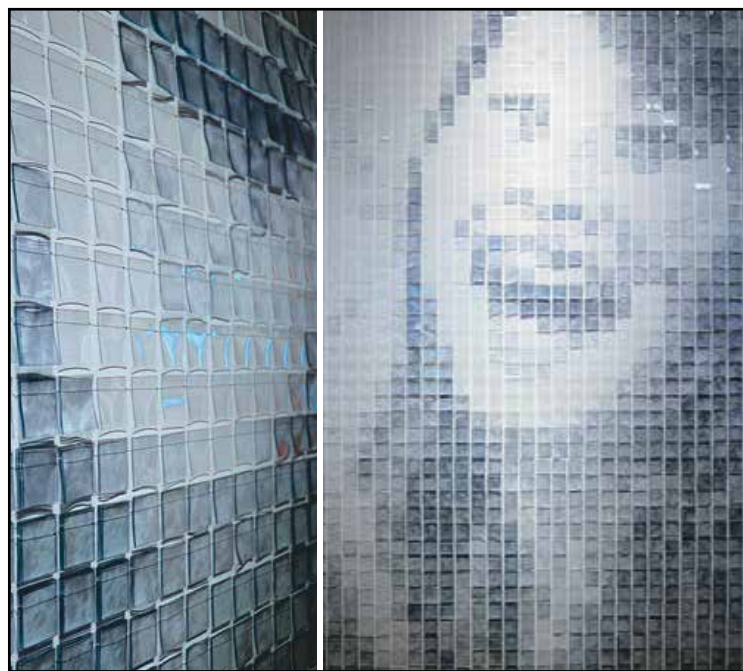




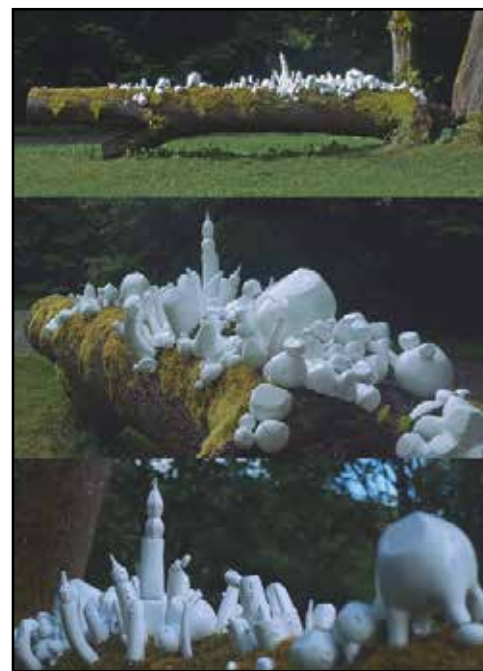
...rience events, and walk the route!



Hyo Lee, will be at City Hall. This artwork is owned by the city and is included in the Bellevue Art Collection.

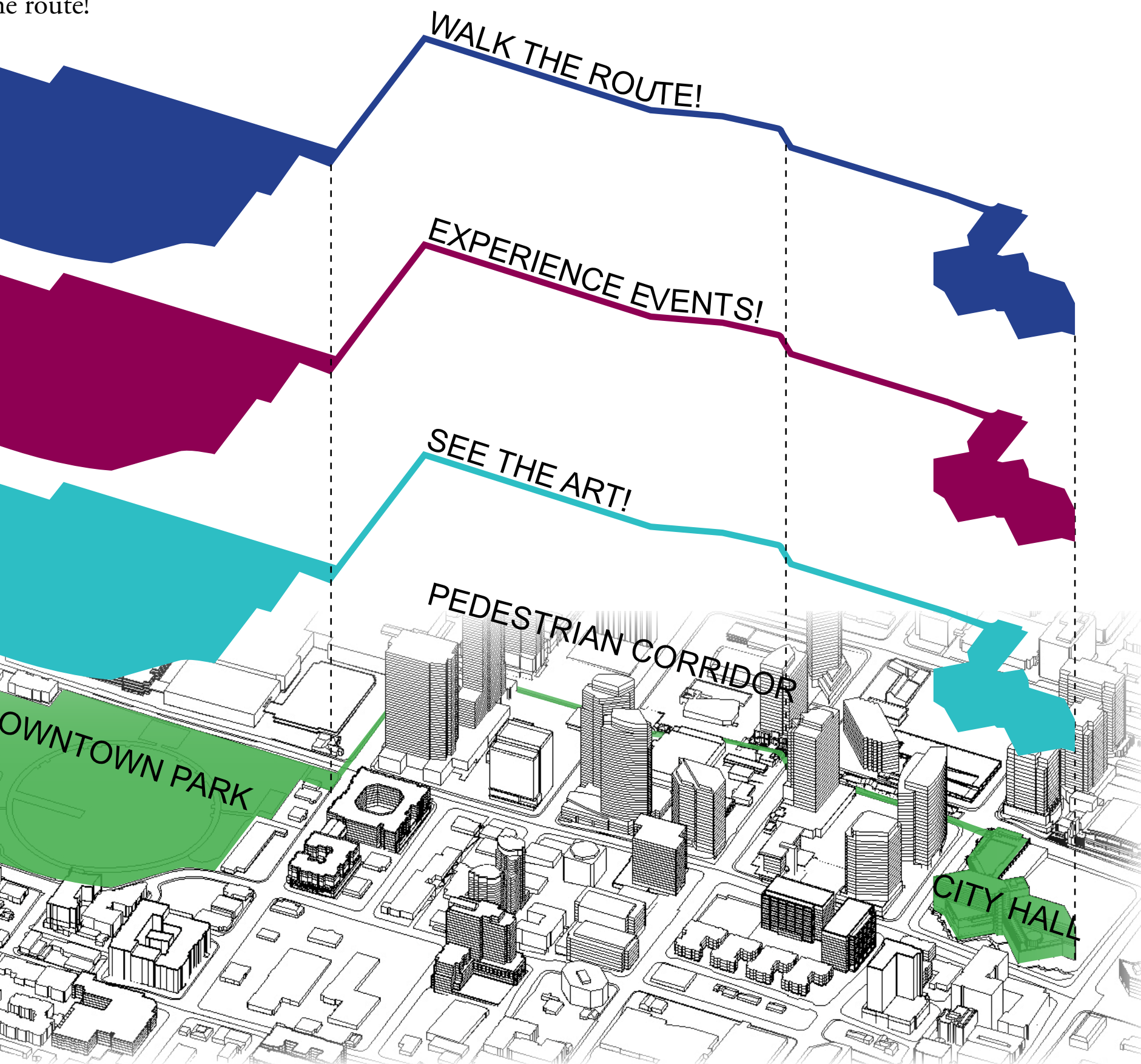


Artist Lisa Chen made Self-Portrait 115558 from small squares of vinyl. The artwork will be at City Hall.



Artist Chico Santos will create a fantastical city in an artwork on the plaza at City Hall.

TOGETHER: CONFLUENCE, open July 29 to Oct. 9, will offer the community a chance to see exhibits throughout downtown, experience interactive art events or just simply offer an excuse to walk the route!



Let's work together

By Bill Capron, EBCC Chair

Five years have passed since I was first appointed to the East Bellevue Community Council. To say that I have learned a LOT would be an understatement.

As I start my sixth year, third as chair, I look forward to creating more opportunities for the community, EBCC, city staff and the City Council to work together.

The EBCC is chartered under Washington state law RCW 35.14, which gives us approval or disapproval authority over certain land use decisions in the EBCC area. However, we are NOT given any authority to enact anything on our own, land use or otherwise. This gives us, to an extent, a checks and balances role within our community. Recently, Judge Downing ruled in PSE vs. EBCC that the EBCC was the "final authority" in the EBCC area.

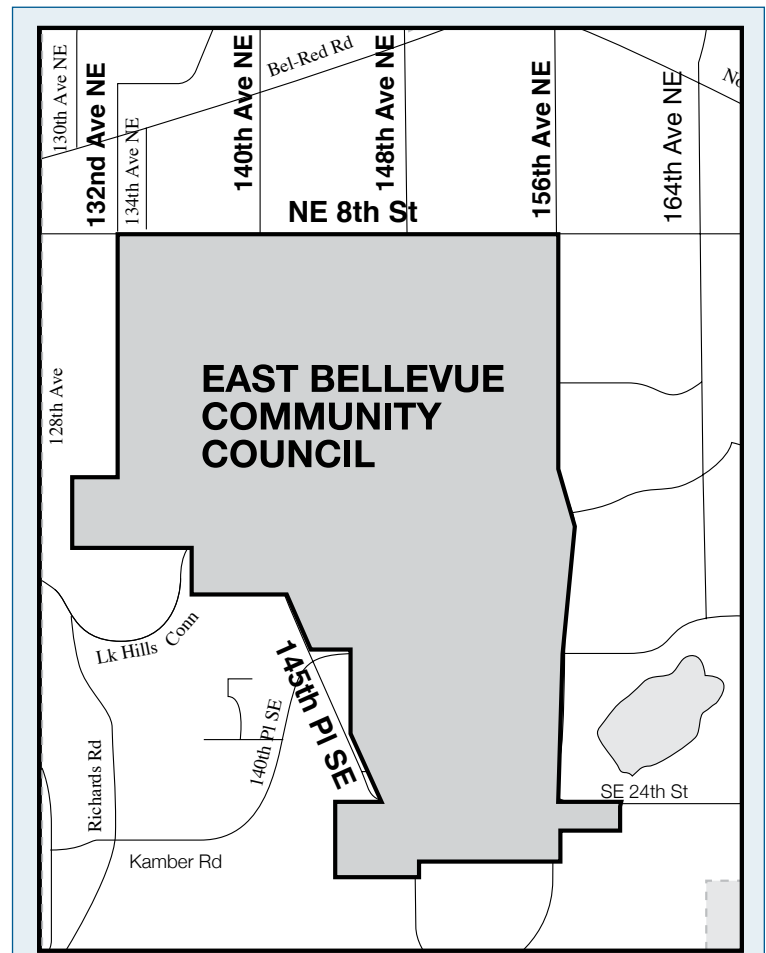
A key goal of mine has been to create a level of cooperation that leads to solutions and fosters a level of trust that avoids surprises. This is not an impossible goal or even difficult one to achieve.

It starts with having an open line of communication with the city's Development Services division. We would like Development Services to inform us as soon as a land use application is made within our boundaries. This will give us ample time to become informed on the issue at hand and work with all parties involved to a solution that works for all. The EBCC is not keen on making rash decisions. This can force us to vote no only because we haven't had enough information to say "yes."

In my perfect world, the applicant and Development Services would work sooner and more closely with the EBCC on a project to incorporate suggestions and solutions from the community to arrive at a result that works for all. Then, as a decision is made by the city on a land use application, the EBCC can be a proactive part of the discussion. Again, having this line of open communication and process is critical to us.

I look forward to greater cooperation with everyone in the years to come!

The EBCC meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 6:30-8:30. Please come join us!



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo, 425-452-6466.

East Bellevue Community Council 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 Community Council via email at EBCC@bellevuewa.gov. Agendas and decisions of the EBCC are at bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm.

Leave fireworks to the professionals

By Ken Carlson, Bellevue Fire Marshal

Bellevue residents and communities across the country come together on the 4th of July to enjoy a variety of events, culminating with spectacular fireworks displays. However, fireworks, when used incorrectly, can cause great harm to us, our pets and our communities.

The use of fireworks has been illegal in Bellevue since 1994, except for permitted displays. Nonetheless, the city routinely receives dozens of complaints about the use of fireworks around Independence Day.

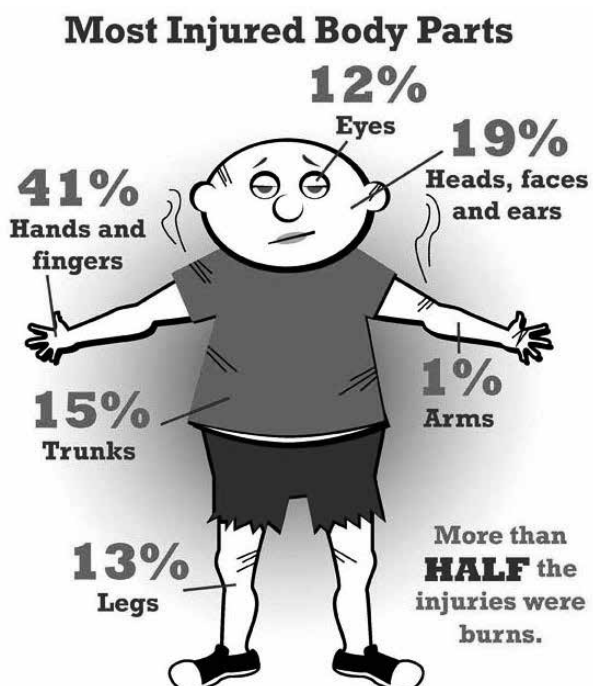
Each July 4, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. In 2013, there were 239 reported injuries in Washington state, including six that resulted in amputations.

Because July is usually very dry, fireworks also cause fires. In 2013, there were 102 reported fires caused by fireworks in the state, which resulted in more than \$2 million worth of property loss.

Bellevue Fire and Police recommend that people take advantage of the elaborate Family 4th display at Downtown Park as well as other official fireworks shows in the area. These displays are done by licensed professionals in coordination with the Fire Department, with the safety of everyone as a primary focus.

The best way to protect you and your family is to not use fireworks – period. We ask for your help in making this 4th of July a safe and fun day. Please help us spread the word that fireworks are illegal in Bellevue.

Bellevue Police and Fire departments will conduct fireworks safety patrols throughout the city, and those patrols will include enforcement. The use and/or sale of fireworks may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or treated as a civil violation where monetary penalties could be assessed.



Recruiting for Bellevue Essentials

By Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach

Are you interested in learning about the structure and inner workings of city government? The city is recruiting members for the 2016 class of Bellevue Essentials, the city's program for emerging neighborhood and community leaders.

Participants will meet members of the City Council and key staff and learn how Bellevue is moving forward. Class members should expect to engage in discussions about the challenges and opportunities the city faces.

The nine-week class begins on Sept. 21, with eight weekly Wednesday evening sessions and a Saturday tour on Oct. 1. Class size is limited to 35 participants, and has had a waiting list each year. The application deadline is July 15. Organizers are seeking participants who will represent Bellevue's diverse population and a broad range of geographic areas.

Class members will build familiarity with government process and decision-making, while networking with a like-minded group of exceptional individuals looking to expand their knowledge and skill sets.

"Bellevue Essentials is an absolute must for any aspiring community leader," said Ron Higgs, a 2015 alumnus who is president of the Downtown Bellevue Residents Association. "Each session gave me a new perspective on the city I call home. I've established valuable relationships and an understanding of the city that could only come from a unique program such as Bellevue Essentials."

Class topics include history, transportation, public process, neighborhoods, community services, planning, budget, environmental stewardship, affordable housing, economic development and public safety. A variety of learning tools, such as speakers, panels, interactive exercises and site visits are used.

No experience is needed to qualify and class members have ranged in age from 17 to 70-plus. Classes are open to anyone who lives or works in Bellevue, but preference is given to residents. Applicants will be accepted based on identification as emerging leaders, broad representation of neighborhoods and diverse community, and a short essay that reflects on the desire to deepen commitment to civic engagement.

Class tuition, which includes all classes, materials and a light dinner at each session, is \$95 per participant. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to request a brochure and a simple one-page application, visit www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials.htm or contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach (425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).



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: Rehabilitating (or replacing) existing Pikes Peak 1 million gallon steel reservoir. Replace existing pump station adjacent to the reservoir. Tentative schedule: public outreach and alternative analysis 2016/2017, design and permitting 2017/2018, construction 2018/2019. \$5.7 million. Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2016: Repairing sewer defects throughout the city's sewer service area. Construction est. spring/summer 2016. \$1.1 million (est.) Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

BelRed

Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing pump station to increase capacity for growth in BelRed. Construction may be dependent on redevelopment rates in the BelRed Corridor rezone area. \$4 million (est.) Design underway. Vanaja S. Rajah, Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 7th St - NE 12th St (Stage 2): Widening roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, sidewalks and utility work. Construction through 2016. \$36.5 million. bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 12th - NE 16th (Stage 3): Widening roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, sidewalks and utility work. Design completed. \$14.5 million. bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
NE Spring Blvd: 116th to 120th Ave NE (Zone 1): Widening NE 12th St to five lanes from 116th Ave NE to a new intersection with NE Spring Blvd. From NE 12th St to 120th, it will be a new four-lane roadway with two new traffic signals, a multimodal path along the north side, and two bridges over the East Link light rail alignment. Project will be built in two phases. Final design by April 2016. \$36.5 million. bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
NE Spring Blvd: 120th to 124th Aves NE (Zone 2): Completing final design for future addition of a new four-lane roadway with center median, outside lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks and on-street parking along the north side, with underground utilities and signalized intersection improvements. At 60% design. \$3.4 million. bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm Rick Logwood, Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE Spring Blvd to NE 18th St: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Design complete spring 2016. Construction summer/fall 2016 Pending ROW acquisition. \$19.94 million (est.) Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Complete diamond interchange with westbound exit ramp and eastbound on ramp. Pre-design complete. Awaiting direction by the State Legislature. Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Bel-Red Sewer Extension (Hyde Square Off-Site Sewer): Upsizing a portion of sewer in Bel-Red Road from 148th Ave NE to NE 20th St. The new 1,600 linear feet 15" sewer pipe will be installed on west bound lane in parallel to the existing 8" sewer line which will be abandoned in place. \$2.5 million. Construction June – September 2016. Birol Shaha, BShaha@bellevuewa.gov

Downtown

Downtown Transportation Plan: Projects planned for 2016 include widening and creating a gentle slope on the steep pedestrian and bicycle ramp on NE 6th Street just west of 108th Avenue NE; Replacing brick pavers and street trees, and improving lighting along the north sidewalk of the Transit Center; and improving the intersection of 108th Avenue NE and NE 4th Street for pedestrians. In collaboration with the "Complete the Circle" project, the Downtown Transportation Plan will improve the intersections for pedestrians at 100th Ave NE and NE 1st Street, and 102nd Ave NE and NE 1st Street. bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm Kevin McDonald, KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov
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Eastgate

Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and standby generator. Construction underway. \$1.2 – 1.45 million. Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station: Installation of new reservoir and pump station. Construction to begin second quarter 2016. \$3.2 million James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Design 2016, Construction 2017. \$1.3 million James B. Nicolls, JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
SE Newport Way Improvements: 150th Ave SE to Somerset Blvd: Conducting a design alternatives analysis for roadway and pedestrian/ bicycle improvements. Public involvement begins spring 2016. \$8.1 million. Paul Krawczyk, Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2016: Repairing sewer defects throughout the City. Project is currently in design. Construction anticipated to begin spring/summer 2016. \$1.1 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Factoria

Factoria Boulevard Storm Conveyance Improvements: This project will improve the storm water conveyance system to reduce or eliminate flooding along Factoria Boulevard between SE 38th Street and Richards Creek. Construction early 2017. \$1.2 million. Birol Shaha, Bshaha@bellevuewa.gov

Lake Hills

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2016: Repairing sewer defects throughout the city. Project is currently in design. Construction spring/summer 2016. \$1.1 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
148th Ave – Main St to SE 8 St Signal Upgrade and Overlay: Replace the existing traffic signals at 148 Ave and Main St and 148 Ave SE at SE 8 St. Project includes pavement overlay at intersection and between intersections. Currently in design phase. Construction Summer-Fall 2016. \$1,800,000 (est.). Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
148th Ave SE/ Main St and 148th Ave SE/SE 8th Street Traffic Signal Replacement: Replace the traffic signals and repave at 148th Ave and Main St and at 148th Ave SE and SE 8th St. Construction summer 2016. Chris Masek, Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Hills

Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station: Rehabilitating wastewater pumping station to meet current standards. Currently in design phase and preparing for permitting. Construction 2016/2017. \$750,000 (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
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Northeast Bellevue

Northup Way Connection to the SR 520 Trail: Adding bike lanes and sidewalks from NE 24th Street to NE 33rd Place to connect the SR 520 trail with the new regional trail at 108th Ave NE. Also adding street lighting, two mid-block crossings, and a pedestrian bridge over Eastside Rail Corridor. Construction underway. \$12.8 million. bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Eastside Rail Corridor Interim Trail: King County project to remove existing rails from the corridor and construct interim (gravel) trail from 108th Avenue NE (near the South Kirkland P&R) to SR 520. Construction 2017. Mike Ingram, Mingram@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue

Bellevue Way NE/NE 24th Street Sidewalk: Adding 80 feet of new sidewalk between 103rd Ave Ne and Bellevue Way on the north side of NE 24th St. Construction underway. \$300,000 Greg Lucas, Glucas@bellevuewa.gov
Vuecrest Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation: Rehabilitating the existing sewer system using trenchless construction to minimize disturbances. Design; Construction winter 2016/2017. \$720,000 (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Vuecrest Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Replacement: Replacing existing sewer system using open trench construction. System needed to be excavated and replaced. A section of AC water main included. Design; Construction spring/summer 2017. \$1.3 million (est.). Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Sammamish/East Lake Hills

Bellevue Airfield Park: Designing and constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over existing landfill. Phase 1 design underway. \$1.6 million bellevuewa.gov/airfield-park-master-plan.htm Pam Fehrman, Pfehman@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset/Sunset

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail – Factoria Blvd SE to 150th Ave SE: Designing new 12' wide trail from Factoria Blvd SE to the vicinity of 150th Ave SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, urban design features and landscaping. Design complete Summer 2016. \$1.2 million design only. bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm Chris Masek, Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset Reservoir No. 1 Pressure Reducing Station (PRV) Relocation: Relocating the existing PRV out of the existing reservoir so the existing reservoir can be removed from service. Currently in design phase with construction anticipated summer/fall 2016. Estimated construction costs are \$100,000 Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail – I-405 to 132nd Ave SE: Designing new 12' wide trail from I-405 to the vicinity of 132nd Ave SE. Includes lighting, bridge crossings, landscaping and urban design feature. Design complete December 2016. \$1.2 million design only. bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm Chris Masek, Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

Meydenbauer Bay Park - Phase 1: Designing to reflect adopted Master Plan, including park expansion west of 99th Ave NE. Construction 2017. \$12 million bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm Robin Cole, Rcole@bellevuewa.gov

Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line Replacement: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line through Meydenbauer Bay Park and Bellevue Marina to the Grange Pump Station at SE Bellevue Place, in conjunction with the Grange Pump Station Improvements project. Construction TBD. \$2.5 million Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Grange Pump Station Improvements: Rehabilitating existing sewer pump station with new pumps, wet well, electrical, instrumentation and controls system, in conjunction with the Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line Replacement project. Construction summer 2016-spring 2017. \$2.0 million. Birol Shaha, BShaha@bellevuewa.gov

Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Phase 2—Lake Washington: Assessing condition of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. 2015-2016. \$533,594 Debbie Harris, Dharris@bellevuewa.gov

Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing sewer pump station at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE with larger station to meet increased future-projected sewer flows. Construction complete spring 2016. \$8 million. Jay Hummel, Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Surrey Downs Park Development: Design and construction of park improvements. Design and permitting 2015-2016. \$7 million. bellevuewa.gov/surrey_downs_master_plan.htm Scott VanderHyden, svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Way SE Southbound HOV Lane: Conduct a design alternative analysis for a southbound inside high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and an outside shoulder or sidewalk from the Bellevue Way/112th Ave SE "Y" to the South Bellevue Park & Ride main entrance. Design analysis and public involvement underway. \$4.4 million. Marina Arakelyan, Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2016: Repairing sewer defects throughout the City. Begin design and public involvement (HOV) lane and an outside shoulder or sidewalk from the Bellevue Way/112th Ave S (est.) Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

West Lake Sammamish

Issaquah Master Meter(s): Installing master meter(s) and other appurtenances in water system which supplies water to the area recently relinquished to the City of Issaquah. Design; construction spring/summer 2016. Jointly funded by Bellevue and Issaquah. \$300,000 (est.) Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton

NE 6th St Extension: I-405 to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 6th St as an HOV/transit-only facility from the I-405 interchange east over 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE, Awaiting direction by the State Legislature. bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-st-extension.htm Steve Costa, Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,400 feet of sewer pipe with larger-diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for redevelopment in Wilburton. Construction spring 2016. \$9.4 million Brandon Cole, Bcole@bellevuewa.gov

Woodridge

Woodridge Open Space Sewer Pipeline Replacement: The project involves replacing 1,600 feet of existing sewer pipeline that is currently leaking and situated in the Woodridge Open Space. Design; Construction early 2017. \$1.2 million. Birol Shaha, Bshaha@bellevuewa.gov

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2015, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system in advance of street pavement overlays throughout the city. Construction 2016. \$1.2 million (est.) Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2016: Repairing sewer defects throughout the City's sewer service area. Project is currently in design. Construction anticipated to begin spring/summer 2016. Estimated construction costs \$1.1 million. Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Kelsey Creek Glendale Country Club 8th Tee Assessment: An evaluation of the recently constructed fish passage improvements and impacts to 8th tee channel stability. Study phase only at this time. Stephen Noeske, Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

123rd Ave SE Sidewalk: SE 20th Pl to SE 26th St: Adding sidewalk on east side of roadway with traffic safety measures. Construction complete Fall 2016. \$1.37 million. Mike Rodni, Mrodni@bellevuewa.gov

Various Locations

East Link Light Rail: Construction is underway to complete approximately ½ mile of mined light rail transit tunnel from Main Street to NE 6th Street. Expect full and partial lane closures on 110th Ave. NE. Construction Alerts: soundtransit.org/subscribe-to-alerts. Marie Jensen, mjensen@bellevuewa.gov

AC Water Main: Replacing 1.5-1.6 miles of aging asbestos cement water main with ductile iron pipe. 2016 Phase 1 Design - \$1.9 million; 2015 Phase 2 Construction- \$2.2 million; 2015 Phase 3 Construction- \$2.3 million Abe Santos, Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

PRV Rehabilitation and Replacement 2014 & 2016: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in various neighborhoods. 2014 - Construction, \$740,000; 2016 - Construction Fall 2016, \$400,000 Abe Santos, Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals: Monitoring traffic entering intersections and adjusting signal timing in real time. Four signals left to be converted in 2016. Fred Liang, Fliang@bellevuewa.gov

Commercial Water Meter Replacement 2016: Replace large outdated water meter assemblies and vaults at four separate commercial sites located throughout Bellevue. Construction, \$400,000; summer and fall 2016. Dan Ross, dross@bellevuewa.gov

SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals: Monitoring traffic entering intersections and adjusting signal timing in real time. Four more signals installed in 2016. Fred Liang, Fliang@bellevuewa.gov

148th Ave SE/ Main St and 148th Ave SE/SE 8th Street Traffic Signal Replacement: Replace the traffic signals and repave at 148th Ave and Main St and at 148th Ave SE and SE 8th St. Construction Summer 2016. Chris Masek, Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov



Community Calendar

A Day of Play with Dad

June 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon
South Bellevue Community Center,
14509 SE Newport Way
Enjoy a pancake breakfast
from 8:30-9:30 a.m. followed
by challenging activities such
as a climbing wall and family
orienteering course. Register at
sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-
4240, course #106558.

Eastgate Land Use Code Hearing

June 22, Bellevue College Room
N201
3000 Landerholm Cir. SE
The Planning Commission
takes comments from the public
regarding proposed land use code
amendments intended to enhance
the Eastgate/Interstate 90 corridor.

Affordable Housing Strategy Forum

June 23, 5:30-8 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
450 110th Ave. NE
The community is invited to weigh
in as the city considers strategies to
increase affordable housing options
in Bellevue.

Strawberry Festival

June 25, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., June 26,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Crossroads International Park
16000 NE 10th St.
Entertainment, auto show, vendors,
food and family fun.
Hosted by the Eastside Heritage
Center with support from the City
of Bellevue.

www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

The Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th

Presented by PACCAR
Saturday, July 4, 2-10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park
10201 NE 4th St.
Family activities and evening
fireworks set to music performed
by the Bellevue Youth Symphony
Orchestra.

425-453-1223 or
www.bellevuedowntown.org

Live at Lunch Concert Series

July 5-Sept. 8, Tuesdays through
Thursdays, noon-1:30 p.m.
Free live music at various locations
downtown.
425-453-1223 or
www.bellevuedowntown.org

ChowDown(town)-Bellevue Food Truck Round-up

July 13 and Aug. 10, 4- 8 p.m.
Ashwood Park
10820 NE 10th Street
Enjoy unique food trucks and
entertainment for a fun get-together
with neighbors and friends. Free
admission; cost varies for food.
425-452-4278

Budget Hearing

July 18, 8 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
450 110th Ave. NE
Public hearing for input regarding
the 2017-18 budget now being
developed. [www.bellevuewa.gov/
budget-public-involvement.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/budget-public-involvement.htm)

Woof Walk

July 30, 10 a.m.-noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center
5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bring your dog (on a leash) and join
a park ranger on a fun interpretive
walk around the park. Pre-
registration required.
425-452-4195

Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show & Sale

Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
Featuring plants from local
gardeners.
www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-
452-2750

Crossroads Movies in the Park

Aug. 4-Aug. 25; Thursday nights at
dusk
16000 NE 10th St.
Free movies on a 40-foot screen-free
popcorn, too!
Aug. 4 Inside Out (PG)
Aug. 11 Minions (PG)
Aug. 18 Good Dinosaur (PG)
Aug. 25 Pan (PG)
*Titles subject to change without
notice
Movie will be canceled in the event
of rain.
More information: 425-452-4240
or [www.bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-
movies.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm)

Ranger Hikes, Discussions and Movies

Times and locations vary.
Explore local wildlife and natural
history with ranger-led tours,
discussions and nature movie events.
Lewis Creek Park, 425-452-4195
Mercer Slough Nature Park, 425-
452-2565
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 425-452-
7225

Day Camps & Recreation Programs

Register now for summer and fall
recreation programs and day camps.
425-452-6885 or
myparksandrecreation.com

FRESH PRODUCE STANDS

Cha Family Farm Fresh Produce Stand

15550 156th Ave SE
Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm
2380 Bellevue Way SE

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm

700 148th Ave. SE
Lake Hills Greenbelt
Hours vary.
More info: 425-260-2266

Picnic Shelter Reservations

Hosting a special occasion or casual
summer gathering at a Bellevue
park? Picnic shelters are available for
reservation. 425-452-6914



Celebrities, including Pedbee, our transportation safety mascot, and McGruff the Crime Dog, are at the National Night Out event at Crossroads Bellevue.

Arts and Crafts Fairs

July 29-31 (Hours vary)
Three art fairs all weekend
throughout downtown.
Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair
www.bellevuearts.org or
425-519-0770

6th Street Fair

www.bellevuedowntown.org or
425- 453-1223

Bellevue Festival of the Arts

www.bellevuefest.org or
206-363-2048

National Night Out Against Crime

Aug. 2, noon - 5 p.m.
Crossroad's Farmer's Market
Crossroads Bellevue
15600 NE 8th St.
A free community event with games
and giveaways for kids. Meet your
local police officers and neighbors
and learn how to organize your
neighborhood to prevent crime.
425-452-2891

Charlotte's Web

August 5-21
Friday, Aug. 5, 12 & 19 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 6, 13 & 20 at 2 p.m.
and 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 7, 14 & 21, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads
16051 NE 10th St.
The Bellevue Youth Theatre presents
the classic story.
Suitable for all ages. \$8/person;
festival seating.
byt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-
7155

Beach Park Lifeguards

Meydenbauer, Newcastle, Enatai:
June 18-Sept. 5, noon-7 p.m.
Chism, Clyde, Chesterfield
(Chesterfield will be guarded from
2 to 5 p.m. only, and will not open
on days of inclement weather.): June
25-Aug. 21, noon to 7 p.m.
425-452-4444

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your pet



Regional Animal Services of King County

kingcounty.gov/pets



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customer assistance

Need a quick
and easy way to
report issues to
the city?

There's an app
for that!

City Contact Information

City Hall (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

450 110th Ave. NE/P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

Service First (general information): 452-6800

City of Bellevue website: bellevuewa.gov

City Council Office: 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.

East Bellevue Community Council Meetings

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 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: 452-6464

City Manager: 452-7228

East Bellevue Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

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

Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 452-4570

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

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911

Business and Information: 452-6892

Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or bellevuewa.gov

Information Technology: 452-4626

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 452-4200

Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6885

Ballfield Rental: 452-6914

Picnics/Facility Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Community Centers:

Crossroads Community Center: 452-4874

Highland Community Center: 452-7686

North Bellevue Community Center: 452-7681

South Bellevue Community Center: 452-4240

Marina Hotline: 452-4883

Planning & Community Development: 452-7892

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

Emergency Only: 911

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

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

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-7658

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973

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

Volunteering: 452-5375

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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Bellevue competes for \$5 million

By Jennifer Ewing, Environmental Stewardship Manager

Bellevue is tied for fourth place among 50 cities competing to reduce energy use and raise awareness about conservation over a two-year period. The winner receives a \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize.

Take the pledge to be 'Energy Smart'

Help Bellevue win the prize by taking the pledge to be "Energy Smart" (www.bellevuewa.com/energysmart.htm) and reduce your energy use in easy ways.

Turning down thermostats at bedtime, turning off electronics and washing clothes in cold water could save residents 16 to 20 percent annually on their energy bill (\$300 to \$400). If all Bellevue households take this pledge, the city has the potential to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 59,000 metric tons per year.

Residents signing the pledge will be entered into a drawing to win energy-saving devices, such as smart power strips, LED lightbulb kits and solar mobile phone chargers.

The Eastside Energy Corps, a team of students from middle schools and high schools around Bellevue, is supporting the competition by spreading the word about Bellevue Energy Smart in their schools and energizing other young people about how saving energy helps our environment.

Bellevue and Bellingham are neck-and-neck in Georgetown contest. Now the two cities have a side bet.

The mayor of the city that comes in second in the Bellevue-Bellingham competition will send a basket of local food items to the mayor of the winning city.



How do you move a mature magnolia tree?

Very carefully, of course. To make way for expansion of the west parking lot at Downtown Park, city crews moved \$11,000 worth of trees and plants from the area to other parts of the park and to other parks.

In all, 15 trees and 70 plants were relocated to Lake Hills, Enatai Beach, Killarney Glen, McCormick, Hidden Valley and Chism Beach parks and elsewhere at Downtown Park. The transplanted trees and plants include Japanese maple, monkey puzzle, hibiscus, evergreen and deciduous magnolias, rhododendrons, azaleas and peris japonica.

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