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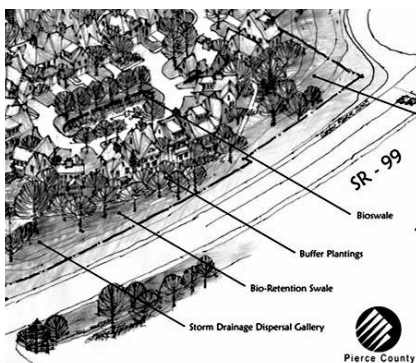
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Edgar Bonilla, right, talks with his case manager, Matt Landis, at the Congregation for the Homeless' day center at the First Congregational Church downtown.

Edgar Bonilla stands in front of the Congregations for the Homeless' (CFH) Day Center in downtown Bellevue and shakes his head.

"I never thought I'd be in this situation," Bonilla explains. "I've worked like everyone else, put my kids through private school, paid for their cars."

Bonilla, 54, has been out of work since March, when his software sales position was shifted from Seattle to Chicago and he couldn't relocate because of treatment he was getting for a medical condition.

Bonilla has a Bachelor of Science degree in math and physics and an MBA in e-business. He has been in sales for many years, but like a growing number of people squeezed by the region's inflated housing costs, Bonilla had to move out of his apartment when he couldn't land another job by the end of August. Each night he sleeps in the CFH's shelter for men, which rotates monthly among a dozen Bellevue churches, and applies for jobs from CFH's computer lab at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church each day.

The One Night Count of the Homeless on Jan. 23 found nearly 3,800 people in King County living outside without shelter. On the Eastside, according to experts, more than 1,000 people are homeless, sleeping outside or in shelters.

Emergency shelters for men, women, families and young adults are a critical need, especially during the winter months. Bellevue has leased the property on 120th Ave Northeast for the Eastside winter shelter as an emergency overnight shelter for homeless men, which is operated by CFH.

The men's winter shelter is open nightly from Nov. 1 through the end of April 2016. Men who visit are provided with a hot meal and a safe place to sleep. The trained staff also help connect the homeless to necessary resources, which will help them move toward permanent housing. Sophia Way and Catholic Community Services operate a shelter for women and families on the Eastside, which rotates between various churches in Bellevue and Redmond.

Shelters have been sited almost on a crisis basis and moved from year to year. The Eastside cities are working together to find sites for permanent shelters. With showers, storage, connections to employment and other resources to help shelter residents on their pathway out of homelessness, permanent shelters would result in better outcomes for the people served and minimize impacts for surrounding neighborhoods.


The city of Bellevue is currently working to identify a permanent emergency shelter site for men.

The city's Comprehensive Plan supports an intentional local community response to homelessness with housing and supportive services to families, youth and single adults. Bellevue's human service vision is that every member of the community has the opportunity to achieve their potential and enhance their quality of life.

The broad efforts by Bellevue and other Eastside cities to address homelessness include:

- Friends of Youth operates a shelter for homeless young adults in Redmond.
- Kirkland has plans to site a permanent emergency shelter for homeless women.
- Issaquah and Sammamish, along with the cities of Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland are contributing funding for the operation of all of the shelters.
- Fourteen cities, including Bellevue, are members of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), which assists cities with affordable housing needs and has reserved \$700,000 to help pay capital costs for a men's shelter.

Matt Landis, Bonilla's case manager, credits Bonilla for his diligence and persistence. Landis notes that with help from CFH, which calls for its clients to be accountable, more than half the 40 men he helps each year get back on their feet relatively quickly, ideally within six months.

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Council Corner



Ensuring Bellevue is 'open for business'

By Councilmember Lynne Robinson

Last year the City Council adopted a vision for Bellevue in 2035, which led with “Bellevue is open for business” and “our residents have the services they need.” I’m happy to report that we’re already making progress on both fronts.

Nurturing startups

As the owner of a small business, providing physical therapy to seniors in their homes, I have a particular interest in supporting startups in our city. We’re helping make Bellevue a place where “entrepreneurs can turn their vision into reality,” to quote from our 2014 document again.

This year, the city partnered with Impact Hub to create an incubator space across Interstate 405 from City Hall. This is just one of a number of incubators in Bellevue that offer affordable office space with flexible leases, networking opportunities and business assistance.

We have hosted a number of startup events at City Hall too, including Tech Hive and Startup Weekend Bellevue. Two startup weekend events are in the works for next year.

There are many economic development benefits to nurturing new businesses here, including increasing employment and tax revenue and building on Bellevue’s already strong reputation as a highly innovative area.

Specifically, the city’s efforts to support startups fulfill a two-year priority under economic development, one of seven strategic areas in the council vision. I am now working on a way to enable successful startups to crowdfund locally.

Facilitating affordable housing

“Achieving Human Potential” is another strategic area in the vision near and dear to my heart. I am particularly interested in our housing affordability. More affordable housing in Bellevue helps us address one of the root causes of housing insecurity, a growing problem on the Eastside.

It’s important for our community to be able to house the people who work here 40+ hours a week. Whether you are a teacher, a first responder, a new employee or an aging adult, Bellevue can be a pricey place to live.

The council recently passed a multifamily property tax exemption to give developers of apartment buildings an incentive to offer 20 percent of



The city hosted Startup Weekend Bellevue, then designed an incubator space.

units at below-market rents. In exchange, those developments will be exempt from some property taxes for 12 years.

The tax exemption is available for developments downtown and in four other areas – BelRed, Crossroads, Eastgate and Wilburton. Details about the program are available at www.bellevuewa.gov/multifamily-tax-exemption.htm.

This year, the city will begin developing a housing strategy to fully address the housing needs of our diverse population.

The benefits of these efforts are vast, but include less stress for young families, less traffic as workers can live close to where they work, enabling affordability here for seniors and retirees on fixed incomes. More affordable housing in Bellevue helps us address one of the root causes of homelessness, a growing problem on the Eastside.

Bellevue is a wonderful place to live, work, learn and play. Let’s keep it that way for everyone.

The opening of our vision statement – “We welcome the world. Our Diversity is our strength” – is the foundation of all of the council’s decisions and policies. There is no one way to be in Bellevue, and our council embraces the many different backgrounds, abilities and ages in our diverse population.

If you have concerns or ideas about startups, affordable housing or anything else about our city, I maintain regular office hours at City Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 3-5 p.m., and encourage residents to make an appointment with me.

Council Roundup

Council adopts new comprehensive plan

On Aug. 3 the City Council adopted a new comprehensive plan for Bellevue, a 20-year vision that anticipates changes in the future and outlines ways to address them.

The updated plan replaces the comprehensive plan adopted in 2004. The new plan features notable provisions focused on economic development, transportation, neighborhoods, engagement with a diverse population and affordable housing.

“This is the biggest policy document that we have,” noted Mayor Claudia Balducci. “It came out very well, and I’m proud to vote yes for it.”

The council unanimously adopted the plan, each member praising it, the considerable public process that contributed to it and the staff, boards and commissions who helped craft it over the last two and a half years.

The council made revisions to the draft update in June. The Planning Commission offered the plan for adoption in April after making changes to a draft based on feedback

gathered from a public hearing, an online open house and traditional open houses in February and March.

Building off the previous comp plan, the update continues to support investing in a strong downtown neighborhood, revitalizing commercial areas, protecting neighborhoods and enhancing the character of Bellevue as a “City in a Park.” Changes include:

Growth strategy: The plan anticipates growth of 15,800 housing units and 51,800 jobs by 2035, with the vast majority of growth accommodated through redevelopment downtown and in other mixed-use centers, including BelRed, Eastgate/Factoria and Wilburton.

Diversity and engagement: In the decade since the last major plan update, Bellevue has become one of the most diverse cities in the state. The new comprehensive plan focuses on ways the city can make public engagement more open and accessible for all.

Neighborhoods element: The updated plan includes a new chapter for Neighborhoods, creating

a “home” for neighborhood-related issues. It also frames the upcoming process for the city to update its subarea plans, which will create goals and polices for each of the 16 neighborhood areas.

Affordable housing emphasis: The update increases emphasis on housing affordability, housing for seniors and addressing homelessness.

The comprehensive plan was dedicated to Nan Campbell, who served on the City Council for two terms, 1982-1989, and was the city’s first female mayor, in 1988.

New park land in Newport Hills

Bolstering Bellevue’s credentials for the “City in a Park” moniker, the council approved the purchase of five acres of undeveloped land in the Newport Hills area for a future neighborhood park on June 21.

By a vote of 4-0 (three councilmembers were absent), the council approved allocating \$239,000 from the city’s Park & Open Space Acquisition Levy Fund for the purchase of the land. Those funds will be matched by \$239,000 from a King County Conservation Futures Levy Fund for the total purchase price of \$475,000, plus \$3,000 in closing costs.

The wooded ravine, called the Patterson property, will be combined with an adjacent 4.79-acre parcel, the Tyler property, which the city purchased in 2010 and is adjacent to the Bellevue School District’s Ringdall school site. Together, the two properties form a 9.81-acre site for the future park.

Purchase of the property preserves wildlife habitat, provides open space for future enjoyment and offers a natural buffer for surrounding neighborhoods. The land will remain undeveloped until funding becomes available for improvements.



Children play at an affordable housing complex



Three council positions contested

Three City Council seats are being contested this year, with the general election on Nov. 3. Councilmember John Stokes is running for reelection unopposed.

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 City Hall on Nov. 2 and 3.

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

Position 3



John Chelminiak
(incumbent)
Occupation: Senior
Manager, Public
Sector Solutions,
Waste Management.



Don Davidson
Occupation: Dentist.

Position 5



Michelle Hilhorst
Occupation: General
Manager, IT
Operations, AT&T;
chair of Bellevue
Planning Commission.



Vandana Slatter
Occupation: Senior
Regional Medical
Liaison, Amgen; 25
years, biotechnology
and health care.

Position 7



Lyndon Heywood
Occupation:
Production Artist.



Jennifer Robertson
(incumbent)
Occupation:
Municipal and Land
Use Attorney.

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CFH “meets the homeless where they are, but we don’t want them to stay where they are,” Landis said.

Landis is hopeful that Bonilla’s skills and determination will help him get his life back together soon. Bonilla, who at first couldn’t get himself to walk into a shelter to ask for help, finds solace in thinking of others.

“I want to help these gentlemen (in the shelters),” Bonilla says. “It’s been a growing pain, but at the same time, it has made me a better human being.”

A shelter is critical but it is not the answer to homelessness. The emergency of being homeless does occur in people’s lives, but it should be rare, one-time and brief. Emergency shelters keep people safe and can provide a needed place to a transition back to regular housing.

If you want to help or just learn about social services in place for people without homes and those facing related problems, CFH (www.cfhomeless.org/). In addition to CFH, The Sophia Way (<http://sophiaway.org/>) operates the winter shelter for women in churches in Redmond and Bellevue and a year-round shelter in Bellevue. Hopelink (https://www.hope-link.org/get_help/housing/) provides emergency shelter for homeless families at sites in Redmond and Kenmore.

Also, the King County 211 website and call centers are great resources: <http://crisisclinic.org/find-help/2-1-1-resources-and-information/>



Bellevue District Court Judge Donna Tucker and City Councilmember John Chelminiak, representing the council, cut a ribbon to mark the official opening of the new District Courthouse on July 1. The courthouse, at 1309 114th Ave. SE in the Bellefield Office Park, replaced an aging facility at Surrey Downs Park, a few blocks away. The city’s Probation Services Division also is at the courthouse.

From humble beginnings, Garden d’Lights blossoms

By Christina Faine, Parks and Community Services Public Information Officer



Garden d’Lights lights up.

The Garden d’Lights is one of Bellevue’s signature events, drawing more than 100,000 visitors to the Bellevue Botanical Garden over 36 nights with a dazzling array of plants and animals fashioned out of colored lights.

But it wasn’t always this way.

In 1994, before a life-size delphinium made out of rebar and Christmas lights was a twinkle in anyone’s eye, Bellevue’s parks director, Lee Springgate, had a problem – the Botanical Garden was virtually empty in the winter months, despite its variety of beautiful gardens. He asked Nancy Kartes, the Garden manager, to change that.

Kartes, a horticulturist who started her career at Hawaii’s National Tropical Botanical Garden, came up with the idea of recreating a botanically correct garden made with lights.

Garden d’Lights debuted that winter, with a few twinkly lights draped over rhododendron bushes and several clusters of purple lights recreating a wisteria vine placed on an arbor by the Shorts’ house, the old visitor center.

It wasn’t an instant hit, and features such as a gingerbread house contest and the Swedish festival of lights, Santa Lucia, were added in various years to induce visitors.

The event began to expand in dramatic ways in the 2000s, when the dozens of volunteers who support the Garden, led by a Garden d’Lights chairperson, started making creatures such as bunnies and squirrels. Visitors

loved it. A snap dragon was created and modified over time with humps and features such as smoke.

“Every new volunteer chair added their own flair and creativity,” said Kartes. “They took the basic concepts of how to bundle and cluster the lights and expanded on that concept broadly.”

New light creations have been added over the years, including waterfalls, ponds, spiders, peacocks, flowers, salmon, squirrels and a fire-breathing dragon.

“One challenge is how you make it fresh each year and have major features that people look forward to seeing,” said Cleo Raulerson, who is chairing the event this year. Her team promises additions including day lilies, brussels sprouts and “poultry.”

It takes more than half a million lights to produce Garden d’Lights. Approximately 130 volunteers donate 6,400 hours over an 11-month period to create the displays. They use incandescent and LED (which use less electricity) lights, zip ties and rebar.

The crowds have continued to grow over the years. An admission fee and reservation system was added in the mid-2000s to spread out the visitors.



From left, Betty Peltzer and Monica Privat work on light assemblies.

“This has become a beloved family tradition for so many people in Bellevue,” said Kartes. “People who started coming as children are now grown up, bringing their own kids. It has become a holiday tradition for families.”

This year, Garden d’Lights will run from Nov. 28 through Jan. 2, 4:30-9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays. For more information, go to www.Gardenlights.org or call 425-452-6844.

East Link construction to begin in early 2016

By Stacy Cannon, East Link Outreach Coordinator

After several years of planning, design, public outreach and negotiations between Sound Transit and the city of Bellevue, Sound Transit is expected to break ground for the East Link light rail line early next year.

Several agencies, including the city, Puget Sound Energy and the Olympic Pipeline Company, continue to work with Sound Transit to prepare for construction. You may have already noticed preparatory utility work in the BelRed area. In many cases, utilities must be moved or updated before construction begins.

The Bellevue portion of East Link will be constructed in several segments, each with its own construction schedule. As is the nature of construction projects, the projected start dates are subject to change.

Downtown tunnel segment: Work on the half-mile tunnel will be the first item of construction on the entire project. Sound Transit will carve out the tunnel using sequential excavation mining (instead of a tunnel-boring machine or cut-and-cover excavation) to reduce noise, vibration and traffic impacts. Work will start at the south entrance to the tunnel, the southwest corner of 112th Avenue Southeast and Main Street, as early as February.

Overlake segment: The Overlake segment will be almost two miles, from 136th Place Northeast and SR 520 up to Redmond’s Overlake area. It includes the Overlake Village and Redmond Technology Center stations.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2016.

South segment: The south segment is 2.2 miles along Bellevue Way, from Interstate 90, up the west side of 112th Avenue Northeast to just south of Main Street. The segment includes the South Bellevue station and park-and-ride.



Construction is set to begin in the fall of 2016.

Central segment: The central segment of East Link will run almost two miles, from Main Street to 124th Avenue Northeast in BelRed, excluding the tunnel. It includes four stations: East Main (112th Avenue Southeast and Main Street); Downtown (110th Avenue

Northeast and Northeast Sixth Street); Wilburton (formerly Hospital Station, Northeast Eighth and 116th Avenue); and Spring District/120th (120th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Spring Boulevard, formerly Northeast 15th Street). Construction is scheduled to commence in the spring of 2017.

Bel-Red segment: The Bel-Red segment will be approximately a mile through the BelRed area, from 124th Avenue Northeast to State Route 520. It includes Bel-Red/130th Station (130th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Spring Boulevard). Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2017.

Construction of the entire line is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020. System testing will occur in 2021-2022. All 10 stations of the 14-mile East Link line are anticipated to open for service in 2023. By 2030, East Link is projected to carry an estimated 50,000 riders per day.

Light Rail Maintenance Facility

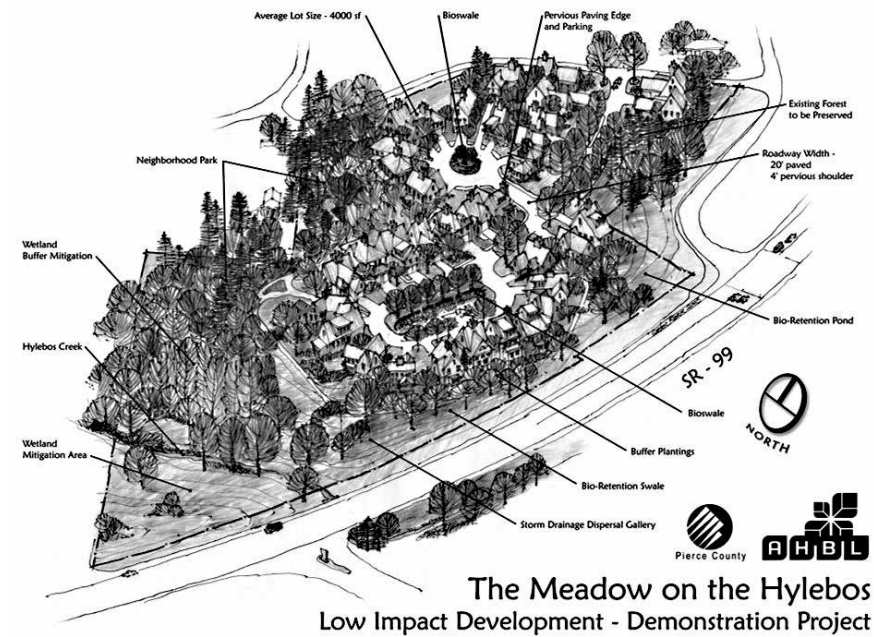
In July 2014, the Sound Transit Board identified a site in BelRed as the preferred site to study further for the Operations and Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF). The Sound Transit Board is expected to make a final decision on the location of the facility in October.

Sound Transit and city staff will continue to keep residents, commuters and visitors updated with the latest information as the project gets closer to construction.



Put a LID on stormwater runoff

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator



The city of Bellevue has a long history of supporting LID principles in its development policies and regulations – from critical areas protections established in 1987 and long-standing significant tree and maximum surface coverage regulations to the clustering of homes in subdivisions and LID incentive regulations in the 2009 BelRed rezone.

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces, such as driveways, sidewalks, roofs and streets, prevent runoff from soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into the city’s storm sewer system or directly into a body of water.

Polluted stormwater can cloud the water and make it difficult for fish and aquatic vegetation to survive. Excessive nutrients can cause algae blooms.

LID stormwater and land use management practices are intended to replicate the natural hydrology of a site, where native vegetation and soils would absorb and filter rainwater, limiting runoff. LID best practices include rain gardens and permeable pavement. LID principles involve minimizing impervious surface and reducing the loss of native vegetation.

The city has analyzed its codes and enforceable standards to explore ways the LID principles can be addressed. Six areas of focus, discussion and further exploration were identified, including:

- Site design;
- Impervious surface coverage;
- Tree retention and canopy coverage;
- Clustering buildings;
- Impervious surface coverage on streets; and
- Tree retention and canopy coverage on streets.

The City Council supports the LID Principles project, and Development Services and Utilities staff held three public workshops in September and October to introduce the project to residents.

As part of a federal and state-mandated effort to reduce stormwater runoff associated with construction, the city is exploring opportunities to further integrate low-impact development, or LID, principles into its codes and standards for new development and redevelopment projects.

Detailed information about the LID Principles project, including online ways to provide input, is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development.htm.

Bellevue welcomes Global Innovation Exchange

By Sonja Hanson, Acting Chief Communications Officer

The University of Washington, Tsinghua University in China and Microsoft Corp. have selected Bellevue as the future home of a groundbreaking partnership to educate innovators from around the world.

The Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) will attract top students, faculty, professionals and entrepreneurs from around the world to tackle some of the biggest technology and design challenges around. As the UW announced in June, the GIX will be in Bellevue’s Spring District, a major commercial and residential neighborhood now under construction by developer Wright-Runstad in the city’s Bel-Red area.

Bel-Red is located between the UW and Microsoft’s main campus in Redmond. In 2023, light rail will provide a direct link between the two campuses, with stops at the Spring District and downtown Bellevue, approximately one mile away.

“Bellevue is an ideal location for the Global Innovation Exchange, and we welcome the UW

with open arms,” said Mayor Claudia Balducci. “Microsoft is already our largest employer, and we are thrilled with the company’s latest commitment to the community -- a reflection of our own commitment to forward-looking economic development. We believe the presence of GIX will enhance Bellevue and the Eastside as a center for technology, entrepreneurship and international business.”

On hand in June to unveil the project downtown were Gov. Jay Inslee, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, interim University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce, and Qui Yong, president of Tsinghua University. Nadella said that Microsoft will provide \$40 million in “foundational funding” for the project and that the company is “deeply committed” to GIX.

Bellevue is the commercial center for the Eastside with more than 136,000 jobs. A variety of major companies call Bellevue home, including Paccar, T-Mobile, Symetra, Puget Sound Energy

and Esterline. About 20 percent of Bellevue jobs are in the information technology sector.

The city also benefits from its international character and is considered a gateway to the Pacific Rim. More than 38 percent of Bellevue’s 134,400 residents are foreign born, and 33 percent of that population is from China.

GIX will open its doors in the fall of 2016 with an inaugural program based on a 15-month master’s degree in technology innovation to support the growth in connected devices.

Within a decade, UW expects more than 3,000 learners to be studying at GIX, in a project-based environment.

Locating GIX in Bellevue fulfills an important City Council priority to develop an educational institution to attract local and international talent. The city’s economic development plan calls for the cultivation of a “next generation” of technology entrepreneurs and GIX can help facilitate that vision.

Solar energy takes off like Superman here

By Paul Andersson, Environmental Stewardship Administrator

Solar is coming to save the day in Bellevue—turning our community into a clean energy hotspot! Solar “superheroes” in yellow leotards installed solar panels on the roof of the KidsQuest Children’s Museum in early September.

Solar energy is more than a publicity stunt in Bellevue. With solar panels and their installation more affordable as a result of the Solarize Bellevue program, more than 70 residents have had solar arrays put on their

homes so far this year and last.

More than 250 residents have learned about the ins and outs of solar power installation here at four Solarize Bellevue workshops this year. Subsidies, incentives and the dropping price of solar technology can now provide a return on your solar investment in less than five years through the Solarize program. Low-interest financing options also make going solar more inviting.

More information about Solarize Bellevue is available at www.greenwa.org. The goal of the program is to match last year’s 50 solar power installations in Bellevue.

A&R Solar, the contractor installing the solar panels for Solarize Bellevue, donated the \$25,000 array at KidsQuest’s new location.

In other super-solar news, Puget Sound Energy will donate \$40,000 to a solar array at the Crossroads International Park. The donation comes after Bellevue hit its goal in PSE’s Green Power Challenge, with 250 residents signing up for the program and supporting regional renewable energy projects by purchasing green power on their utility bill.

The solar energy at the park will power the Spray Playground and seasonal festivals, as well as two electric vehicle charging stations.

Finally, with all the sunshine this summer, the Bellevue Service Center’s first year of solar energy production was super indeed. The BSC’s solar panels generated 27,394 kilowatt hours of power, exceeding the prediction by 48 percent, providing \$6,755 back to the city in savings and incentives.

That solar energy reduced the building’s carbon dioxide emissions for the year by 12.3 metric tons, the equivalent to planting three acres of trees or eliminating two electrically heated households’ annual carbon emissions.



Caped crusaders prepare to install a solar panel at KidsQuest Children’s Museum.

Helpful tips to prepare for the rainy season

By Brian Ward, Stormwater Systems Engineer

When rain storms are intense, the city's storm drain system can become overwhelmed and flooding can occur. It's a good idea to prepare now to protect your property and yourself.

Flood insurance is required for structures in the floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. Whether you're in a floodplain or not, there are a few helpful steps you can take in a flood.

Properties in floodplains or next to streams, lakes and wetlands are most susceptible to flooding. Floodplains benefit the entire community by providing temporary storage of floodwaters until a storm subsides.

Bellevue's drainage system also includes flood detention ponds, pipes and ditches. Some parking lots and parks are even designed to fill with water during big storms.

Of course, you don't need to be in a floodplain to experience flooding. Most flooding in Bellevue is caused by storm drains 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 around the city and help from residents to keep them free of debris is appreciated.

Floodplain boundary lines are shown on FEMA flood insurance rate maps. To find out if your property is located within a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-6977 or check Bellevue's floodplain maps at www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplain_map.htm. The city also keeps elevation



certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplains.

Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides flood insurance for all properties. 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 National Flood Insurance Program and keep in mind that Bellevue residents receive a 25 percent discount on policies due to Bellevue's floodplain management program. Be aware that there is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect. The city has information about federal and regional financial assistance programs

available to mitigate flooding problems.

Things to remember:

- Report flooding at your home or business by calling the Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.
- Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves, so you can do so 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 locating your main water shut off valve, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840.
- Move to higher floors or higher ground if you experience flooding. Never wade or drive through flooded areas. If your car stalls in water, abandon it and move to higher ground.
- Prevent erosion and slow stormwater runoff by preserving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes.
- If there are drainage problems near your property, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. Help Utilities by removing leaves from nearby clogged storm drains.
- Routinely clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from driveways, culverts, drainage ditches, gutters and downspouts.
- If your crawlspace or basement floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, test it regularly.

Walkers, bicyclists pinpoint imperfections with mapping tool

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

Hundreds of people have taken part in a mapping survey to help city officials identify problematic conditions or behaviors in Bellevue's walking and bicycling network.

Now, with the survey (<http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/bellevuewa.html>) closing on Oct. 31, city transportation officials hope to get even more pedestrians and bicyclists in Bellevue – and people who may want to walk or bike but don't feel safe doing so – to participate.

"When it comes to public involvement, there's no such thing as too much," said Franz Loewenherz, senior planner and project manager. "Getting many people to take part increases our ability to know the challenges and prioritize the resources."

The survey allows users to locate an issue of concern on a map, describe and evaluate it using a menu of options, choose a solution, make additional comments and upload a photo of the location if desired.

The information eventually could lead to improvements. A broad cross-section of stakeholders and city staff will consider the input and develop action strategies to potentially address locations and corridors where problems frequently occur.

Mapping where people notice hazardous conditions or behavior is one of the tasks identified in Bellevue's Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative (www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbike-initiative.htm). The initiative is intended to advance the projects and programs identified in 2009's Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.

The survey is meant to help transportation staff design facilities, develop education programs and deploy enforcement activities to address safety issues. It is not intended to replace the city's [MyBellevue](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mybellevue) mobile app and portal, which is used to report maintenance issues such as potholes, and to request services.



August windstorm a wake-up call for winter preparedness

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

Remember that windstorm that whipped through the area the last weekend of August, causing widespread power outages? It was a good reminder about the unpredictable nature of the weather.

As fall turns to winter, the possibility of wind, rain, snow and ice only increases. The

city of Bellevue is stepping up its preparations for harsh conditions, and residents and business owners are urged to do the same.

Here are some important phone numbers and websites that will 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 on emergency preparedness: Go to the city's home page (www.bellevuewa.gov) and click the Extreme Weather

Response icon. Sign up for email alerts; also find detailed information on how to prepare for an emergency (www.bellevuewa.gov/emergency-preparedness.htm);

Smart phone information: Use the MyBellevue app and click on the Emergencies and Extreme Weather widget; and

Real-time traffic map: Check city traffic cameras for views at key intersections (www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap).

And remember, if a traffic signal is not working due to a power outage, treat the dark intersection as a four-way stop.

In case of snow and ice, city crews will have seven medium-sized, four-by-four trucks and eight dump trucks ready that can be configured with plows and sanders to clear roadways. The city also contracts with a meteorologist to provide Bellevue-specific forecasts at least daily through the winter.





Eastside cities team up to litter less at lunchtime

By Jennifer Goodhart, Conservation and Outreach Administrator

This school year, students in some Eastside cities are starting off right by packing lunches with less waste. It has been estimated that a school-age child using disposable lunch items generates an average of 67 pounds of waste per school year.



The cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Kirkland and Redmond have teamed up for a second year as EcoLunch Eastside to help students and parents to create less trash with their lunches. These cities are collaborating by providing reusable lunch kits and information on “waste-free” lunches.

Many students come to school with lunches full of single-use items, including: juice boxes, bags of chips, fruit snacks, string cheese, Ziploc bags, granola bars and yogurt cups. While convenient, most of these items go straight to the landfill.

Each resident who signs up online and takes a pledge receives a free, reusable lunch box with convenient compartments to store various types of food. They also get ideas about how to make less trash with their lunches. A survey after last year’s program showed that respondents really liked the lunch kits and used them to replace Ziploc bags and pre-packaged snacks.

A waste-free lunch can include:

- Reusable plastic, glass, or metal containers
- Cloth napkins
- Stainless-steel forks and spoons
- Reusable drink containers
- Reusable lunchboxes

Reducing the number of lunch items destined for the landfill can save money, conserve resources, prevent pollution and make for healthier lunches. Check out www.ecoluncheastside.org for more information.

Did you register your alarm system?

A Bellevue ordinance required that all monitored security alarm systems in the city be registered by Oct. 1. If you haven’t done so yet, you have until the end of October before fees are assessed.

Annual Registration is \$25 for residents and businesses (\$12 for senior/disabled citizens). Residents and businesses can update all contact information at the time of renewal.

Annual registration is in January, but due to the late implementation date, all those who register in 2015 will not be required to register again until January 2017.

Alarm registration is available online at www.crywolfservices.com/bellevuewa

If you have questions or need assistance registering please contact a CryWolf representative (1-855-694-8280 (toll-free) or bellevuewa@publicsafetycorp.com.

Fall construction at Bellevue Way and 112th

By Michael May, Utilities Public Information Officer

From Oct. 26 to Nov. 11, the intersection of 112th Avenue Southeast and Bellevue Way Southeast will see significant traffic modifications to accommodate the continuation of sewer improvement work at the Bellefield Pump Station.

For two to three weeks, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the travelling public can expect these changes at the intersection during the week:

- No left turns from southbound 112th onto southbound Bellevue Way toward Interstate 90;
- No left turns from southbound Bellevue Way onto northbound 112th Avenue toward downtown;
- Detour routes will be signed for the turn restrictions above, but alternate routes should be planned;
- During portions of the two-week construction period, Bellevue Way will be reduced from two lanes each direction to one lane each direction;
- During non-construction hours, steel plates will be placed on the street, and motorists should exercise caution.
- Turning restrictions will be lifted outside of construction hours.

The sewer improvements are needed to increase capacity to serve a growing downtown, and to replace aging infrastructure. During construction, expect heavy equipment, delivery of materials, noise and traffic delays.

Learn more about these projects at www.bellevuewa.gov/bellefield.htm. Use these tools to stay updated about construction around Bellevue:

- Traffic Advisories: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Real Time Bellevue Traffic: www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap;
- Get news on your mobile phone or tablet with the MyBellevue app.

How to get it right

By Steve Kasner, Vice Chair East Bellevue Community Council

Lots of things are happening throughout the city as we start to see how the recent update of Bellevue's comprehensive plan is going to be implemented.

The first giant improvement is that the neighborhood areas have been renamed so you are more likely to understand where each area is. Our area, which used to be called Southeast Bellevue, is now Lake Hills, which is what most people considered this area.

The next steps will be to analyze the assets and deficiencies in each area to plan adjustments. This process will be phased over the next seven years, to coincide with the new and improved Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

Some of the areas under consideration for closer analysis are Northeast Bellevue, Eastgate and Lake Hills. If you want your neighborhood area to be updated sooner than later, talk to your City Council members.

Also, your ballot for the general election should appear shortly, and you should take the time to study your choices for city and county government, and vote for those that you think will best implement your views.

The East Bellevue Community Council has been working hard to represent the citizens of East Bellevue, as we approved the new Comprehensive Plan and marijuana regulations, and learned about new development principles to protect our stormwater system when new projects are built.

But you may have heard we spent most of our spring and summer studying the record on Puget Sound Energy's proposal to install an additional transmission line connecting the Lake Hills (Northeast Eighth Street and 164th Avenue Northeast) and Phantom Lake (Southeast 16th Street and 156th Avenue Northeast) substations.

Projects similar to this have been discussed for over 20 years. As technology evolves, the citizens of Bellevue expect that any infrastructure improvements will be made with an eye to the future.

You may have noticed that PSE sent a mailer in late September to those of us in East Bellevue, stating that the East Bellevue Community Council does not care about electrical reliability. I can state that for myself, that could not be further from the truth. This project is currently in litigation in King County Superior Court. Check our minutes if you want to see how our decisions were made.

In other Lake Hills happenings, Lake Hills Village has added many new tenants and is starting to become the neighborhood gathering space many of us have envisioned for years. You can grab a bite to eat, spend some time in a spa and improve your driving, and many people actually live there. The Lake Hills Neighborhood Association recently held its candidates forum at the shopping center, and we learned a lot about those who wish to represent us.

More stores will open at Lake Hills Village in the coming months, and if you have not been there yet, you should check it out. Located at Lake Hills Boulevard and 156th Avenue Southeast, with entrances from both streets, it is certainly a new destination spot unless you are a regular library user and you go there all the time.



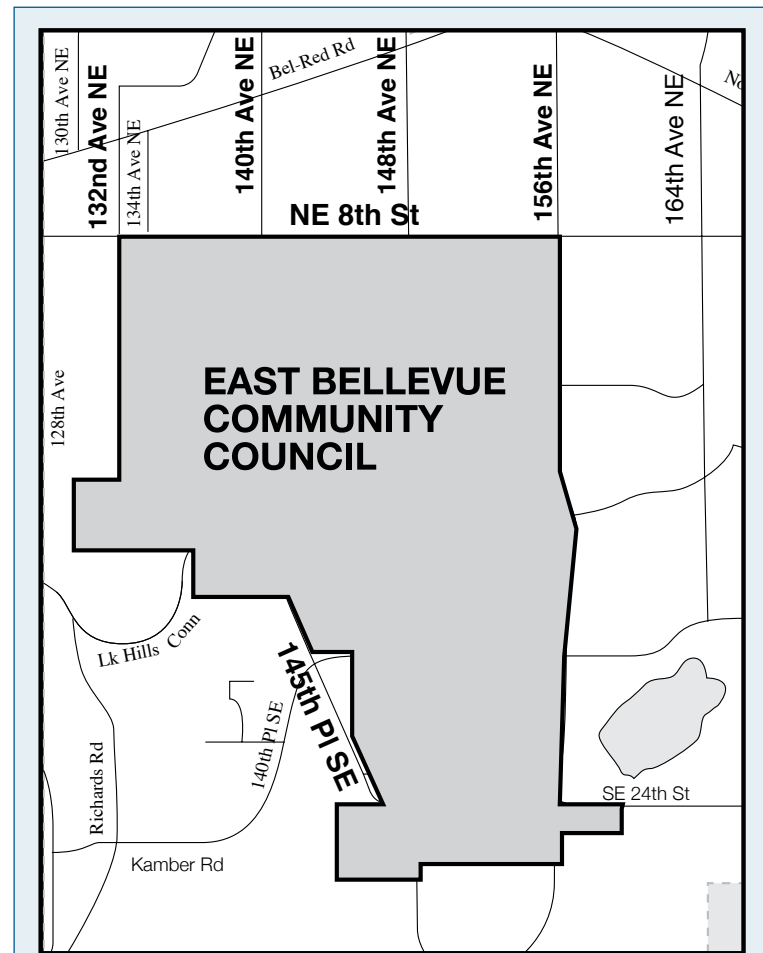
Low-interest home repair loans

Bellevue homeowners with low to moderate incomes can receive up to \$35,000 in zero-interest loans and grants from Bellevue's Home Repair Program for projects including roof, plumbing, furnace, driveways, electrical or other repairs, and weatherization projects. These loans don't have to be repaid until the house is sold, and no monthly payment is required.

To be eligible for assistance, you must have owned and lived in the house for which you are requesting assistance for at least a year, the house must be within the Bellevue city limits, you must not have a reverse mortgage and you must meet the program's income requirements.

To determine eligibility, count the number of household members residing in the house (household size) and check the maximum allowable income at www.bellevuewa.gov/homerepair_assistance_eligibility.htm.

For more information about Bellevue's Home Repair Program, call the Parks & Community Services Department at 425-452-6884 (TDD: 411).



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 e-mail at EBCC@bellevuewa.gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.

Volunteer in Waterwise Garden

Splendid gardens don't need large amounts of water or garden chemicals that can harm children, pets and Puget Sound.

The Bellevue Botanical Garden's award-winning Waterwise Garden demonstrates natural gardening that's healthier for families and local ecosystems. Volunteers are needed to help care for the garden. Learn new practices and discover plantings that conserve water, lower chemical use, reduce runoff, recycle waste and preserve habitat – all without sacrificing an ounce of beauty. Join the Waterwise Volunteer Team and:

- Learn natural gardening techniques that can easily be applied to your home garden.
- Get hands-on experience soil building, composting and caring for a variety of plants during the growing season.
- Meet new people and build friendships by sharing similar interests.
- Have fun while achieving important resource conservation goals in the community.

Volunteer days are the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m., from spring to fall. No experience is needed. For more information, send an email to pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4127.



Volunteer Nancy Daar





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 Contact

Pikes Peak Reservoir and Pump Station Replacement: Rehabilitating (or replacing) existing Pikes Peak 1 million gallon steel reservoir for structural/seismic purposes, and replacing existing Pikes Peak Pump Station adjacent to reservoir. Construction 2017-2018. \$5.7 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
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Bel-Red Contact

Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing existing pump station to increase capacity for growth in Bel-Red. Construction may be dependent on redevelopment rates in the Bel-Red Corridor rezone area. \$4 million (est.) Design underway.	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 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 until December 2016. \$36.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 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 complete in 2015. \$14.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 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 120th and a new signal at NE Spring Blvd. NE Spring Blvd from NE 12th St to 120th will be a new four-lane roadway with a multimodal path along the north side. Includes bridge construction over the proposed East Link light rail alignment. Final design by March 2016. \$31.6 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 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; final design began May 2015. \$3.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE Spring Blvd: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes with multipurpose path/sidewalk. 30% design \$1.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE Spring Blvd to NE 18th St: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Design complete spring 2016. Construction 2017. \$19.94 million (est.)	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 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, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads Contact

140th Ave NE: Installing two new mid-block crossings north of NE 8th St and NE 12th St., with sidewalk and curb ramps, median, lighting, and flashing beacons. Construction winter 2016. \$410,000.	Darek Jarzynski, 425-452- 4277 Djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov
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Downtown Contact

Downtown Park "Complete the Circle": Complete circular promenade and canal, and expand the parking lot off of 100th Ave NE. Construction TBD \$5 million http://bellevuewa.gov/downtown-park-complete-circle.htm	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Park Inspiration Playground: Building a new playground with universally accessible design. Construction will depend on Rotary fundraising. http://bellevuewa.gov/inspiration-playground.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Transportation Plan: Implementing pedestrian and bicycle projects to ensure mobility and enhance livability through 2030, with a focus on access to Downtown light rail station. www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate Contact

Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and standby generator. Construction underway. \$1.2-1.45 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station: Designing for replacement of reservoir and pump station. Construction early 2016. \$2.3-\$4.5 million	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Design 2016, Construction 2017. \$1.3 million	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 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 in 2016. \$8.1 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452- 7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Hills Contact

Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station: Rehabilitating wastewater pumping station to meet current standards. In design. Construction 2016. \$750,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
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Northeast Bellevue Contact

Northup Way Connection to the SR 520 Trail: Adding bike lanes and sidewalks from NE 24th Street to NE 33rd Place to connect SR 520 trail with new regional trail at 108th Ave NE. Also adding a pedestrian bridge over Eastside Rail Corridor (former BNSF). Construction early 2016. \$13.7 million (est.) www.bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
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Northwest Bellevue

Bellevue Way NE/NE 24th Street Sidewalk: Adding 80 feet of new sidewalk on the north side of NE 24th St. Construction January 2016. \$250,000	Greg Lucas, 425-452- 4550 Glucas@bellevuewa.gov
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Sammamish/East Lake Hills Contact

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 http://bellevuewa.gov/airfield-park-master-plan.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
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Somerset/Sunset Contact

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: 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 Spring 2016. \$2.5 million for design only. www.bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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West Bellevue

Contact

Meydenbauer Bay Park - Phase 1: Designing to reflect adopted Master Plan, including park expansion west of 99th Ave NE. Construction 2017. \$12 million www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm	Robin Cole, 425-452- 2881 Rcole@bellevuewa.gov
Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place, with modifications to the existing Grange Pump Station. Construction 2016-2017. \$4.8 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@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, 425-452-4367 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 2015-2016. \$7.8 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
East CBD Sewer Trunk Line Improvements: Replacing 2,200 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipes serving east side of downtown. Construction 2015-2016, \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Surrey Downs Park Development: Design and construction of park improvements. Design and permitting 2015-2016. Construction 2018. \$7 million.	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 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. Public involvement 2016. \$4.4 million.	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452- 4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton

Contact

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. www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-St-extension.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,400 feet of sewer pipe with larger-diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re-development in Wilburton. Construction Spring 2016. \$9.4 million	Brandon Cole, 425-452- 4474 Bcole@bellevuewa.gov

Woodridge

Contact

123rd Ave SE Sidewalk: SE 20th Pl to SE 26th St: Adding sidewalk on east side of roadway with traffic safety measures. Construction early 2016. \$2 million	Mike Rodni, 425-452- 4586 Mrodni@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2015, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system in advance of street pavement overlays throughout the city's sewer service area. Construction 2016. \$1.2million (est.)	Stephen Noeske, 425-452- 5271 snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Various Locations

Contact

East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance final design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. Construction early 2016. \$2.8 billion. www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm , www.soundtransit.org/eastlink	Stacy Cannon, 425-452-2064 SCannon@bellevuewa.gov
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Program: Rebuilding floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and I-405. Construction underway. \$4.65 billion. www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge.htm	Rick Logwood, 425-452- 6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main: Replacing 1.5-1.6 miles of aging asbestos cement water main with ductile iron pipe. 2015 Phase 1- \$2.2 million; 2015 Phase 2- \$2.2 million; 2015 Phase 3- \$1.6 million	Abe Santos, 425-452- 6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
LED St Light Conversion: Working with Puget Sound Energy to install light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures in street lights city-wide. Installing through 2016. \$596,000 www.bellevuewa.gov/ledconversion.htm	Kam Szabo, 425-452- 4346 Kszabo@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Rehabilitation and Replacement 2014 & 2016: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in various neighborhoods. 2014 - In Construction, \$740,000; 2016 - Construction summer 2016, \$350,000	Abe Santos, 425-452- 6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals: Monitoring traffic entering intersections and adjusting signal timing in real time. Phase 5 deployment is under way of 27 intersections citywide. \$500,000	Fred Liang, 425-452- 5361 Fliang@bellevuewa.gov
148th Ave SE & Main St and SE 8 St 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, 425-452- 4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Five major construction projects done

By Tresa Berg, Transportation Public Involvement Manager

We are pleased to announce, and many businesses and residents will be happy to hear, the following five projects are completed or will be completed by the end of this month:

Lakemont Boulevard/Cougar Mountain Way/Southeast 63rd Street Traffic Signal: The traffic light was turned on in August, making this busy intersection operate more efficiently and safely with pedestrian, bicycle and traffic improvements.

Wilburton Streetscapes Enhancements: The improvements on 124th Avenue Northeast, between Main and Northeast Eighth streets, were completed in early September. The roadway was enhanced with a stamped concrete entry treatment at Eighth Street, colored concrete crosswalks, intersection safety enhancements, landscaping, roadway medians and new gateway signs at Southeast Seventh and Northeast Eighth streets that reflect the feel and character of the neighborhood.

116th Avenue Northeast Pavement Overlay: New pavement was just part of the improvements added between Northeast 12th Street and Northup Way. Bike lanes were added on both sides of the roadway, which will improve access between the State Route 520 trail and downtown Bellevue. To enhance conditions for pedestrians, ADA curb ramps and sidewalks were reconstructed along the corridor. Underground conduits were also installed in advance of the overlay for a new mid-block crosswalk, which will be installed near Children's Hospital later this year.

Southeast Newport Way Walkway/Bikeway: To be finished this month, the project ensures children, parents and others can more easily access Eastgate Elementary School via a new crosswalk and sidewalks between 150th and 152nd avenues. Landscaping and pavement restoration was also part of the project.



Northeast Fourth Street Extension: The extension, from 116th Avenue to 120th, is a five-lane arterial that includes bike lanes, curb, gutter and sidewalk on both sides, with street lighting, landscaped planters, screening fence and stormwater facilities. A new traffic signal at 120th Avenue is part of the project. This new roadway will improve access, circulation and mobility options for drivers, transit, freight, pedestrians and bicyclists to and from downtown and the BelRed area.

We realize that you may have encountered construction and traffic delays this past spring or summer if you travelled near or around any of these five projects. If you did, we thank you for patience and understanding as we managed day-to-day construction activity.



Community Calendar

October

Bellevue Youth Theatre "Brigadoon"

Oct. 24 and 30 at 7 p.m.; Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.
All ages. \$12 per ticket
425-452-7155 or
byt@bellevuewa.gov

South Bellevue Spookfest

South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Sponsored by Bellevue Nissan

SpookFest Zip Scare

Oct 23, 24, 25, 30 & 31, start times at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

*no 8 p.m. tour Sunday, 10/25
\$24/youth 12-17; \$39/ages 18 & up
Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark!
Register at

www.MyParksandRecreation.com

425-452-4240 or
sbcc@bellevuewa.gov

Spookfest Carnival

Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Carnival games, arts & crafts, performances, food and more!
Tickets sold day of at SBCC. \$1/ ticket. Some free activities. All ages family event. No registration required.

Great SBCC Pumpkin Race

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.
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; Pre-registration is required code #87027

Register at
www.MyParksandRecreation.com

425-452-4240 or
sbcc@bellevuewa.gov

SpookFest Dessert Theater

Oct. 24
2-3:30 pm show (course #96149)
7-8:30pm show (course #96150)
Bellevue Youth Theater presents "The Apocalypse".
Ticket Prices: \$8.00 Youth (7-17Y) & \$10.00 Adult (18Y+)
Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Halloween Luncheon

Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Enjoy lunch, fun music, and wear your favorite Halloween costume!
Ages 18+; Cost \$4 for adults 60+; \$6 for all others. Preregistration required. 425-452-7681

Pee Wee Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 24, 10-11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Art, music, snacks and a pumpkin relay race for ages 2 to 5.
\$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. Pre-registration required.
425-452-4106, course 96368.
Info: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

November

Bellevue Youth Theatre "Snow White and Rose Red"

Nov. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 8, 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.
Suitable for the entire family.
\$10-\$12 per ticket
425-452-7155 or email
byt@bellevuewa.gov

Youth Appreciation & Safety Day

Nov. 27, 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. \$6.75 for ages 13 and older.
425-452-4444

Bellevue Youth Theatre "The Mitten"

Nov. 20, 21, 27 & 28 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, 28 & 29 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.
Ukrainian folk tale about a child who loses a mitten in the snow, which becomes a home for animals. The magic of the forest is brought to life in this tale of sharing and giving.
Cost is \$10-\$12 per ticket.
425-452-7155

Tuesday Sound of Swing Dance

Dec. 8, 2-4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Enjoy favorites of the Big Band era with the Sounds of Swing band.
\$3 per person at the door. Pre-registration not required.
425-452-7681

Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Enjoy seasonal music before lunch. Preregister by Dec. 9. \$4 for ages 60 and over, \$6 all others; payable at door. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681

Bellevue Magic Season Events

Garden d'Lights

Nov. 28 – Jan. 2, 4:30-9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9)
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 available online starting Oct. 15.
www.gardendlights.org
425-452-6844

Bellevue Magic Season Ice Arena

presented by Bank of America
Nov. 27-Jan. 11; open daily, hours vary
Bellevue Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.
Partial open-air rink (the only one in the Seattle area)
Featuring a heated tent for spectators and larger rink surface
\$12 admission includes skate rentals.
425-453-3110

Snowflake Lane

Nov. 27-Dec. 24
Nightly at 7 p.m.
Bellevue Way & NE 8th St.
Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and winter characters, music, and a dazzling light show brighten the night.
425-454-8096 or
www.bellevuecollection.com/SnowflakeLane

The Theatre at Meydenbauer

A special holiday series of musical and dramatic productions by regional and local performance groups, www.theatreatmeydenbauer.com



A scene from a Bellevue Youth Theatre production of "Snow White," not to be mixed up with "Snow White and Rose Red."

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. N.E.
Turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment.
Pre-registration required by Nov. 10.
\$4-\$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681

Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Classes

Nov. 26, Choose 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Class is free, with a donation of a Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase holiday gifts for disadvantaged kids in the Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Preregistration required.
Ages 13+
425-452-4240

"Fit for the Feast" MASTERS Swim Workout

Nov. 26, 9-11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE.
Ages 19 and up. All abilities are welcome. Cost is \$10, includes a t-shirt.
425-452-2806

December

Hilltop Holiday Craft Fair

Dec. 2-4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Thousands of quality crafts from more than 65 of Northwest's finest artists and crafters. Free admission.
425-452-4106 or
hilltop.crafts@frontier.com

Christmas Ship Festival

Dec. 3, Newcastle Beach Park
4400 Lk Washington Blvd. SE,
8:55-9:15 p.m.
Dec. 22, Meydenbauer Beach Park
419 98th Ave NE, 9-9:20 p.m.
See the ships from onshore and enjoy a beach fire to keep you warm!
Free event. Pre-registration is not required.
425-452-4106 or
NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Youth Theatre "An Elf's Tale"

Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 6, 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.
Original musical filled with holiday spirit and fun, suitable for all ages.
\$10-\$12 per ticket.
425-452-7155

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City Contact Information

City Hall

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

Service First (general information): 452-6800

City of Bellevue website: www.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 (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

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 www.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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Neighborhood Enhancement Program returns

By Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager

The City Council recently approved relaunching the Neighborhood Enhancement Program!

Founded on the principle that residents are best suited to determine the type of improvements that would make the most difference in their neighborhood, NEP invites residents to propose and select small-scale, capital improvement projects for their neighborhood. Potential projects may include art elements, crosswalk improvements, farm stands, trail connections, street lighting, picnic shelters, play structures and streetscape improvements.



The playground at Ardmore Park was an NEP project.

The program, approved on July 13, will cycle through the city around 14 neighborhood areas in alignment with the Comprehensive Plan subarea boundaries. NEP will serve two neighborhood areas per year, over the course of seven years.

NEP has a \$5 million budget, approved in the seven-year 2014-20 Capital Investment Program, which will be allocated proportionally to each neighborhood area based on the number of households in each area.

Additionally, the original NEP's \$150,000 project cap has been removed, allowing each neighborhood area to utilize their entire budgets on one project if desired. Multiple projects can also be funded up to the neighborhood area budget limit. Each household in the neighborhood areas will be provided a ballot to vote on their top priorities – and the top projects selected will be built.

The time to start dreaming and brainstorming about what might improve your neighborhood is now! The first neighborhood area in the NEP schedule is Eastgate/Factoria. For more details about the program (including neighborhood area maps, project criteria and the order of the rotation cycle), please visit the program webpage www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm.

For additional information, please contact Emily Kish (ekish@bellevuewa.gov).

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