



## Sculptures decorate downtown

Exhibit at Downtown Park and City Hall through early October



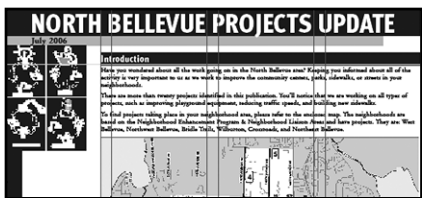
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Visitors to the Bellevue Downtown Park this summer will get an eyeful of art. Look one way and you'll see a massive, gleaming bar of steel twisting gracefully upon itself. Take a few steps and you'll see a set of large, wood spheres. A few more paces will bring you to a 20-foot tall piece of aluminum slowly spinning with the wind.

Go to the new City Hall and you'll view more sculpture. Among the art on display in the public halls and the plaza are a 200-pound stainless steel sculpture that offers a graphic image of reduced and abstracted female garments and an intricately textured column of wood reminiscent of beavers' work.

The seventh biennial Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition makes any trip to the Bellevue Downtown Park or the new City Hall a cultural



*"Reclining Nude" by Micajah Bienvenu stretches 10 feet into the air and nearly 20 feet along the ground. See it at Bellevue Downtown Park.*



*Installers put Barry Scharf's "Vertical Dam" sculpture into place in Bellevue City Hall.*

experience. From June 17 to Oct. 9, visitors can see 40 works of original sculpture by artists from the United States, Canada and Europe. Sponsored by the Bellevue Arts Commission, this free exhibit has provided Northwest residents and visitors with the opportunity to view and enjoy a diverse selection of art every other year since it began in 1992.

The exhibition kicked off on June 17 with a grand opening at City Hall. Mayor Grant Degginger greeted visitors and, while munching on hors d'oeuvres and listening to music, they got their first looks at the sculptures. City Hall is at 450 110th Ave. NE, and Bellevue Downtown Park is at 10201 NE 4th St.

"Public art is the most important art in the world because everyone gets to experience it," said Micajah Bienvenu, an artist from Friday Harbor who crafted the twisting, sensual, stainless steel sculpture in the park called "Reclining Nude."


These sculptures, many of them abstract structures of concrete, steel and glass, are more than just

pretty shapes and colors. When you admire seven 8-foot tall carved cedar poles bolted to a platform at the park, you can forget concrete jungles to focus on "Urban Forest." Artist Steve Jensen of Seattle said that his work is influenced by the ancient tradition of carving.

"Chair" is an intricately detailed version of a chair made of iron and steel. If looking at art tires you out, you'll have to find another place to sit thought because this sculpture is nearly seven feet tall. Jennifer Cecere of New York City describes her work as "female, delicate and fragile but in reality ... very strong."



*If you want to take a load off at City Hall, you'll have to sit elsewhere. "Chair" by Jennifer Cecere stands nearly seven feet tall.*

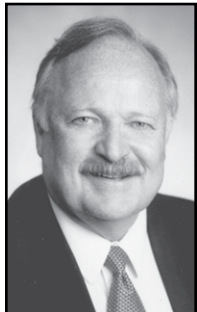
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## Council Corner



### Residents need to tune in, get involved in transportation issues

By Bellevue City Councilmember Don Davidson

Ask most people to identify the most pressing problem facing our city and region and the answer will probably be the same: Traffic.

Anyone who regularly travels our major arterials can tell you that congestion is the norm, not the exception, on many of our roadways. Rush hour has become rush hours, and forecasts predict the gridlock to grow along with our region.

Indeed, one estimate predicts that by 2040, our region will have 1.6 million more people, and delays on our roadways will double unless actions are taken.

So how do we respond to this challenge as a city and as a region?

How do we improve our roadways and high capacity transit infrastructure so it can accommodate the increased demands and maintain - or enhance - our quality of life?

How do we make sure our future roadway and mass transit investments are smart ones that meet consumer preferences, provide the highest return on our tax dollars and withstand the test of time?

Those are a few of the questions we face in coming months as the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) and Sound Transit work to determine proposals to put before voters next year to improve our region's transportation infrastructure.

Both agencies will be seeking your ideas as they identify potential roadway and transit projects and finalize ballot proposals for the fall, 2007 election. Under state law, both the RTID and Sound Transit measures must pass before either can be implemented.

RTID was established in 2002 as a joint effort of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties to identify specific road projects of regional significance, and recommend to voters how to fund those projects through local taxes and fees.

Comprised of county council members from the three counties, RTID last January unveiled a tentative list of proposed roadway improvement projects which included major investments in six key transportation

corridors, including I-405 in Bellevue and SR 520.

Sound Transit, created 13 years ago by state lawmakers to build a mass transit system for King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, is completing its first phase of regional mass transit projects. It is also deciding on a second phase of projects to put before voters. While the agency has yet to finalize a list of projects with specific route alignments and the technologies to be used, the list is likely to include high capacity transit.

As the two entities firm up their proposals in the weeks and months ahead, it's vitally important that residents and businesses pay attention and learn what the proposed projects brought forward by RTID and Sound Transit will mean to our community.

The implications for Bellevue are immense because the choices we make for our future transportation infrastructure will play a major role in shaping our quality of life now and in the future.

The Bellevue City Council has long recognized that the stakes are high for our community, and has adopted two major interest statements that serve as our city's overarching policy on regional transportation and mass transit issues.

Among other things, the first statement - called a Regional Transportation Vision - advocates a four-pronged solution to our transportation challenges that include freeway improvements, high occupancy vehicle lane system integration, regional bus improvements and high capacity transit (HCT). It calls for these transportation systems to provide direct connections to and from the city's major employment centers, particularly downtown Bellevue.

The second interest statement focuses on HCT, and emphasizes that the I-90 corridor is the city's first priority for HCT across Lake Washington. The interest statement also calls for any proposed HCT system to recognize and preserve the city's investment in its neighborhoods, be consistent with local and regional transportation plans, and enhance the city's role in the regional economy.

Both interest statements also call for the City of Bellevue, and agencies such as Sound Transit and RTID, to involve citizens in planning efforts and provide opportunities for robust public dialogue to help guide what ultimately will be the configuration of regional transportation corridors in Bellevue and East King County. I have recommended a public hearing for residents to discuss these issues.

As more information becomes available from Sound Transit and RTID in the weeks ahead, it's important we all stay informed. I urge you to visit the RTID and Sound Transit websites to learn more. Attend public meetings. Our city recently held one, and Sound Transit and RTID will hold their own in the weeks ahead. Educate yourself as much as possible on the proposals and what they mean to Bellevue.

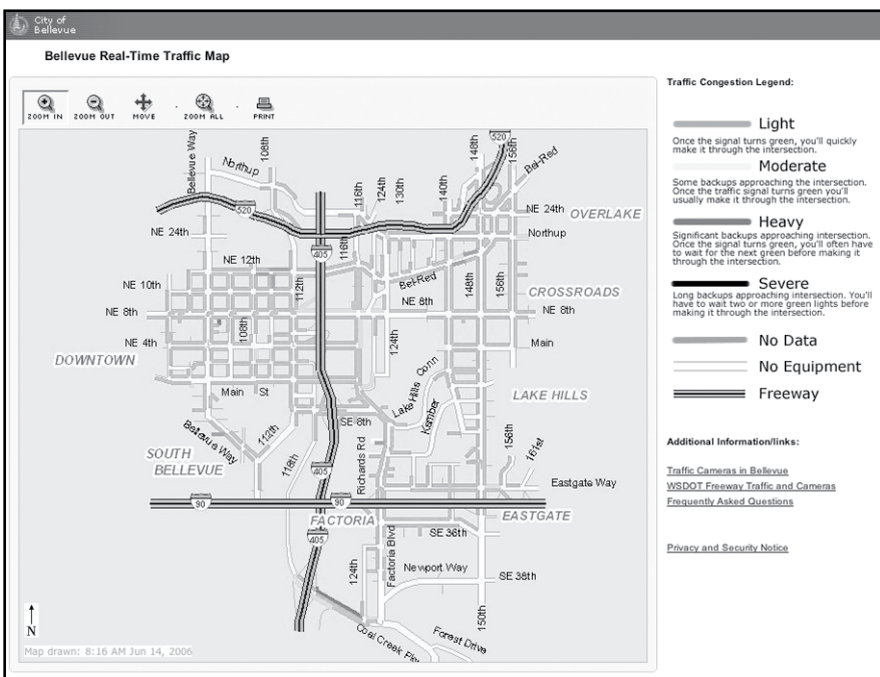
And ask questions.

Too much is at stake not to get involved.

## Bellevue pioneers new live traffic map on Web for motorists

Drivers in Bellevue have a new tool to help them plan travel routes and navigate traffic: the Bellevue Real-Time Traffic Map. Accessed from the city Web site at <http://trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net>, the map displays information about traffic congestion on Bellevue's arterial streets.

Bellevue is believed to be the first Washington city to provide a real-time traffic conditions map, and it is one of only a handful of cities across the country to do so.



Like maps of highways offered by the Washington Department of Transportation, the Bellevue map displays traffic congestion levels with a color code. Green indicates light traffic, yellow indicates moderate, red indicates heavy, and black indicates severe or stop-and-go congestion. The map works by collecting and analyzing traffic data from the already existing vehicle detection equipment at Bellevue's signalized intersections.

"This new map shows real-time traffic conditions on Bellevue's streets, which we hope will result in better informed commuters and reduced delays," said Goran Sparrman, Director of the City of Bellevue Transportation Department.

The map, which debuted in April, will also help traffic engineers to more readily monitor traffic conditions and identify congestion due to accidents, construction, or other events. With this information, engineers will be able to make even better use of the city's traffic computer network, which allows instant signal timing adjustments at city intersections. Engineers will use the city's recently expanded traffic camera system to verify and assess congestion identified on the map.

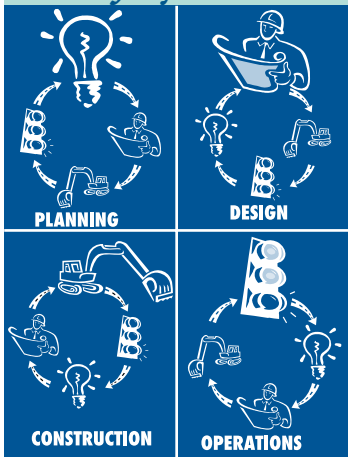
"The map will be on constant display at the city's new Traffic Management Center to help us better monitor traffic and make adjustments," said Mark Poch, Traffic Engineering Manager. "We encourage people to check the map before trips to make informed route choices."

Future map improvements, including additional streets, snapshots from Bellevue's traffic cameras, and construction/incident alerts, are already being planned. The map has a link to WSDOT's freeway conditions map for additional traffic information in Bellevue.

The map was identified as a high priority in Bellevue's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan, and joins the updated Traffic Management Center and expanded traffic camera system as recent ITS accomplishments by the city.

# NORTH BELLEVUE PROJECTS UPDATE

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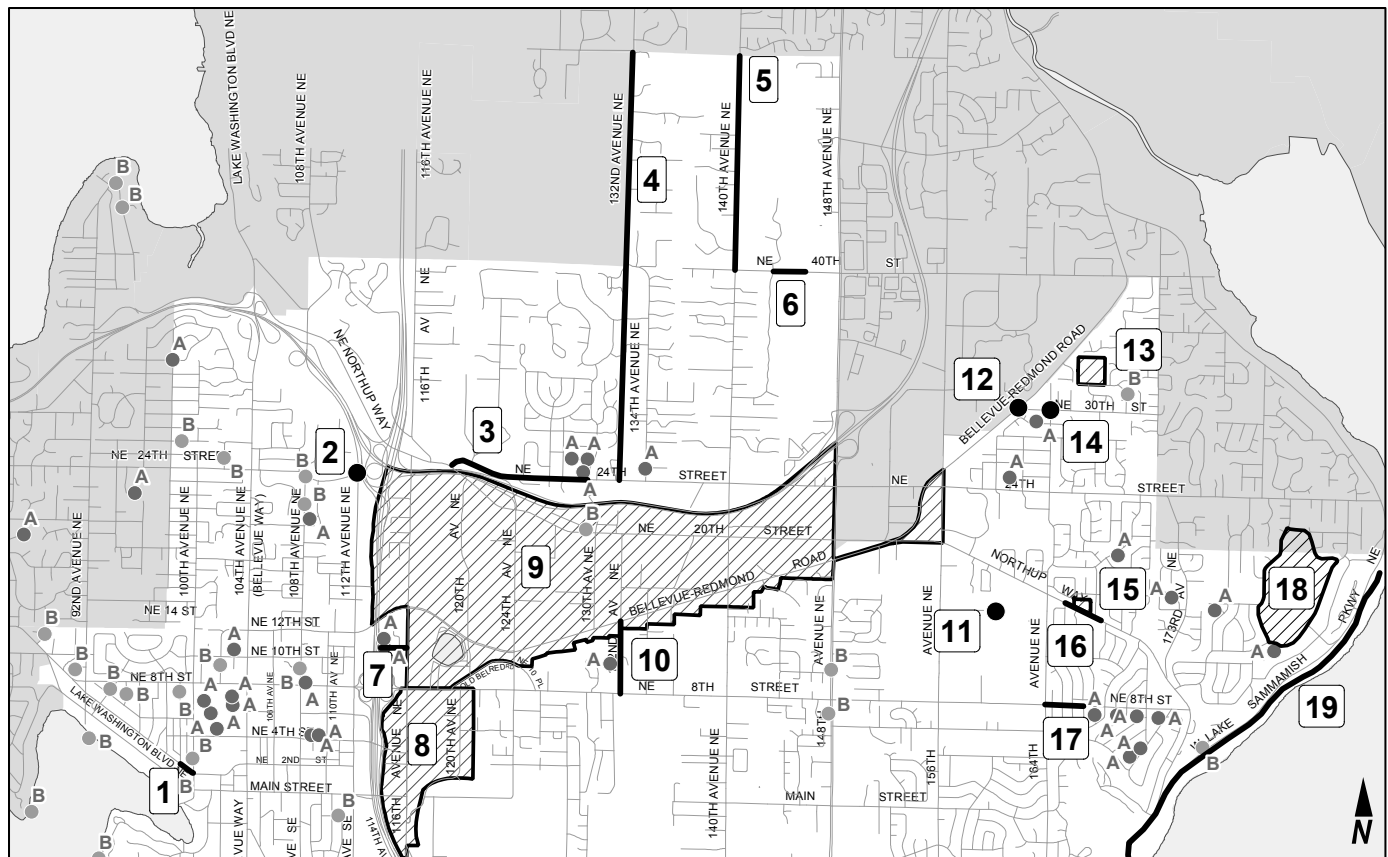


## Introduction

Have you wondered about all the work going on in the North Bellevue area? Keeping you informed about all of the activity is very important to us as we work to improve the community centers, parks, sidewalks or streets in your neighborhoods.

There are more than 20 projects identified. You'll notice that we are working on all types of projects, such as improving playground equipment, reducing traffic speeds and building new sidewalks.

To find projects taking place in your neighborhood area, please refer to the map below. The neighborhoods, based on the Neighborhood Enhancement Program & Neighborhood Liaison Areas, are: West Bellevue, Northwest Bellevue, Bridle Trails, Wilburton, Crossroads, and Northeast Bellevue.



## West Bellevue Neighborhood

### 1. NE 1ST STREET: 99TH AVENUE NE TO 100TH AVENUE NE SIDEWALK

**Project Need:** The sidewalk is missing on NE 1st Street between 99th Avenue NE and 100th Avenue NE.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add a new curb, gutter and five-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side of NE 1st Street between 99th Avenue NE and 100th Avenue NE. This project will also include repaving NE 1st Street.

**Benefits:** Increases pedestrian safety and connectivity on NE 1st Street while minimizing the impact on the existing on-street parking.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is expected to begin summer 2006.

**Budget:** \$120,000

**Project Manager:** Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 or [KmcDonald@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:KmcDonald@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood

### 2. NE 24TH STREET SIDEWALK, VICINITY OF HIDDEN VALLEY PARK

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents of the Northwest Bellevue NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add a missing section of sidewalk on the south side of NE 24th Street, along the frontage of Hidden Valley Park.

**Benefits:** Increases pedestrian safety and improves the pedestrian connection on NE 24th Street.

**Schedule:** Construction is expected to begin spring 2007.

**Budget:** \$100,000

**Project Manager:** Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or [Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Bridle Trails Neighborhood

### 3. NE 24TH STREET: NORTHUP WAY TO 130TH AVENUE NE

**Project Need:** This section of NE 24th Street lacks adequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Proposed Improvements:** The first phase of this project extends from the SR-520 bike trail east to 130th Avenue NE. The work includes: decorative wall, five-foot-wide bike lanes on the uphill sections of the roadway, landscaped medians, planter strips and sidewalk on the north side of the road.

**Benefits:** Improved access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is underway. Lane closures and road closures may occur Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Local access for residents will always be maintained.

**Construction Contract:** \$2,988,351

**Project Manager:** Tricia Thomson, 425-452-6014 or [Tathomson@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Tathomson@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 4. 132ND/134TH AVENUE NE TRAIL

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents of the Bridle Trails NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Enhance the existing paved path on the east side of 132nd/134th Avenue NE from NE 24th Street to NE 60th Street, including new bollards, signage, benches, trash receptacles and a neighborhood entry sign near the 132nd Avenue NE and NE 60th Street intersection.

**Benefits:** Improved walking conditions in the area.

**Construction Schedule:** Estimated to begin summer or fall 2006.

**Total Project Cost:** \$35,000

**Project Manager:** Geoff Bradley, 425-452-2740 or [Gbradley@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Gbradley@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 5. 140TH AVENUE NE: NE 40TH STREET TO NE 60TH STREET PATHWAY

**Project Need:** This corridor lacks any pedestrian facilities and is near Bridle Trails State Park.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add a separated six-foot porous asphalt pathway along the west side of 140th Avenue NE from NE 40th Street to NE 60th Street.

**Benefits:** Enhances pedestrian connectivity and safety.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is expected to start in June.

**Construction Contract:** \$916,275

**Project Manager:** Tricia Thomson, 425-452-6014 or [Tathomson@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Tathomson@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

**Construction Inspector:** Melisa Floyd, 425-452-4276 or [Mfloyd@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Mfloyd@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## 6. NE 40TH STREET: 142ND PLACE NE TO 145TH AVENUE NE SIDEWALK

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents of the Bridle Trails NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of NE 40th Street from 142nd Place NE to the end of the existing sidewalk at 145th Avenue NE.

**Benefits:** Increases pedestrian connectivity and safety.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is expected fall or winter 2006.

**Total Project Cost:** \$150,000

**Project Manager:** Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or [Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Wilburton Neighborhood Area

### 7. NE 10TH STREET EXTENSION/MEDICAL DISTRICT

**Project Need:** The NE 10th Street Extension between 112th Avenue NE and 116th Avenue NE, identified in the City's 2003 Downtown Plan Update, is one of many steps in addressing this need to improve access to, from, and within downtown, and address emerging needs within the Medical District east of I-405.

**Proposed Improvements:** Implementation of the NE 10th Street Extension will occur in two stages:

The first stage, led by the City of Bellevue, will construct improvements east of I-405 coordinated with the development of Overlake Hospital Medical Center's new South Tower along the north side of NE 10th, and Group Health Cooperative's new medical center along the south side of NE 10th. A pedestrian tunnel under NE 10th Street will provide a connection between the hospital and medical center. The improvements include the widening of 116th Avenue NE to the west between NE 8th Street and the existing signal at Overlake Hospital by one additional lane, which improves access and circulation following completion of the second stage of the extension.

**Benefits:** The extension of NE 10th Street will provide:

- Improved circulation by the greater distribution of traffic
- Convenient access and circulation to and from Downtown Bellevue
- Improved access and mobility between downtown and the Medical District
- An improved pedestrian crossing of I-405

**Schedule:** The following is a brief summary of the overall construction schedule for the funded improvements:

	Start	Finish
Overlake's South Tower	under construction	December 2007
Group Health	June 2006	May 2008
NE 10th Street Stage 1	Late October 2006	April 2008
NE 10th Street Stage 2	Early 2008	Late 2009

**Budget & Funding:** The approved budget for the NE 10th Street Extension is approximately \$67 million, which includes design, right-of-way, and construction for both stages. Funding for the NE 10th Street Extension is provided through various federal grants, as well as the gas tax allocated through the WSDOT Partnership Account.

**Project Manager:** Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 or [Rlogwood@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Rlogwood@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 8. WILBURTON/NE 8TH STREET STUDY

**Project Need:** The Wilburton area is one of the older commercial areas in the city, and one of Bellevue's community and economic development strategies is to pursue redevelopment and reinvestment. Currently, the area lacks a coherent identity, and some properties may have potential for economic investment. Circulation within the area is confusing and is a barrier to the enhancement of existing long-term uses, such as auto dealerships and major retail.

**Benefits:** The study is intended to balance policy objectives of encouraging revitalization, maintaining a well functioning transportation system and serving nearby neighborhoods.

**Schedule:** A preliminary preferred alternative was identified this spring. Code and policy updates that result from the study will be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council this fall.

**Project Manager:** Paul Inghram, AICP, 425-452-4070 or [Pinghram@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Pinghram@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 9. BEL-RED CORRIDOR PROJECT

**Project Need:** This area was planned decades ago to accommodate light industrial and warehouse/distribution uses, such as the Safeway distribution center. Recently, some businesses including Safeway, have moved out of the area. Change has occurred in a piecemeal fashion in recent years with no overall direction. Bellevue needs to consider how this area should develop

in the future, and what this area's role should be in the city's overall economic development and growth management strategy.

Additionally, Sound Transit has begun Phase 2 planning for the next round of High Capacity Transit (HCT) investments. They have identified a conceptual HCT route through the Bel-Red Corridor from downtown Bellevue through Overlake to downtown Redmond. Bellevue is taking the initiative to work with the community and Sound Transit to identify how HCT should serve this area.

**Project Outcomes:** When the project is complete, it will provide an updated land use and transportation vision for the 912-acre area in central Bellevue. It will include recommendations for land use changes and related infrastructure (such as utilities, streets, and parks), a preferred route for HCT with station locations, needed amenities, and financial strategies to put the plan into action.

**Current Status:** Public involvement has been ongoing. Preliminary draft alternatives were presented to the Steering Committee to business and property owners and to the broader community in early June.

**Schedule:** Once the Steering Committee endorses a set of alternatives for further consideration, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be prepared, which will evaluate the alternatives. This will occur over the summer and early fall 2006. Then, the Steering Committee will weigh the DEIS and community input to develop a preferred alternative. A final plan is expected to be developed in early 2007. Once approved, actions to implement the preferred alternative will take place over the next several years.

**Project Managers:** Kevin O'Neill, 425-452-4064, or Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558, or [BelRed@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:BelRed@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

Web site: <http://www.cityofbellevue.org/belred.asp>

### 10. 132ND AVENUE NE: NE 8TH STREET TO BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

**Project Need:** This roadway is experiencing excessive vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic.

**Proposed Improvements:** A traffic calming plan will be developed with assistance from a traffic committee, comprised of local resident volunteers.

**Benefits:** Reduce vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic.

**Current Status:** A traffic calming plan is being developed.

**Total Project Cost:** \$50,000

**Project Manager:** Rebecca Rodni, 425-452-6160 or [Rrodni@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Rrodni@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Crossroads Neighborhood

### 11. CROSSROADS CENTER PLAN

**Project Purpose:** The Crossroads Center Plan was initiated to reinforce the economic vitality of the Crossroads commercial center, improve the connections to the Crossroads Park and Community Center, and create additional community gathering places.

**Note:** Look for an article on the Crossroads Center Plan in this publication, see page 6.

## Northeast Bellevue Neighborhood

### 12. BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD/NE 30TH STREET INTERSECTION PROJECT

**Project Need:** Traffic volumes are at a level that warrant signalization of this Bel-Red Road intersection. The number of pedestrian crossings across Bel-Red Road at NE 30th Street has increased significantly, followed by increasing requests for a pedestrian crossing at this location.

**Proposed Improvements:** Installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Bel-Red Road and NE 30th Street, as well as curb and gutter, sidewalks, and channelization curbing. In addition, a fourth leg to this intersection will be constructed for future access to the Microsoft campus.

**Benefits:** Improved vehicle and pedestrian safety and access to the proposed expanded Microsoft campus. Channelization will prevent through traffic between the Microsoft campus and Sherwood Forest neighborhood, per the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan.

**Construction Schedule:** Anticipate work starting this summer.

**Total Project Budget:** \$655,000

**Project Manager:** Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 or [Pkrawczyk@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Pkrawczyk@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

**Construction Inspector:** Carl Haslam, 425-452-6937 or [Chaslam@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Chaslam@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 13. ARDMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents in the Northeast Bellevue NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add play equipment on the north side of the school and adding landscape amenities, in partnership with the Ardmore PTA and the Bellevue School District.

**Benefits:** Improved play area for children.

**Construction Schedule:** Work scheduled for this summer.

**Total Project Cost:** \$65,000

**Project Manager:** Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 or [Pfehrman@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Pfehrman@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 14. NE 30TH STREET/164TH AVENUE NE TRAFFIC CALMING

**Project Need:** This area of the neighborhood experiences excessive vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic.

**Recent Improvements:** Installed two sets of speed cushions on NE 30th Street and 164th Avenue NE, which are similar to speed humps but which have two open channels to make it easier for large emergency vehicles to travel through them.

**Benefits:** Reduces vehicle speeds.

**Total Project Cost:** \$30,000

**Project Manager:** Karen Gonzalez, 425-452-4598 or [Kgonzalez@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Kgonzalez@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 15. IVANHOE PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

**Project Need:** Play equipment needs to be replaced.

**Proposed Improvements:** Remove the existing play equipment at the park, located at the 16500 Block of Northup Way. Add new surface under the equipment to meet ADA accessibility requirements and add new equipment to serve two age groups: 2-5 years and 5 - 12 years.

**Benefits:** Improved play area for children.

**Construction Schedule:** Work will continue through summer.

**Total Project Cost:** \$100,000

**Project Manager:** Randy Ransom, 425-452-2036 or [Rransom@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Rransom@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 16. NORTHUP WAY SIDEWALK

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents of the Northeast Bellevue NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add a six-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of Northup Way beginning at the end of the existing sidewalk at 165th Avenue NE and continuing east (in front of Ivanhoe Park) to 168th Avenue NE.

**Benefits:** Increases bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity.

**Construction Schedule:** Construction is expected summer 2007.

**Total Project Cost:** \$150,000

**Project Manager:** Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or [Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 17. NE 8TH STREET STREETScape

**Project Need:** This is a Neighborhood Enhancement Project requested and selected by residents of the Northeast Bellevue NEP area as a priority project.

**Proposed Improvements:** Install new landscaping on the public right-of-way along NE 8th Street east of 164th Avenue NE.

**Benefits:** Landscape enhancement.

**Construction Schedule:** Under construction through the fall.

**Total Project Cost:** \$75,000

**Project Manager:** Don McQuilliams, 425-452-7865 or [Dmcquilliams@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Dmcquilliams@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 18. BRETTON WOOD/TAM O'SHANTER TRAFFIC CALMING

**Project Need:** There are excessive vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic on several streets in the Bretton Wood/Tam O'Shanter Neighborhood.

**Proposed Improvements:** Add two raised crosswalks and a speed bump.

**Benefits:** Reduce vehicle speeds and cut-through traffic.

**Construction Schedule:** To minimize construction costs and the rebuilding of improvements, we will be phasing the Traffic Calming project construction in two stages. We will be building the improvements north of NE 10th Street with the remaining improvements being constructed as part of next year's resurfacing/sidewalk project.

**Total Project Cost:** \$100,000

**Project Manager:** Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or [Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### 19. WEST LAKE SAMMAMISH PARKWAY ANALYSIS: NORTH CITY LIMITS TO I-90

**Project Need:** Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are only available on the west side of the roadway, along with speeding, pavement roughness, noise when driving over the pavement seams, and difficult turning movements onto and off of the Parkway.

**Proposed Recommendation:** Two years of public involvement produced a preferred alternative that balanced the community's desire to maintain the "rural character" of the parkway, with requests to enhance the facilities and connections to the non-motorized system.

**Benefits:** The community and the city have an joint opportunity to develop a recommendation.

**Current Status:** City staff is actively seeking funding for this project through various federal, state and local funding sources.

**Project Schedule:** Once project funding is secured, a project schedule will be determined.

**Total Analysis Cost:** \$410,000

**Project Manager:** Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 or [Nlacombe@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Nlacombe@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Utility Projects

### A. COMMERCIAL WATER METER REPLACEMENT

**Project Need:** There are several aging large commercial water meters and associated parts that need to be brought up to current standards. Please refer to the map for the locations of these commercial water meters.

**Proposed Improvements:** Install new commercial water meters.

**Benefits:** This project will improve reliability, integrity and safe operations of the water meters.

**Construction Schedule:** Work is underway through summer.

**Total Project Cost:** \$40,000 per project.

**Project Manager:** Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 or [Vrajah@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Vrajah@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

### B. SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS

**Project Need:** There are sewer pipes that have breaks, leaks or show signs of loss of strength.

**Proposed Improvements:** Repair or install new sewer pipes.

**Benefits:** An improved sewer system that will last for years.

**Construction Schedule:** Repair is underway through November 2006.

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,000,000

**Project Manager:** Abe Santos, 425-452-6456, or [Asantos@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Asantos@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

## Commercial & Private Development Projects

These are the commercial developments under review in the Transportation Department:

<b>Kensington Square</b> 14727 NE 8th Street	Building six town homes.
<b>Fleming Townhomes</b> 710 - 99th Avenue NE	Constructing two buildings - six units.
<b>Lochlevan Substation</b> 9825 - NE 4th Street	Upgrade PSE substation.
<b>Barrier Audi</b> 1533 - 120th Avenue NE	Adding storage room.
<b>Eastside Baha'i Faith Center</b> 16007 NE 8th Street	Building offices and a church.
<b>Youth Eastside Services</b> 999 - 164th Avenue NE	Expanding and renovating.
<b>Acura of Bellevue</b> 13424 NE 20th Street	Adding square footage.

For more information, contact Ron Kessack at 425-452-4631 or [Rkessack@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Rkessack@ci.bellevue.wa.us) or Chris Dreaney at 425-452-5264 or [Cdreaney@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Cdreaney@ci.bellevue.wa.us)

If you have questions or comments about this *North Bellevue Project Update* information, please call Tresa Berg, Public Involvement Manager, at 425-452-4638 or [Tberg@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:Tberg@ci.bellevue.wa.us).

# A grand grand opening for City Hall

The sun was shining and thousands of Bellevue residents came to put the “grand” in the grand opening of the new Bellevue City Hall. Visitors toured the revamped building, located off 110th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Sixth Street, on May 20 at a celebration that featured live music, dance performances, cultural events and artwork.

Dancers performing the traditional Chinese Lion Dance, Japanese Taiko drummers and the 17-piece jazz band, Mach One, entertained on the North Lawn and Pavilion. Performers inside included the Salsa Savaje dance troupe, the Steve Alboucq Jazz Band, the Bulgarian folk music chorus, Dunava. Kids learned how to build a city with Legos by the Service First Center.

Residents had an opportunity to learn about their city and the services provided from City Hall through guided tours hosted by city staff. The Police, Fire, 911 Call Center, Traffic Management Center and Neighborhood Resource Center were showcased. Visitors walked all over a key piece of art at the building, a vast terrazzo floor designed to invoke a river, with glass and shells embedded in the marble.





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# Community Calendar

## It's car wash season and service stations are ideal sites

As we head into summer, many student groups and other organizations will brainstorm ways to raise money. "Let's have a car wash!" is always a popular plan. But before you set a date and location, consider having your car wash at one of the service stations below. Here's why:

- Everything that goes down a storm drain in Bellevue flows into a nearby stream, lake or wetland. Soap, even biodegradable types, can harm fish and other aquatic life. Dirt, road grime, and oils that end up in rinse water are also bad for water quality.
- One way to keep dirty rinse water from going into storm drains is to use a City of Bellevue Car Wash Kit, designed to divert dirty water onto a grassy area or into the sanitary sewer system.
- The service stations listed below have City of Bellevue car wash kits on site or their drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- If you decide to have a car wash at a site other than one of these service stations, you'll need to check out a Car Wash Kit from the City of Bellevue Utilities.

We can help you determine the best way to hold a car wash. Please call 425-452-6166.

**Bel-Red 76 Auto Service**  
14014 Bel-Red Rd.  
425-641-7084

**Bellevue Shell**  
12001 NE 8th St.  
425-454-7049

**Factoria Shell**  
3204 129th SE  
425-746-8945

**Newport Hills Chevron**  
11919 SE 56th  
Bellevue, WA 98006-2817  
425-747-6991

**Old Bellevue Chevron**  
10011 Main Street  
425-454-1400

## Enjoy summer in Bellevue parks

With summer upon us, here are some tips for everyone to enjoy the many parks in Bellevue:

- Starting June 21, lifeguards will be on duty seven days a week, from noon to 7 p.m., at Newcastle and Meydenbauer beach parks. Chism, Clyde, Enatai, and Chesterfield beach parks will be staffed starting June 26.
- Dogs are required to be on-leash at all times in any park in Bellevue.
- Dogs are prohibited from all beach parks from June 1 to Sept 15.
- Fires are prohibited except in designated facilities.

Should you have a problem in the parks, please call the Bellevue Park Patrol at 425-452-6144. In an emergency, call 911. For a complete list of parks rules, visit the Parks Department page on the city [www.cityofbellevue.org](http://www.cityofbellevue.org). Have a great summer in the parks!



## Celebrate Fourth of July Bellevue Downtown Park

Bellevue annually hosts the Eastside's largest Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display at Downtown Park. Festivities at the Symetra Bellevue Family Fourth begin at 6 p.m. with activities for children, live music and food throughout the evening.

Once twilight fades, the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute, complementing a brilliant 20-minute fireworks display. This free event offers a safe and festive opportunity to watch fireworks close to home.

The sale or discharge of any personal fireworks is illegal in the City of Bellevue. Since the ban was instated in 1994, fireworks-related property damage and personal injuries have declined dramatically.

### Symetra Bellevue Family Fourth Celebration

Tuesday, July 4 • 6 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. • Bellevue Downtown Park

## Waterwise Garden Volunteers Needed

Do you have some time to give to your community this year? Have an interest in gardening? Wondering where to start in your new yard? Join the Waterwise Garden volunteer team! The award-winning garden, located in the Bellevue Botanical Garden, is a great place to "take root."

The Waterwise Garden offers volunteers the chance to:

- Learn natural gardening techniques that can easily be applied at home.
- Get hands-on experience soil building, composting and caring for a variety of plants through the growing season.
- Meet new people and build friendships through similar interests.
- Have fun while achieving important resource conservation goals in the community. The scenery's great too!

Volunteer days are the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. in the spring and fall. Adults only. No experience is necessary. For more information, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.



Karren Gratt, Utilities, helps students from Sammamish, Newport, and Bellevue High Schools stencil a storm drain. If you would like to stencil a storm drain, call Karren at 425-452-6166 or email [kgratt@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:kgratt@ci.bellevue.wa.us).

## Help keep streams clean—stencil storm drains

Everything that goes down a storm drain flows into local streams, lakes and wetlands. Help save fish and raise awareness by stenciling storm drains with the words "Dump No Waste, Drains To Stream."

When people see that message, they may think twice about dumping pesticides, paint or used motor oil onto the ground where it can wash into storm drains and flow to waterways.

Individuals or groups can stencil throughout the summer months, in their own neighborhood or at an assigned location. Everything you need is provided free of charge. In 2005, 144 volunteers stenciled over 300 storm drains. If you would like to stencil a storm drain, contact Karren at 425-452-6166 or [kgratt@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:kgratt@ci.bellevue.wa.us).

## Tips for tending your yard the natural way

Want a yard that's attractive, easy to care for, and healthier for your family, pets and our great Northwest environment? Give natural yard care a try. These tips will help you garden successfully this growing season and beyond:

- Choose plants wisely. Match plant needs to your specific garden conditions. Select drought-tolerant, pest- and disease-resistant varieties to reduce your use of water and chemicals.
- Mulch your plantings. Add a layer of organic material over the soil to reduce weed growth and conserve soil moisture. Use 2 to 4 inches of woody mulches, like wood chips or bark, for trees and shrubs.
- Tune up your watering system.
- Water lawns deeply but less often. This encourages deep roots and helps prevent diseases. Lawns need about one inch of water per week
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to water all plants except lawns. Bury soaker hoses under mulch to prevent evaporation and help spread the water flow.
- Leave the clippings on the lawn.
- Start a compost pile. Turn your yard trimmings into compost and use it to build healthy soil.
- Get unwanted pesticides out of your garage. Take them to the Household Hazardous Waste collection shed at the Factoria Transfer Station for safe disposal. Call 206-296-4692 for hours and directions.

For more information on Natural Yard Care, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.

## Recycle food waste

Are you recycling food waste and food-soiled paper in with yard debris? Food waste and food-soiled paper make up about 25 percent of a typical household's waste, so now is a good time to start recycling it.

Fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grinds and paper filters, tea bags, meat, cheese, bones, pizza boxes, paper plates, napkins and more can be tossed in with leaves and grass. Put these items into your yard debris cart, and they will all get recycled into Cedar Grove compost.

You'll have more room in your garbage can, and you may get a smaller one and save money. Going from a 32-gallon garbage can (\$15.18 a month) to a 20-gallon garbage can (\$8.49 a month) can save \$6.69 a month or more than \$80 a year.

By recycling more, you'll also send less to the landfill. For more details on what food waste and paper products you can recycle, please visit Allied (Rabanco's) Web site at [www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue](http://www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue).





## Steer clear of road construction

Sunny days are prime time for road construction to improve streets and traffic throughout the city. Of course, while construction is going on, the cure can seem worse than the disease.

Below are summaries of city road construction projects that will be underway this spring and summer, including neighborhood projects, larger Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects, and streets scheduled to be paved. The maps show the approximate locations of the projects.

The approximate construction dates are listed for CIP projects.

Construction projects through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and the Neighborhood Enhancement Program usually take a month or less; all are scheduled for this spring and summer. The city will also add several new "radar signs" to help reduce speeding in key areas.

- 140th Ave. NE, NE 40th to N. City Limit: June 2006 – April 2007
- NE 24th St. - Northrup Way to 130th Ave NE: June 2006 – April 2007
- NE 10th Extension – Stage 1, includes widening of 116th Ave NE from NE 8th St. to Overlake Hospital main signalized entrance: Fall 2006 – Dec. 2007
- 112th Ave. SE/SE 6th St.: May 2005 – March 2007
- Bel-Red Road/NE 30th Street: May 2006 – March 2007
- 156th Ave NE U-turn at NE 13th St.: July 2006-Oct. 2006
- Brettonwood/TamO'Shanter Traffic Calming Project
- West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, near 177th Lane NE, new radar sign
- West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, near house # 522, new radar sign
- 145th Pl. SE, SE 8th St. to SE 16th St.: July 2006 – May 2007
- Sunset Ranch Entry Treatments
- 156th Ave. SE, near SE 27th St., new radar sign
- 164th Pl SE, near SE 35th St., new radar sign
- 150th Ave. SE/SE 36th Street: April 2006 – April 2007
- Newport Key/Cascade Key Sidewalk Realignment
- Coal Creek Parkway/Factoria Blvd. Signal Modification: May 2006 – March 2007
- 119th Ave. SE, SE 60th St. to SE Lake Heights: June 2006–March 2007
- SE 60th St, 114th Pl SE to 116th Ave SE, Sidewalk
- Lakemont Blvd/Village Park Drive: July 2006 – March 2007
- Lakemont Blvd SE, near Lewis Creek Park, new radar sign
- Lakemont Blvd./SE 63rd St. Rt. Turn Lane: July 2006 – Sept. 2006

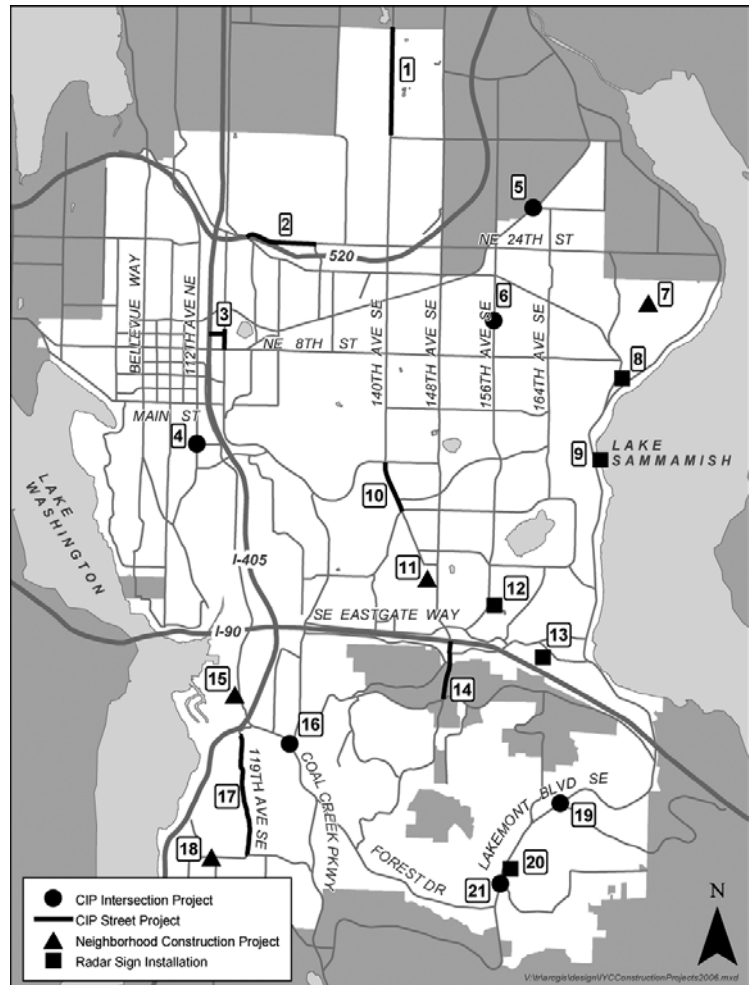
### Paving projects:

This season, the city will focus on paving streets in south and west Bellevue, including some downtown. Paving began in the south end of the city just after Memorial Day weekend and will proceed to the north this summer and, as weather permits, through the fall.

### Major streets to be paved include:

- Coal Creek Parkway, from Newport Way SE to Bellevue City limits at Newcastle
- Lakemont Boulevard, from 164th Avenue southeast to 171st Avenue Southeast
- 108th Avenue Southeast, from Bellevue Way Southeast to Southeast 34th Street

The city issues weekly media releases with updates about traffic impacts of construction projects. For up-to-date information, check the city Web site at <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/>.



## Live safely with wildlife in Bellevue



Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy the many parks and open spaces here in Bellevue. When you head outside, you are sure to see rabbits, squirrels and raccoons, along with many species of birds. You may also encounter rarer forms of wildlife such as deer, coyotes, cougar and black bear.

In May, a coyote bit one Bellevue youngster on the ear and nipped another on the bottom. State wildlife officers subsequently killed two coyotes in the area where the encounters occurred. While such encounters make big news, they are uncommon. Despite their fearsome reputations, cougars and bears usually avoid humans

Nearly all of the wildlife in the area, from the beautiful Steller's jay to the dangerous cougar, play an important role in the ecosystem and the quality of life in our community. Here are some tips to minimize the potential for human-wildlife conflicts:

- Don't feed wildlife.
- Keep pet food indoors and away from pet doors.
- Keep garbage cans secure and barbecue areas clean.
- Keep pets indoors at night.
- Always walk your dog on a leash.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife provides detailed information about how to avoid potentially dangerous encounters with wildlife at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/index.htm>. In case of a wildlife problem or emergency, state Wildlife officers can be reached through the Department's Mill Creek Regional Office at 425-775-1311 during the week. On weekends and evenings, you can reach an officer by calling the nearest State Patrol office.

Wildlife officials say encounters between wildlife and people are uncommon, but are increasing in populated areas adjacent to greenbelts and other undeveloped areas that serve as wildlife habitat. With warm weather approaching and people heading outdoors to enjoy their yards and play, reports of encounters between people and wildlife are certain to increase, the officials expect.

Wildlife officials say coyotes are intelligent and highly adaptable animals, and live in a diversity of habitats throughout Washington state. Several years ago, a coyote found its way into an elevator in a downtown Seattle office building.

But the animals are typically timid, and will run away if challenged by a human, the officials say.

Nevertheless, if a coyote approaches closely, people should immediately pick up small children and act aggressively toward the animal by waving their arms, throwing stones and yelling. The idea is to convince the coyote that you are not prey, but a potential danger.

Wildlife officials say to avoid attracting coyotes, as well as black bears, cougars, raccoons and a variety of other wildlife to a neighborhood, homeowners should remove all possible food sources from around their residences.

Garbage cans should be secure and placed in an inaccessible area, pet food should not be left outdoors and fruit that has fallen from a tree should not be left on the ground, they say. With the exception of birds, people should always refrain from feeding wildlife.

The same officials say small children should never be left unattended in areas where wildlife are frequently seen or heard. People also should always assume a wild animal is dangerous, and should never approach one. Young wildlife that appear to have been abandoned by their mother should never be picked up or otherwise touched, they say.

We are fortunate in Bellevue to enjoy such a diverse ecosystem and environment. Through common sense and following a few simple rules, you can ensure that living with wildlife in our community is a positive experience.





## Arts brighten Bellevue summer

Arts lovers have many opportunities to see fine performances and enjoy a variety of shows, many of them outside, this summer.

Open-air events are scheduled at Robinswood Park and the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center with its 410-seat, state-of-the-art facility has fulfilled its role as one of the Pacific Northwest's premier places for community-based performing arts.

The list below represents just some of the arts events set for this summer:

### Kids' Show at Robinswood Park

The King County Library System, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents "Monkey Business," a free show with juggling and audience interaction. Suitable for all ages. July 13, 1 – 2 p.m., Robinswood Barn, 2430 148 Ave. SE.

### Pops in the Park

Fun for the whole family with live music from the Fabulous Roadstars, a ragtime jazz band, at the annual concert at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Free event for all ages, bring your own picnic dinner. Aug. 5, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### Pollyanna

Bellevue Youth Theatre presents "Pollyanna." When Pollyanna comes to live with her harsh maiden aunt, she brings a gladness to the town and its inhabitants. Dark times are to come as Pollyanna's world is altered and she must find a way to regain the joy she once had. Theatre at Meydenbauer, 11100 NE 6th St; \$5 per seat.

- Aug. 11, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 12, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 13, 2 p.m.

### Gulliver's Travels

Bellevue Youth Theatre presents "Gulliver's Travels". This classic tale describes the four fantastic adventures of Lemuel Gulliver. His travels take him to Lilliput, Brobdingnag, Laputa and the home of the Houyhnhnms, the gentle horses who rule the land. Join Gulliver as he encounters the many and varied creatures of these four lands. This show is fun for the whole family. Theatre at Meydenbauer, 11100 NE 6th St; \$5 per seat.

- Aug. 18, 11 a.m.
- Aug. 19, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 20, 2 p.m.



## Bug out with Stream Team Aug. 8

Families are invited to dive into the lives of invertebrate (spineless) stream dwellers by getting hands-on experience with Bellevue's Stream Team on Aug. 8. You will have the opportunity to play with live bugs from our local streams, finding out what they are and why they're important, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall.

Contact the Stream Team at [streamteam@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:streamteam@ci.bellevue.wa.us) or 425-452-5200 to sign up. Registration is required.

Adult volunteers are needed to collect stream bug samples in the field. Contact the Stream Team. Attend the hands-on Macroinvertebrate Workshop at Bellevue City Hall on Aug. 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Loans make home repairs affordable



By helping people keep their homes safe and well cared for, the City of Bellevue helps to preserve aging housing and maintains the quality of neighborhoods. This program also helps people remain in their homes when otherwise they may have to move if they cannot afford needed repairs.

Low- and moderate-income homeowners in Bellevue can receive up to \$17,000 in low- and zero-interest government loans for major home repairs, including earthquake retrofitting and fixes to roofs or plumbing. Other health- and safety-related repairs eligible for loans include:

- unsafe electrical wiring
- poor heating
- rotting gutters or porches/decks

To be eligible, you must have lived in your single-family, detached home for at least a year. For more information, call 425-452-4069 or 425-452-6884. Relay Service: 711.

Clients must live within Bellevue city limits. You can choose your own contractor. Loans are paid back when you sell your home. Funds are made available by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In addition, the city also offers owners of single-family, rental property no-interest, deferred payment loans to make health and safety-related improvements. The city provides one half of the cost of repairs, and the property owner provides the other half. The maximum loan match with the city fund is \$8,500. The renter must qualify as low- or moderate-income for the landlord to qualify for this loan. The loan is paid back when the home is sold or transferred.



## East Bellevue Community Council takes questions in Lake Hills

Members of the East Bellevue Community Council attended a Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting April 18, at the invitation of the LHNA's interim president, Bob Adams. Jim Bell, who currently chairs the EBCC, gave a brief overview of the council and its purpose. Chairman Bell then took many questions from the audience concerning how the council functions, when it meets and who can attend the meetings. The following questions were some that came up at the meeting:

### What is the East Bellevue Community Council?

The East Bellevue Community Council formed in 1969 when the City of Bellevue annexed the East Bellevue area. The Revised Code of Washington 35.14 provides for the establishment of a community council to represent the interests of residents of the annexed area. Once the council is established, the public votes every four years about whether to continue with the council's existence. The EBCC consists of five members who are elected to four-year terms. The members are elected during the same election as the resolution to reauthorize the council.

### What power does the EBCC have?

The Revised Code of Washington gives the Community Council the power to veto land-use ordinances and decisions adopted by the City of Bellevue concerning property within the EBCC's jurisdictional boundaries. The RCW also gives the EBCC the right to make recommendations on any land-use plan or proposal affecting the EBCC's service area. Finally, the EBCC can advise, consult and cooperate with the Bellevue City Council on levels of service and hold hearings on issues affecting the EBCC's service area.

### What power does the EBCC not have?

The EBCC does not have the power to create or directly modify any regulations, land-use ordinances or decisions

### What area is covered by the EBCC?

The EBCC service area is bounded to the north by Northeast Eighth Street and to the east by 156th Avenue Northeast. The area's western and southern boundaries vary more. A map of the EBCC area can be found with this article or at the City of Bellevue's Web site.

### When does the EBCC meet?

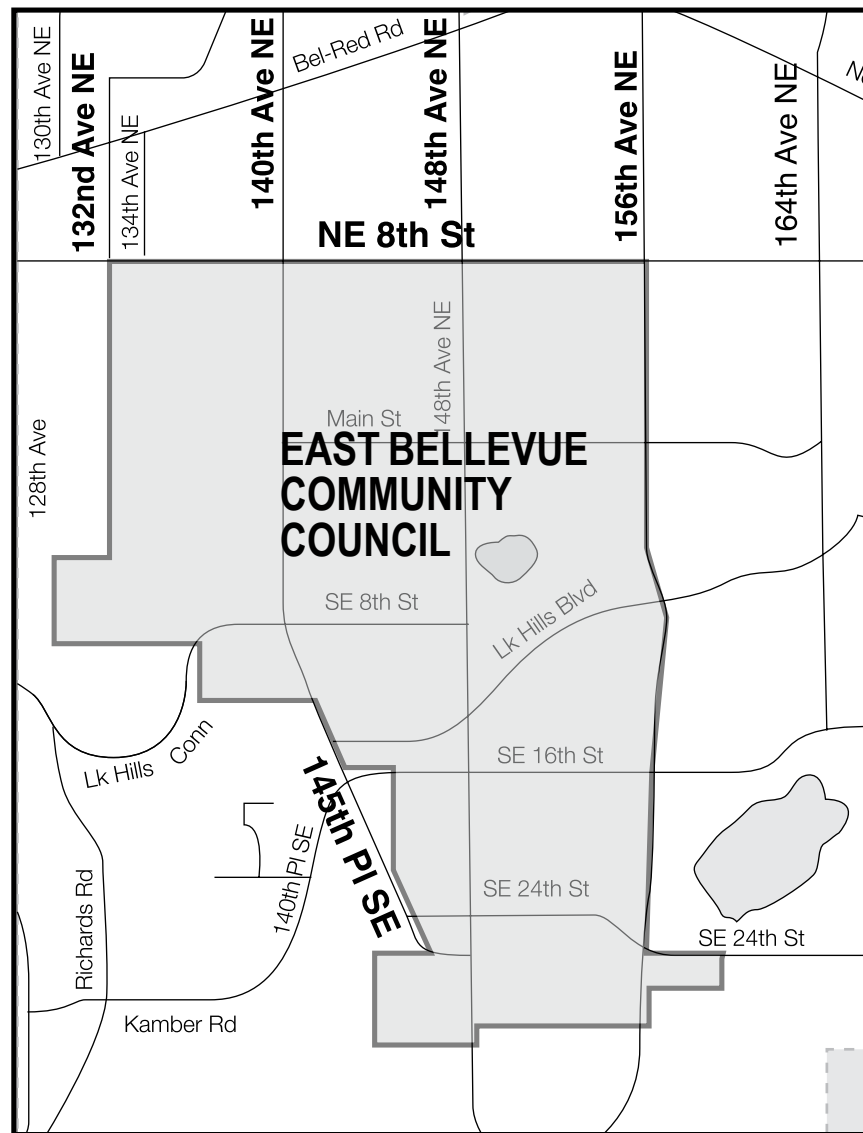
The East Bellevue Community Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

### Who can attend EBCC meetings?

Anyone can attend EBCC meetings and speak during the public hearing portion, even people who do not live in the council area. People addressing the Community Council during the public hearing portion of the meeting give their name and address before speaking.

### Are there any other Community Councils in this area?

Since the Sammamish Community Council was abolished in 2001, the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland is the only other community council in the area.



For information about the city's Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy, 425-452-6466, or contact the East Bellevue Community Council Chairperson, James Bell.

**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

James E. Bell, Jim Eder, James Keeffe, Ken Seal, Brigitte Wiechmann

### We don't live in the EBCC area, can we create our own community council?

Community councils can only be created during the annexation of an unincorporated area. A community council cannot be created after an area is incorporated. Once a community council is abolished by public vote, it cannot be restored.

These are just a few of the many questions the EBCC members received. If you have any others please e-mail the EBCC at [EBCC@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:EBCC@ci.bellevue.wa.us), and they can be addressed in a future issue of *It's Your City*.

## New Enatai association seeks members

Residents of Bellevue's Enatai neighborhood are being called on to get involved in their community by joining the new Enatai Neighborhood Association (ENA).

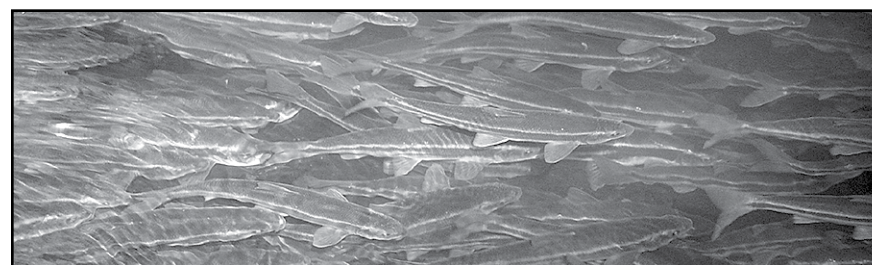
The neighborhood is bounded to the east by Bellevue Way, to the west by Lake Washington, to the north by Southeast 16th Street and to the south by Enatai Beach Park. Founded in April, the group wants to unify the community to protect the area's aesthetic qualities, property values, livability and uniqueness. Everyone who lives in Enatai and shares these interests can join and/or learn more about the group at its website, [www.enataineighbors.net](http://www.enataineighbors.net).

Founders of the group – 35 concerned Enatai citizens – hope that organizing into an association will provide a means by which neighborhood interests can be brought more effectively to the attention of City officials whenever necessary.

The City of Bellevue recognizes 64 associations on its official Web site. Neighbors often come together in these groups to achieve shared goals, and boost feelings of partnership amongst people living near each other. The City's Neighborhood Liaison Program employs specific staff members to work with neighborhood associations to connect them to the correct individuals at City Hall when needs arise.

For more information about the ENA, go to [www.enataineighbors.net](http://www.enataineighbors.net) or contact Stephanie Ferguson at 425-453-6746.

## Peamouth minnows sighted at Kelsey Creek



*A school of peamouth minnows teeming below the surface in Kelsey Creek look like modern art.*

It's a phenomenon that occurs each spring—hundreds to thousands of foot-long peamouth minnows travel from Lake Washington to Kelsey Creek to spawn. They often fill the stream, complete the whole spawning process in a few hours and disappear the next day as quickly as they arrived.

This spring the Peamouth Patrol, a volunteer group started last year by Stream Team, reported that the fish stayed in the stream for up to three days. The extended stay gave volunteers' families and high school classes the chance to view the peamouth.

Named for their tiny mouths, peamouth are not a sport fish, but the young peamouth may actually help salmon by serving as alternative prey for salmon predators at the same time of year salmon are migrating out to sea. The eggs take only 7 to 10 days to hatch, so masses of tiny fish fill Kelsey Creek and Mercer Slough each spring.

## City Contact Information

### Bellevue City Hall

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

**City of Bellevue web site:** [www.cityofbellevue.org](http://www.cityofbellevue.org) soon to be [bellevue.wa.gov](http://bellevue.wa.gov)

**Information Center:** 452-6800

**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.

### 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 452-6805 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, 7 p.m.

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

Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.

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

Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 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: 452-6805

City Manager: 452-6810

#### Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874

Highland: 452-7686

North Bellevue Senior: 452-7681

South Bellevue: 452-4240

Community Council: 452-6805

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

#### 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.cityofbellevue.org](http://www.cityofbellevue.org)

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-6123

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

#### Parks & Community Services

Parks Information: 452-6881

Recreation Registration: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6887

Ballfields: 452-6914

Picnics/Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

#### Planning & Community Development: 452-6800

New permit applications and application status: 452-6800

Code compliance: 452-4570

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

#### Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

D.A.R.E.: 452-7895

Emergency Only: 911

Administration: 452-6952

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

Detective Division: 452-5373

Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-6915; Residential 452-6916

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-6940

#### Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Transportation Construction Hotline: 452-7933

#### Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-2977

Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973

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

### Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

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

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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*It's 4,800 square feet of concrete fun.*

## Crossroads Community Center expands with skate park

Hundreds of residents celebrated the completion of improvements at the Crossroads Community Center this spring. At the grand opening, people had an opportunity to tour the 5,000 square feet of additional space added to the community building and see the new skate park.

The building now features a large multi-use room that seats up to 150 people with a warming kitchen attached, four smaller multi-use programming spaces, a conference room, and reconfigured hallways to improve circulation and increased storage. The building expansion provides additional educational, social and human service programs and meeting space to serve the community.

The new skate park, located just east of the Community Center, was a Neighborhood Enhancement Project in the Crossroads neighborhood. The 4,800-square-foot concrete bowl is already extremely popular with skaters of all ages.



*A skateboarder takes the curve at the Crossroads Community Center.*