



MANAGEMENT BRIEF

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SUBJECT: Welcoming the newly annexed communities of South Bellevue

With tonight's historic action, the City Council welcomes three South Bellevue communities into the City of Bellevue as of June 1, 2012. For residents of the annexing communities of Eastgate, Tamara Hills, and Horizon View, it's the end of a journey that has included months of public discussion and a successful citizen- initiated signature drive. For both the City and the annexing areas, tonight is the beginning of a new relationship.

As the City begins to serve its newest residents, staff are planning some early opportunities to get better acquainted in a fun, relaxing and informative atmosphere. The following special events are designed to welcome residents, introduce them to Bellevue services, and establish a solid foundation for the future:

- **June 18** – A City Council reception will welcome the new Bellevue residents and acknowledge their role in conducting the successful annexation petition campaign. Refreshments and entertainment will provide a festive backdrop to the event which starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Concourse outside the Council Chamber. Councilmembers will join attendees at the reception from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. Following, a formal proclamation of welcome will be presented during the Regular Session.
- **June 19-21** – Three drop-in meetings are scheduled for new residents who would like to meet one-on-one or in small groups with City staff to address post-annexation questions and learn more about City services. The meetings are 10 a.m. through noon on June 19 and 5:30-7 p.m. on June 20 at Newport Way Library, and from 10 a.m. through noon on June 21 at South Bellevue Community Center.
- **July 26** -- City departments will provide interactive fun, games and give-aways highlighting City programs and services from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center. This big celebration event will include free classes and kids' activities, refreshments, prizes and entertainment.

The July 26 event has been coordinated with Council calendars. As always, Council questions and suggestions are invited.