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Council tabs Lee for mayor

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robertson and Mayor Conrad Lee

The City Council has elected longtime councilmember Conrad Lee to serve as mayor for the next two years. Councilmember Jennifer Robertson was chosen deputy mayor, also during the council's first meeting of the year, on Jan. 2.

Lee, who was born in China and moved to Bellevue in 1967, is the first member of an ethnic minority to serve as Bellevue's mayor. Previously the deputy mayor, Lee takes over from Councilmember Don Davidson, whose two-year term as mayor concluded at the end of 2011.

"I'm grateful to the people of Bellevue and I am honored to be entrusted by my fellow councilmembers to be mayor," Lee said. "Bellevue is one of the most vibrant and diverse cities in the state and I am proud to represent and lead it."

Bellevue's seven councilmembers are elected at large and serve four-year, staggered terms. They, in turn, choose a fellow councilmember as mayor for a two-year term.

The mayor presides over council meetings and study sessions, helps set the meeting agenda, represents the city at public events, and acts as the primary spokesperson for the council. The council is responsible for approving budgets and setting policy for the city. Bellevue's city manager implements the policy and oversees the city's day-to-day operations.

Lee has served on the council since 1994, and was re-elected to a fifth term in 2009. His current council assignments include the Bellevue Botanical Garden Board, Bellevue Convention Center Authority Board, King County Regional Transit Committee and the Puget Sound Regional Economic Development District Board.

Lee earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Washington. He has been a regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an engineer at Boeing and a project manager with Seattle's Solid Waste division.

Lee and his wife Winnie have two adult children, a son and a daughter.

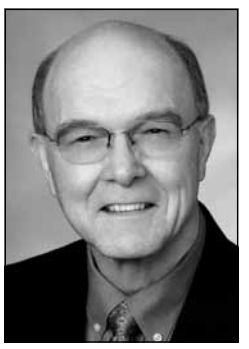
Robertson was first elected to the council in 2009 to complete the two remaining years of Phil Noble's term. She was re-elected in November.

"I'm humbled to be chosen deputy mayor," Robertson said. "I'm looking forward to the council working together to keep Bellevue a wonderful place to live, raise a family and grow a business."

Robertson's council assignments include the King County Growth Management Planning Council Executive Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board, Bellevue Library Board Liaison, and Parks & Community Services Board Liaison.

An attorney, Robertson and her husband Scott have three daughters.

Stokes elected to council



Retired attorney John Stokes is the City Council's newest member, after defeating land-use attorney Aaron Laing by a razor-thin 54-vote margin in November's election.

King County Elections confirmed Stokes' victory in December, after a recount done by hand at the Elections office.

"I'm excited to take my seat on the council. It's an honor to serve," Stokes said after he was sworn in on Jan. 3. "Bellevue is a terrific city with dynamic residents. I look forward to taking up the challenges before us."

Stokes was serving on the Parks & Community Services Board and the Bellevue School District's fiscal advisory committee before his election to the council. A Bellevue resident since 1991, he replaces Grant Degginger, who stepped down after 12 years on the council.

State law required a hand recount because the difference between candidates was less than 150 votes.

Stokes' election was the only close contest among four council races. The incumbents dominated in the other races, with John Chelminiak and Claudia Balducci each collecting nearly two-thirds of the vote and Jennifer Robertson not even drawing a candidate.

With the East Link light rail project in the background of Bellevue's council elections, nearly 54 percent of the city's voters participated.

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Council Corner

The everyday heroics of city staff

By Claudia Balducci

When I mentioned to my husband that I planned to write this edition of Council Corner on transportation issues, he said I was in a rut and needed to get out of it. He was right.

Because I represent Bellevue and the Eastside as a member of the Sound Transit Board, chair the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board and participate in the Eastside Transportation Partnership, I spend an awful lot of time thinking about transportation.

For this column though, I want to highlight another important topic that's close to my heart: the great work done by our city staff. I'm not talking about the dramatic, courageous efforts routinely turned in by our outstanding firefighters and police officers, though they are certainly deserving of our praise as well.

I'm talking about the everyday heroics turned in by our frontline staff. They're the ones who balance the books, maintain the computer systems, plow the snow off city streets, answer the phones and scores of other routine duties that make people's lives better. It's not flashy; it's just good customer service.

Since I can't pat every city employee on the back, I want to tell you about three of them who make a difference day in and day out, and share what others have to say about their work. Jeannie, Chad and Pam are representative of the fine job done by all city staff.

Jeannie Anderson

Connecting kids, families to services

One important function for city government is lending a hand to children and families. Jeannie Anderson, Program Coordinator for the Wrap-Around Services Program at Lake Hills Elementary School, reaches out to connect students and families to local services.

A city employee who started in 1995, Jeannie works in the Parks & Community Services Department and is critical in enhancing in- and out-of-school activities for children and families. For example, she helped establish an emergency rental fund for low-income families needing to relocate, and she helps children get access to medical care, counseling and before- and after-school programs

Wrap-Around Services is a collaboration between the city, Bellevue School District and United Way. Other partners include the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, Hopelink, Latino H.E.A.T., the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association and Jubilee REACH Center.

When deep financial hardship threatened Robert Atkinson and his two children with homelessness, Jeannie helped connect them to after-school programs, counseling, clothing and dental assistance.

"We lost everything. Jeannie provided me and my family with real help and hope," Atkinson said. "She almost seemed to be one step ahead. It is people like her who make our world a better place, simply by taking the extra time to ensure that families are looked out for."

Chad Brown

Helping homeowners with drainage problems

Also important to the smooth operation of our city is making sure rainwater ends up in the right place. Chad Brown, a Stormwater Technical Specialist in the Utilities Department, spends much of his time providing customer service to residents with drainage issues.

After troubleshooting a reported problem, Chad and fellow crewmembers coordinate with Storm & Surface Water staff, who specialize in construction and maintenance of the drainage system. Recently he helped a resident who had flooding in his crawlspace because of improperly routed drainage from the roof.

Chad, a city employee since 2001, quickly concluded the house was not connected to the city's stormwater system and suggested the homeowner install a new drainage system from the home's gutters to the public right of way. Once this was done, Chad and a crew connected the private pipes to the city's stormwater system. Water no longer floods the homeowner's crawlspace or flows onto the street, where it can cause ice to form during cold weather.

"I was impressed with the refreshing eagerness to help, demonstrated by Chad and his colleagues," said Dr. Edward Kaiser, the homeowner. "They were pleasant to deal with, punctual, and clear in their communication. Overall, this experience exceeded my expectations and reflects well on the municipal government and all its employees."

Inspections help keep buildings safe

Pam Rosencrans

Other important city services that typically don't get much notice if they're done well are inspections. But the consequences of a poorly done inspection could be calamitous.

Pam Rosencrans has been a mechanical inspector in the Development Services Department for more than 20 years. She makes sure that equipment in commercial buildings - such as furnaces, refrigeration, exhaust fans and fire protection systems - function safely and comply with city codes.

Her customers and coworkers know her as efficient, hard-working and courteous – a problem solver who stays focused on the solution. Much of Pam's work in recent years has involved inspecting safety equipment in downtown high-rises.

One of those customers is Joel DeVille of Ocean Park Mechanical Inc., who has worked with Pam recently on projects involving complex systems and pressing timelines.

"Pam goes out of her way to be helpful. On one project, as we got closer to occupancy, I was quite sporadic in scheduling the inspections," DeVille said. "She would say, 'No problem. I'll make you the last stop of the day and call you when I'm on my way.' And she takes the time to go over every detail and make sure the work is absolutely up to standard. She always goes above and beyond."

These are just three examples of the incredible work city staff do every day. I appreciate their efforts.

Council Roundup

Plan for Eastgate redevelopment reviewed

The City Council on Jan. 17 looked at a plan that could refine land use and transportation conditions in the Eastgate-Interstate 90 corridor, possibly leading to a transit-oriented development with mid-rise offices and housing clustered around the area park-and-ride.

The draft Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project study was developed by an citizen advisory committee appointed in the fall of 2010. It envisions zoning provisions and infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years that would help ensure the South Bellevue stretch of office parks and neighborhood retail remains one of the city's major regional employment centers.

The 600-acre corridor spans the office and commercial areas on both sides of I-90, between the I-405 interchange and 161st Avenue Southeast (with a spur including the Lakemont highway interchange). It does not include the Eastgate annexation area, which is predominantly residential.

Problems that have emerged for the area include traffic congestion, limited capacity for offices and housing and a lack of amenities and character.

The project timeline anticipates the council receiving the final plan in the spring, with changes to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning pursued after that.

Feedback: Dan Stroh, Planning Director, 425-452-5255 or *dstroh@bellevuewa.gov*

Reduced staffing, fees to balance budget

The City Council on Dec. 12 approved a new fee for non-critical medical transports that will help narrow a $6.5 million general fund budget gap, but were told that significant reductions also will be needed to fully balance spending and revenue.

Actions taken by the council Monday were part of a state-required mid-biennium review of the city's 2011-2012 budget, which includes the general fund.

Because of the sluggish economy and lower tax revenues, the general fund deficit is projected to continue for some time.

To balance the general fund, the city will reduce spending by $4.6 million, implement the transport fees totaling $1 million, and refund $800,000 from internal service funds to the general fund.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy and department directors already have reduced spending through staff cuts and dozens of smaller savings throughout City Hall.

Staff reductions will include the elimination of 17 full-time equivalent positions, six of which will involve layoffs, voluntary separations or voluntary retirements.

Feedback: Toni Rezab, Budget Manager, 425-452-7863 or *trezab@bellevuewa.gov*

Unique collaboration moves East Link forward

Bellevue and Sound Transit officials accept "Deal of the Year" awards from the Bellevue Downtown Association.

Following a unanimous vote by the City Council late last year to approve an agreement with Sound Transit, work on the East Link light rail project has shifted into an entirely new phase.

Since the November vote, efforts have moved from the public policy realm to the nuts and bolts of project design and engineering. The $2.8 billion East Link project will extend light rail from Seattle, across Lake Washington, through Bellevue to the Overlake Transit Center in Redmond. Sound Transit expects passenger service to begin in 2023.

After extensive negotiations last year, Bellevue hammered out the agreement, called a memorandum of understanding (MOU), with the transit agency. It details how the city will help pay the cost of a downtown tunnel, where the light rail route will be located in Bellevue, and how land-use and permitting issues will be handled. A separate "transit way agreement" deals with responsibilities for the light rail right of way.

Throughout the lengthy environmental review process and the MOU negotiations for East Link, the council emphasized the need to minimize light rail impacts on neighborhoods due to traffic, noise and visual appearance.

The MOU spells out how the city will make up to $160 million worth of contributions, about half the additional cost of building a downtown tunnel, compared with the cost of a street-level route.

Because the city has a significant financial stake in East Link, the MOU calls for Bellevue and Sound Transit to launch a "collaborative design process" to reduce costs, comply with codes and regulations, and finish the complex project on time. The goal is to shave $60 million off the city's share.

The unique partnership involves Bellevue and Sound Transit staff working closely on a design for the Bellevue portion of the project. Aspects of the collaboration will include engineering, permitting, private utility coordination and light rail station planning. The first meeting of this group was held in January at City Hall and attended by dozens of Bellevue and Sound Transit staff who will work together on the project.

"We're going to get this done right and save money in the process," City Manager Steve Sarkozy told the collaborative design group. "I'm confident we can make this (project) a success, not only for our region, but for the nation."

Throughout the collaboration process, which is slated for completion in early 2014 when the East Link design work is 60 percent complete, there will be opportunities for the public to see what's being planned.

Information about the project and upcoming meetings will be posted on Bellevue's website (http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm), where people can also sign up for "Alerts" to be notified when new information is posted. Information is also available on the Sound Transit website http://projects.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/East-Link-Project.xml.

Paperless permitting catches on

Paperless permitting is catching on fast in Bellevue. Just three months after the city launched online review for mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits, nearly 30 percent of them are being processed that way.

While "simple" permits, which require no staff review, have been available online since 2002, making permitting paperless when plans are involved is a big step.

"It has definitely saved our company money in several different ways," said Darla Doll of Seattle-based contractor MacDonald Miller. "We don't have to pay a runner up to $35 an hour to take our permits into Bellevue and then again to pick the permit up.

"The time it takes to fill out the online forms and upload the drawings is less than when I had to print off two sets of drawings, fill out the paper forms and then schedule a runner to take it the next day," Doll added. "I like the convenience of applying anytime, getting revision requests faster and being able to send in responses or changes so quickly."

Bellevue's Development Services Department is working hard to eliminate the need for paper, with plans to expand online review to all construction, fire protection, right of way, utility connection and land use actions by the end of 2013.

Paperless permitting provides customers and staff the benefits of a more efficient method of accessing city services. In October www.mybuildingpermit.com was reconfigured to allow for electronic applications and communication between city staff and the customer, eliminating the need for paper forms, plans and documents.

Bellevue is a founding member of the e-CityGov Alliance, a regional effort to provide government services though web portals including MyBuildingPermit.com. Bellevue now issues 72 percent of simple mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits online.

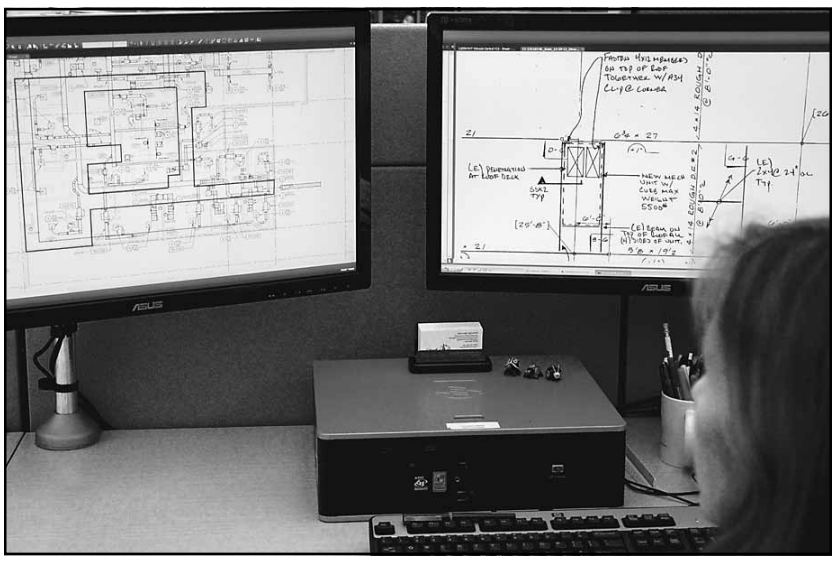
Bellevue went live paperless permitting for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing applications that require plan review in October, and Kirkland, Renton and Snohomish County now also offer the service. The other nine e-CityGov Alliance cities will begin offering paperless permitting later this year.

Staff is excited about being able to offer electronic plan review.

"It is very exciting to be part of the new wave of plan review," mechanical plans examiner Valerie Graber said. "The whole idea is a win-win. The reviewer and client can easily clarify and resolve problem issues while looking at the plans online. We will be able to work with clients in a more team-like environment."

Applying online reduces the costs for the applicant and the city, as well as reducing impacts on the environment. The applicant no longer has to submit multiple copies of paper plans or drive to City Hall to apply only during business hours. City staff no longer have to store large rolls of plans or create and route paper files, and they can more easily access the application to reduce review time.

Specialized software allows electronic review of the PDF plans and provides the ability to place comments directly on the pages. Collaborating with surrounding jurisdictions to provide this service through a joint portal lowers the overall costs and provides a benefit to our common customers.



City plans examiner Valerie Graber reviews plans on her computer.

Born to be a paramedic?

Mike Lam at his graduation as a paramedic with his mother, Cu Ban, and sister, Marian Lam.

If a paramedic was ever born, not made, Mike Lam would be it.

Now providing advanced life support to patients in San Francisco, the Bellevue native owes his own life to paramedics who delivered him as a home breech birth 29 years ago. Lam is coming to Bellevue this month and will meet one of those paramedics, firefighter Marty LaFave.

LaFave received an email from Lam in December. He was surprised and pleased to find out that that baby from long ago, turning blue because he was coming into the world feet first, was living a full life, following in LaFave's own career footsteps.

Learning that Lam, the son of Laotian immigrants, had not only survived, but thrived "is the cherry on a great career cake," said LaFave, who was just winding up a five-year stint managing Bellevue's paramedics when Lam contacted him.

On a new assignment as a battalion chief at Station 1 downtown, LaFave was a brand new paramedic at Bellevue in 1981, when he helped deliver Lam. At the time of Lam's birth, breech babies born at home had less than a 5 percent chance of surviving. Luckily for him, the firefighters and paramedics from Fire Station 2 had been trained to deliver babies coming out feet or rear end first.

LaFave remembered Lam's birth well. "I wondered how that case had come out. We had to resuscitate the child, and we wanted that newborn to have all the chances at a full life."

Marty LaFave

LaFave, then a recent graduate of Harborview Medical Center's paramedic program, recalls seeing two little blue feet and knowing Mike was trouble. After some careful tugging, significant manipulation and a little oxygen, the paramedics delivered a baby boy.

Three years after Mike's birth, he and his family moved to northern California. His mother shared the role firefighters played in his birth during his junior year in high school, when he was on a vacation in Bellevue.

After graduating from high school, Mike earned a degree in fire science and attended emergency medical technician school in northern California. After six years as an EMT, Mike studied to be a paramedic at the City College of San Francisco, graduating last year.

"That seems like a cool job," Lam said he thought when he was considering careers. "I wouldn't be here without those guys."

Volunteer honored for more than 5,000 hours of service

Sharon and Dallas Graham build shapes with lights for the Botanical Garden's Garden d'Lights event.

The Bellevue Botanical Garden benefits from the labors of an army of dedicated volunteers, but Sharon Graham is remarkable even by their standards, giving 5,342 hours of service to the Garden over the last six years.

For pulling weeds, guiding tours and decorating for the annual Garden d'Lights event, Graham received the President's Call to Service award this month. She is one of 79 volunteers for the city to receive Presidential service awards.

Botanical Garden manager Nancy Kartes focused on Graham's work directing volunteers on Garden d'Lights, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Garden every winter.

"Under (Graham's) leadership, nearly 300 volunteers spend countless hours designing and building displays, teaching classes, installing and removing the displays, and performing various duties throughout the 36-night run of the event," Kartes wrote in a nomination.

"Sharon leads nearly every class and work party, coordinates all volunteers and leads the incredibly organized month-long work party to install the displays," Kartes added. "Then, she works every single night of the event!"

Graham and the other volunteers were honored by the City Council at its Feb. 6 meeting.

In addition to the President's Call award, which recognizes lifetime service, Graham received a Presidential gold award for putting in 1,259 hours at the Botanical Garden last year. Four other Garden volunteers put in at least 500 hours in 2011 to earn the gold award, including Nancy Daar (700 hours), Jan Lyon (720), Dallas Graham (Sharon's husband, 1,032) and Ruth Edwards (1,151).

Of the other 74 recipients, 66 earned bronze awards, for giving at least 100 hours of service, and eight received silver awards, for 250 to 499 hours of service.

Between them, all of the honorees volunteered for nine city programs or facilities, including: Eastside Amateur Radio Support (EARS); Fire Department Chaplain; Mediation; Master Naturalists; Canoe the Slough; Youth Link; Aquatics; Highland Community Center; and the Botanical Garden. Sixty of the honorees worked for the Botanical Garden.

Established in 2003, the President's Volunteer Service Awards are available to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. The President's Call is the highest award possible in the program.

The city has a vibrant volunteer program. In 2011, over 5,790 volunteers served 121,641 hours in 48 programs, delivering an estimated $2.8 million worth of labor.

Information about volunteer opportunities, both with the city and with local nonprofit organizations, is available at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteer.htm. To volunteer with the city, contact Shelly (425-452-5375 or *Volunteer@BellevueWa.Gov*).

Waterwise garden needs volunteers

The Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden educates homeowners about gardening choices that conserve water and protect our lakes, streams and wetlands. Volunteers keep the garden blooming for visitors.

Waterwise garden volunteer Tia Scarce

In return, volunteers:

- Learn natural gardening techniques they can use in their own gardens;
- Get hands-on experience planting, soil building, composting and caring for plants through the growing season; and
- Meet people who share an interest in gardening and being outdoors.
- Volunteer days are the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 1-3 p.m., from spring to fall. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to dig in and have fun growing. The Botanical Garden is at 12001 Main St.

To learn more, contact Patricia Burgess at *pburgess@bellevuewa.gov* or call 425-452-4127.

City considers bus service improvements

What bus service improvements would you like to see in Bellevue? Where should the city add sidewalks or bus shelters to make it more convenient to use public transit?

With Bellevue continuing to grow in area, employment and population, the city would benefit from better bus service. While the city does not itself provide transit, it makes recommendations to King County Metro and Sound Transit based on the community's needs, and can make capital improvements that support bus routes.

The city develops recommendations and identifies projects in a long-term transit plan. The city is now updating its plan, and seeks resident input in an online survey.

The survey addresses the following issues and more:

- What do you need as a transit customer or what would entice you to ride transit?
- Would you like to be able to reach Seattle, Redmond or elsewhere more quickly?
- Do you wish your route's schedule was more reliable?
- Does your stop need better access by foot or bicycle?

Improvements have been made to transit service in Bellevue since the last plan was written, including the recent introduction of "RapidRide" buses, which have traffic signal priority, but there is more to do.

In the 2003 Bellevue Transit Plan, it was recommended that: 1) transit be improved both to and within Bellevue, 2) capital improvements support recommended transit services, and 3) we review and make recommendations concerning the transit-supportive policies in the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The updated plan, to be called the Bellevue Transit Master Plan, will identify how the city can address these three key areas through 2030. Help shape what recommendations are made.

The online survey and additional information are available at: www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-transit-plan.htm. You can also contact transportation planner Franz Loewenherz at 425-452-4077 or *Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov*.

A number of downtown Bellevue restaurants (including Daniel's Broiler, Purple and El Gaucho) have donated gift certificates to encourage participation in this survey. The names of survey participants will be included in a random drawing, with winners receiving gift certificates.

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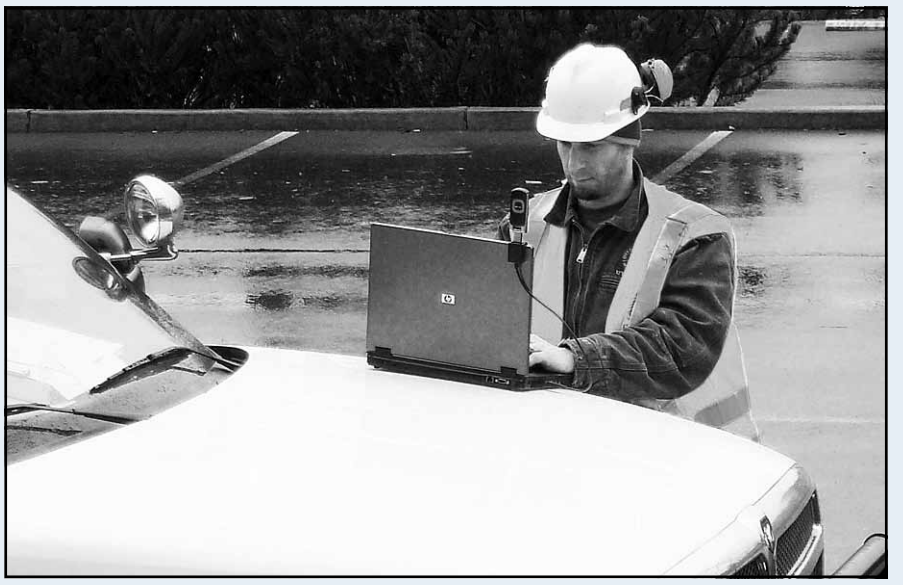
Data tracking boosts efficiency



Wastewater worker Mark Buntich enters data into a laptop after completing work in the field. To ensure efficiency, Utilities water and sewer field crews do more than inspect and repair pipes, pump stations and other infrastructure.

At the end of each day, crews take out laptop computers or sometimes just pen and paper, and document the work they did, how much time it took and what parts and materials they used.

"To operate our systems in the long term, we need to understand and track where failures occur and what it takes to fix them," Utilities Operations Manager Joe Harbour notes. "We can't do that without accurate data."

"A lot of folks just want to turn wrenches and fix things, and they don't see tracking widgets as action-oriented," Harbour said. "But over time inputting data has become part of our culture."

Transportation needs identified

Long before the city adds turn lanes, bike shoulders, sidewalks and other improvements to Bellevue streets, they are typically included in a long-term list of projects, the Transportation Facilities Plan.

The city is updating the TFP, and seeking resident input through an online survey (at www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation-facilities-plan.htm) and a series of open houses, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the following locations:

- Thursday, Feb. 23, City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE, Room 1E-108; and
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road.

A 12-year plan of projects recommended by the Transportation Commission and approved by the City Council, the TFP is the first step toward a project being built. Funding is allocated when a project is added to the city's seven-year Capital Investment Program Plan.

The last update of the TFP included the years 2009-2020. The city is now developing the new 2013-2024 TFP. Transportation planners will review projects currently in the plan and add new ones.

Broad project needs are captured in the city's Comprehensive Plan, which outlines visions for land use and transportation over a 20-plus-year span. Projects are introduced in the Comprehensive Plan as part of plans for areas of the Bellevue or components of the transportation system. Such plans have been drafted in recent years for the Bel-Red and Eastgate-Interstate 90 corridors.

The prioritized list of projects developed for the TFP will be used to update the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan, a process that will start by late spring. The new CIP budget is expected to be adopted by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact Mike Ingram at 425-452-4166 or *Mingram@bellevuewa.gov*.

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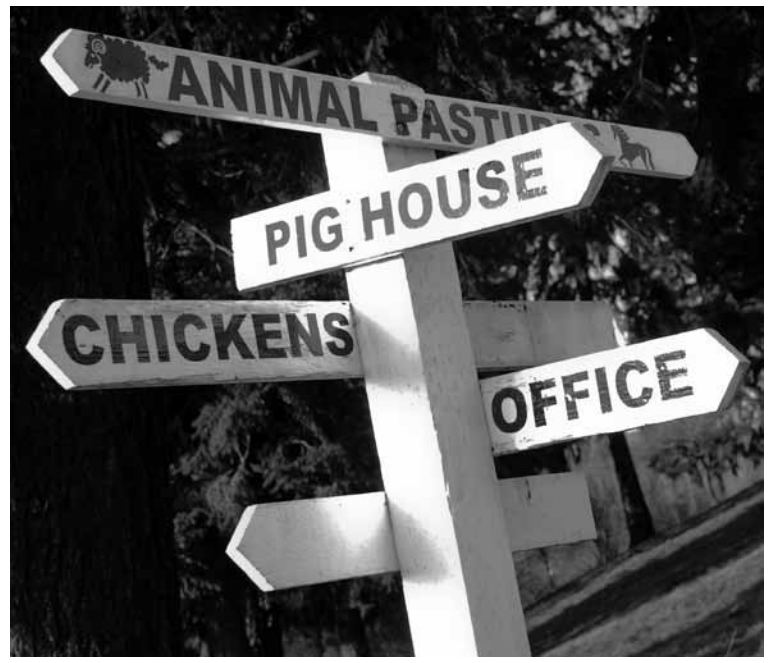
A horse and his boy. Colin Rabitoy, is the caretaker at Kelsey Creek Park, but this horse may have other ideas.

The Twin Valley Dairy in the mid-1940s. Image courtesy the Eastside Heritage Center. (Duey Collection.)



Which came first? Caden Pong, in a Little Farmers class, might be taking sides on this issue.

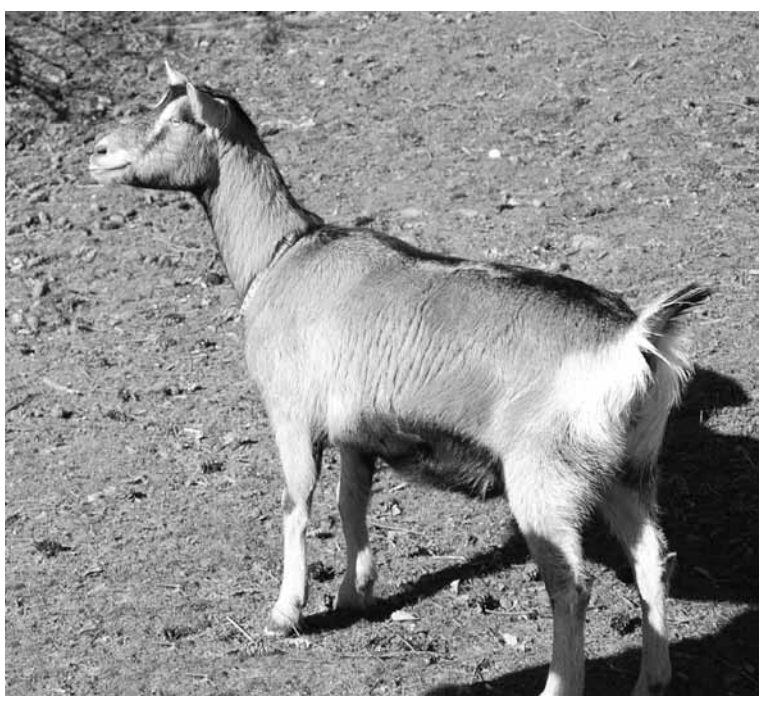
Farm park is window to another era

Among Bellevue's many parks, Kelsey Creek is unique, reminding visitors of an era when Old McDonald and many of his neighbors had a farm. The park features picturesque barns and a host of farm animals, including horses, sheep, goats and chickens.

Visitors can amble the grounds any day and see cows and horses grazing in their pastures. Young people can get up close and personal with animals, in classes or as after-school volunteers. The site really was a farm, purchased by the city in 1968 from the Duey family.

In 1921 W.H. Duey and his family moved to Bellevue from Mount Vernon and cleared the land for a dairy farm, which supplied Eastside homes with up to 300 quarts of milk a day. The Dueys called their business Twin Valley Farm because it was located on a high spot between two small valleys. Draft horses were used for farm work and Mrs. Duey drove the delivery truck.

The south barn, built by the Dueys in 1933, is now home to the animals. The Dueys' house is used for farm programming and day camps. Kelsey Creek Farm is open year-round, with animals on display generally from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Call 425-452-7688 for more information.



Julia Capozzi, in a Little Farmers class, pets a sheep. The sheep and his friends will be shorn at the annual Sheep Shearing event this spring.

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 $100,000 or more, sorted by neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact the project manager.

Bridle Trails	Contact
Bridle Trails Park(s): Developing two parks in the Bridle Trails neighborhood. Master planning begins Spring 2012. $2.5 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
Bellevue Golf Course Improvements: Replacing existing poles and netting on the driving range and installing new lights. Construction begins Spring 2012. $210,000	Randy Leifer, 425-452-2850 Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Bridge complete 2016. Status: Construction $6.5 billion	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8 mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the SR 202 interchange to improve access. Construction complete 2013. $306 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/
132nd Avenue NE Intertie: Providing a connection between Bellevue and Kirkland water systems at the intersection of 132nd Avenue NE and NE 60th Street to improve water flow. Construction Summer 2012. $240,000	Daniel E. Ross, 425-452-4362 Dross@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads	Contact
Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park which will accommodate up to 150 seats. Construction: TBD. $8 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuew.gov bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm
Valley Creek - NE 21st Street Flood Control: Reducing the frequency of flooding. A range of hydraulic improvements in design, including the NE 21st Street culvert. Construction Summer 2013. $500,000	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain	Contact
152nd Avenue SE Roadway Subgrade Repair: Stabilizing the roadbed on 152nd Avenue SE, south of SE Newport Way. Construction early 2012. $150,000	Vanaja Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #3 Water Pump Station Rehabilitation: Replacing aging electrical and telemetry systems and installing new pumps and a standby generator. Complete Spring 2014. $1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area, Phase 2: Constructing a picnic area with two picnic shelters, restroom, pathways, and parking lot. Construction complete Spring 2012. $1.8 million	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Reservoir Water Pump Station Rehabilitation: Replacing and upgrading aging electrical and telemetry systems and installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. Complete Fall 2014. Status: Design $1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Regional Detention Pond: Improving storm drainage runoff water quality before it's released into Lewis Creek. Complete Fall 2012. Status: Design $700,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

Factoria	Contact
Bannerwood Sports Field Lighting: Adding new energy-efficient lighting for sports field and improving parking lot lighting for security purposes. Construction complete Winter 2012. $360,000	Bret Wilson, 425-452-2932 Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov
130th Avenue SE Sidewalk: Installing a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of 130th Avenue SE, between SE 45th Place and SE 47th Street. Construction complete Spring 2012. $150,000	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Hills	Contact
SE 56th Street Sidewalk & Landscaping: Installing a six-foot-wide sidewalk with planter strip east of 119th Avenue SE. Construction complete Spring 2012. $120,000	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov Melissa Brown, 425-452-4100 Mlbrown@bellevuewa.gov
119th Avenue SE Urban Boulevards Enhancements: Adding gateway signage, landscaping features and public art. Status: Design complete 2012. $180,000	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov
Coal Creek Culvert: Replacing deteriorating metal culvert beneath Coal Creek Parkway to protect Coal Creek Parkway and vital infrastructure in the roadway. Enhances fish passage upstream and provides a safe trail connection. Construction 2012-2013. $4.25 million	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

Northeast Bellevue	Contact
NE 16th Place Stormwater Infrastructure Rehabilitation: Replacing an aging concrete storm drainage pipe with a new 15-inch diameter pipeline. Construction early 2012. $120,000	Vanaja Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Northup Way at 156th, 160th, and 164th Avenues NE: Upgrading traffic signals to improve pedestrian safety at these intersections. At 160th, relocating the crosswalk. Construction Summer 2012. $400,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue	Contact
Bellevue Way NE Urban Boulevards Upgrades: Enhancing intersection and traffic signal at NE 24th Street and Bellevue Way. Status: Pre-Construction Complete 2012. $180,000	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov
I-405/SR 520 WSDOT Braids: Building multi-level "braided" ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting northbound I-405 between NE 8th Street and SR 520. Also, building a new bypass lane for I-405 traffic headed eastbound to SR 520. Construction complete Summer 2012. $107.5 million	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE8thtoSR520/
Northup Way Corridor Improvements: Adding a bike facility and improving sidewalks along Northup Way between NE 24th Street and 108th Avenue NE. At 108th Avenue NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built. (WSDOT is co-lead). Construction 2013. $800,000	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Way & NE 24th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade: Replacing the existing span wire signal, updating the curb ramps, and overlaying the intersection. Construction 2012. $600,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Yarrow Tributary Culvert: Removing a road embankment and fish barrier culvert to restore fish passage to the West Tributary of Yarrow Creek. Construction 2012. $300,000	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov
Sammamish/East Lake Hills	**Contact**
164th Avenue NE Water Service Saddle: Replacing aging water service lines in advance of the 2012 pavement overlay project. Construction early 2012. $350,000	Vanaja Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Phase I: I-90 to SE 34th Street: Designing Segment 1 (of 5) to include an improved multi-use trail, retaining walls, landscaping, and improved roadway drainage. Construction Spring 2012. $8.3 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_parkway.htm
Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Design starts Spring 2012. $10 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset	**Contact**
Mountains to Sound Greenway (MTSG) Feasibility Study: Selecting a preferred alternative for the locations of the MTSG Trail between Factoria Boulevard and Lakemont Avenue SE. Developing a MTSG Report. $198,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
West Bellevue	**Contact**
102nd Avenue NE Mid-block Crosswalk, north of NE 8th Street: Enhancing mid-block crosswalk island. Construction complete May 2012. $500,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Transportation Plan: Evaluating transportation alternatives for new roadway capacity, improving non-motorized and transit facilities to ensure mobility through 2030. Planning complete Dec. 2012. $175,000	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 Kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm
I-90 Two-Way Transit/High Occupancy Vehicle Project, Stage 2: Improving eastbound I-90 from Mercer Island, HOV access at Bellevue Way, and adding HOV lanes to the outer roadway. Project partnership with Sound Transit and WSDOT. Construction complete Fall 2012. $187 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/I-90_hov_intro.htm
East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to do the engineering design of the alignment from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. Construction starts in 2014. $2.8 billion	Bernard van de Kamp, 425-452-6459 Bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm
Sewer Lake Line at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing 1,200 lineal feet of aging, deteriorated sewer line currently located within the lake and installing it on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction begins Summer 2013. $2 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Phase I - Lake Washington: Determining the location and condition of about 13 miles of buried sewer pipe within the lakebed and shoreline from Yarrow Point to Renton. Construction complete end of 2012. $450,000	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Central Business District Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Improving sewer capacity and repairing sewer defects in downtown. Construction complete Fall 2012. $600,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Emerald Ridge Wastewater Pump Station: Replacing an almost 30-year old pump with a new pump station. Construction complete 2012. $1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Exposed Sanitary Sewer Lake Lines: Obtaining pipe samples for a condition assessment study and placing washed rock on top of exposed sewer lake lines to protect them from damage by wave action. Construction starts Summer 2012. $200,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
West Lake Hills	**Contact**
Eastgate I-90 Land Use & Transportation Project: Evaluating land use and transportation alternatives for this regional employment corridor. Study complete March 2012. $295,000	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm
Wilburton	**Contact**
Bellevue Botanical Garden - Ravine Garden & Suspension Bridge: Constructing a 150-foot-long pedestrian suspension bridge with trail connections. Construction complete Spring 2012. $1 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bbg_ravine_garden_development.htm
Bellevue Botanical Garden - Visitor Center Expansion: Constructing a new 8,500 square foot visitor center that will include an outdoor covered orientation space, gift shop, meeting areas, multipurpose classrooms, and restrooms. Construction starts Fall 2014. $9 million	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bbg_master_plan_update.htm
130th Avenue NE Station: Planning redevelopment to include stream restoration, new parks and transportation facilities for the future light rail station near NE 15th Street. Plan by early 2012. $100,000	Paul Inghram, 425-452-4070 Pinghram@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm
NE 4th Street Extension - 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE: Extending NE 4th Street with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides, landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Avenue NE. Project will be in two phases. Phase 1 construction Spring 2013. $38.4 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-fourth-street-extension.htm
NE 5th Street Neighborhood Traffic Assessment: Constructing a temporary one-lane zone (near the BSD maintenance facility) so that only one vehicle can pass through at a time to prevent cut-through traffic in the neighborhood. Construction occurs with the NE 4th Street project - Spring 2013. $TBD	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/NE-5th-traffic.htm
NE 6th Street Extension: I-405 to 120th Avenue NE: Extending NE 6th as an HOV only facility from the I-405 interchange to the east over 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE, with two lanes in each direction. Timeline unknown. $1 million (Pre-design only)	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
120th Avenue NE Improvements - 300 Block to 700 Block, Stage 1: Widening to five lanes with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and adding a traffic signal at NE 6th Street. Construction Fall 2012. $7 million	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening.htm
120th Avenue NE Improvements, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with five-foot-wide bike lanes, landscaping, and eight-foot-wide sidewalks from NE 700 Block to NE 12th Street, with utility work. Design complete December 2012. $19.5 million (Design, Right-of-way, and Construction)	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening-phase-2.htm

120th Avenue NE Improvements, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with five-foot-wide bike lanes, landscaping, and eight-foot-wide sidewalks from NE 12th Street to Northup Way, with utility work. 90% Design 2013. $1 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening-phase-2.htm
NE 15th Multi-Modal Corridor - 116th Avenue NE: NE 12th Street to 124th Avenue NE, Segment 1: Designing two lanes in each direction, left-turn lanes at designated intersections, sidewalk on both sides, bicycle facilities, street lighting, and storm drainage and detention. 30% Engineering Spring 2012. $5.4 million (Design only)	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/NE-15th-Street-construction.htm
124th Avenue NE: Proposed NE 15th/NE 16th Street Extension to Northup Way: Widening 124th Avenue NE between the planned NE 15th/NE 16th Street and Northup Way to five lanes. 60% Design by Summer 2012 $1.8 million (Design only)	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
Lake Hills Connector and SE 8th Street Gateway Enhancements: Utility boxes will be wrapped with a custom graphic reflecting the surrounding environment. Construction Fall 2012. $425,000	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov
Kelsey Creek at Glendale Golf Course Fish Passage and Stream Channel Improvements: Improving the Kelsey Creek stream channel through the private golf course. Construction complete Summer 2012. $700,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Woodridge	Contact
East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications to address stream channel degradation. Complete Fall 2012. Status: Planning $420,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control & Habitat Improvement Project: Improving habitat along the stream channel to help reduce flooding of developed properties on SE 27th Place and SE 30th Street during significant rainfall events and providing a healthier environment for aquatic organisms. Construction Summer 2012. $520,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

Various Locations	Contact
Bellevue Transit Master Plan: Developing the city's next generation transit plan, which will be a comprehensive 20-year look ahead to the type of transit system that will be required to meet Bellevue's transit needs through 2030. Budget TBD. Status: Planning complete Spring 2013.	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov
Transportation Facilities Plan Update: Updating a list of projects that may become part of the city's seven-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan in the future. Budget TBD. Final TFP Project List June 2012.	Mike Ingram, 425-452-4166 Mingram@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/transportation-facilities-plan.htm
AC Water Main Replacement 2011, Phase 1, 2 & 3: Replacing approximately 3.4 miles of aging four-inch and six-inch diameter asbestos cement (AC) water main with eight-inch ductile iron pipe. Ph. 1 Spring 2012; Complete Ph. 3 2013. $4.3 million	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2012: Upgrading a control valve vault, a PRV vault, and two commercial water meter vaults to provide adequate maintenance access. Complete Summer 2012. $200,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2013: Replacing three aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure throughout three neighborhoods. Construction complete Winter 2013. $290,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
2012 Sanitary Sewer Repairs Phase 1: Repairing sewer line defects with new PVC pipe in two neighborhoods. Complete Summer 2012. $580,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Drainage and Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repair 2012: Repairing storm drainage and sanitary pipes in several neighborhoods. Complete Fall 2012. $870,000	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

Mudslide closes arterial

A section of West Lake Sammamish Parkway Southeast closed to vehicles since a Jan. 22 mudslide undercut the roadway, is expected to reopen in March or early April. The current detour will remain in effect during the closure.

No one was hurt in the mudslide but four properties were damaged. The cost for the road construction work and repair of a broken water main is estimated at more than $500,000.

Although it has not been determined whether the water main break caused the mudslide or the mudslide caused the water main break, the city has acknowledged responsibility and will help owners restore their properties. Those costs are not yet known.

"Our crews plan to work as quickly as possible to reopen a roadway that is safe and stable for all." said Dave Berg, Bellevue's Transportation Director. "A few more variables need further discussion; however, this time frame is doable."

When the steep slope gave way on the east side of the Parkway, the material under the roadway slid down the hill. What remained of the road was a section of concrete panels with nothing but air beneath them. Since then, significant progress has been made to remove the unsupported roadway and haul out more than 30 dump truck loads of dirt and debris.

West Lake Sammamish Parkway will remain closed from Northeast Second Street at Northup Way to Southeast 26th Street. From the south end, drivers will be detoured to Southeast 26th Street, leading to 168th and 164th avenues Southeast. From the north end, drivers will be detoured to Northup Way and Northeast Eighth Street. Local access only is permitted between Northeast Second and Southeast 26th streets.

Preventing car prowls

The Bellevue Police Department provides crime prevention tips throughout the year. Here are a few tips to prevent car prowls:

When leaving your vehicle, lock all the doors and roll up all the windows.

- Hide your valuables out of sight.
- If you place your valuables in the trunk, do this prior to arriving to your parking spot.
- Park in well-lit areas, preferably where there is high pedestrian traffic or parking attendants.
- Use your alarm.
- Consider purchasing a security alarm system that is not only audible, but has the ability to page you if the alarm is activated.
- Park inside your garage and make sure and close the garage door.
- If you are unable to park inside a garage at night, consider installing motion sensor lighting that can illuminate your vehicle and the area around it when activated.
- Record the serial numbers of all valuables routinely used or left inside the vehicle, including stereos, amplifiers, radar detectors, GPS units and cellular telephones.

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twitter.com/bellevuewa

Community Calendar

Family Movies at Mercer Slough
"Wolf-Legendary Outlaw," stunning life of wolves.
Feb 24, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Env. Ed. Center
1625 118th Ave. SE
Best for ages 8+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by and adult. Free
425-452-2565 or *mseec@bellevuewa.gov*

Nature Program at Lewis Creek
Presentation about black bears.
Feb. 25, 1 to 2 p.m.
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE.
Ages 12+. Preregistration required, $1.
425-452-4195, Course 64212.

Naturalist Book Club
"Desert Solitaire" by Edward Abbey
Feb. 26, 6 to 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE.
Ages 18+. Preregistration required. Free
425-452-4195, course 64205.

Merry Fairy Tales
March 23-April 1
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Tickets - $10-12.
Irreverent takes on classic fairy tales.
425-452-7155

Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale
April 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside Fuchsia Society.
425-452-2750

Grease
April 19-22
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th St.
Tickets $12-14
Bellevue Youth Theatre presents the delightful Broadway musical.
425-452-7155

Arbor Day-Earth Day
April 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Volunteer projects in various locations, 9 to 11 a.m.;
Community celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE
Volunteer registration required by April 6.
425-452-4195

Mother's Day Social and Ravine Garden Opening
May 13, 12:30 to 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
Grand opening of the Ravine Garden, followed by open house with light refreshments and music. Free and open to all. Donations welcome.
425-452-2750 or www.bellevuebotanical.org

Father and son plant trees at the City of Bellevue Arbor Day-Earth Day event.

Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing
April 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm
410 130th Pl. SE
Sheep are shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor rides, pony rides and food. Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted.
425-452-7688 or *kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov*

Beauty and the Beast
May 4-12
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Tickets - $10-12.
Classic tale of the cursed prince.
425-452-7155

SEASONAL

Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course
Opens March 1
15801 NE 15th Street
An excellent beginner and family course that takes about an hour to play. The holes range in length from 63 to 107 yards.
425-452-4873
www.bellevuewa.gov

Spring/Summer Recreation Programs & Day Camps Registration
March 14: Resident registration begins for many Parks spring and summer camps and other recreation programs. Non-resident registration begins March 23; telephone registration begins March 26.
425-452-6885 or www.myparksandrecreation.com

Seasonal Fresh Produce Stands

Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm and Bill Pace Fruit & Produce
April – October, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Mercer Slough Nature Park
2380 Bellevue Way SE
425-467-0501

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm and Cha Family Farms
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 2 locations: 700 148 Ave. SE and 156th Ave SE/ SE 16th St.
Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
425-260-2266

Bellevue Botanical Garden Tours
April – October, Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
425-451-3755

Mercer Slough Nature Walk
Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Env. Ed. Center
1625 118th Ave. SE.
Guided tour of the MSEEC and wetland walk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Meet at the Visitor Center. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. Free. Note: No walk on Apr. 21.
425-452-2565

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walks
Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station
15416 SE 16th St.
Guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. Free. Note: No walk on Apr. 21.
425-452-7225

2011 Picnic Shelter Reservations
Planning a special occasion or casual summer gathering at one of Bellevue's beautiful parks? Picnic shelters are now available for reservation. For more information, call 425-452-6914

Electric car charging network expands

With demand taking off for public electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall, four more have been added there and 10 have been installed at other city facilities. The charging stations were installed in October and November at:

- City Hall (2 each in visitor and employee lots)
- South Bellevue Community Center (2)
- Crossroads Community Center (2)
- Crossroads Park (2)
- Downtown Park (2)
- Odle Middle School (2)

In November 2010 two electric vehicle charging stations were installed in the City Hall visitor lot, and those locations have seen increased use in recent months. Most electric vehicle drivers do the bulk of their charging at home, but use public charging stations to supplement and travel further distances.

While Bellevue currently doesn't charge for the electricity from any of its public charging stations, the city may implement a fee of $2 to $4 per charging session in the spring. The usage fee, consistent with those at charging stations in neighboring cities, will cover the cost of the electricity and station maintenance.

Stations can be activated (and paid for) through the use of a key-fob swipe card issued by the ChargePoint charging network. These cards can be obtained online in advance or at the charging location by calling a toll-free number. Electric vehicle drivers can easily locate public-use charging stations through dashboard GPS displays in the vehicles.

The charging stations, funded by the Western Washington Clean Cities Coalition and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, automatically track information, allowing the city to better understand usage patterns, estimate reductions in petroleum use and track other benefits. The use of electric vehicles rather than cars with internal combustion engines provides an opportunity to reduce air pollution from Bellevue's largest single emissions sector – transportation.

According to the city's Development Services Department, 40 permits have been issued for commercial and single-family residential charging stations so far this year. To date, more than 10,000 electric vehicles have been sold in the U.S.

Details about public charging stations in Bellevue are available at www.bellevuewa.gov/electric-vehicles.htm.

City Contact Information

Bellevue 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, 7 p.m.
Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Transportation: 2nd and 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: 452-6464
City Manager: 452-7228
Community Centers
Crossroads: 452-4874
Highland: 452-7686
North Bellevue: 452-7681
South Bellevue: 452-4240
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
Marina Hotline: 452-6123
Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091
Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836
Parks & Community Services
Aging Services: 452-4200
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: 425-452-7892
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: 452-2977
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
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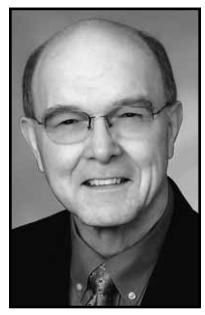
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Neighborhood forums focus sharing responsibility

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Bellevue's popular neighborhood forums series returns in 2012 with a three- part program focused on sharing responsibility for the common good. The opening forum will be Wednesday, Feb. 29, 7-9 p.m., at City Hall.

All three forums are free. Participants may register for the whole series or for a single forum. An RSVP is requested to *jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov*. For more information, contact Neighborhood Outreach staff at 425-452-6836.

Common good explained

Bill Grace, director of Common Good Works, will offer an address focusing on his vision for stewardship and communal responsibility. He will ask Bellevue residents to look at how they can ensure a healthy community for themselves and for future generations.

Grace will help residents reach deeply into their shared values and will push them to care for themselves and their community, based on stewardship of the common good. Grace is author of the recently published book, "Sharing the Rock," which will be available for purchase and signing at the forum.

Following Grace's inspirational keynote, participants will have dessert and small group discussions encouraging reflection on the common good as an important message for the times.

Second forum addresses community needs

On Thursday, March 29, 7-9 p.m. at City Hall, a second forum will focus on key issues in Bellevue, such as providing housing for all members of the community and caring for at-risk youth.

An expert panel will share information that participants will use to delve deeper into the issue of their choice. As a theme, panelists will address how the concept of multi-generational involvement plays out in their subject area.

Third forum encourages action

Participants are encouraged to move from intention to action at the third forum, scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 7-9 p.m., at City Hall. Bill Grace will lead an interactive hands-on workshop where participants can contribute ideas, identify projects and join with others to move forward on work for the common good.

Neighborhood Outreach staff will be on hand at the workshop and as an ongoing resource to help with projects and to provide resources and referral.

Neighborhood Forums, which drew sellout audiences in 2011, are made possible this year with the support of several community organizations and your locak market, which will provide dessert at each forum.

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