

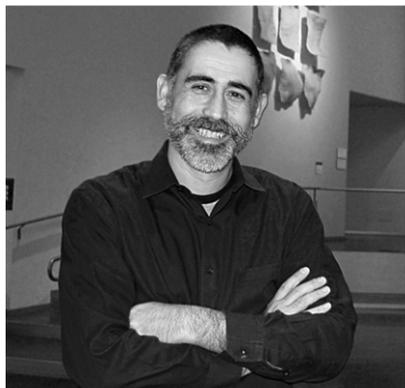


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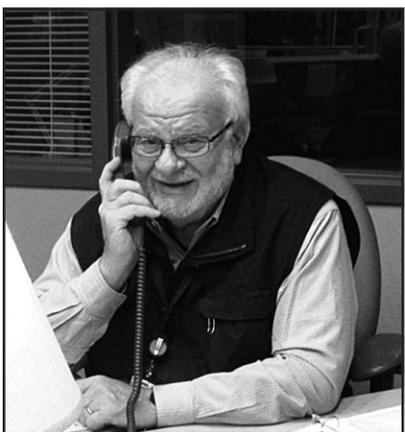
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Closing the police substation downtown is among proposed budget cuts.

The city will be forced to cut 59 full-time jobs and reduce spending by \$11 million next year as the economic downturn continues to take a major toll on tax revenues, City Manager Steve Sarkozy told the City Council in September.

Sarkozy, unveiling his preliminary 2011-12 operating budget and 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan, said the budget permanently reduces city spending and requires across-the-board sacrifices by all employees and departments.

"This budget represents a major reset in the way we do business, and comes with considerable pain," Sarkozy said. "It puts us on a fiscally sustainable course as we continue to chart these very uncertain economic times."

The \$671 million operating budget for 2011-2012 is balanced and includes no new taxes. It calls for the elimination of 59 full-time jobs, primarily through attrition, and continues no wage increases for employees into 2011 from 2010. Employees will also be asked to pay a higher share of their health-care costs.

The CIP plan totals \$353 million - a \$100 million reduction from the previous plan.

Sarkozy said the operating budget requires all departments to make cuts, with support and administrative services hit the hardest.

"One of our major priorities is to minimize impacts to the police, fire, transportation and other critical, frontline services we provide to our residents by first identifying substantial reductions in internal administrative and support services," Sarkozy said.

Nevertheless, residents throughout the community would be impacted from the reset budget, including:

- A reduction in parks services, including a cutback in maintenance, restroom closures, and a reduction in hours at some community centers;
- Elimination of popular neighborhood improvement projects such as the construction of traffic circles and speed bumps;
- Major reductions in the number of street lights operating in commercial areas;
- The closure of the police substation at the city's Transit Center, and
- Increased parks' and business license fees.

Sarkozy said the reductions would be even deeper had the city not entered the recession well positioned because of its history of strong fiscal stewardship, and the robust economic development it has experienced in recent years.

Moreover, the city took swift action early on in the recession, slashing spending and freezing hiring.

"This has been one of the most challenging fiscal times in the city's history," Sarkozy said. "Moving into 2011 and beyond we know it will be important to continue to carefully monitor the economy and quickly adapt to new situations, including the potential need to cut even further into programs and services."

Sarkozy said the process used to develop the city's budget this year was instrumental in prioritizing the spending cuts and should allow the city to meet potential new fiscal challenges. That process focused on examining all programs and services offered by the city, and ranking them depending on community priority. Hundreds of employees at all levels of the organization participated in the new process.

The preliminary budget can be viewed at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/Agendas/Table_of_Contents_Budget_9-27-10\(1\).pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/Agendas/Table_of_Contents_Budget_9-27-10(1).pdf).

The third and final public hearing on the budget will be held Nov. 15 at City Hall, three weeks before council members are expected to pass a final budget.



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Council Corner



The importance of shopping Bellevue

By Kevin Wallace

As the holiday season draws near, so, too, does a challenging budget season for the Bellevue City Council. With the large decrease in tax revenues we're experiencing due to the severe recession, this is shaping up to be one of the most challenging fiscal times in the city's history.

To maintain critical services and continue to move forward on important capital projects, Bellevue needs a steady revenue stream. One way this can be accomplished is by raising tax rates; another way is to keep rates the same, but spur our economy so total tax revenue increases.

I'm pretty sure most of us would agree that option "b" is preferable to option "a."

This brings me to the relationship between the holiday season and budget season. For folks planning to shop for gifts, or even for routine purchases throughout the year, I strongly encourage you to spend your money in Bellevue.

Buying in Bellevue helps the community because a small portion of every dollar you spend comes back to the city in the form of tax revenue that supports vital functions such as public safety, transportation and utilities infrastructure, and support for social services.

Here's an illustration of how doing business in Bellevue rather than another city benefits our community by generating more tax revenue.

Let's assume a resident in South Bellevue sets out on a shopping trip to Target with a \$100 budget. Our shopper's home is midway between the Target store in the Factoria area of Bellevue and the Target store in Issaquah, so there's a choice.

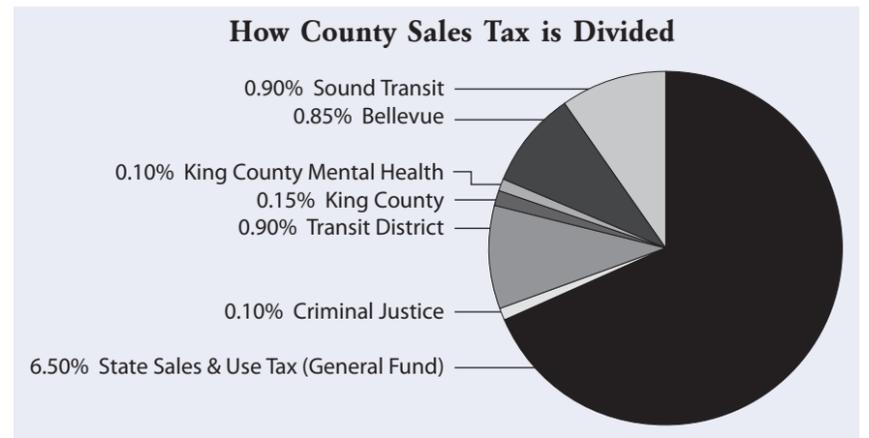
While the distance to these stores is the same, the impact on our city's bottom line is much different. Here's how:

Sales Tax: The sales tax in King County is 9.5 percent, but Bellevue receives only a small portion of that - 0.85 percent. Even so, if our shopper decides to spend \$100 at the Factoria Target, the store will collect \$9.50 from him or her in sales tax revenue, of which the City of Bellevue receives 85 cents. If he or she goes to Issaquah, the City of Bellevue receives nothing.

B&O Tax: Bellevue also assesses a business and occupation tax of 1.496 percent of the gross proceeds of sales occurring in the city. So if our imaginary shopper spends \$100 at the Factoria Target, it means Bellevue receives another 15 cents. At the Issaquah Target, Bellevue receives nothing.

Taking B&O and sales tax combined, for every \$100 our resident

spends in Bellevue, the city receives roughly \$1 in tax revenue. The same \$100 spent outside of Bellevue means Bellevue receives zero tax revenue. When the example is extended to more than 50,000 Bellevue households, for purchases of cars, clothes, and electronics, throughout the year, it's easy to understand how the decision to shop locally benefits our city.



The same principles apply when Bellevue's residents, employers and employees do business with Bellevue service companies or eat in Bellevue restaurants. In each case the purchasing decision results in a tax contribution to our community, while a decision to spend money elsewhere does not.

| | 2007 Actual | 2008 Actual | 2009 Actual | 2010 Projection |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sales Tax | \$ 53,700,000 | \$ 50,400,000 | \$ 43,200,000 | \$ 43,600,000 |
| B&O Tax | 30,000,000 | 28,700,000 | 25,200,000 | 25,500,000 |
| Total | \$ 83,700,000 | \$ 79,100,000 | \$ 68,400,000 | \$ 69,100,000 |

Beyond tax revenues, if everyone who lives and works in our city were to patronize Bellevue companies, it would help stimulate profits and create more jobs. That, in turn, would stimulate more new businesses, meaning less vacant space in our office and retail buildings. Full buildings would lead to new construction, leading to even more jobs, leading to more sales and B&O tax revenue, leading to more parks, roads and fire engines - without raising tax rates.

So this holiday season, I hope everyone will consider the city's budget season. Remember that one simple way to contribute to our community is to buy Bellevue.

Council Roundup

Alternatives to NEP considered

In view of budget constraints, the City Council on Sept. 20 discussed less costly alternatives to the 22-year-old Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP).

Since 1988, the NEP has provided regular opportunities for neighborhoods to propose and select their own small capital improvements.



The playground at Spiritridge Elementary School was an NEP project in 2007.

The program cycles throughout the city every three years, allocating \$4.5 million for projects in four to five neighborhood areas each year.

With the city budget shrinking, project costs increasing and other factors, staff proposed replacing the program with something more focused next year. In recent years, staff noted, construction and maintenance costs have made the most desirable neighborhood projects impossible to build within the NEP budget.

Staff proposed a public engagement program focusing intensively on the needs of one neighborhood area each year, as opposed to four to five.

Individually, council members expressed concern about changing a long-standing, popular program. Much discussion was focused on the issue of equity, which council members feared would be forfeited with a program focusing on only one neighborhood each year.

The matter will be a part of discussions on the proposed operating and capital budgets.

Feedback: Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, 425-452-4089 or ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue readies for electric cars

The City Council in June contemplated a jolt of mass-produced electric cars expected late this year and what the city can do now to encourage and prepare for the trend.

Staff offered an overview of efforts under way in Bellevue to encourage the fledgling electric car industry; and recommendations on land-use code changes to allow charging stations in non-residential areas.

Such efforts are part the city's wider Environmental Stewardship Initiative, which strives to create a sustainable urban habitat with clean air and water, habitat for fish and wildlife, and comfortable and secure places for people to live and work.

Electric vehicles, already trickling into the mainstream, will get a big boost later this year when Nissan is scheduled to begin selling its compact Leaf, the first mass-produced EV. Up to 12 other electric models are expected to be introduced in the next two years.

Some of the advantages of electric vehicles, compared to their petroleum-burning counterparts, include zero tailpipe emissions, less dependence on foreign oil and economic development opportunities involving the high-tech sector. Some of the issues the council considered included:

Making city's vehicle fleet greener: One way for Bellevue to encourage electric vehicles is for the city to purchase them for its own vehicle fleet. Bellevue already owns 48 hybrid vehicles and one plug-in electric utility truck. Using federal grants, the city expects to purchase 82 more hybrids and plug-ins this year and in 2011.

Land-use code changes: A 2009 state law requires cities such as Bellevue that border regional freeways and meet a population threshold to amend their development regulations "to encourage the transition to electric vehicle use and to expedite the establishment of a convenient, cost-effective, electric vehicle infrastructure."

Other issues: The council will also need to deal with the impacts of charging stations on electricity supply and distribution, whether to require charging stations in new commercial buildings, and what requirements are needed to curbside charging stations.

Feedback: Sheida Sahandy, City Manager's Office, 425-452-6168 and ssahandy@bellevuewa.gov.



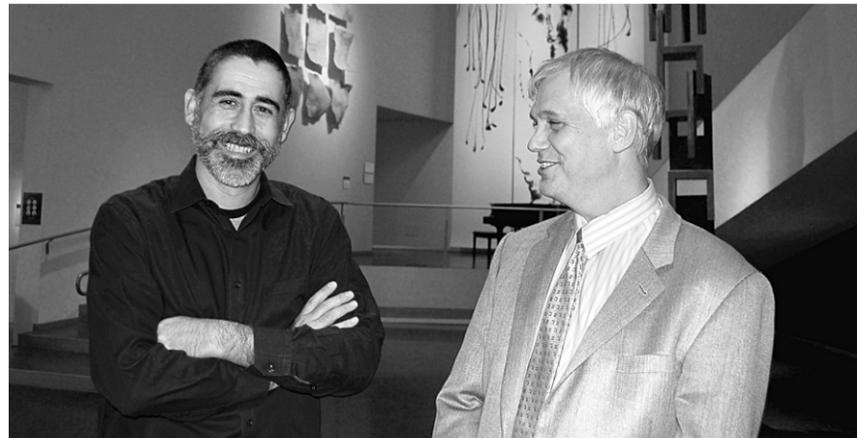
Museum celebrates resurgence

Five years ago, Bellevue's largest museum was reborn with a new focus – art, craft and design rather than fine art. Finding a niche and excelling at it appears to be paying off.

Attendance continues to climb at the Bellevue Arts Museum, and more than 400 people packed the place for an August party kicking off a new exhibition. A campaign to raise \$3 million in pledges by year's end is already two-thirds of the way to its goal.

"The community told us to return to the arts, and we did," said Mark Crawford, executive director and CEO of the striking red and silver building on Bellevue Way downtown. Meeting with stakeholders before reopening continues to pay dividends, he said.

Provocative exhibitions that dance across the blurry line between craft and fine art help. People who thought an institution dedicated to arts and crafts would be little more than a year-round country-fair booth featuring tea cozies and duck decoys now know better.



Stefano Catalan (left), director of curatorial affairs, and Mark Crawford, executive director and CEO, share a smile at the Bellevue Arts Museum.

In September the museum's shows included "Clay Throwdown!" a juried exhibition featuring a broad range of ceramic works from more than 30 top Northwest artists, and "Creatures from the Deep" – jellyfish and other sea creatures renowned jeweler Arline Fisch fashioned by knitting and crocheting color-coated copper wire.

In January 2008, the Seattle P-I's art critic Regina Hackett was so moved by provocative exhibitions at the institution that she began a review "Note to self, stop ignoring the Bellevue Arts Museum."

Success for the museum is success for the City of Bellevue, which spurred more giving with a \$2 million grant in 2007. As a major cultural institution that offers free community space in its lobby and a host of educational programming, the museum "gives back to the city every single day," said Mary Pat Byrne, arts specialist for the city.

The bubbly atmosphere on the roof the evening of Aug. 28, during the opening for "Clay Throwdown" could hardly have been envisioned when the Bellevue Art Museum abruptly closed its doors in September 2003.

According to newspaper reports, the museum without the "s" in its name struggled from the day it opened in a new building in 2001. While a host of problems could be identified, including mismanagement and a poor economy, the old BAM's vague mission was a genuine albatross.

Before board members tried to resuscitate the museum, they met with community leaders and donors to find out what they wanted in a museum here. After sounding out hundreds of stakeholders, the board decided to capitalize on Bellevue's past as a crafts-based art center.

The Bellevue Arts Museum opened in June 2005 with Garth Clark's traveling show, "The Artful Teapot," featuring the best in contemporary pots.

Monroe's reputation enabled him to raise funds from supporters across the country while bringing in shows from top names in craft. He brought in a curator, Stefano Catalani, who added some edginess with exhibitions that featured crafts that explored ideas while also displaying exquisite workmanship.

Mark Crawford, a veteran at managing theatrical organizations, was hired on an interim basis in October 2008 to mind the museum's bottom line. He was hired permanently in May 2009.

When Monroe retired in February, the leadership transition was smooth, with Catalani taking over the art side as director of curatorial affairs.

Mary Pat Byrne, art specialist for the city, is not surprised the museum is achieving success. She credits the museum with sound management and an artistic vision that "resonates with the community."

Fines now for unlicensed pets and off-leash dogs



Pet owners who fail to obtain pet licenses now face a "no-tolerance" fine – \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet; \$250 for an unaltered pet.

The fines come along with changes in license fees, which help support the costs of providing animal care and control for Bellevue and 26 other cities.

The cost for pet licenses for spayed animals will remain unchanged at \$30, but will be reduced to \$60 for an unaltered pet (previously \$90). There are a number of discounts for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to six months old.

Also as a result of the new ordinance, dog owners will be fined for off-leash dogs and for not picking up waste deposited by their pet on public or private property in Bellevue. Pet owners can be fined up to \$50 for these infractions. King County Regional Animal Control Services officers are patrolling throughout Bellevue to enforce these ordinances.

All dogs and cats over eight weeks of age in Bellevue must have licenses. Residents can still purchase pet licenses in person at the Service First desk at City Hall and at Mini City Hall or online with <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/regionalAnimalServices/License.aspx>.

ESL teacher named top community volunteer

Alyson McMurtry, who launched a free English as a Second Language class in the Lake Hills area, was chosen Community Volunteer of the Year in July.

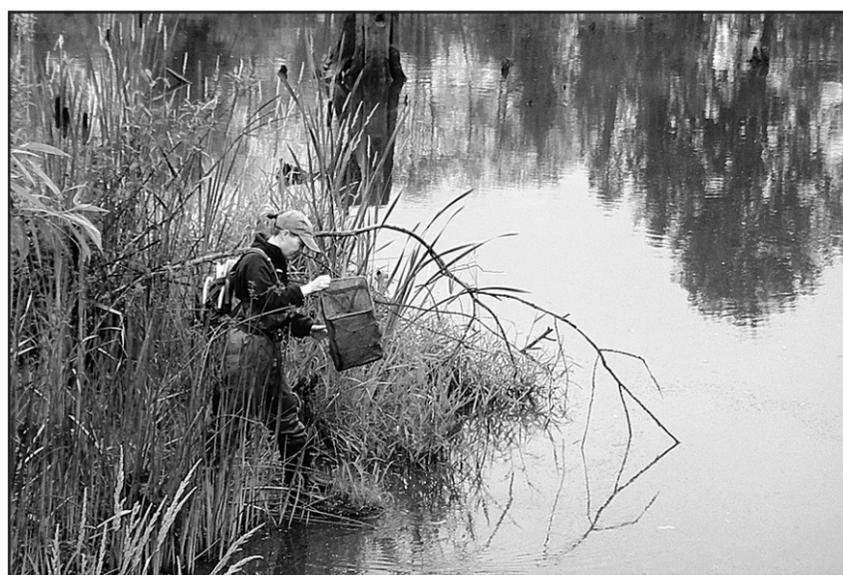
McMurtry works for the Jubilee REACH Center, which provides educational and other services to poor youth and families in the diverse Lake Hills neighborhood. She started an ESL class for five adults in a church basement classroom. The program has grown to 186 students, 53 volunteers and operates four days a week in seven classrooms.

McMurtry and other volunteers connected students to support services at Jubilee, and her students received all kinds of assistance, from free dental and medical care and rent and utility assistance to computers and child care.

The city gives awards to volunteers for the city and for the community. In April, Sharon and Dallas Graham, chairs of the Garden d'Lights program, were named City Volunteers of the Year.

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New drainage basin info to help residents



Utilities staff collect habitat data for the West Tributary.

While the city has provided drainage basin information before, people can now click on an interactive map at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/drainage-basins.htm> to see what drainage basin they live in, then check a fact sheet that tells what salmon are present in streams, the size and boundaries of the basin, how many people live in the basin and other data.

"The fact sheets have a lot more information and new graphics that will help residents and school children," said Kit Paulsen, the city's stream scientist. "The site also links to other data, such as critical areas and more information about salmon use and flow."

Developers applying for permits can learn if the basin in which they are working has critical areas and/or salmon, what lake the basin drains to and the stream number, which is needed to access state information.

"Each drainage basin is affected by the activities that take place there," said Paulsen. "For example, fertilizing a lawn can impact a stream or lake even if it isn't nearby because of runoff. People, animals, birds and fish are all part of the drainage basin community. The new information will help people understand more about how they fit into their own basin."

Police volunteer fled Nazis in his youth

Bob Herschkowitz, a 16-year volunteer with the police department, has lived a life few of the residents he helps can imagine. Born in Belgium before World War II, Herschkowitz was forced to flee Nazi persecution with his family when he was 2 years old.

Today he is a recognized Holocaust scholar and regularly gives talks for students, members of the military, corporations and other organizations. The Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center will honor Herschkowitz with a luncheon this month.

A desire to learn, not teach, inspired Herschkowitz to volunteer for the Bellevue Police.

"I'm always looking for new things to study," he says, "and I've always believed it's important to get involved and give back to my community." Herschkowitz and his wife Vivianne have lived in Bellevue for years.

Herschkowitz started in the Crime Prevention Unit, then moved on after a few years to the Crime Analysis Unit. Today you'll find him working Saturday afternoons at the Factoria Community Station, helping citizens with a wide range of police-related questions and issues.

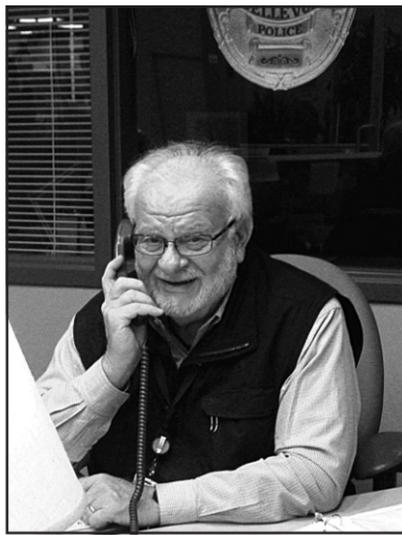
Fleeing the Nazis

Born Jewish in the shadow of Nazi Germany in 1938, Bob Herschkowitz had more near-death experiences by age seven than most people ever have.

The Herschkowitzes fled Belgium in 1940, after the Germans invaded. Along with thousands of others, they walked for months along a treacherous route to France, enduring repeated bombings along the way.

When they arrived safely in the south of France, they changed their family name and obtained false papers to disguise the fact that they were Jewish. But in 1942, when Germany completed its occupation of France, the family was arrested and sent to a French concentration camp.

Shortly after arriving at the camp, Herschkowitz's mother discovered she was pregnant; the authorities sent her and young Bob to be kept under



house arrest in a small hut in a remote French mountain village. She gave birth to Bob's baby brother there.

Herschkowitz's father was forced to remain at the concentration camp to build dams and was injured in early 1943. Afraid he would be sent to one of the death camps, the elder Herschkowitz escaped and through contacts in the Resistance was able to learn where his family was held.

Again through the efforts of the Underground, the family was reunited in September 1943 and escaped on foot over the Alps into Switzerland. They had to tape the baby's mouth shut so his crying wouldn't alert Nazi patrols.

In Switzerland, his parents were kept in a detention camp, but Herschkowitz was "adopted" by two aunts. After the war ended in 1945, the family reunited and returned to Belgium. Most of Herschkowitz's extended family had died in concentration camps.

Despite what he went through, Herschkowitz doesn't consider himself to be a Holocaust survivor. "I was too young to understand what was happening," he says, "and never suffered the way others did."

Have engineering degree, will travel

Herschkowitz earned an engineering degree in Belgium and served in the Belgian Navy. In 1966 Boeing recruited him and he moved to the United States.

Herschkowitz gained U.S. citizenship in 1973, and promptly joined the Navy as a reserve officer, serving for 24 years until retiring with the rank of commander. After retiring from Boeing in 2000, he taught high-school math, physics and French. A few years later he was asked to return to Boeing to support the 787, 777 and 767 aircraft programs, which he still is doing today.

As he has for the last 25 years, Herschkowitz teaches Jewish history one night a week at a local high school and accepts several speaking engagements about the Holocaust each year throughout the country.

Herschkowitz hasn't lost his love of learning and commitment to public service. The next challenge? "I'm now trying to understand DNA and genetics," he notes. "I'm also studying astronomy."

More than 5,000 volunteers, with all kinds of backgrounds, perform services for the city each year. To find out how you can contribute to the community, doing something you enjoy, go to <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteer.htm>.

Energy use reports to help residents conserve

With new, customized energy reports from Puget Sound Energy coming this fall, many households can start keeping up with the Joneses or even surpassing them when it comes to saving money and conserving energy.

The free reports, delivered every other month, will show how a household's energy usage compares with similarly-sized homes in the neighborhood. Residents can then make more informed decisions about how to reduce energy usage and, ultimately, lower their energy bills.

"It's our hope these reports provide people with easy-to-understand information on what they can do to save energy and money," Mayor Don Davidson said. "Even in a city as savvy as Bellevue, it's challenging for residents to stay on top of the rapidly evolving knowledge about how we all can reduce our energy usage."

A pilot program tested in Bellevue suggests that the energy reports, funded by PSE and a federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act block grant, will save residents \$875,000 over a year.

Up to 35,000 households will receive the reports, with factors such as duration of residence and participation in an earlier pilot project determining whether a household qualifies.

As part of an alliance with other Eastside cities called the "C7 New Energy Partnership," Bellevue joined with PSE and OPOWER, a national industry leader in energy efficiency and Smart Grid software, to offer the reports for a year.

The easy-to-understand reports will provide information on electricity and natural gas use, including:

- Comparison to neighbors: Participants will be able to see how their electricity and natural gas use compares to the aggregate usage of neighbors in similar-sized homes. Each participant's energy information will be kept confidential; only they will see their personal information.
- Progress tracker: Energy use changes over time, so participants can set targets for energy savings and track the effectiveness of any energy-reducing steps they make.
- Personalized energy-efficiency tips: Tips chosen specifically for households based on their energy use and the characteristics of their home.

Residents receiving the home energy reports may opt out at any time by calling a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Horse owner takes steps to prevent water pollution

Owning a horse stable can be glorious in many ways, but also presents challenges in controlling stormwater runoff from pastures.

Managing runoff is an issue for any property owner, since whatever flows into storm drains often goes directly to area streams, lakes or wetlands. Although it's illegal to pollute waterways in Washington, Bellevue relies primarily on public education and voluntary corrective actions to achieve compliance with codes.

Vicki Bergevin, owner of Parkside pastures in Bridle Trails, had already made efforts to control runoff, but when Utilities surface water quality technician Maria Stevens suggested additional ways, she listened.

Where runoff from the pasture used to run into a catch basin, Bergevin installed a large rock area, raised the pasture grade to direct runoff toward the rock area instead of the street and installed bark, compost and grass to provide additional filtering.

"Maria was very helpful in giving me new ideas to prevent runoff from the pasture," said Bergevin, who has owned the 71-year-old Parkside Stables since 1975. Those improvements help her meet federally mandated stormwater regulations that took effect in 2009.

If you see pollution in or near a storm drain or would like advice regarding how to prevent water pollution, please call Utilities 24-hour emergency response at 425-452-7840.



A rock ditch installed at Parkside Stables prevents water pollution by filtering runoff before it flows into the city's storm drain system.



Tickets needed for Garden d'Lights

To make the popular Garden d'Lights festival safer and more enjoyable, advance ticket purchases will now be required.

The annual event, featuring hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights strung to resemble animals and other objects, transforms the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St., into a winter wonderland. Garden d'Lights will run nightly, 5 to 10 p.m., Nov. 27 through Jan. 1.

While donations have traditionally been requested, admission this year is \$5 per adult; children ages 10 and under are free. There are also nine "free nights" when the admission price will be waived; however, tickets will still be required.

"Crowds and costs have increased tremendously in recent years," said Garden d'Lights chairperson Sharon Graham. "These changes are being made to help us continue to operate the program safely and provide visitors with opportunities to better view the gorgeous displays."

More than 150,000 visitors now attend the festival each winter. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.gardendlights.org>, which also offers details and directions. Bellevue Parks & Community Services is available to assist customers at 425-452-6885, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The display will also feature "Aquarium in Lights" in the visitors' center, with a pulsing jellyfish and octopus, a gorgeous pond and border display on the main lawn, and a new route through the garden enhanced with a flowing river in lights and two waterfalls.



Improved turn signals debut at Factoria intersections

In a flash, drivers in the Factoria area will soon find turning left isn't the same old waiting game.

Motorists turning left at five intersections on Factoria Boulevard, from Southeast Newport Way to Southeast 32nd Street, will see new turn arrows at traffic signals.

When the light is solid green, yellow or red, the arrow will mean the same thing as a traditional traffic light. However, when motorists making left turns must yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians, the arrow will be flashing yellow.

Federal Highway Administration studies indicate a flashing yellow arrow is more intuitive and safer than the traditional green ball motorists making left turns usually share with people going straight. The flashing arrow is apparently better at getting drivers to yield to oncoming traffic.

Along with increasing safety, the flashing arrows will allow drivers to make left turns at some intersections, after yielding to traffic, during certain times of the day. Before the changes, many left turns were allowed only when oncoming vehicles were stopped, even if traffic volume was low.

An example is the left turn from southbound Factoria Boulevard to eastbound Newport Way. This left turn is currently allowed only on a green

arrow; with the flashing yellow arrow, lefts will also be allowed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

After the new signals go in at Factoria, plans call for also adding them to several downtown intersections on Northeast Eighth Street, Northeast Fourth Street and Bellevue Way.

For more information on flashing yellow arrows, go to <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/flashing-yellow-arrows.htm>.

The flashing yellow arrows are part of a wider upgrade in the Factoria and Downtown areas that features "traffic adaptive" signals, which continually monitor vehicle flow in every lane approaching each intersection and automatically adjust signal timing to match traffic flows.

Traffic adaptive technology, in turn, is one element of an Intelligent Transportation System, or ITS, a package of improvements that apply advanced communication and information technology to the transportation system.

"We think ITS in general, and traffic adaptive signals in particular, is a good investment for Bellevue because technology improvements are relatively inexpensive compared to road construction," said Mark Poch, Bellevue's traffic signals manager. "ITS will help the city get more capacity out of its existing transportation system."

Electronic tolling coming to SR 520 bridge

By Washington Department of Transportation staff

The state Department of Transportation will implement electronic tolling on the SR 520 Bridge next spring, affecting many Bellevue residents and others who travel to the city for work or visits.

The new tolling system, called *Good To Go!*, will use technology to keep traffic moving with no toll booths, meaning no stopping or slowing down for motorists. Tolling revenue will help pay for construction of a new, safer SR 520 Bridge.

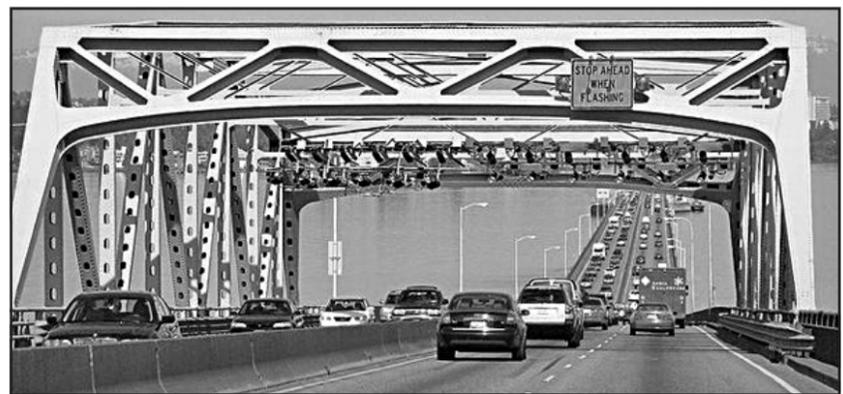
Customers can set up prepaid accounts linked to a *Good to Go!* pass that's installed in their vehicle or linked to their license plate. Automatic replenishment will allow them to avoid worrying about running low in their account. Simply link a bank account or credit card and the *Good to Go!* account is automatically replenished when customers run low.

With *Good To Go!* motorists will drive under electronic sensors on the east high rise of the SR 520 Bridge and the toll will be automatically deducted from their prepaid account. Tolls will be charged to both eastbound and westbound traffic. If the driver does not have a prepaid account, a photo will be taken of the vehicle's license plate, and a bill will be sent in the mail to the vehicle's registered owner.

To be among the first to sign up for a *Good to Go!* pass in mid-January, join the interest list at www.goodtogo520.org. Subscribers will receive regular updates about rates, account options, special offers and customer services. Also, a WSDOT kiosk where drivers can obtain *Good to Go!* passes is scheduled to operate for several days in early 2011 at Bellevue City Hall.

Toll rates will be determined this fall by the state Transportation Commission. The Commission is looking at tolls that vary by the time of day, and the day of the week, to encourage driving during less-congested periods.

For example, travel is expected to be free during overnight hours; the toll rate for prepaid accounts being considered by the Commission for weekend toll rates range from \$1.10 to \$2.20; weekday tolls during off-peak hours could range from \$1.60 to \$1.80; and tolls for weekday mornings and afternoon peak periods could range from \$3.50 to \$3.80.



Rates will be set following a process outlined by state code, including public hearings, well-publicized in advance. Final toll rate decisions are expected to be made by the end of 2010.

WSDOT's current traffic modeling shows there may be less than a 10 percent increase in traffic on Interstate 90, where tolling is not currently scheduled to be implemented. However, WSDOT plans to monitor traffic volumes closely, both on I-90 and on city arterial streets that connect to the highway. The state Legislature will be watching the amount of revenue generated by tolling just SR 520 and whether it is sufficient to meet the financial obligations for the new bridge.

To give people more transportation choices, King County Metro and Sound Transit are slated to add nearly 100 new bus trips to the existing 600 trips daily on the SR 520 Bridge, along with improvements to the Redmond and South Kirkland Park & Ride lots.

For more information: leave a telephone message at 1-888-G2G-WSDOT (1-888-424-9736) and a customer service representative will return the call as soon as possible; send e-mail to goodtgotolling@wsdot.wa.gov; or visit the website at www.goodtogo520.org.

For a full range of transportation options to driving alone, visit the online resource www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org.

Bellevue again named top community for youth



For the fourth time, a national children's advocacy group has recognized Bellevue as one of the 100 best communities for young people.

The America's Promise Alliance, based in Washington, D.C., announced the 2010 list in September. Bellevue was cited for the quality of its schools and the attention children from all backgrounds receive from a collaboration that includes the city, the school district, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue and the Bellevue YMCA.

"Bellevue is tremendously honored," Mayor Don Davidson said. "This honor reflects the fact that Bellevue is a city where adults and young people have truly worked together, investing time and dedicating resources over many years to support the needs of our youth and teens."

Bellevue high schools are among the top 100 public high schools recognized by Newsweek magazine, and the city is also home to several

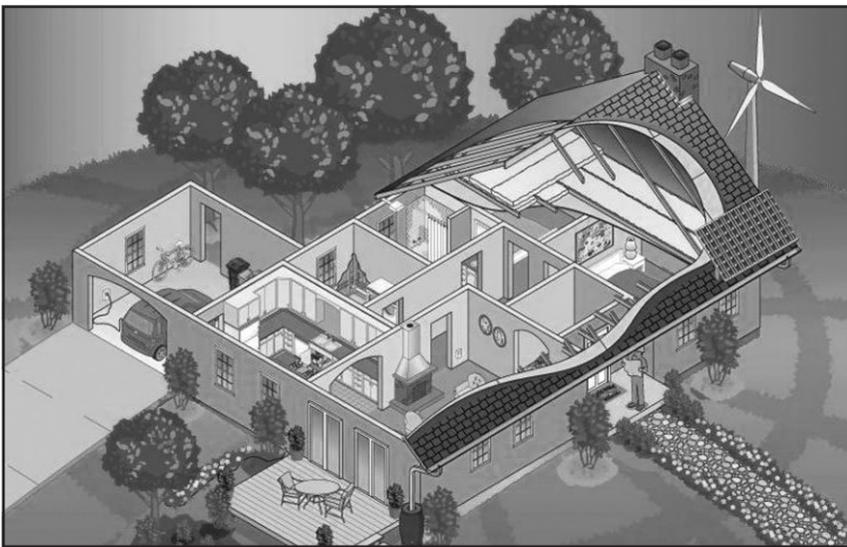
innovative youth programs including Bellevue Youth Link, a youth leadership program, and Wrap-Around Services, a collaborative effort at Lake Hills Elementary and Odle Middle schools where community partners including the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District, YMCA, United Way provide a network of resources and support for the school and neighborhood.

In partnership with ING, America's Promise showcases communities across the country that demonstrate innovative efforts to deliver the five things young people need to succeed: caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; an effective education; and opportunities to help others. The competition is one element of America's Promise's Grad Nation campaign, a 10-year initiative to lower the rate of high-school dropouts and prepare young people for the 21st century workforce.

"Through its innovative and far-reaching programs, Bellevue is taking bold and effective steps to help their young people graduate and lead healthy, productive lives," said Marguerite Kondracke, America's Promise president and CEO. "Bellevue serves as an example to inspire and educate other communities across the nation to tackle the challenges facing their city and children and to implement initiatives that give them the essential resources they need to succeed in life."

Approximately 750 communities from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, enter the biennial competition. The 2010 100 Best winners include communities and cities from 37 states, representing localities large and small, urban and rural.

A complete list of winners and additional information about the 2010 100 Best communities is available at America's Promise (<http://www.americaspromise.org/>).



Eco-Cool makes it easy to be green

Kermit would be singing a different tune if he tried using the award-winning online Eco-Cool Remodel Tool, which takes viewers on a tour of a virtual home and makes it easy to incorporate green elements into a remodel.

Launched by King County last year, the Eco-Cool Tool allows users to click an "energy icon" in each room of the house in order to see a host of energy efficiency tips for that room. They'll also find a comprehensive list of energy efficiency resources and a crawl space area that gives advice on duct design and sealing, and insulation.

The Eco-Cool Tool can be accessed at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/ecoconsumer/eco-remodel.asp>.

Bellevue's own Green Team is promoting the Eco-Cool Tool. The Green Team, recently formed with staff from the Transportation, Utilities, Civic Services and Development Services departments, aims to provide personalized service to help homeowners and contractors who want to go green.

The team is starting with tips and resources available online at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/green-team.htm>, and offers features in *It's Your City*. In the last issue, the team talked about different appliances and finishes that are good for the planet and your pocketbook.

In addition to the Eco-Cool Tool, King County's Green Tools program is sponsoring an online reality home improvement show with a green twist - "EcoCribz." The show can be seen online from the Eco-Cool Tool website.

Each episode features a local family's quest to make smart remodeling choices that help save water and energy, reduce waste and improve indoor air quality. "The tone is fun and upbeat, and we share practical ideas for upgrades that help families save money and make homes healthier," said Patti Southard, the host.

If you're working on a green home remodel project, it could be featured on EcoCribz. Contact Southard at patti.southard@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-8480.

Input welcome on shoreline plan

Going over a working draft of updated shoreline policies and regulations, the Planning Commission is gathering community input at nearly every meeting.

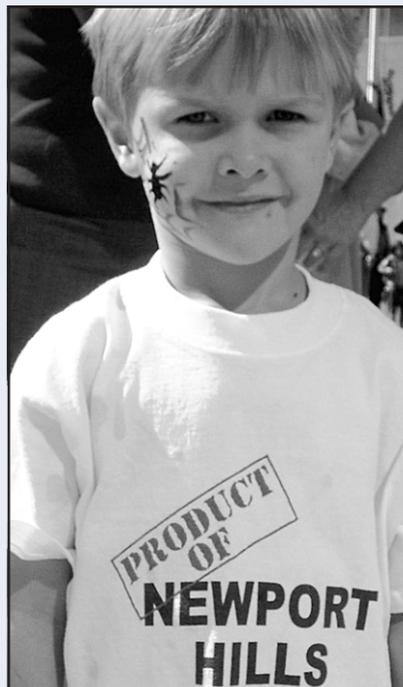
Since a "working draft" of the Shoreline Master Program was released in May, the commission has dedicated study sessions to topics such as building setbacks and shoreline stabilization, with residents invited to weigh in.

Study sessions focused on the SMP, being substantially updated for the first time since 1974, will continue through November. A revised draft of the SMP is expected to be released in December.

A series of open houses will then be held to allow the public time to become familiar with the details of the revised draft and to take comments and questions. The public will also be invited to provide written and oral testimony about the revised draft at a public hearing, in mid-February at the earliest.

The result of these efforts will be a planning commission recommended draft shoreline master program. This draft will be transmitted to the City Council for their consideration and review. The update project will conclude with a council approval and transmittal of the city's recommendation to the state.

A schedule regarding the SMP update, along with staff contacts, can be found at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/shoreline-master-plan.htm>.



Face painting for a good cause? - Logan Hilhorse got his face painted at the Celebration of Service picnic at City Hall on Sept. 11 and he's got the marks to prove it. Logan's mother Michelle is president of the Newport Hills Association, one of several neighborhood groups honored at the event for launching projects that helped residents in need.

More than 300 people attended the picnic, which featured live music and free burritos from Chipotle in addition to face painting and bubble blowing for young people.



“Greenways” to Wilburton Park?

With new signage, landscaping and other features, each of the streets around Wilburton Hill Park and the Bellevue Botanical Garden could be transformed into a kind of greenway.

Stretches of Southeast First Street, Main Street and 124th Avenue Northeast near the park and garden could be modified to echo elements of design and nature found in the Botanical Garden. Natural drainage, improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities and gateway features are all under consideration. Residents are invited to make suggestions.

Nearby businesses and residents were invited to an open house on Oct. 20 at City Hall to see design concepts of alternative street frontages. Information about the project is available at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/urban-boulevards.htm>.

The draft conceptual designs for greenways will be drawn up while construction of a new visitor center and display gardens at the Botanical Garden start next spring.

Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan calls for a system of boulevards and greenways, distinctive from other streets in the city, which will reinforce the

image of Bellevue as a “city in a park.” Both within the right of way and on private property, the city will consider features such as: benches, decorative pavement, distinctive signs, public art, special lights or tree canopies.



The landscaping could improve along Main Street by the Botanical Garden.

La Niña could make winter driving troublesome

Memories are fading of the snow storms that battered Bellevue for several weeks in late 2008 and early 2009. But with forecasters predicting a “La Niña” weather pattern – and a higher likelihood of colder, wetter



conditions than normal – it’s time again to prepare for winter driving conditions.

Here are a few tips for when snow and ice do make a return appearance on Bellevue streets.

Know the conditions: The city posts current information about road conditions on its website at http://bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm. Sign up there for “E-Alerts,” e-mail notifications about the latest winter weather information.

When the weather’s bad, remember to check conditions before leaving, prepare your vehicle, slow down and avoid slamming your brakes. Give snowplows plenty of room to work and watch out for black ice on bridges, ramps and shady areas. Also, if a street is flooded due to snowmelt and rainfall, don’t attempt to drive through standing water; even a small amount of water can stall a vehicle.

Snowplow drivers have a plan: City crews don’t necessarily clear the biggest arterial streets first. If a street is too steep, it can divert limited snowplows to keep it clear, so alternate arterials will be plowed first.

Travelers may view the priority ranking of streets citywide using Bellevue’s snow response priorities map at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/snow_response_priorities_map.pdf. To check the condition of city streets in real time, utilize the city’s network of intersection cameras and the online traffic map at <http://trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net>.

Property owners clear sidewalks: Bellevue doesn’t have the work force to keep sidewalks clear of snow or sand. According to city policy, property owners are expected to clear sidewalks of snow, and later, sand, so rainfall won’t wash it into storm drains, and ultimately into city streams.

Snow and Ice videos online

- Tips on snow and ice driving in Bellevue: http://www.youtube.com/BellevueWashington#p/u/7/_5eVx2b3Vzg
- Installing tire chains on your vehicle: http://www.youtube.com/wsdot#p/u/9/WXl5eiNEd_Y

Tips for preventing flooding

A wetter winter is predicted this year, and anyone can experience flooding, even if they don’t live in a floodplain. Save yourself costly problems by taking preventative measures before the heavy rains come.

Flood insurance is a requirement for properties located in a floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. It is also available at a 25 percent discount because of Bellevue’s floodplain management program.

Backed by the National Flood Insurance Program, flood insurance is also available to property owners who do not live in a floodplain. Most homeowner policies do not cover water damage if the flooding source is external to the building (flooding river, plugged storm drain or sewer pipe break). Check with your insurance carrier to see what your policy covers.

To find out if your property is located in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-7869. You can search for your parcel by visiting http://www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplain_map.htm. (To locate mapping information, please type “floodplain map” into the search box.) For advice about drainage around your home, call 425-452-7840.

To prepare for heavy rains and avoid flooding, follow the tips below. When a heavy storm hits Bellevue, current information can be found at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm. You can also sign up for E-mail Alerts, so you can receive updates about city actions.

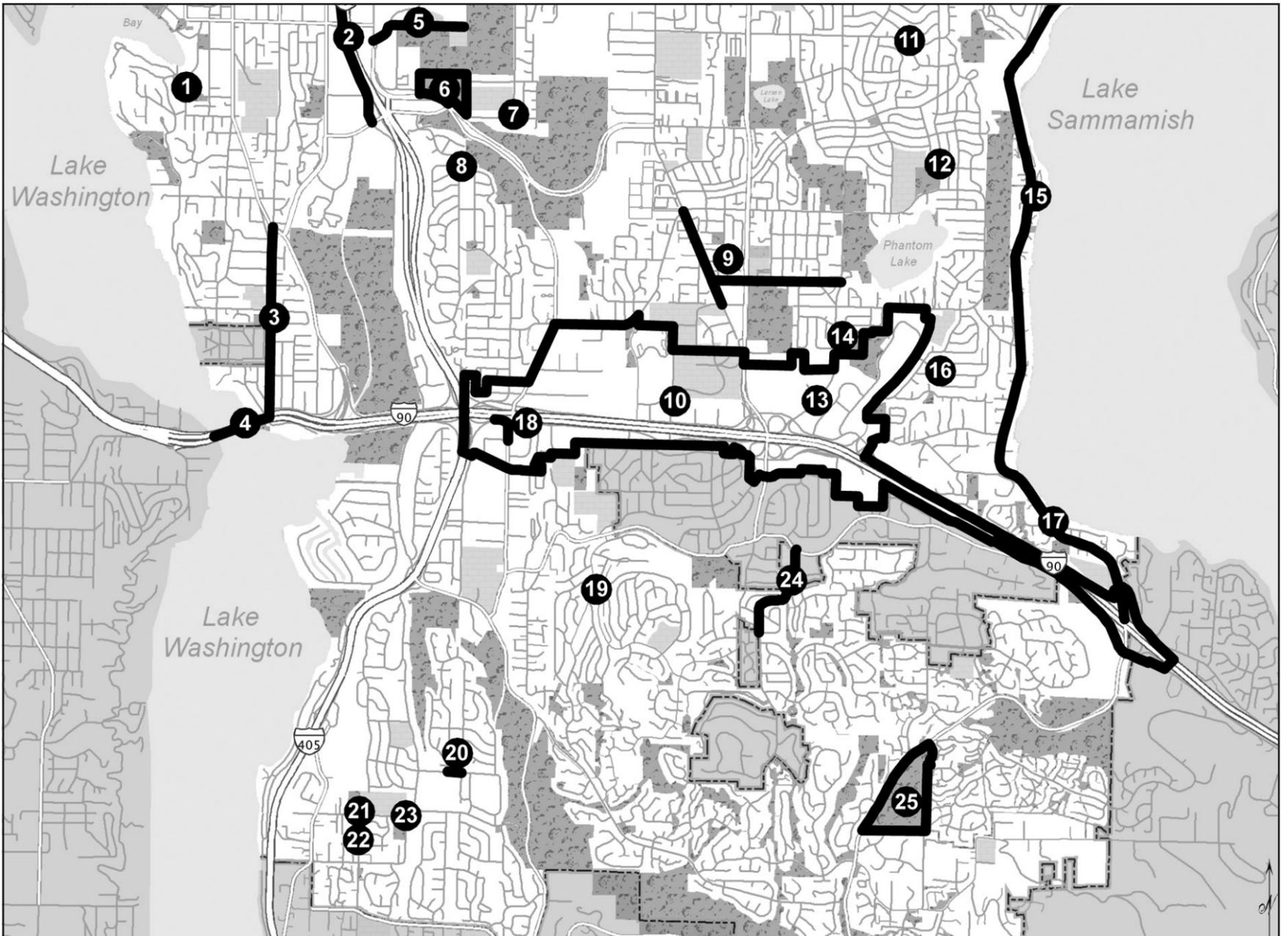
- If you have a life-threatening situation, call 911.
- To report gas leaks, power outages, and down power lines, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773.
- To report hazardous road conditions, flooding, down or damaged stop or yield signs, water main breaks at your home or business or lack of water, please call the Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.
- If you’ve experienced water in your crawlspace, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already own a pump, test it now.

- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts and remove leaves from clogged storm drain grates near your home.
- Remove sediment, debris and rocks from private driveway or road culverts and drainage swales. Check the yellow pages or the internet for vendors who clean drainage systems. www.bellevuewa.gov/flood_prevention.htm
- Preserve natural drainage systems by not filling in or blocking the flows in streams, wetlands, or ditches. Debris like trash, wood, large rocks and other debris can block stream flow.
- Leave natural vegetation on steep slopes and along streams and lakes. Plants slow stormwater runoff and help stabilize the earth so it won’t wash away.
- All development projects near streams and wetlands must meet setback requirements. For information on development projects near streams or in floodplain areas, call the city’s Permit Center at 425-452-6864. Report non-permitted activities within a floodplain to the city’s Code Compliance Office at 425-452-4570.
- Remember that during a storm it’s normal for streams to rise and that some parking lots and parks are designed to fill with water.
- Do not put storm debris in the street where it can cause accidents and make access difficult for emergency or city vehicles.
- Do not attempt to drive through standing water and stay away from fallen power lines and electrical wires.
- Refresh emergency supplies. Have a kit handy with bottled water, first aid supplies, extra clothing, food, battery operated radio and extra batteries, sleeping bag or blankets, prescription medication, and any other items that you might need in an emergency.

South Bellevue Projects Update

There are several city projects under way in South Bellevue this fall, along with a regional project on Interstate 90 that includes a partnership with Sound Transit and the state Department of Transportation.

To find where these projects are located, please refer to the following map showing neighborhood areas south of Main Street: West Bellevue, Wilburton, Woodridge, West Lake Hills, Sammamish/East Lake Hills, Facteria/Sunset, Somerset, Newport and Eastgate/Cougar Ridge.



WEST BELLEVUE

1. 100th Avenue Southeast Sidewalk – Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Project

The city will construct a section of sidewalk missing on the west side of 100th Avenue Southeast, south of Southeast Fifth Street. This is a NEP project selected by residents of the West Bellevue neighborhood area. Construction should begin this fall. For more information: Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 or vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov

2. Shared Lane Markings (Sharrows) 114th Avenue Southeast between Southeast Eighth and Northeast Sixth streets

Sharrows, pavement markings intended to alert motorists to bicyclists in the roadway while guiding cyclists to preferred riding positions on the road, will be installed along 114th Avenue Southeast, from Southeast Eighth Street to the vicinity of the Northeast Sixth Street trail connection. Bellevue installed its first sharrow project on 161st Avenue Southeast near Eastgate Way two years ago, and it has shown promising results. This project is underway and should be complete this month, weather permitting. For more information: Kurt Latt, 425-452-6020 klatt@bellevuewa.gov



3. 108th Avenue Southeast: Bellevue Way to I-90 — Proposed Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvement

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities along this stretch of 108th Avenue Southeast today are a patchwork of incomplete sidewalk and bike lane segments, paved shoulder in disrepair and un-developed areas. The roadway serves as a school route for Enatai Elementary School, is a key gateway bicycle route connecting the I-90 trail with downtown Bellevue and is a local transit route. This project will result in a “complete street” serving all users – young and old, resident and recreational user, motorist, bus rider, cyclist, and pedestrian.

In August, design concepts were posted to the city’s website for the neighborhood residents to review. Below is a summary of what each segment entails along 108th Avenue Southeast. We are in the next stage of project design for the following segments:

- **Segment A:** I-90 Trail to Southeast 30th Street – Replace the existing paved shoulder on the east side of the road with a three-foot-wide landscape strip and 10-foot-wide multi-use path.
- **Segment B:** Southeast 30th Street to Southeast 25th Street – Replace existing paved shoulder on east side of road with a two-foot-wide landscape strip and six-foot-wide multi-use path.
- **Segment C:** Southeast 25th Street to Bellevue Way – Connect gaps in the existing sidewalk and bike lanes on the east side of the road with six-foot-wide sidewalk and four-foot-wide bike lane; provide a six-foot-wide sidewalk and eight-foot-wide parking lane on the west side of the road, between Southeast 22nd Street and Southeast 23rd Street.

Design will be completed this year. The start of construction depends on whether it is included in the budget approved by the City Council in December. For more information: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 or scosta@bellevuewa.gov



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4. I-90 Two-Way Transit/High Occupancy Vehicle Project, Stage 2

To address increasing traffic congestion on Interstate 90 between Bellevue and Seattle, the state Department of Transportation is adding a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to the outer westbound roadway. WSDOT is now in the second stage of this project, which will do the following:

- Add an eastbound I-90 HOV lane to the outer roadway from 80th Avenue Southeast to Bellevue Way.
- Modify the existing reversible HOV direct access ramp at 80th Avenue Southeast to an eastbound HOV on-ramp connecting to the new HOV lane in the outer roadway.
- Rehabilitate the pavement in the eastbound and westbound direction on I-90 from West Mercer Way to Bellevue Way.

Construction is expected to continue until 2012. For more information: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 or rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov

WILBURTON

5. Gateway and Urban Boulevard Design Study

Please see page 7 for information on this project.

6. Ravine Garden at Bellevue Botanical Garden

The proposed garden will take visitors along a pedestrian trail through a second-growth forest and a steep-sided ravine in the southeast corner of the Botanical Garden. Two pedestrian bridges are planned, including a 75-foot rigid lattice truss bridge and a 150-foot suspension bridge, both made predominantly of steel. The bridges will span the ravine in locations approximately 200 feet apart and will allow visitors close proximity and intimate views of the plants, wildlife and forest canopy. A 600-foot pedestrian trail will also be added to the Botanical Garden's trail system. The new trail will form a connection between the bridges and existing trail segments to complete a "Ravine Trail Loop," which will begin and end at the Lost Meadow Trail.

The project is currently in the permitting phase, with construction expected to start next spring and end in the summer. Construction is not expected to greatly impact the day-to-day operations of the Botanical Garden, though some parts of the trail may be temporarily closed. For more information: Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 or svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov

7. Southeast Seventh Place Streetlights – NEP Project

Nine streetlights will be installed on Southeast Seventh Place, between Lake Hills Connector and 123rd Avenue Southeast, with an additional streetlight at the bus stop on Lake Hills Connector. This project was selected by Wilburton area residents. The new lights, to be installed this fall, are energy-efficient light-emitting diode (LED) models. For more information: Kam Szabo, 425-452-4346 or kszabo@bellevuewa.gov

WOODRIDGE

8. 123rd Avenue Southeast Sidewalk – NEP Project

A five-foot wide sidewalk will be built on the east side of 123rd Avenue Southeast, from Southeast 14th Street northward to the existing trail entrance, along the Woodridge Swim Club frontage. Woodridge area residents selected this project, currently in design. Construction is anticipated for early 2011. For more information: Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 or vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov

WEST LAKE HILLS

9. Improvements to 145th Place Southeast Southeast 16th Street to Southeast 24th Street & Southeast 22nd Street: 145th Place Southeast to 156th Avenue Southeast, Phase II

On 145th Place Southeast, between 16th and 24th streets, the following improvements are planned: Adding a center-turn lane, left-turn pockets, landscaped medians, a six-foot-wide sidewalk or meandering path on both sides, five-foot-wide bike lanes on both sides, and four-foot-wide landscape planters, where feasible. The storm water system, street lighting and traffic signal at Southeast 24th Street will also be improved.

A six-foot-wide sidewalk with curb and gutter, a striped three-foot-wide shoulder and improved street lighting will be added on the north side of Southeast 22nd Street.

Design of this project is complete; however, the start of construction depends on whether it is included in the budget approved by the City Council in December. For more information: Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 or marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

10. Eastgate I-90 Land Use & Transportation Project

Evaluation of land use and transportation alternatives for the Eastgate/I-90 employment corridor to help ensure the area continues to attract and retain employers, provides a mix of services to surrounding

neighborhoods and serves as a vibrant and significant contributor to Bellevue's economic health in the coming decades.

The focus is the commercial area fronting I-90, one of the city's major employment centers, containing approximately 17 percent of the city's total employment. The study area is generally bounded by I-405 to the west, Southeast 26th Street to the north, 161st Avenue Southeast to the east and Southeast 38th Street to the south, along with an extension east to the Lakemont Boulevard interchange. It also includes portions of the Eastgate, Factoria and Richards Valley subareas. This study is expected to be completed by the end of 2011. For more information: Mike Bergstrom, 425-452-6866 or mbergstrom@bellevuewa.gov, or Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 or floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov

SAMMAMISH/EAST LAKE HILLS

11. 162nd Avenue Southeast and Main Street Curb Extensions

The curbs on the southwest and southeast corners of 162nd Avenue and Main Street will be extended and new sidewalk added. The curb extensions will narrow the south leg to better define the intersection. For more information: Linda Glas, 425-452-2841 or lglas@bellevuewa.gov

12. 164th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 12th Street Traffic Improvement

The curbs on the southwest and southeast corners of 164th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 12th Street will be extended to enhance the crosswalk. For more information: Linda Glas, 425-452-2841 or lglas@bellevuewa.gov

13. 156th Avenue Southeast Crosswalk Beacons

Pedestrian-activated flashing beacons will be added to the crosswalk south of Southeast 27th Street, with improved curb ramps and signing. Construction began in September and the work is expected to be completed in October. For more information: Kurt Latt, 425-452-6020 or klatt@bellevuewa.gov

14. Master Planning for Eastgate Area Properties (former Boeing site) Park

Plans for the new park at 2997 160th Ave. SE, possibly called "Bellevue Airfield Park," may be approved by the City Council, as soon as early 2011. First, Council has directed staff to further explore potential off-leash enhancements at nearby Robinswood Park

This fall staff began the public involvement process for changes at Robinswood. At the conclusion of the Robinswood study, possibly by next spring, the master plan for the new park at Eastgate will be presented to the council for adoption. For more information: Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 or pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov

15. West Lake Sammamish Parkway Improvements

Improvements are planned for the street, between Interstate 90 and the city's northern border. Five phases, each for a mile-long segment of the roadway, are planned, with construction costs per segment ranging from \$8 million to \$13 million. The current project budget is \$6.56 million. The project is on hold pending the city budget approved by the City Council in December, which could include funding to complete design and construct the first phase of the corridor improvements. For more information: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 or pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

16. 165th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 29th Street Traffic Circle Landscaping

The city recently built a traffic circle at this intersection to address reported accidents and to reduce vehicle speeds. This fall the circle will be landscaped and then, next spring, evaluated for effectiveness. For more information: Brian Casey, 425-452-6867 or bcasey@bellevuewa.gov

17. West Lake Sammamish School Zone Flashing Beacon

To raise driver awareness of the school zone at Sunset Elementary School, an additional beacon and more signage was installed at the beginning of the school zone on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Another beacon and a new advanced school zone sign will be installed soon near the roundabout to better alert motorists of the school zone as they approach from Issaquah and areas east. Installation of the new beacon will be scheduled on days when school is not in session to minimize traffic delay in the area. For more information: Kurt Latt, 425-452-6020 or klatt@bellevuewa.gov

FACTORIA/SUNSET

18. Factoria Multi-use Path Connection

A ten-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle path will provide connection between 124th Avenue Southeast in the vicinity of Southeast 38th Street and the Mountains to Sound Trail at the I-90 off-ramp near Factoria Boulevard Southeast. The \$1.1 million project's design is complete. Construction will begin next spring. For more information: Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 or cmasek@bellevuewa.gov



SOMERSET

19. Somerset Boulevard Radar Signs

An additional radar sign on Somerset Boulevard south of Somerset Drive will replace an existing sign north of this intersection. Stationary radar signs direct drivers' attention to the posted speed limit and digitally display the speed of the vehicle on a large message board. This instant



feedback results in a greater awareness of the speed limit and encourages motorists to adjust their speed accordingly. Installation is anticipated for this fall. For more information: Brian Casey, 425-452-6867 or bcasey@bellevuewa.gov.

NEWPORT

20. Southeast 56th Street Sidewalk (west of 123rd Avenue Southeast) – NEP Project

A new six-foot-wide sidewalk is planned with a four-foot-wide planter on the north side of Southeast 56th Street from 123rd Avenue Southeast westward to the existing sidewalk end. This project was chosen by residents of the Newport area. Construction is anticipated for this fall or early 2011. For more information: Vangie Garcia 425-452-6103 or vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov.

21. 116th Avenue Southeast Radar Signs south of Southeast 60th Street

Two stationary radar signs on 116th Avenue Southeast, one in each direction will be installed to direct the attention of drivers to the posted speed limit and digitally display the speed of the driver's vehicle on a large message board. This instant feedback results in a greater awareness of the speed limit and encourages motorists to adjust their speed accordingly. Installation is anticipated for this fall. For more information: Rebecca Rodni, 425-452-6160 or rrodni@bellevuewa.gov.

22. 116th Avenue Southeast Traffic Calming

A split speed hump was installed to reduce vehicle speeds and constructed two medians. Landscaping for the medians is planned this fall. An evaluation of this project will begin next spring to determine effectiveness. For more information: Rebecca Rodni, 425-452-6160 or rrodni@bellevuewa.gov.

23. 120th Avenue Southeast Traffic Calming

As part of the sports field renovation at Newport Hills Park, traffic calming improvements are being built, including a brick neighborhood entry treatment, landscaped planters and a traffic circle at the south end of the park. These modifications are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and traffic volumes and to encourage park visitors to U-turn around the traffic circle and head back to Southeast 60th Street rather than driving south through the neighborhood. For more information: Rebecca Rodni, 425-452-6160 or rrodni@bellevuewa.gov.

EASTGATE/COUGAR MOUNTAIN

24. 152nd Avenue Southeast Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk

New curb, gutter and a six-foot-wide sidewalk on the west side of 152nd Avenue Southeast, between Southeast 46th Street and Southeast Newport Way. This project also includes roadway side slope stabilization, pavement restoration and storm drainage improvements along 152nd Avenue Southeast.

Under a Safe Routes to School grant from the state Department of Transportation, Bellevue will receive an additional \$192,500 for education and enforcement efforts, and a portion of the construction costs. The grant will pay entirely for a Safe Trips Education Program and fund a student art project to paint safety message tiles that will be installed along the new sidewalk. The grant will also cover the cost of 20 extra police patrols. This project is under construction and is expected to be completed this fall. For more information: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 or pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov.



25. Lewis Creek Trail Stream Crossings – NEP Project

Two footbridges will be built over Lewis Creek at the west and east ends of the trail in Lakemont Park, 5170 Village Park Dr. SE. These bridges will allow trail users to cross Lewis Creek. This project will include

re-vegetation of the construction access trail and plantings around the footings of the bridges. Permits have been received, and the installation is scheduled for June 2011. For more information: Kevin Huseman, 425-452-4154 or khuseman@bellevuewa.gov.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Because of the numerous locations of these utility projects, they are not identified on the map.

Coal Creek Culvert Replacement

The new culvert, a box culvert or bridge, will be able to reliably pass major storm flows and debris, provide fish passage and habitat for aquatic species, and allow wildlife to pass unimpeded through the Coal Creek Natural Area. It will replace a corrugated pipe and culvert under Coal Creek Parkway Southeast built in the early 1980s, which is heavily corroded and has sustained damage from the impact of storm debris getting caught in the pipe inlet. In design, with construction expected to start in spring 2012. For more information: Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 or bjensen@bellevuewa.gov.

Emerald Ridge Wastewater Pump Station Replacement

The new pump station will replace one built in the early 1980s that is nearing the end of its useful life. The new station will be built near the old one, located near 118th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 32nd Street. Construction is underway. The old pump station will remain in operation until the new pump station is completed fall 2011. For more information: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 or snoeske@bellevuewa.gov.

Exposed Sanitary Sewer Lake Lines – near the Lake Washington Shoreline

To protect exposed sanitary sewer lake lines from boat propellers or wave damage, rock will be placed on top of them. Construction is expected to start this fall and be completed by winter 2011. For more information: Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 or asantos@bellevuewa.gov.

Pressure Reducing Valve and Commercial Meter Vault Lid Replacement 2010

The vault lid for a pressure-reducing valve at 3844 166th Avenue Southeast will be replaced to improve access to the vault and increase safety for maintenance personnel. This project is under construction and will be completed by winter 2011. For more information: Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 or asantos@bellevuewa.gov.

Pressure-Reducing Valve Replacements

Pressure-reducing valves at various locations in South Bellevue will be replaced. The valves, which regulate water and prevent large fluctuations in water pressure for business and residential customers, are nearing the end of their service life. For more information: Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 or asantos@bellevuewa.gov.

Regional Detention Pond

The detention pond will improve the quality of stormwater runoff before it's released into Lewis Creek, near Lake Boulevard Southeast and I-90. Construction is expected to begin next summer.

For more information: Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 or asantos@bellevuewa.gov.

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2011

Replace sections of deteriorated sewer pipe to reduce the possibility of pipeline collapse or blockage in various areas in south Bellevue, which will help lower maintenance costs and allow the city to perform preventive maintenance. Construction began last month and will be completed by next spring. For more information: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 or snoeske@bellevuewa.gov.

Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control & Habitat Improvement Project

To help reduce flooding of developed properties on Southeast 30th Street and Southeast 27th Place during big rain storms, habitat improvements will be constructed along the stream channels to provide healthier environments for aquatic organisms. This project is currently under design and construction is expected summer 2011. For more information: Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 or asantos@bellevuewa.gov.

Vasa Creek Storm Damage Repairs

Storm restoration to repair damage east of 152nd Place, between Southeast 45th Street and Southeast 46th Way, which occurred during the 2007 storm. This project is currently being designed and is expected to begin construction in summer 2011. During construction, the trail next to Vasa Creek will be closed between Southeast 45th Street and Southeast 46th Way. Signs will be posted at both ends of the trail to notify trail users of the closure. For more information: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 or snoeske@bellevuewa.gov.

The South Bellevue Projects Update is published for people who live, work, or do business in the area south of Main Street. If you have questions or comments about this information, please call 425-452-4638 or write Tresa Berg, Public Involvement Manager, City of Bellevue Transportation Department, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012 or Tberg@bellevuewa.gov.



Community Calendar

Grimsby Manor Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 16, 8:30-10 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way.
\$8, ages 2 and under free.
Preregistration is required for each family member. 425-452-4240

Grimsby Manor - A Dinner Play

Oct. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Dinner and a mystery to solve.
\$12/ preregistration is required.
Please register each family member.
Suitable for ages 7+. 425-452-4240

Stage Fright

Oct. 16, 8:30-10 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Spooky stories! \$6/ages 12+;
preregistration required.
Submit a scary story to be
considered for reading.
Age categories: 12-15; 16-18 and 19+
425-452-4240

Coal Creek History Walk

Oct 17, 1:30-4 p.m.
Red Town trailhead parking lot
7336 Lakemont Blvd. SE
Easy walk for ages 10+. Bring all-
weather outdoor clothing, good
hiking/walking shoes and a water
bottle. Free, donations accepted;
preregister by Oct. 14. 425-450-1049

Halloween Luncheon

Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Costume contest, lunch, prizes,
bingo and more.
Preregistration required by Oct 23.
Ages 65+: \$3 suggested donation
per participant at the door,
Under 60: \$6. 425-452-7681

Skeletons and Skulls

Oct. 23, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE.
Discover why it would be scary to
not have a skull and skeleton.
Ages 6+. Preregistration is required.
\$5 per participant, all ages
welcome. 425-836-2697

Cattails of Mercer Slough

Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
10 - 11:30 a.m.: Adult Presentation
and Kids Workshop:
11:35 a.m - 1pm: Park Ranger
Walk, Cultural Dance and Mat
Weaving
Mercer Slough Environmental
Education Center
1625 118th Ave. SE
Park rangers, Duwamish artists
and Duwamish officials present
the science, history and culture of
cattails. 425-452-2565

Haunted Miniature Golf

Oct 23, 8 - 11 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Age: 7+. Cost: \$5. 425-452-4240

Dracula

Oct. 29, 30 & Nov. 5, 6 at 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 & Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 at
2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Rock'n'roll spooktacular!
Tickets are \$10 per reserved seat.
425-452-7155

November

Veterans Day Dance

Nov. 9, 2 - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Sound of Swing performs.
\$3 No preregistration required.
425-452-7681

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. N.E.
Entertainment and turkey.
Preregistration required by Nov. 10.
\$5 per participant, ages 65+. All
ages welcome. 425-452-7681



Duwamish artists will teach historical crafts at the "Cattails" event on October 23.

Rapunzel

Nov. 18, 19, 20 at 7 p.m.
Nov. 20, 21 at 2 p.m.
Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
The who, what, where, when and,
most of all, why behind a fairy tale
you thought you already knew.
\$10 per reserved seat. 425-452-7155

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St.
(Family Crafts: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner:
6 p.m.) Free event for Bellevue
families in need. No registration
required. 425-452-4874

"Fit for the Feast" masters swim workout

Nov. 25, 9-11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE
Ages 19 and up. \$9, includes a T-shirt.
425-452-2806

Youth Appreciation & Safety Day

Nov. 26, 12-2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE
Water safety promotion for
children ages 12 and under; free
swimming. Free T-shirts to the first
50 children, free raffle drawings.
425-452-2806

Visions of Sugarplums

Nov 20, 10 - 11a.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Make a mini-gingerbread house,
sing, dance and eat.
\$20/resident. \$23/nonresident.
Preregistration required.
425-452-6046 or e-mail NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Hilltop Holiday Craft Show

Nov 30- Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Thousands of quality crafts from
more than 80 of Northwest's finest
artists and craftspeople. Free.
425-452-4106 or hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net

The Magical Mrs. Claus

Dec. 9, 10 & 11 at 7 p.m.
Dec. 11 & 12 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Original musical explains why kids
are getting coal in their stockings
this year. \$10 per reserved seat.
425-452-7155

Celebrate Snow Dance

Dec. 14, 2 - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave NE.
Enjoy Sounds of Swing band.
\$3 per person.
425-452-7681

Youth Holiday Party

Dec. 14, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St.
Santa and Mrs. Claus offer
entertainment, refreshments and
gifts for Bellevue families in need.
Must be present to receive a gift.
Free, no registration needed.
425-452-4874

Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Includes seasonal music.
Preregister by Dec. 10. \$5, ages
65+.
425-452-7681

Holiday Ball

Dec. 18, 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
North Bellevue Community
Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
USA Dance lesson 7:30 to 8:15,
followed by dancing to big band
and holiday favorites.
\$10, ages 18+
425-452-7681

Seattle Civic Christmas Ship Celebration

Dec. 21, 7:45-8:05 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park
419-98th Ave. NE,
Bon fire included. Free
425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Magic Season Events

Garden d'Lights

Nov. 26 - Jan. 2, 5-9:30 p.m.
nightly
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
NEW! Reservations required.
www.bellevuebotanical.org
425-452-2750 or 425-452-6885

Group Health Ice Arena

Nov. 26-Jan. 9; open daily, hours vary.
Bellevue Downtown Park, NE 1st
St. & 102nd Ave. N.E.
Partial open-air rink (the only one
in the Seattle area) and a heated
tent for spectators.
\$10 admission includes skate
rentals. \$7 admission if with skates.
425-453-3110 or www.magicseason.com

December

Seattle Civic Christmas Ship Celebrations

Dec. 3, Newcastle Beach Park, 4400
Lk Washington Blvd. SE, 8:50 -
9:10 p.m.
Dec. 4, Chism Beach Park, 1175 -
96th Ave. SE, 8:45 - 9:05 p.m.
Welcome the Seattle Civic
Christmas Ship. Free.
Bon fire at Newcastle event.
425-452-4106 or
NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

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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 452-6466 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.
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 Senior: 452-7681
South Bellevue: 452-4240
Community Council: 452-6466
Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800
Development Services Center: 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
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
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
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
Allied Waste/Rabanco: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)
Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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Toy, food drives start in November

Residents are asked to donate toys for children in need at fire stations Nov. 14 to Dec. 24. People can also donate non-perishable food at city community centers Nov. 1 to Dec. 16.

Holiday Toy Drive

For the toy drive, please provide toys and other age-appropriate holiday gifts to infants, children and teens from families in need. New, unwrapped toys and gifts can be dropped off at any Bellevue fire station:

- Station One - 766 Bellevue Way SE (Downtown/West Bellevue)
- Station Two - 2802 148th Ave. SE (Eastgate/Lake Hills/W. Lake Sammamish)
- Station Three - 16100 NE Eighth St. (Crossroads/Northeast Bellevue)
- Station Four - 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE (Factoria/Somerset)
- Station Five - 9621 NE 24th St. (Northwest Bellevue)
- Station Six - 1850 132nd Ave. NE (Bridle Trails/Wilburton)
- Station Seven - 11900 SE Eighth St. (Wilburton/Woodridge)
- Station Eight - 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE (Eastgate/Cougar Mountain)
- Station Nine - 12412 SE 69th Way (Newport)



Fire Lt. Tony Mastrendea helps Santa & Mrs. Claus deliver gifts for the holiday party at Crossroads.

Gifts received by Dec. 10 will be distributed on Dec. 14 at the annual Crossroads Community Center Holiday Celebration, an event that features a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, refreshments and entertainment. Children and teens from families in need are eligible to receive a free, age-appropriate gift and each child or teen must be present to receive a gift.

The Bellevue Firefighters Community Support Foundation has sponsored the Holiday Toy Drive for the past several years. The Parks and Community Services Department hosts the Crossroads celebration with the help of many partners, including St. Louise Catholic Church and Prudential Northwest Realty.

For more information, call 425-452-4874.

Food Drive

People can drop off the food for the Parks & Community Services event, which goes to local food assistance programs, at the following locations:

- Crossroads Mini City Hall - 15600 NE 8th St.
 - Bellevue Aquatic Center - 601 143rd Ave. NE
 - Bellevue Golf Course - 5450 140th Ave. NE
 - Crossroads Community Center - 16000 NE 10th St.
 - Highland Community Center - 14224 Bel-Red Rd.
 - Kelsey Creek Farm Park - 410 130th Pl. SE
 - North Bellevue Community Center - 4063 148th Ave. NE
 - Northwest Arts Center - 9825 NE 24th St.
 - Parks Resource Management - 16023 NE 8th St.
 - Robinswood Tennis Center - 2400 151st Pl. SE
 - South Bellevue Community Center - 14509 SE Newport Way
- For more information, e-mail NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4106.