



## Botanical Garden de Lights – Construction Edition

*November 30, 2013 - January 4, 2014*

*5 p.m.-10 p.m. (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)*

*Bellevue Botanical Garden,  
12001 Main Street, Bellevue WA*



The Garden is undergoing major construction of new facilities. Though d'Lightful as ever, this year's event features a shorter route and new ticket booth location. As always, hot beverages will be available at the Shorts Visitor Center, and friendly volunteers will provide a warm welcome. Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Bellevue Parks & Community Services,

Garden d'Lights features thousands of lights which transform the Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland.

Please note that due to construction, there is no on-site limited mobility parking; however, there is a drop-off area just east of the Garden d'Lights entry. The gift shop is on hiatus until the new facility is finished, so look for our amazing new shop at next year's event!

**Ages:** All ages; family event.

**Cost:** \$5 per person; free for children 10 and under.

**Ticket sales and info:** Tickets will be available beginning on October 15. Visit [www.gardendlights.org](http://www.gardendlights.org) to buy your tickets, find out how to volunteer, and learn how you can visit the show for free.

Recorded information phone line:  
425-452-6844.

## Snowflake Lane brought to you by The Bellevue Collection

*November 29-December 24*

*Shows Nightly at 7 p.m.*

Join The Bellevue Collection for a memorable tradition celebrating the ninth annual holiday showing of Snowflake Lane. It's a nightly display along the sidewalks of Bellevue Way and NE 8th Street of dazzling lights, music, dramatic drumming from live toy soldiers and magical snow.



Winter characters join in the Snowflake Lane fun including a Snow Queen and King, Sugar Plum Fairies and Mice! Celebrate at The Bellevue Collection with an evening that will brighten your spirits and warm your heart with the spirit of the holiday. Event is complimentary.

Snowflake Lane and Celebration Lane are produced as a gift to the community from Kemper Freeman and The Bellevue Collection. Please call Bellevue Square Guest Services at 425-454-8096 or visit [bellevuecollection.com](http://bellevuecollection.com) for more information.

### Temporary Nightly Closures Ahead:

**Bellevue Way: NE 6th – NE 8th Street**

**Nov. 30 – Dec. 24, 2013**

Increased Safety for Snowflake Lane Performance: This year, the Snowflake Lane, presented by the Bellevue Collection, has expanded to bring more enjoyment to the event's audience. Every night between November 29

and December 24, there will be a performance for the entire family. To increase safety for all, the City of Bellevue is working closely with Kemper Develop.m.ent and the Bellevue Collection to close Bellevue Way between NE 6th and NE 8th Streets nightly starting at 6:45 p.m. and reopening approximately twenty minutes after the show.

**Detour Route:** Southbound traffic will be detoured east or west on NE 8th Street to find alternate routes; although, drivers are encouraged to use NE 10th Street to access 100th Avenue NE, as an alternate. Northbound traffic will be detoured east or west at NE 4th street and only traffic destined for Lincoln Square or the Westin should continue north to NE 6th Street.



### **Why the Temporary Closure:**

Safety is the highest priority, especially with Snowflake

Lane becoming a popular attraction for families. In order to create the safety and walkability needed on the sidewalks with the large crowds, the City of Bellevue's Fire, Police and Transportation Departments along with Kemper Develop.m.ent Company determined that a brief closure of a portion of Bellevue Way would be required to allow the show to continue each night.

Bellevue's Police and Transportation Departments have coordinated with Kemper Develop.m.ent to set up the detours nightly. Please be cautious, follow the detour signs, and obey the police officers, who will be on hand to direct traffic in the area.

**Where to Park:** During the temporary closure, customers and visitors will still be able to access Bellevue Place by using the NE 10th Street entrance and access Lincoln Square and the Westin via northbound Bellevue Way to the NE 6th Street entrance. Parking will be readily available at Bellevue Square, as well.

To avoid the holiday rush, the City highly recommends scheduling your trips around the closure timeframe to avoid those who are seeking alternate routes.

Questions & Comments: If you have any questions, please call Tim Stever, Sr. Right-of-Way Engineer, at 425-452-4294 or [Tstever@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Tstever@bellevuewa.gov)

## **How to Get Prepared for Winter:**

### **The Karaoke Edition**

Want to get your family prepared for winter but having trouble motivating them? Show them how Liv & the Survivors, a Sasquatch band, and watch them go through various hazards and get prepared – while singing to a groovy beat! Watch it at: <http://youtu.be/aci5kB0v78I> and listen closely to the lyrics:



*In winter, be prepared for snow and ice*

*Insulate your pipes*

*Stock up on supplies*

*Watch out for things falling all around*

*Branches crashing down*

*Power lines on the ground*

*You know your power might just go out*

*Make sure you have flashlights*

*Be prepared for those dark nights*

*and keep your grill outside where it is meant to be and generators too.*

Keep these tips in mind and make sure that you are prepared at work, at home, or driving around town. Just make sure your family members don't dance in public TOO much while thinking about preparedness!

For more information on getting prepared for winter, find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/BellevueOEM](http://www.facebook.com/BellevueOEM)), check out our Youtube channel ([www.youtube.com/BellevueOEM](http://www.youtube.com/BellevueOEM)) or subscribe to our newsletter (<http://eepurl.com/D8nCD>). Stay safe!

## Eastgate Block Watch

December 5, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

### Eastgate Elementary

Please join us on Thursday as we partner with the Bellevue Police



Department for an informational and action oriented meeting. You will learn how to find crime statistics for your neighborhood, lessen the chances of your home becoming a target and effectively organize as a neighborhood. Please be sure to invite your neighbors who would like to participate or learn more. We welcome residents from the surrounding neighborhoods who are also looking for tips and techniques on beginning a block watch.

Contact: Carol Ross,  
Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-7917,  
for more information.

## Open House for Wilburton Streetscape Enhancements:

*124th Avenue Corridor:*

*Main Street to NE 8th Street*

*December 9, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.*

*Three Cedars Waldorf School*

### Open House

*Monday, December 9*

*4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.*

*Three Cedars Waldorf School*

*556 124th Avenue NE*

### What is the Project Background?

The 124th Avenue NE corridor is an important connection between the

Wilburton neighborhood, the Bel-Red Area, and SR 520. To proactively address anticipated growth in the Bel-Red area, the City has engaged the Wilburton community in an effort to identify appropriate streetscape improvements between Main Street and NE 8th Street.

### What is the Project Status?

This summer, the City invited members of the Wilburton community to join a committee that would recommend 124th Avenue

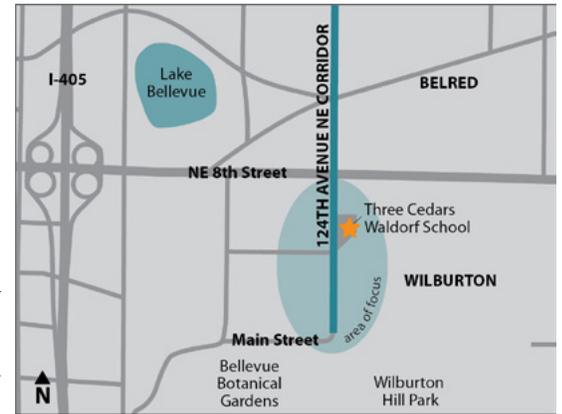
NE streetscape improvements between Main Street and NE 8th Street. Volunteers formed the Neighborhood Streetscape Committee and, with support from the City's project team, discussed community feedback about values and priorities for this segment of the corridor. As a result, the committee identified ways to enhance the street to reflect the feel of a neighborhood corridor, while maintaining its function as a collector arterial.

### What will I see at the Open House?

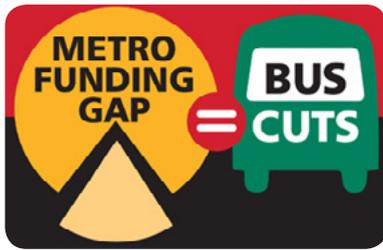
Possible streetscape strategies include optical speed bars and legends, intersection safety enhancement, roadway medians, crosswalk enhancements, and gateway enhancements. Come see the Neighborhood Streetscape Committee's ideas and recommended enhancements to the streetscape between Main Street and NE 8th Street, which the City anticipates constructing in spring/summer 2014.

Questions and Comments?

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marina Arakelyan, Project Manager, at 425-452-4632, or [marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov).



## Bellevue Service Reduction Public Meeting



*December 11, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.,  
Bellevue City Hall*

Come talk with Metro staff about the service reduction proposal. The meeting will be an open house format - with the option to participate in a short, interactive presentation and small group discussion from 7-7:30 p.m.. Metro announced a proposal to reduce bus service around the county when temporary funding and cash reserves run out next year. Our proposal includes the possibility of deleting 74 routes and reducing or revising another 104. While 33 routes would not be touched directly, their riders would likely feel the effects of service reductions elsewhere through increased crowding and slower trips—so this proposal touches the entire county.



### *Route details*

Proposed cuts of up to 600,000 hours of service, or about 17 percent of Metro's current service, and 45,000 hours of Alaskan Way Viaduct construction mitigation service, are posted online.

- 74 of Metro's 214 routes would be deleted: 4, 5EX, 7EX, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 37, 47, 48EX, 57, 61, 62, 66EX, 67, 68, 72, 82, 83, 84, 99, 110,

113, 139, 152, 154, 158, 159, 161, 167, 173, 178, 179, 190, 192, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205EX, 209, 210, 211EX, 213, 215, 217, 237, 238, 242, 243, 244EX, 250, 260, 265, 277, 280, 304, 306EX, and 308; and DART routes 901, 908, 909, 910, 913, 916, 919, 927, 930, and 935.

- 107 routes would be reduced or revised. Examples of changes are fewer trips, service ending earlier at night, deletion of the tail-end of a route, and combination of routes. C Line, D Line, 1, 2, 3\*, 5, 7, 8, 9EX, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 16\*, 17EX, 18EX, 21EX, 24, 26EX\*, 28EX\*, 29, 32\*, 33, 36, 40, 41, 43, 44, 49, 50\*, 55, 56EX, 60, 64EX, 65, 70\*, 71, 73\*, 98\*\*, 105, 106\*, 107, 111, 114, 116EX, 118EX, 118, 119EX, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 128, 131, 132, 143EX, 148, 150, 156, 157\*, 164, 168\*, 177\*, 180, 181\*, 182, 186, 187, 193EX, 197, 204, 208, 212\*, 214, 221, 226, 232, 234, 235\*, 236, 240, 241, 245, 248, 249, 252, 255, 257, 269, 271, 311, 331, 342\*, 346, 348, 355EX\*, 358EX\* (E Line), and 372EX; and DART routes 903, 907, 914, 915, 917, and 931. (\*Routes have additional service, trips as a result of a revision; \*\* South Lake Union Streetcar)
- 33 routes would not be changed, but would likely become more crowded as they absorb riders who lost their service. A Line, B line, 10, 15EX, 48, 74EX, 75, 76, 77, 101, 102, 140 (F Line), 153, 166, 169, 183, 216, 218, 219, 224, 246, 268, 301, 303EX, 309EX, 312EX, 316, 330, 345, 347, 373EX, 601EX, DART 906
- ADA paratransit services – If the proposed 17 percent service reductions are imposed on the fixed route system, ADA paratransit service may also face reductions.

For more information:

<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future/>

## Season of Sharing Gift Drive

*Until December 17, Bellevue City Hall*



City employees are working with several non-profits to provide gifts to families and to people with disabilities. The organizations include LifeWire (formerly the Eastside Domestic Violence program), Friends of Youth, Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (Children's Response Center) and the YWCA Women's Shelter. These organizations support families who may be living in poverty or who just want to provide a holiday atmosphere for their children.

People interested in contributing can retrieve a gift wish tag or money envelope from a Season of Sharing tree at City Hall. A second Season of Sharing tree is located at Bellevue's Mini City Hall at the Crossroads Shopping Center, Northeast Eighth Street and 15th Avenue Northeast. The requested gift, with original tag attached, can then be dropped off at designated boxes; money donations should be left at the Service First desk of City Hall. Both the boxes and desks are located on the first floor of City Hall.

"Your generosity brightens the lives of children and families healing from domestic violence in our community," wrote Barbara Langdon, Executive Director of LifeWire. "Your gift makes a difference

– it brings joy and hope to families who are not able to afford gifts for their children at this time of year."

The last day to drop off gifts and money contributions is Tuesday, December 17.

## Chinook Middle School Students are on a mission!

*Drop off times: Monday through Friday, December 2-18 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

They have voted to challenge themselves to DOUBLE their donation to Northwest Harvest this year and need your help.

Bring non-perishable donations to:



### **GOAL:**

We voted to DOUBLE our last year's amazing donations of 3,223 pounds this year = 6,448 pounds! (that's over **3 tons!**)

Chinook Middle School Main Office

11650 SE 60th St, Bellevue

Contact: Wendy Powell

([powellw@bsd405.org](mailto:powellw@bsd405.org), 425-456-6345)

Sponsored by Chinook Middle School National Junior Honor Society

If the school meets their goal, the Assistant Principal, Mr. Moe, will shave 1/3 of his head during each of the 3 lunches!



## December Meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**12/2 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Commendation for Nan Campbell, Consent Calendar, Public hearing on Interim Regulations to Address Recreational Marijuana, Mid-Biennium Budget Adoption [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**12/3 East Bellevue Community Council** (5:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Shoreline Master Plan draft Public Hearing; Community Council ethics code discussion; Recess to celebrate the community and look back on the history of East Bellevue. Please join us in thanking past Community Council members and looking ahead to a bright future. [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**12/3 Arts Commission** (4:30, 1E-109) Evergreen City Ballet plans for the Ten20 Theatre; Arts Policies in the Comprehensive Plan; 2014 Work Plan [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**12/5 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Revised By-Law approval, Comp Plan comment letter approval, Chair/Vice Chair elections, Year End Celebration [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**12/9 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Regional Issues, East Link Monthly Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Swearing in of re-elected and new Councilmembers, Consideration of process for January 6 meeting for selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Report of Snow and Ice Response, Consent Calendar, Adoption of 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**12/11 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan update speaker series – Seattle Times economist Jon Talton and Wright Runstad; SMP conformance amendments, potential public hearing;

Comprehensive Plan update policy review – urban design and human services [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**12/11 Youth Link** (6:00 1E-121) Agenda to be determined [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth\\_link\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm)

**12/12 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan Update, Multi Modal Mobility Policy; Downtown Transportation Plan Update –Policies [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**12/18 Downtown Livability Advisory Committee** (6:30 1E-108) Continued discussion of Land Use Code modules <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

**11/21 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) 11/21 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability Project Briefing; Draft NPDES Draft NPDES 2014 Stormwater Mgmt. Program [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**12/25 Christmas – All City Offices Closed**

**Human Services Commission - No December Meeting** [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**Library Commission - No December Meeting** [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm)

**Parks and Community Services Board – No December Meeting** [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**11/21 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability Project Briefing; Draft NPDES Draft NPDES 2014 Stormwater Mgmt. Program

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