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Agreement ensures East Link works for Bellevue

By Kate March, East Link Outreach Coordinator

In April, the City Council and Sound Transit Board unanimously approved a revised agreement between the agencies that allows the East Link light rail project to move forward and begin construction early next year.

This landmark agreement

East Link and address a potential light rail maintenance base. The agreement also provides greater certainty for Sound Transit with respect to permit costs, and timelines and for the city with respect to mitigation of impacts.

The amended MOU confirms the city's financial contribution to the project at \$100 million,

identified the Bel-Red site as the preferred alternative for the maintenance yard. Since then, the city and Sound Transit have engaged with stakeholders to ensure the facility is designed in a way that is not detrimental to the city's vision for Bel-Red as a transit-oriented community with mixed-use development around planned East Link stations at 120th and 130th avenues.

The agreement reduces the size of the maintenance yard to add 1.6 million square feet of potential commercial and residential development space on the perimeter of the property.

The MOU also establishes goals and approaches to minimize construction impacts throughout the project, particularly in regard to noise and traffic mitigation.

The city regulates construction mitigation through its right of way, building and clearing-and-grading permits. Although mitigation goals and approaches are included within the agreement, the permitting process is still underway and project mitigation will continue to be planned and implemented throughout construction.

The collaboration that enabled the city and Sound Transit to reach agreement on the important issues outlined in the MOU will continue during construction.

East Link construction is anticipated to begin in early 2016, although residents may see some early utility relocations and staging begin later this year. Service is expected to begin in 2023.



City Manager Brad Miyake, left, and Sound Transit Acting CEO Mike Harbour sign the MOU.

amends a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by the city and Sound Transit in 2011, and is the culmination of years of collaboration between the two agencies to ensure that the East Link project is cost-effective and constructed in a way that meets the needs of Bellevue and the region.

Elected officials from both agencies negotiated the agreement to finalize the financial terms surrounding construction of

eliminating an additional \$60 million contingent contribution to the downtown light rail tunnel that was included in the previous MOU between the city and Sound Transit.

Part of the agreement addresses Sound Transit plans for an operations and maintenance satellite facility in Bellevue—if a site in the Bel-Red corridor is selected following the completion of an ongoing environmental review.

In July 2014 Sound Transit

Bellevue selects 'the best' for police chief



Since he was sworn in as police chief in early April, Steve Mylett has devoted hours to interviewing all of his officers and department support staff.

"I've been consistently impressed

with the professionalism and dedication of the men and women who work in the Bellevue Police Department and their true commitment to serve the public," Chief Mylett said earlier this month.

Mylett, who joined the Bellevue force after serving as police chief in Southlake, Texas, for four years, said he isn't ready to push for any changes yet here. Bellevue has had low crime rates for many years.

City Manager Brad Miyake announced Mylett's appointment on March 2, after four finalists visited Bellevue in late February for interviews, meetings and a reception with residents, the City Council and staff. Chief Mylett was sworn in on April 6 and held a news conference that day to answer questions from the media.

"Finding the best for Bellevue has been our top priority since we began this recruitment last summer," said Miyake. "After a very extensive and thorough search, the community, including our police officers, voiced resounding support for Chief Mylett."

Mylett took over from Jim Montgomery, who served as interim chief for nearly a year, after Linda Pillo retired in the spring of 2014.

Before joining the Southlake Police Department in 2011, Mylett was with the Corpus Christi Police Department for 23 years, where he rose through the ranks, from cadet to assistant chief.



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Council Corner



Council collaboration leads to improved light rail agreement

By Deputy Mayor Kevin Wallace

Over the past six years the City Council has worked diligently to ensure that Sound Transit's East Link light rail project would produce an effective transportation system for both the city and the region while protecting the city's neighborhoods, roads and businesses.

By coming together and resolving our differences, the council achieved these goals in April when we unanimously approved an

agreement with Sound Transit.

The effort to run a train through an already developed city is challenging enough, but was made more so by Sound Transit's preference for an alignment that brought the train along Bellevue Way and 112th Avenue Southeast, next to our neighborhoods. Bellevue could not force Sound Transit to accept a different route without resorting to risky and expensive litigation, but we did have clear authority to require the agency to mitigate its impacts. After Sound Transit chose its preferred route, we turned our attention to mitigation.

In 2013 we negotiated some of the strongest protections for our community that Sound Transit has ever put in place. A 60-foot buffer between the train and any residential structure, and full compliance with Bellevue's noise control code are just two examples of the many strenuous requirements we put in place. We also negotiated modifications to the alignment that will keep it entirely out of the roadway on 112th Avenue Southeast and Bellevue Way. This means there will be no at-grade crossings, which would have come with noisy gates, in Surrey Downs and Enatai.

In downtown Bellevue, Sound Transit wanted to run the train down the middle of two arterial streets. It would have been a traffic nightmare.

After years of negotiation, however, Sound Transit agreed to include a light rail tunnel instead. Having a tunnel means there will be no visual, noise or traffic impacts to our downtown businesses and residents. And the tunnel will be constructed by removing dirt from the tunnel portal instead of excavating from the surface. That will dramatically reduce traffic impacts during construction.

The council has protected businesses and residents to the greatest extent possible by putting regulatory standards in place that Sound Transit must meet. It's now up to city staff to enforce those code requirements – and I'm confident they will do so.

To ensure these heightened protections for our city, we agreed to make a financial contribution to the project. In 2011, we agreed to contribute cash and property to Sound Transit, including a \$60 million contingent contribution. That's a lot of money and definitely would have impacted other city needs such as parks, roads and public safety. Fortunately, we were able to collaborate with Sound Transit to reduce project costs and eliminate that contingent contribution.

Bellevue will contribute property, utility relocation costs and other project elements. And since we already owned most of the property, the contributions won't have a significant impact on Bellevue taxpayers. The bottom line: we obtained far more in value for Bellevue than we gave up in property. And we got the deal done.

No deal is perfect in all ways for all people, and I'm sure many insiders agree that the light rail agreement is no exception. But in the end, the agreement represents something for which we should all take pride: two groups of elected officials with widely different views worked on a very difficult issue until they reached common ground. In America 2015 this is cause for celebration.

Council Roundup

District Court is moving

An aging, former elementary school at Surrey Downs Park has been the "temporary" home of Bellevue District Court for nearly 30 years, but that arrangement is about to change. On May 25, the City Council reviewed plans to move court operations in June to an extensively renovated, leased building at Bellefield Office Park.

King County provides district court services at Surrey Downs, at 585 112th Ave. SE, under an agreement with the city. The court's new home will be at 1309 114th Ave. SE, just a few blocks away. Plans call for court operations to open at the "Bellefields Building" on June 23. A public open house will follow.

District Court Judge Donna Tucker thanked the council for supporting the change. She said the Surrey Downs facility is well beyond its useful life and that her court staff were excited about the new digs, where they can "provide services with confidence and pride." Tucker said new technology at Bellefields Building will allow the court to upgrade its case management system, making operations more efficient.

District Court processes a variety of cases in which charges were made by the City of Bellevue, including traffic infractions, misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors. About 11 percent of the visits to the court are by misdemeanor defendants. Other court services include marriage licenses, passports and name changes.

The city's Probation Services Division also will move to the Bellefields Building.

City offers funding for Tateuchi Center

The City Council on May 4 offered to provide up to \$20 million toward construction of the Tateuchi Center, a proposed 2,000-seat performing arts center in downtown Bellevue. The unanimous vote is a major boost for a cultural asset long sought by civic leaders.

The city's offer to invest in the project was subject to reaching an agreement with Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE), the nonprofit organization that has been working since 2002 on fundraising and designs for the Tateuchi Center.



An architect's rendering of the interior of the planned Tateuchi Center.

As conditions for the agreement, the city will require: that public programming be included at the performance center; a security interest in the facility; and the right to be repaid if PACE does not fulfill commitments.

"It has been a long-standing dream of this council, and the councils before us, to have a major performing arts center in our city," said Mayor Claudia Balducci. "What makes me most proud of the pledge we made is that we will ensure the Tateuchi Center is a place for everyone to enjoy. It is the city's interest for people of all ages, ethnicities and socioeconomic levels to have access to these extremely valuable cultural experiences."

Since 2002, PACE has raised more than \$64 million, but the total cost of the project, including operations through the first year, is estimated at \$198.1 million.

The city's offer is also contingent on PACE securing the funds needed for construction from other sources no later than September 1, 2016. As proposed, the city would not provide its funding until 2019, after construction of the facility has been substantially completed.

Room rental ordinance approved

The council on April 6 approved a permanent ordinance to prohibit the business practice of renting single-family homes as rooming houses in single-family neighborhoods, and allow rooming houses in designated multi-family districts.

The ordinance responds to concerns from residents about investors renting out several individual rooms in houses to unrelated individuals. Many of the concerns came from the Spiritwood neighborhood, but comparable issues have been raised in other parts of Bellevue.

Approval of the permanent ordinance follows adoption of an interim ordinance that was extended several times since 2013 while the city's Planning Commission studied a permanent fix. Last week the commission made its recommendations to the council.

Among other things, the ordinance clarifies the definition of boarding and rooming houses and lowers the number of unrelated people who can live together as a family from six to four.



Visitors mean millions: city looks to draw more tourists

By Sharon Linton, Marketing & Community Manager, Visit Bellevue Washington

Did you host friends or family in your home last year? If so, you were not alone. According to a recent survey of residents, two-thirds said they hosted visitors from more than 50 miles away for overnight visits.

Visit Bellevue Washington, the city's official destination marketing organization, estimates that 1.5 million visitors came to Bellevue in 2014 and spent \$736 million. An important segment of those tourists, visiting friends and family, is estimated to be 248,000 visitors, who spent \$97 million.

Visitors generated more than \$7.1 million in tax revenue for the city, and their activities here support jobs in restaurants, retail stores and recreational activities such as parks and museums.

Given the positive impacts visitors have on Bellevue, the city's economic development team is collaborating with Visit Bellevue to develop a tourism master plan that will identify ways to attract more visitors here.

Following the tourism plan, the city and Visit Bellevue would build on efforts the past five years to boost tourism here. The city and Visit Bellevue team hope to induce more visitors to stay in Bellevue and explore all that the city and the greater Seattle area has to offer.

Visitors (and residents) have many events to choose from in Bellevue, including the arts and crafts fair weekend and a respected jazz festival. It's a "City in a Park" too, with lakes, parks and walking trails in and around the city. There's a full calendar of events at www.visitbellevuewashington.com/events/.

Summer is a prime time for friends and family to pay a visit. If you are hosting guests this summer, you can take advantage of resources such as VisitBellevueWashington.com from your desktop or mobile device or pick

up a copy of the Bellevue visitor guide at distribution points around the city, including City Hall, the Bellevue Collection, the Shops at the Bravern and Crossroads Bellevue.



Energize Eastside EIS in first phase

The Eastside cities managing the environmental review of Puget Sound Energy's "Energize Eastside" project are now reviewing public comments collected from April 30 to June 15. With the support of the project consultant, they will determine the scope of the environmental impact statement.

Residents had opportunities to comment on the scope of the EIS online and at a series of meetings in Eastside cities in May. A scoping comment summary, along with other information about the EIS, will be made available later this month at www.energizeeastsideeis.org.

PSE is proposing to build a new electric substation and approximately 18 miles of high-capacity, (230-kilovolt) electric transmission lines through Bellevue, from Renton to Redmond. The project is intended to address an electrical

transmission capacity deficiency and improve electrical grid reliability for Eastside communities.

The project requires analysis of potential environmental impacts through development of an environmental impact statement. Bellevue is managing the EIS in cooperation with the cities of Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond and Renton.

The EIS is being done in two phases. The first phase focuses on whether the type of project PSE has proposed is the best way to improve electrical grid reliability for Eastside communities, and what other types of solutions should be explored. The second phase will focus on project design and construction.

Both phases of the EIS include scoping periods when public comment is taken. Phase I of the EIS began with the recent scoping period and will end with issuance of a draft EIS this fall.

Phase II will begin with a new scoping period in the winter of 2016.

The EIS process is anticipated to take approximately two years, and will end with issuance of a final EIS in the summer of 2017.

In addition to the EIS, the project was analyzed by Utility System Efficiencies Inc. this spring. The Bellevue City Council hired the company to provide an independent technical analysis of Energize Eastside after listening to issues raised by concerned residents.

The technical analysis presented to the council in early May confirmed the need to upgrade the Eastside's power infrastructure based on future growth projections, reliability of the electrical grid and regional power grid flows.

Risen named fire chief



City Manager Brad Miyake appointed Interim Fire Chief Mark Risen as the permanent fire chief on March 24.

Miyake promoted Risen to the interim position in June 2014, following the retirement of Chief Mike Eisner. Since that time,

Miyake said, Risen has continued to move the department forward, striving for excellence.

"Over the past year, Chief Risen has proven to be a steady commander. This is the type of leader a department with a stellar performance

record – like ours – needs," Miyake said. "I could not be more proud of what Chief Risen has been able to achieve."

Risen's resume includes 36 years as a firefighter, 32 with the Bellevue Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks from firefighter to firefighter/engineer, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief and deputy chief. In addition to serving as interim fire chief in Bellevue the past nine months, Risen was interim chief for six months at the Woodinville Fire Department.

An evolving fire department for an evolving city

By Fire Chief Mark Risen

Having been appointed fire chief for Bellevue this spring, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of what your fire department is working on to ensure that we continue to provide the outstanding fire protection and emergency medical service you currently enjoy.

I will start by saying that I am extremely proud to take on this responsibility. The Bellevue Fire Department is a highly regarded agency throughout the region, and I know first-hand the hard work and thoughtfulness that goes into providing our services to the community. It is important for the public to understand that this level of service is the product of many people working together with the common goal of keeping you and our community safe.

The city has changed dramatically since I was hired in 1983, and it continues to evolve as I write this.

We have a rapidly developing downtown high-rise neighborhood, significant redevelopment coming to the Bel-Red area and a light rail system on the way, just to name a few of the issues that will impact us. As the city evolves into a much more urban environment, we in the Fire Department will need to ensure we evolve with it.

The good news is that we are positioning ourselves to do just that. We are very future-focused; we have delivered a long-range facility plan to the City Council and we will update our Fire Department Strategic Plan later this year.

In addition, we continue maintain and build on our relationships with our neighboring fire agencies to ensure we collectively provide the best service possible, regardless of borders. These relationships are vital to all of us, as demonstrated at the recent major fire on Auto Row.

With the support demonstrated by City Manager Brad Miyake and the council, I am very confident that your city and fire department have a very bright future, providing the high-quality service our city is known for.

On behalf of the men and women of the Bellevue Fire Department, we could not be more proud to serve you as part of this wonderful community.

New team leads diversity initiative

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator

The city has hired a team of three to help implement Bellevue's "Diversity Advantage" initiative, an effort to integrate and expand our efforts to respond and serve the changing population here.

Mark Manuel, diversity outreach and engagement administrator, will provide outreach to Bellevue's diverse communities and supports efforts to provide culturally competent community programs. Jennifer Mechem, ADA/Title VI program administrator, will work with departments to ensure access to city facilities and services. Elaine Acacio, diversity and inclusion program administrator, is coaching staff on ways to provide culturally competent programs.

In December the City Council unanimously adopted the "Bellevue Diversity Initiative: The Diversity Advantage." Drafted after years of community outreach, the plan recommends more than 60 actions the city can take to improve services for people of all cultures, and that the community can take to adjust to and make the most of living in a multicultural city.

The city won an award from the National League of Cities in March for the plan, which helps affirm the statements the council adopted as part of a 20-year vision last year, "Bellevue welcomes the world" and "Our diversity is our strength."

Over the past several decades, Bellevue has grown into a multicultural city, with population that has diversified in age, race and income. There are almost 85 languages now spoken in Bellevue schools, and minorities represent more than 40 percent of the resident population.

While that diversity provides the economy with competitive advantages, enriches the city's culture and provides new leadership, it challenges all residents and local institutions, including the city. Many of the diversity plan's actions involve cultural competence as it relates to city government, the community, public safety, education, human services, economic development and civic engagement.



From left, Bellevue's diversity team is Mark Manuel, Jennifer Mechem and Elaine Acacio.

Two departments – Planning and Community Development and Parks and Community Services – are leading implementation of the diversity initiative. Manuel, Mechem and Acacio were all hired in April.

Manuel was director of Diversity for The Overlake School in Redmond, directing implementation of the school's diversity strategic plan, as well as multiple community programs.

Mechem served as Section 504/disability policy coordinator for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington D.C.

Acacio previously worked at the University of Oregon where she led trainings and committees to institutionalize diversity, equity and inclusion in areas of recruitment, retention and campus climate.

Navigating around summer road construction

By Tresa Berg, Transportation Public Involvement

Summer is the perfect time to make major and minor transportation system improvements around the city. Here is where you can expect major construction.

Beginning with the downtown business district, several streets will be resurfaced this summer as part of the annual pavement overlay program. This program includes replacing sidewalk ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The curb ramp and sidewalk repair work is done in advance of the paving work.

Over the new few months, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, the following roadways will have curb ramp and sidewalk repair, followed by roadway grinding and paving. Each roadway section will take several days to complete and will require lanes closures. If a street experiences higher traffic volumes, paving may take place at night or on weekends:

We will coordinate this work with other downtown projects (including private building development) to minimize congestion as much as possible. Other project locations and more information regarding the paving work can be

found at www.bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm

Other major projects this summer and their associated traffic impacts include:

- **Northeast Fourth Street Extension:** Eastside Rail Corridor to 120th Avenue Northeast – Periodic lane closures on 120th through November.
- **120th Avenue Northeast, Stage 2:** 700 Block to Northeast 12th Street – Periodic lane closures and night work, 9 p.m. – 4 a.m. The closure on Old Bel-Red Road continues through December 2016.
- **Northup Way Corridor Improvements:** Northeast 24th Street to Northeast 33rd Place – Periodic lane closures, nighttime and weekend closures through the beginning of 2017. Local access will be maintained.
- **Southeast Newport Way Sidewalk:** 150th Avenue Southeast to 152nd Avenue Southeast – Detour will continue to be used for water main, paving and sidewalk work through August.

In many cases, you may run into construction impacts not related to city construction. Other work may be being done by Olympic Pipeline, Puget Sound Energy,

Sound Transit and the state Department of Transportation. Watch for informational sign boards if you are interested in who is doing specific work.

Also, private building development continues in many areas downtown and in the Bel-Red area, which require periodic lane or road closures. Besides the Traffic Advisories webpage: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm here are several resources to keep you up-to-date on the city's construction projects:

- **Weekly Permit Bulletin:** www.bellevuewa.gov/weekly_permit_bulletin.htm
- **Major Project List** (Bel-Red and Downtown Bellevue private development projects): www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Development%20Services/lu_MajorProjects.pdf
- **City Capital Projects Map:** www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- **Real-Time Bellevue Traffic Map:** www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- **Transportation Department Twitter:** @BvueTrans

Leave fireworks to the professionals

By Ken Carlson, Bellevue Fire Marshal

Bellevue residents and communities across the country come together on the 4th of July to enjoy a variety of events, culminating with spectacular fireworks displays. However, fireworks, when used incorrectly, can cause great harm to us, our pets and our communities.

The use of fireworks has been illegal in Bellevue since 1994, except for permitted displays. Nonetheless, the city routinely receives dozens of complaints about the use of fireworks around Independence Day.

Each July 4, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are



injured while using fireworks. In 2013, there were 239 reported injuries in Washington State, including six that resulted in amputations.

Because July is usually very dry, fireworks also cause fires. In 2013, there were 102 reported fires caused by fireworks in the state, which resulted in more than \$2 million worth of property loss.

Bellevue Fire and Police recommend that people take advantage of the elaborate Family 4th display at Downtown Park as well as other official fireworks shows in the area. These displays are done by licensed professionals in coordination with the Fire Department, with the safety of everyone as a primary focus.

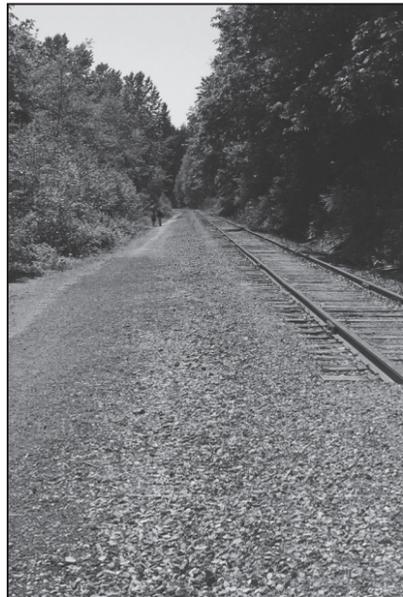
The best way to protect you and your family is to not use fireworks – period. We ask for your help in making this 4th of July a safe and fun day. Please help us spread the word that fireworks are illegal in Bellevue.

Bellevue Police and Fire departments will conduct fireworks safety patrols throughout the city, and those patrols will include enforcement. The use and/or sale of fireworks may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or treated as a civil violation where monetary penalties could be assessed.



Trailblazing on the Eastside

By Erica Jacobs, Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail Project



The Eastside Rail Corridor trail, looking south from 108th Avenue Northeast.

Imagine a new regional trail on the Eastside that makes it easier to travel from home to school or work, protects natural resources and provides access to scenic vistas and outdoor recreation. This trail would create economic and cultural opportunities, while prioritizing public safety and equity.

That's the vision behind King County's plans to convert the old Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line into a multi-use corridor, with a regional trail extending from Renton to Woodinville. Bellevue residents can help shape plans for the Eastside Rail Corridor trail at a meeting on Thursday, June 25, 6-8 p.m., at City Hall.

The Eastside Rail Corridor will be a major, new, north-south multi-modal transportation spine through the Eastside, offering an unprecedented opportunity to link the Eastside

communities to each other and to Seattle.

When BNSF announced it would sell the corridor, King County and several cities and public agencies came together to preserve it under public ownership. In April 2014, King County Parks launched trail master planning for the corridor.

This trail will help connect Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville and Redmond with the rest of the regional trail system. The trail will serve cyclists and pedestrians; rail and utilities may be co-located with it in the future.

In Bellevue, the trail will link the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail, the State Route 520 Trail and the future East Link light rail alignment. Additionally, it will connect to key areas such as the Bel-Red area and the Wilburton neighborhood.

From June through September, King County will host meetings within communities along the trail to gather input on possible alternatives and factors to consider in our planning work. In January 2016, the county will release a draft of the trail master plan informed by your feedback.

We hope you share our excitement about this opportunity. Please participate, starting in June, to help shape the vision for an extraordinary new trail. In addition to the June 25 meeting in Bellevue, there is a meeting in Renton on Tuesday, June 23, 6-8 p.m., at Talbot Hill Elementary School.

For questions or additional information, contact ERCtrail@kingcounty.gov or 855-216-9461, or visit www.kingcounty.gov/erc.

City partners with Nextdoor

By Claude Iosso, Digital Communications Coordinator

More than 9,000 residents from 97 neighborhoods in Bellevue are already using Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods. Responding to requests from residents, the city this month has adopted the platform as another way to communicate with residents.

This new partnership will improve citywide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications and help build safer neighborhoods across the city.

On Nextdoor, neighbors can get to know one another and exchange local advice and recommendations. Bellevue staff, primarily in Neighborhood Outreach and the Police Department can now post notifications on Nextdoor.

"Glad to hear it," emailed Ryan Barton of Wilburton, who asked that the city join Nextdoor last year. "I think the fact that Bellevue is joining Nextdoor goes to show that the city continues to lead the region in forward-looking municipal governance. I've never once felt "out of touch" with what's happening in the city, and with the City of Bellevue beginning to use Nextdoor, I expect Bellevue officials will be able to do even more, and even more efficiently."

As with many cities that have partnered with Nextdoor, Bellevue notifications will be focused on improving safety and strengthening virtual neighborhood watch efforts. The police piloted a city Nextdoor presence this spring. Neighborhood Outreach will primarily post neighborhood-specific messages on Nextdoor.

The city will continue to use other communications channels for citywide messages, including online news releases on its website (www.bellevuewa.gov), text and email Alerts to subscribers (sign up at <http://bit.ly/bellevue-alerts>) and Facebook and Twitter (www.bellevuewa.gov/social-media.htm). All of our communications channels can be accessed via the MyBellevue app.

Tens of thousands of neighbors across the country are already using Nextdoor to:

- Find trustworthy local resources, such as babysitters, plumbers and dentists;
- Communicate with neighbors and police about suspicious activity and safety concerns;
- Organize neighborhood events, such as garage sales and block parties;
- Get assistance in finding lost pets and missing packages; and
- Sell or give away items.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood – including city staff – or found on search engines.

The city's account with Nextdoor limits it to posting notifications and receiving responses to such notifications. Residents can also send direct messages to the city through Nextdoor. Staff cannot monitor Nextdoor "conversations" in neighborhoods.

Please join your neighbors and the city in building a stronger, safer Bellevue today at www.nextdoor.com.

New sidewalk at Sunset Elementary

By Vangie Garcia, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services

Walking to Sunset Elementary School is safer now with the construction of a new sidewalk along the east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway and a fun graphic on the playground that reinforces safe walking and biking habits.

The sidewalk, across the street from Sunset Elementary, was funded in part with a state Safe Routes to School grant. The sidewalk includes a planter strip that separates people from vehicles. Before the sidewalk was built, people walked on a wide asphalt shoulder with no barrier from traffic.

The Transportation Department's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services (NTSS) group designed a traffic safety graphic for the playground that kids can walk on, which contains roadway elements such as intersections, traffic signals, a roundabout, crosswalks and sidewalks, along with key safety messages.

As much as the graphic provides an opportunity for children to adapt and create their own game play around traffic safety, it can also be used as a game board for PedBee's Traffic Safety playing cards that NTSS also developed. These cards, distributed to each Sunset student, teach traffic safety Do's and Don'ts, using colorful graphics, and can be used in various ways.

To make more students comfortable with walking to school, NTSS held a Walking Wednesday event in May, where children participated in "walking school buses" on their way to school. The walking school buses moved along specified routes led by Bellevue Transportation staff and Issaquah and Bellevue police. Students were picked up at designated "bus stops" along the way.

More than 50 children participated, taking advantage of the opportunity to practice traffic safety skills, get exercise, enjoy walking with family and friends, reduce traffic congestion near the school and demonstrate

environmental stewardship.

For more information about Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services' other educational events and materials, contact Rebecca Rodni at 425-452-6160 or rrodni@bellevuewa.gov or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbee.htm.



Sunset Elementary students navigate the traffic safety graphic on the playground.

Pet license helps couple find beloved Libby

By David Grant, Public Information Officer

Bruce and Bernice Nurse were visiting family in California earlier this year when they got a call from a neighbor who said their dog Libby had gone missing. Later, they contacted Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) and eventually learned that Libby was safe and sound at its Pet Adoption Center in Kent.

Libby, a three-year-old pit bull mix, had gotten off her tether at the Nurses' Enatai neighborhood home, unbeknownst to the pet sitter they had hired to take care of her. Fortunately, staff at the Adoption Center were able to confirm Libby's owners through the King County pet license attached to her collar.

The Nurses are big believers in pet licensing and say that Libby's license may have averted a serious problem. In addition to Libby, they license their other dog, Taco, a Chihuahua, and their cat Comehere.

"You don't know how much you love them until they are gone. When they are gone you realize, 'Oh my God, what could I have done to help my dog,'" said Bernice Nurse. "I'm just happy we had Libby licensed. By us having her licensed, we got her back."

Bruce Nurse told RASKC staff they were not planning to be back in town for a few days and arranged for Libby to board at the center until they could pick her up. When they got off the plane, they went straight to Kent to bring her home.

"I compliment King County for their communications," Bruce Nurse said. "I found Libby's photograph on the King County website."

Bellevue contracts with King County for animal control services, and pet licensing helps pay for those services. More than 100,000 cats and dogs are licensed with RASKC, which provides services to 1 million residents living in 25 cities, including Bellevue, and unincorporated King County.

In addition to helping reunite owners with lost pets, licensing funds pet adoptions, helping thousands of animals find new homes each year, and providing quality care as they await adoption. The Nurses also like the fact that Bellevue has an automatic calling system to remind pet license holders when to renew.

Despite the obvious benefits, most pet owners in King County fail to license their animals, a situation that Bruce Nurse would like to see change.

"I would tell them it is a fundamental responsibility of owning an animal, and that it provides funds for services to care for animals when they get in trouble," Nurse said.

Owners may license their pets online (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/regionalAnimalServices.aspx>), or purchase a license at Bellevue City Hall or other locations, which are listed on the city's pet licensing webpage (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pet-licenses.htm>).

"If they hadn't found Libby's license we wouldn't have known where she was or who she was with," said Bernice Nurse. "But she had her license, and I'm just grateful that we have her."



Bruce and Bernice Nurse with their dog Libby

Public art comes to Newport Hills

By Scott MacDonald, Arts Program Coordinator

Newport Hills will soon be home to the city's newest public artwork – stainless steel, granite and other art pieces on 119th Avenue Southeast that together comprise "Rain Catchers" by artist Bruce Myers. The art, between 56th and 60th streets, was inspired by the community's desire for a revitalization of their street.

Community engagement and collaboration have been the keys to the success of the artwork. A panel of Newport Hills residents, a member of the city's Arts Commission and a local artist selected Myers for the project and provided direction on themes for the art. The panel ensured that public comments regarding the proposal were addressed before fabrication of the artwork.

Staff in the Planning and Community Development and Parks and Community Services departments collaborated to put in landscaping that referenced themes in the artwork, expanding the impact of the art. The artist also worked with King County Metro so he could attach art elements to the two bus shelters in the area.

To date, art elements have been attached

to both bus shelters. Also placed around the bus shelters as a component of the artwork are large, cut granite boulders. These boulders not only reference Pacific Northwest natural scenes, but also provide additional seating for those waiting for a bus. Significant landscaping has been installed in areas adjacent to the art and along the street.

The final components of "Rain Catchers" will be a 14-foot tall, stand-alone stainless steel artwork, to be installed at the corner of Southeast 58th Street and 119th Avenue, and a series of stone mosaics that will be set into a number of the granite boulders.

The stand-alone artwork is nearing completion, and should be installed early this summer. Following installation of this piece, the stone mosaics will be installed. Stones that neighbors collected from their yards will be included in the mosaics.

The budget for this project, shared between the Arts program and the Enhanced Right of Way and Urban Boulevards program, was \$140,000. A dedication will be scheduled for later this summer, following completion of the artwork.



Recruiting for Bellevue Essentials class

By Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach

Are you interested in learning about the structure and operations of city government? The city is recruiting members for the 2015 class of Bellevue Essentials, the city's program for emerging neighborhood and community leaders.

The nine-week introduction to civic engagement in Bellevue begins on September 17, with eight weekly Thursday evening sessions and a Saturday tour day. Class size is limited to 35 participants, and has had a waiting list each year. The application deadline is July 17. Organizers are seeking participants who will represent Bellevue's diverse population and a broad range of geographic areas.

Class members will build familiarity with government process and decision-making, while networking with a group of like-minded people looking to expand their knowledge and skill sets. Participants will learn the nuts and bolts of how city government works from neighborhood and community leaders, elected officials and key city staff.

Since the annual classes were started in 2013, several Bellevue Essentials graduates have taken leadership roles as members of the Parks & Community Services Board, Planning Commission and East Bellevue Community Council, as well as volunteering with the Neighborhood Mediation program.

"The interactive experiences at Bellevue Essentials made everything come alive," said Jay Shukla, a 2014 alumnus who volunteers with Neighborhood Mediation. "The class opened my eyes to the complexity of running a city. The commitment and quality of the staff and leadership we interacted with was excellent."

Anne Bridgeland, an alumna who is now president of the Lake Heights Neighborhood Association, said the program made her more effective as a community resource. "Without this program and the resources you offer, we would not be as empowered to engage with other neighborhoods, the city and our own neighbors."

Class topics will include history, demographics, public process, neighborhoods,

code compliance, parks and community services, planning, budget, transportation, environmental stewardship, utilities, intergovernmental relations and economic development. A variety of learning tools, such as speakers, panels, interactive exercises and site visits are used.

No experience is needed to qualify and class members have ranged in age from 17 to 70-plus. Classes are open to anyone who lives or works in Bellevue, but preference is given to residents. Applicants will be accepted based on the following criteria: identification as emerging leaders, class diversity and a short essay on personal goals of participation in program.

Class tuition is \$95 per participant and financial assistance is available. Tuition includes all classes, materials and a light dinner at each session. For more information or to request a brochure and a simple one-page application, please contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.



Newport Heights Elementary students recycling champions

By Michael May, Utilities Public Information Officer

The City of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District were recognized this May as the Recycler of the Year Youth Education for helping elementary school students cut lunchtime waste.

The recognition, from the Washington State Recycling Association, was for the Green Genius Zero Waste Cafeteria Challenge – a three-year-old program where students learn about how to reduce the amount of waste they send to the landfill. With about 90 percent of Bellevue’s elementary schools participating, the event takes place every year on America Recycles Day.

With help from recycling educators from Bellevue Utilities, this school year students from 12 schools participated – representing more than 7,000 students and staff. The winning school, Newport Heights Elementary, generated less than one-third cup of garbage per student at lunch on measurement day.

All the schools combined only generated a total of 15 garbage cans of trash from their cafeterias. On average, the schools produced a little more than one can of trash per school.

Common ways students reduced waste included:



Staff from the Bellevue School District, Newport Heights Elementary and Bellevue Utilities, including the Carbon Yeti, celebrate with recycling student champs at Newport Heights Elementary.

- finishing lunch;
- bringing leftovers home for snacks;
- composting food scraps;
- recycling; and
- using reusable containers for packed lunches.

Students have also initiated recycling and composting efforts in their own households as a result of what they learned through participating in the challenge. Learn more about how you can improve your recycling and composting at www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm.

City pitches in on neighborhood projects

Are you tired of looking at the dated entry sign of your neighborhood? How about the overgrown trees on the medians? Wouldn't it be nice if a bench or an art piece were added in your neighborhood to enhance the community experience?

These are just some of the examples of projects you and your neighbors could do together. Through the Neighborhood Match program, the city could reimburse you for half the costs, up to \$10,000.

“It’s truly remarkable to see what happens to a neighborhood when neighbors come together to do a project,” said the Ying Carlson, who manages the program. “The bonding experience definitely boost community pride, and neighbors get to know one another. It’s magical!”

Created in the 1990s, the Match program has been a great funding source for small neighborhood improvement projects. For every dollar awarded by the city, the applying neighborhood provides an equal or greater match consisting of money, professional services, materials and/or volunteer labor.

The city is always looking for fun and creative project ideas to bring people together. Applying for funds may sound complicated, but staff in the city’s Neighborhood Outreach Team can help applicants turn project ideas into realities. To get started, contact Ying Carlson at ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4342.

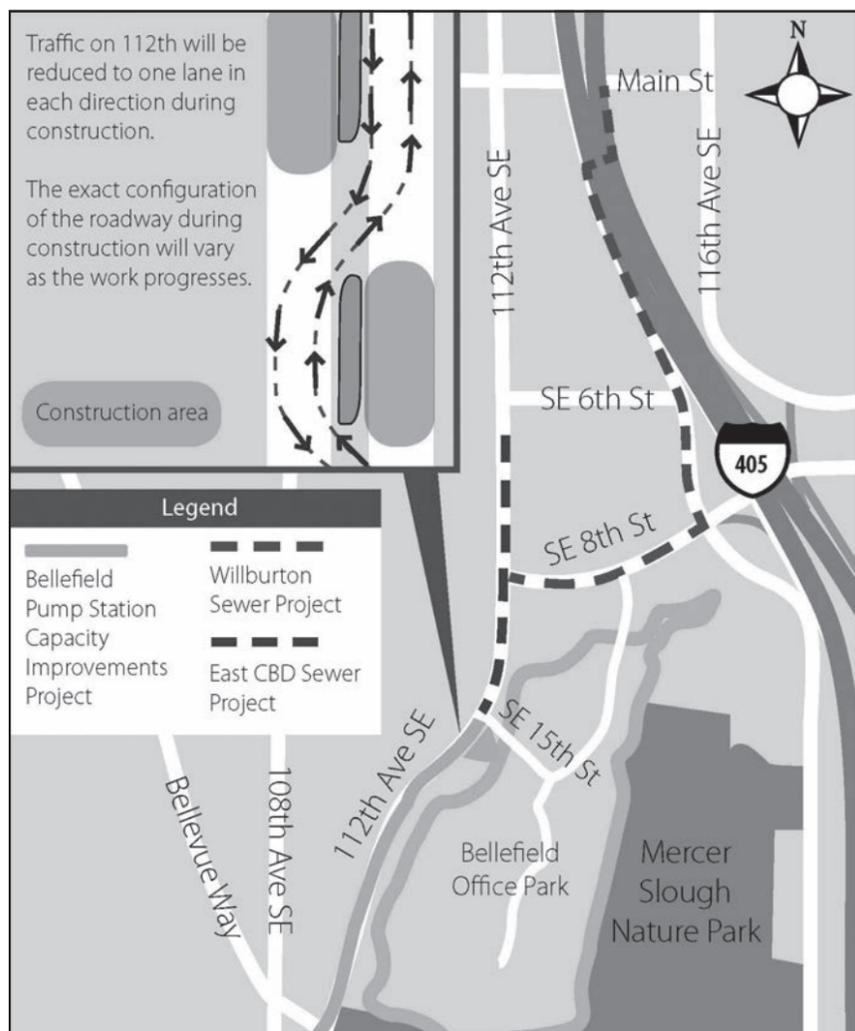
Water supply sufficient

Although Gov. Jay Inslee declared a statewide drought emergency last month, Bellevue Utilities customers have enough water for normal use this year.

Bellevue Utilities, a member of the Cascade Water Alliance, gets its water from the Seattle water system, which is designed and managed to collect runoff from rainfall and snowmelt, and is less dependent on snowpack. Unlike much of the rest of the state, the Seattle system has been able to hold enough water in its mountain reservoirs.

Customers are asked, as always, to be good stewards and use water wisely. Water conservation tips can be found at www.bellevuewa.gov/water-conservation.htm.

Bellefield sewer projects to impact traffic on 112th Avenue



By Michael May, Utilities Public Information Officer

To expand sewer capacity for the growing population downtown and replace aging infrastructure, the city will install new pipes and a pump station in the Bellefield area. The three projects will impact traffic in Bellefield, east downtown and Wilburton this summer and beyond.

Bellefield Sewer Pump Station Capacity Improvements

Starting in late June to early July, the two northbound lanes on 112th Avenue Southeast will be closed between Southeast 15th Street and Bellevue Way Southeast, for six months, for construction of two large sewer pipes and to replace the pump station. During this time, traffic will be diverted to the two southbound lanes (one lane in each direction will remain open). Project Manager: Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

East Central Business District Sewer Trunkline Improvements

The city is replacing a primary sewer pipe with a much larger one. For about six months, starting in July, 112th Avenue Southeast will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Southeast 15th Street north to Southeast Eighth Street, then later from Southeast Eighth Street to Surrey Downs Park. The intersection of 112th Avenue and Southeast Eighth Street will be closed to turns for about a month, but north-south traffic will be maintained. Project Manager: Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton Sewer Capacity Improvements

Larger pipes will be installed. Traffic restrictions will begin in late summer on westbound Southeast Eighth Street with one lane closure. On 114th Avenue Southeast there will be a partial and complete closure between Southeast Sixth and Eighth streets for four months. Project Manager: Brandon Cole at 425-452-4474, bcole@bellevuewa.gov

Learn more about the projects and sign up for alerts at www.bellevuewa.gov/bellefield.htm.

Citywide Projects Update

Throughout the city, there are many projects in various stages of development. This update includes all projects with an estimated budget of \$100,000 or more, sorted by neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact the project manager.

Bridle Trails

Contact

Pikes Peak Reservoir and Pump Station Replacement: Rehabilitating (or replacing) existing Pikes Peak 1 million gallon steel reservoir for structural/seismic purposes, and replacing existing Pikes Peak Pump Station adjacent to reservoir (joint project). Construction 2017-2018. \$5.7 million (est.)	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
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Bel-Red

Contact

Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing existing pump station to increase capacity for growth in Bel-Red. Construction may be dependent on redevelopment rates in the Bel-Red Corridor rezone area. \$4 million (est.) Design underway.	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 7th St - NE 12th St (Stage 2): Widening roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping and sidewalks; includes utility work. Construction through December 2016. \$36.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 12th - SE 16th (Stage 3): Widening roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping and sidewalks, with utility work. Design complete in 2015. City and Sound Transit developing cost sharing agreement. \$14.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
NE Spring Blvd: 116th to 120th Ave NE (Zone 1): Widening NE 12th St to five lanes between 116th Ave NE and a new signalized intersection at NE Spring Boulevard. NE Spring Boulevard between NE 12th St and 120th Ave NE will be a new four-lane roadway with two travel lanes in each direction and a multimodal path along the north side. Includes bridge construction over the proposed East Link light rail alignment, underground utilities, street lighting and signalized intersection improvements. Improvements will reflect Bel-Red urban design criteria, and will be coordinated with Sound Transit so that the segment between Eastside Rail Corridor (former BNSF) and 120th Avenue NE may be built in conjunction with the construction of East Link. Sixty percent design complete: final design projected May 2015. \$31.6 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
NE Spring Blvd: 120th to 124th Aves NE (Zone 2): Completing final design for future addition of a new four-lane roadway with center median, wide outside lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks, and on-street parking along the north side. Includes underground utilities and signalized intersection improvements. Improvements will reflect Bel-Red Urban Design criteria and coordinate with plaza development in proximity to Sound Transit's 120th Ave NE station. Sixty percent design is complete with final design projected to begin May 2015. \$3.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/spring-boulevard.htm	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE Spring Blvd: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes with multipurpose path/sidewalk. 30% design complete. \$1.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE Spring Blvd to NE 18th St: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Design complete summer 2015; Construction 2016. \$17.1 million (est.) City and Sound Transit developing cost sharing agreement. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Complete diamond interchange with westbound exit ramp and eastbound on ramp. Pre-design complete. Awaiting direction by the State Legislature.	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads

Contact

140th Ave. NE Mid-Block Crossings: Installing two new mid-block crossings north of NE 8th St and in the vicinity of NE 12th St., with sidewalk and curb ramps, median, lighting, and flashing beacons. Construction fall 2015. \$410,000.	Darek Jarzynski, 425-452-4277 Djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov
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Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Contact

Lakemont Blvd & SE Cougar Mtn. Way/SE 63rd St Intersection: Constructing traffic signal, curb ramps, sidewalk on the east side. Construction complete summer 2015. \$1.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-cmw-intersection.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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Downtown

Contact

Downtown Park "Complete the Circle": Complete circular promenade and canal, and expand the parking lot off of 100th Ave NE. Construction 2015-2016. \$5 million http://bellevuewa.gov/downtown-park-complete-circle.htm	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Park Inspiration Playground: Partnering with the Rotary Club of Bellevue to build new playground with universally accessible design. Design complete. Construction will depend on Rotary fundraising. http://bellevuewa.gov/inspiration-playground.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Transportation Plan Implementation: Implementing transportation projects to ensure mobility and enhance livability through 2030, with a focus on providing exceptional pedestrian and bicycle access to Downtown light rail station. www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate

Contact

Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and standby generator. Construction underway. \$1.2-1.45 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Designing for replacement of reservoir and pump station. Construction early 2016. \$2.3-\$4.5 million	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
161st Ave SE & SE 33rd Pl Crosswalk: Installing new crosswalk across 161st Ave SE near greenbelt trail and Spiritridge Neighborhood Park, with sidewalk and curb ramps, lighting and flashing beacons. Waiting for poles to complete project. \$100,000	Kurt Latt, 425-452-6020 Klatt@bellevuewa.gov
SE Newport Way Sidewalk, 150th Ave SE to 152nd Ave SE: Constructing new sidewalk on the south side, bike lanes on both sides, landscaping. Construction complete summer 2015. \$2.5 million www.bellevuewa.gov/se-newport-way-sidewalk.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Predesigning Summer 2015, Construction spring 2016. \$1.3 million	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2015 Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system in advance of street pavement overlays throughout city's sewer service area. Construction expected 2016. \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Factoria

Contact

Factoria Reservoir Coating Repair and overflow modifications: Construction summer 2015. \$150,000	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
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Newport Hills

Contact

Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station Rehab: Rehabilitating wastewater pumping station to meet current standards. In design. Construction 2016. \$750,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
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Northeast Bellevue

Contact

Northup Way Corridor Improvements: Adding bike lanes and sidewalks from NE 24th Street to NE 33rd Place to connect SR 520 trail with new regional trail at 108th Ave NE. Also adding a pedestrian bridge over Eastside Rail Corridor (former BNSF), mid-block crossings and street lighting. Improving storm drainage and traffic signal operations, and mitigating wetlands. Construction anticipated late summer 2015. \$11.7 million (est.) www.bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
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Sammamish/East Lake Hills

Contact

Bellevue Airfield Park: Designing and constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over existing landfill. Phase 1 design and permitting begin 2015. \$1.6 million www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Ballpark: Replacing and/or rehabilitating sanitary sewer south of Lake Hills Blvd and between 151st Ave SE and Lake Hills Greenbelt. Predesign/permitting 2016. \$400,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Bogline: Replacing or rehabilitating existing sanitary sewer. Predesign/permitting 2015; Construction 2015. \$300,000 (est.)	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset/Sunset

Contact

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Designing new 12' wide trail from Factoria Blvd SE to the vicinity of 150th Ave SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, urban design features and landscaping. Design Complete Dec 2015. \$2.5 million www.bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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West Bellevue

Contact

Meydenbauer Bay Park - Phase 1 Development: Designing to reflect adopted Master Plan, including park expansion west of 99th Ave NE. Construction 2017. \$12 million www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm	Robin Cole, 425-452-2881 Rcole@bellevuewa.gov
Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line Replacement: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place (portions to be in lake and on shore), together with modifications to the existing Grange Pump Station. Construction in second half of 2016. Ongoing coordination between Utilities and Parks. \$2.6 to \$3.5 million (est.)	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Phase 2—Lake Washington: Assessing condition of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. 2015-2016. \$350,000 (est.)	Debbie Harris, 425-452-4367 Dharris@bellevuewa.gov
Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing sewer pump station at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE with larger station to meet increased future-projected sewer flows associated with growth in downtown area. Construction 2015-2016, \$7.8 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
East CBD Sewer Trunk Line Improvements: Replacing 2,200 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipes serving east side of downtown to meet future-projected sewer flows associated with growth. Construction 2015-2016, \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Surrey Downs Park Development and District Court Demolition: Design and construction of park improvements. Design and permitting 2015-2016. Construction 2018. \$7 million. Demolition of existing District Court building after court relocation, 2015. \$500,000	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
Court Relocation to Bellefield Office Park: Moving Bellevue District Court and Probation Services to upgraded Bellefield Office Park in June. Under construction.	Susan Harper, 425-452-6458 sharper@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton

Contact

NE 4th St Extension: 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 4th St with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks, landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Ave NE. Under construction. Completion fall 2015. \$36.2 million www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-extension.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
NE 6th St Extension: I-405 to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 6th St as an HOV/transit-only facility from the I-405 interchange east over 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE, with four lanes and a non-motorized path. Pre-design complete. Awaiting direction by the State Legislature. Coordinating with Sound Transit. www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-St-extension.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,400 feet of sewer pipe with larger-diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re-development in Wilburton. Construction spring 2016. \$9.4 million	Brandon Cole, 425-452-4474 Bcole@bellevuewa.gov

Woodridge

Contact

Richards Road Inlet Improvements: Improving existing inlet and pressure reducing station at Richards Rd near SE 26th St. Construction fall 2015. \$200,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
123rd Ave SE Sidewalk: SE 20th St to 123rd PI SE: Adding sidewalk on east side of roadway with traffic safety measures. Construction late 2015. \$1.2 million	John Murphy, 425-452-6967 Jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2015 Phase1: Repairing existing sewer system in advance of street pavement overlays throughout the city's sewer service area. Construction 2016. \$1.2million (est.)	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Various Locations

Contact

East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance final design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. Construction late 2015. \$2.8 billion. www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm , www.soundtransit.org/eastlink	Kate March, 425-452-2055 KMarch@bellevuewa.gov
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Program: Rebuilding floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and I-405, with restriping to east of I-405. Construction underway. \$4.65 billion. www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge.htm	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
ADA & Pavement Overlay Projects: Sidewalk ramp reconstructing and pavement overlay near various locations: 116th Ave NE, Downtown, Eastgate, Lakmont, Northup, S Kirkland P&R and Woodridge. Construction through October 2015. www.bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov
Utilities Overlay and Pavement Restoration 2015: Minor overlay and pavement restoration with utility pipeline projects. Construction begins summer 2015. \$250,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main Replacement: Replacing 1.5-1.6 miles of aging asbestos cement water main with ductile iron pipe. 2014- \$1.4 million; 2015 Phase 1- \$2.2 million; 2015 Phase 2- \$2.2 million; 2015 Phase 3- \$1.6 million	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
LED St Light Conversion: Working with PSE to install light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures in street lights city-wide. Installing through 2016. \$596,000 www.bellevuewa.gov/ledconversion.htm	Kam Szabo, 425-452-4346 Kszabo@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2015: Upgrading control-valve vault, PRV vault and two commercial water meter vaults for improved maintenance access. In construction. \$200,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Rehabilitation and Replacement 2014 & 2015: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in various neighborhoods. Construction in June 2014: \$950,000, 2015 \$350,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals: Monitoring traffic entering intersections and adjusting signal timing in real time. Phase 5 deployment is under way of 27 intersections citywide. \$500,000	Fred Liang, 425-452-5361 Fliang@bellevuewa.gov
Commercial Water Meter Replacement 2014 (Phase 2): Replacing seven outdated domestic water meter assemblies at six commercial sites throughout Bellevue. Construction 2015. \$320,000.	Dan Ross, 425-452-4362 dross@bellevuewa.gov

Let's get involved

By Bill Capron, EBCC Chair

I have been a resident of Bellevue since 1968, coincidentally the year the East Bellevue Community Council was formed. Before I joined the EBCC in 2011, I voiced my opinions from the audience. You can too.

As owner and operator of the service station on 148th Avenue and Main Street (now a 76 station) for 32 years I had occasion to come before the EBCC on several occasions referring to land use.

The first involved a rezoning of my location proposed by the city to Office Zoning. Then, as now, I believe zoning should reflect the use of the property. I went before the EBCC and voiced my concern. They agreed and turned down the zoning change.

As the years went by I had reason to attend EBCC meetings and both observe and comment on issues that affect the East Bellevue community.

My interest peaked during the numerous discussions over what should be done with the old K-Mart site. Time and time again the developer brought ideas to the community. Time and time again the community wasn't satisfied.

After being at many meetings, listening to concerns about noise, traffic and congestion, I asked the audience "What do you want? Do you like what we have now? Wouldn't you like a new shopping center in your neighborhood?"

I was quoted in the Bellevue Reporter, saying, "We have a burned-out gas station and an abandoned K-Mart store. We look like Little Detroit. What do we want?" After that the neighborhood seemed to come together and get behind the project. We now have a thriving Kelsey Creek Center that is a true asset to our community.

Shortly after, I was asked to apply and for a vacant seat on the EBCC. I was appointed on June 7, 2011. This is when the learning began! I had to find out about the Appearance of Fairness doctrine, Robert's Rules of Order, open public meeting rules, public records laws and agendas.

I was appointed chair of the EBCC in January of 2014. As chair I like to let everyone have their say, but still stay on topic and time. I'm reluctant to "gavel anyone down," but do when I have to. I will say the true eye opener after joining the EBCC was how the members of the audience have the real power.

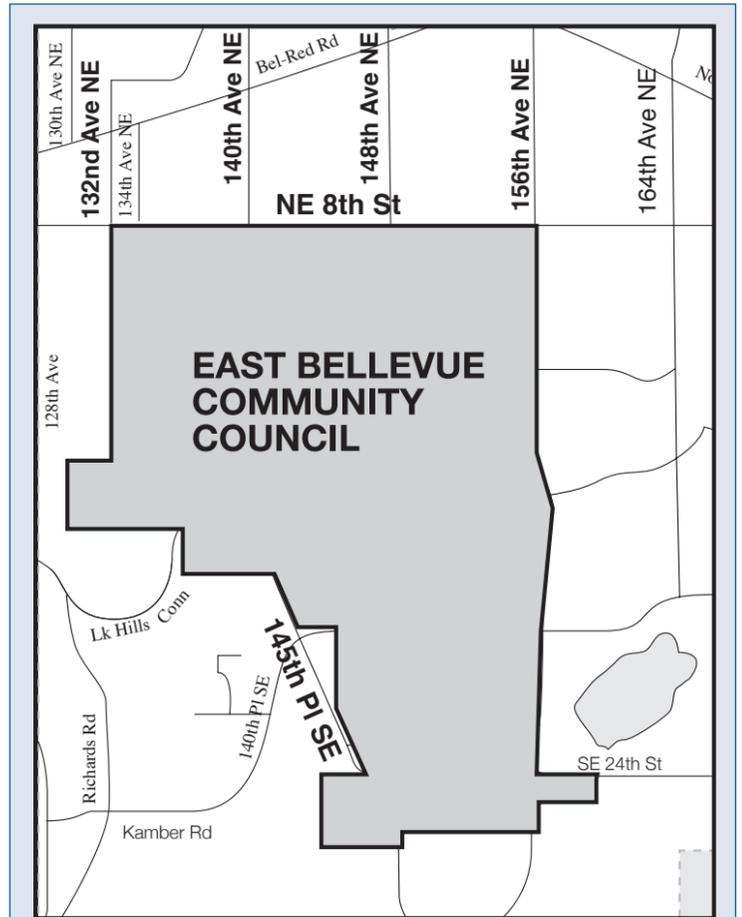
We may have the vote for the EBCC, but the citizens influence not only us. They can go to the City Council and the Planning Commission to get the satisfaction they need.

An issue that came before us a couple of years ago is one the council ended up helping with. It became known as the "Spiritwood issue," after the East Bellevue neighborhood where it started. Individuals were buying single-family homes, remodeling them to maximize bedrooms and renting the rooms out to individuals. In effect, they were building and renting mini apartments with shared bathrooms in single-family zoned areas.

With the efforts of the City Council, Planning Commission, MANY dedicated citizens and the EBCC, a new city ordinance was placed into law limiting this type of use to multi-family zoned areas only.

What's next? In the pipeline for the City Council and the EBCC are issues that should interest you, including Puget Sound Energy's "Energize Eastside" project, the Comprehensive Plan update and the neighborhood subarea plan.

The EBCC and the City Council always welcome input, questions and concerns. We encourage your attendance and participation at our meetings. I look forward to seeing you there!



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo, 425-452-6466.

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

Members: Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Betsi Hummer, William Capron

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the Community Council via e-mail at EBCC@bellevuewa.gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.

Bellevue briefs

'Cart smart' = good neighbor

Did you know that leaving your garbage cart on the curb more than one or two days isn't cart smart? The Transportation and Utilities departments have some information that will help you be a good neighbor, tidy up your neighborhood and provide a safer sight line for drivers backing out of driveways.



Here are some helpful reminders:

- Please place your containers out at curb by 7 a.m.
- Place containers two feet apart with lids opening toward the street.
- Do not block driveways or sidewalks, and keep access clear for bicycles, pedestrians and wheelchairs.
- Keep containers at least three feet away from boats, building structures, cars, fences, mailboxes, trees, utility boxes or other objects (The truck arms need clear overhead access to empty containers).
- Place wheels as close as possible to the curb or edge of road.
- After pickup, remove containers as soon as possible or within 24 hours.

For questions, please contact Republic Services at 425-452-4762 or www.RepublicServicesNW.com

Free home repair loans

Bellevue homeowners with low to moderate incomes can receive up to \$35,000 in zero-interest loans and grants from Bellevue's Home Repair Program for home repair projects including weatherization projects or roof, plumbing, electrical and other repairs.

To be eligible for assistance, you must have owned and lived in the house for which you are requesting assistance for at least a year, the house must be within the Bellevue city limits and you must meet the program's income requirements.

To determine eligibility, count the number of household members residing in the house (household size) and check the maximum allowable income on the city website, at www.bellevuewa.gov/homerepair_assistance_eligibility.htm.

For more information about the Home Repair Program, call the Parks & Community Services Department at 425-453-6884 (TDD: 411).

Community calendar is in the MyBellevue app.

Spill response stations protect Bellevue's streams

If oil or some other nasty pollutant should reach Bellevue streams or lakes, Utilities staff are able to respond quickly, with spill response stations located near sensitive areas throughout the city.

The stations, which have been in place for five years, contain absorbent pads, booms and granular oil absorbent to contain pollutants before they reach critical habitat.

Learn what you can to protect our waters at www.bellevuewa.gov/preventing_water_pollution.htm. If you see signs of pollutant spills in a lake or stream or near a storm drain, please call Bellevue Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.





Community Calendar

A Day of Play with Dad

June 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
South Bellevue Community Center
Enjoy a pancake breakfast (served 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.) followed by challenging activities, such as a climbing wall and family orienteering course. Register at www.MyParksAndRecreation.com course # 94585
425-452-4240

Touch-A-Truck

June 23, 3 to 6:30 p.m.
Crossroads Shopping Center
Farmer's Market
See and touch a variety of large vehicles, including fire trucks, a police car, dump trucks, and more! all in one location! Free.
425-452-7248

Transportation Open House

NE Spring Boulevard, Stage 1&2
(Formally NE 15th/NE 15th Street in the Bel-Red area)
June 24, 4:30-7pm
Bellevue City Hall

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail Open House

Thursday, June 25, 5 to 7 p.m.
Crossroads Bible Church, Fireside Room
15815 SE 37th Street
Comment on urban design features and landscaping for a proposed new trail adjacent to SE 36 Street between Factoria Blvd SE and 150th Avenue Southeast/I-90, that that will to provide a missing link in the regional Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail System.
425-452-4638 or Tberg@bellevuewa.gov

Eastside Rail Corridor Open House

Thursday, June 25, 6 to 8 p.m.
Hosted by King County at Bellevue City Hall
The Eastside Rail Corridor is not only a major new north-south multi-modal transportation spine through the Eastside, it is an unprecedented opportunity to connect Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville, and Redmond with the rest of the regional trail system. Provide input on possible alternatives and factors to consider.
ERCtrail@kingcounty.gov or 855-216-9461
www.kingcounty.gov/erc

Strawberry Festival

June 27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. & June 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Crossroads International Park
Entertainment, auto show, vendors, food and family fun.
Presented by Eastside Heritage Center with support from the City of Bellevue
<http://www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org>

Bellevue Collection Family 4th

Presented by PACCAR
Saturday, July 4, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park
Family activities and evening fireworks set to music performed by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.
425-453-1223 or www.bellevuedowntown.org

Woof Walk

July 19, 10-11 a.m.
Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Bring your dog (on a leash) and join a Park Ranger on a fun interpretive walk around the park. Pre-registration required.
425-452-6993

Crossroads Movies in the Park

Aug. 6-27; Thursdays at dusk
Crossroads Park
16140 NE 8th Street
Free on a 40-foot screen, with free popcorn, too.
Aug. 6 - Big Hero Six (PG)
Aug. 13 - Maleficent (PG)
Aug. 20 - Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)
Aug. 27 - Cinderella (PG)
In case of rain, event will be cancelled.
*Titles subject to change without notice.
<http://www.crossroadsbellevue.com/SpecialEvents/MoviesinthePark>
425-452-4240

Aladdin

Aug. 7-16
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads
16051 NE 10th St.
The Bellevue Youth Theatre presents the classic story.
Suitable for all ages. \$5/person; festival seating.
byt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7155

Beach Park Lifeguards

Meydenbauer and Newcastle: June 21-Sept. 1: noon to 7 p.m.
Chism, Clyde, Enatai and *Chesterfield: June 28-Aug. 24, noon to 7 p.m.
(* Chesterfield will be guarded from 2-5 p.m. only, and will not open on days of inclement weather.)
425-452-4444

Ranger Hikes and Movies

Times and locations vary.
Explore local wildlife and natural history with ranger-led tours, discussions and nature movie events.
Lewis Creek Park, 425-452-4195
Mercer Slough Nature Park, 425-452-2565
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 425-452-7225

Day Camps & Recreation

Register now for summer and fall recreation programs and day camps.
425-452-6885 or myparksandrecreation.com

FRESH PRODUCE STANDS

Cha Family Farm Fresh Produce Stands:
Lake Hills Produce Stand
15550 156th Ave SE
Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm
2380 Bellevue Way SE
Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm
700 148th Ave. SE
425-499-5322
Hours vary.
For more info, call Bellevue Parks & Community Services, 425-452-2740

Picnic Shelter Reservations

Hosting a special occasion or casual summer gathering at a Bellevue park? Picnic shelters are Available for reservation.
425-452-6914



Swimmers enjoy the water at Newcastle Beach Park, one of several beach parks in Bellevue.

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park

July 7-Aug. 25; Tuesdays at dusk
Hidden Valley Sport Park
1905 112th Ave NE
Free movies on a 40-foot screen—free popcorn, too!
July 7 Penguins of Madagascar (PG)
July 14 How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
July 21 The Book of Life (PG)
July 28 Boxtrolls (PG)
August 4 Dolphin Tale 2 (PG)
August 11 Annie (PG)
August 18 Hundred Foot Journey (PG)
August 25 Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG)
*Titles subject to change without notice
Donations accepted for a different charity each week.
425-452-4240 or www.bellevueoutdoormovies.com

Live at Lunch Concert Series

July 7-Sept. 10, noon-1:30 pm
Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon-1:30 p.m.
Free live music at various downtown sites.
425-453-1223 or www.bellevuedowntown.org

ChowDown(town)-Food Truck

July 9, 3:30-8:30 p.m.
Aug. 13, 3:30-8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Enjoy 14 different food trucks and entertainment for a fun get-together with neighbors and friends. Free admission; cost varies for food.
No pre-registration required.
425-452-4278

Arts and Crafts Fairs

July 24-26 (Hours vary)
Three art fairs all weekend throughout downtown.
Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair: www.bellevuearts.org or 425-519-0770
6th Street Fair: www.bellevuedowntown.org or 425-453-1223
Bellevue Festival of the Arts: www.bellevuefest.org or 206-363-2048

National Night Out

Aug. 4, noon-5 p.m.
Crossroads Farmer's Market
Crossroads Shopping Center
15600 NE 8th Street
A free community event with games and giveaways for the kids.
Meet your local police officers and neighbors and learn how to organize your neighborhood to prevent crime.
425-452-2891

Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show & Sale

Aug. 15-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
Featuring plants from local gardeners.
Bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750

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kingcounty.gov/pets

City Contact Information

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Service First (general information): 452-6800

City of Bellevue website: www.bellevuewa.gov

City Council Office: 452-7810

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays each month: study session 6-8 p.m., regular session 8-10 p.m.
2nd and 4th Mondays each month: extended study session 6-10 p.m.

East Bellevue Community Council Meetings

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas

Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.

Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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

Library Board: 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

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

Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd Thursday 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

East Bellevue Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

Inspection requests, application and inspection status, pay fees: 452-6875

Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 452-4570

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911

Business and Information: 452-6892

Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or www.bellevuewa.gov

Information Technology: 452-4626

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 452-4200

Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6885

Ballfield Rental: 452-6914

Picnics/Facility Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Community Centers:

Crossroads Community Center: 452-4874

Highland Community Center: 452-7686

North Bellevue Community Center: 452-7681

South Bellevue Community Center: 452-4240

Marina Hotline: 452-4883

Planning & Community Development: 452-7892

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

Emergency Only: 911

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-2979; Residential 452-6915

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-7658

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-6932

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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Summer recreational activities

The "City in a Park" has long offered a wealth of recreational opportunities in the summer time. With the addition in recent years of a zip line at Eastgate Park, a double-decker driving range at the Bellevue Golf Course and a new visitor center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, the list of ways to while away a summer day here is now even longer. Here are some favorites (in no particular order):

Bellevue Golf Course (featuring a new driving range): A new, double-decker driving range was added to the city golf course this spring, allowing more users to practice their swings at any time, including on the protected lower deck on rainy days. The course, at 5500 140th Ave. NE, measures 6,013 yards. For more information and to reserve a tee time, go to <http://bellevuepgc.com>.

Bellevue Zip Tour: you can fly through the trees at Eastgate Park on a series of zip lines and bridges amidst a second-growth forest of Douglas fir and broadleaf maple trees, featuring spectacular views of the downtown Bellevue skyline and North Cascades. The cost is \$47 for youth (ages 9 - 17) and \$74 for adults (18+). Advanced reservation at <http://activitysearch.myparksandrecreation.com/> (enter Bellevue Zip Tour in the search box) is required, but individual drop-ins may be accepted on a space-available basis.

Bellevue Botanical Garden: The 53-acre Botanical Garden (12001 Main St.) features cultivated display gardens, natural wetlands and a woodland trail. The new, 8,500-square-foot visitor center includes an outdoor covered orientation space, gift shop, meeting space and multi-purpose classrooms designed to meet the rising interest in education at the BBG. On Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., docents offer free, guided plant identification tours. For more information, call 425-452-2749.

Kelsey Creek Park: Explore 150 acres of forest, meadows and wetlands and see a barnyard full of animals, including horses, sheep, goats, chickens and more at the park, 410 130th Pl. SE. Public animal viewing is available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Free. For more information, call 425-452-7688.

Mercer Slough: Canoe or kayak the Mercer Slough Nature Park and enjoy spectacular views of great blue herons, bald eagles, jays, beavers, muskrats, turtles and water lilies. Park Ranger-led guided canoe tours are available Saturdays and Sundays (\$14-16). Launch from Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. SE. For information and reservations, call 425-452-2565. For information about canoe or kayak rentals (rates vary), call 1-888-485-2925.

Crossroads Water Spray Playground: This playground at 16120 NE Eighth St. provides year-round fun for all abilities. It is open all year, spraying water from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. The water spray playground features a variety of water themed landscape and play features such as spitting frogs, spouting orcas and squirting clams. Free. For more information, call 425-452-6885.

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