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A tree blown over by the Dec. 14 windstorm drags a power line down with it. Scenes like this around the city left thousands without electricity.

With towering trees on nearly every street, Bellevue was in for it when the Dec. 14 windstorm blasted into town. More than 1,000 trees, rooted in ground made soggy by record-breaking rains, fell in the 70-mph gusts that pounded Bellevue that night.

The short-term results of the gale were unprecedented, as nearly 90 percent of the city was left without power on Dec. 15. Thousands of residents had to survive without heat or electricity for more than a week. Long-term consequences? The city is still digging out from the mountain of debris.

It was up to Puget Sound Energy to restore electricity to customers as fast as possible, but the City of Bellevue went to great lengths to ease the pain for residents in the meantime. Temporary shelters were established and generators were hooked up to dark traffic lights to ease traffic. Three fire stations and water and sewage treatment plants stayed in operation with generator power.

Since the power came back on for everyone, the city has not stopped working to bring life back to normal. City crews and contractors began cutting and clearing logs, branches and brush blocking streets on Dec. 15, and they won't be done until later

this month. To make it easier for residents to clear their yards and driveways, the city paid for free debris dropoff at Pacific Topsoils.

In the parks alone, more than 367 trees were lost, at an estimated value of \$1.5 million. Parks crews are still cleaning up the debris and repairing bridges, buildings, fences and infrastructure.

City braced early

As many residents who had to huddle in sleeping bags and read by candlelight will attest, the Windstorm of '06 took a toll. However, it could have been worse if the city hadn't begun bracing when the forecast turned grim.

As it often does when rough weather is predicted, the Utilities command center swung into action the afternoon of Dec. 14, with crews standing by to keep water and sewer systems operating, deliver fuel for generators and clear roads of debris through the night.

Nearly the entire city was dark the morning of Dec. 15, and City Hall itself was operating on generator power. The emergency operations center was activated at 8 a.m., with key personnel from every department reporting to the Fire Department's Emergency Preparedness team. Calls flooded into the Eastside 911 Communications Center.

A cold front came to town on the heels of the windstorm, and temperatures dropped into the teens.

With power still out for many, city does what it can

While the city itself could not reconnect power lines, it found other ways to meet residents' needs.

The city teamed up with the American Red Cross to open emergency shelters at the North Bellevue Community and Senior Center, Bellevue High School and

later at the Highland Community Center. Citizens were able to get hot meals, a warm place to sleep and a sense of community. Over the week following the storm, the shelters served an average of 50 guests per night.

In the field, crews cleared roads, directed traffic and kept critical city services operating. At the height of the windstorm, all 70 water reservoirs, water pump stations and wastewater pump stations were without electricity. Using generators and batteries, city crews kept utility systems operating so that no customers lost water or sewer at any time.

To help people whose homes were damaged, the city issued permits for repairs fast and charged no fees. The Home Repair Program assisted low- to moderate-income residents without insurance by helping to provide grants and interest-free loans for storm-related safety and health-related repairs.

In the weeks following the windstorm, more snow fell, and city crews often worked around the clock to clear roads of snow and ice, in addition to cleaning up storm debris. The city offered residents more than a month of free drop-off service for storm debris at Pacific Topsoils.

The city hired a private contractor to help collect massive amounts of storm debris from the rights of way. Two city street sweepers also began working double shifts, 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., to clean up debris and the sand applied for icy conditions.

City police intensified patrols in areas without power to deter burglaries.

For a complete report on the city's storm response, presented to the council recently, go to http://www.bellevuewa.gov/storm_debris_cleaning_news_release.htm.



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Council Corner

Best Community for Youth Award Belongs To All

By Bellevue City Councilmember Claudia Balducci

The City of Bellevue received some very good news not too long ago. America's Promise Alliance, a youth advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., chose Bellevue for the second year in a row as one of the country's 100 Best Communities for Young People. The group cited Bellevue's excellent education system and the various programs the city offers in partnership with the school district, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue and the Bellevue YMCA.

More than 750 cities nationwide applied for the honor, with our city and other winners hailing from urban and rural communities in 38 states, according to the Alliance.

If there was ever an award that belonged to an **entire** community, it's this one. Winning such an award requires a lot of dedicated people and organizations forging a lot of collaborative relationships with a single goal in mind: Make Bellevue a great place to raise a young person – and be a young person.

So what does it mean to be a great community for children?

For one thing, it means choice. Are we addressing the diverse interests of our young people? In Bellevue, the answer is a resounding yes.

Within Bellevue there is an astounding array of organizations, programs and activities geared towards ensuring youngsters have access to high quality experiences regardless of their financial or physical abilities. Last year alone, more than 34,000 Bellevue youngsters registered in programs or participated in events held by the city and its partners: These included:

- The award-winning Bellevue Youth Theatre, sponsored in partnership with the Bellevue School District, the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, Starbucks, Jubilee Reach Center, Thistle Theatre and Seattle Children's Theatre. The Bellevue Youth Theatre is one of only a handful of free youth performing arts programs in the country, and embraces social and cultural diversity while building self-esteem and confidence. The theater presently is engaged in a fundraising effort to raise money to improve its current facility.
- The Skate Park at Highland Community Center. This extremely popular program has more than 10,000 youth memberships and is designed to teach participants proper skateboarding techniques, etiquette and social skills from experienced instructors.
- The 24-Hour Relay Challenge, an annual event where youth and adults come together at our beautiful Downtown Park to foster health, well-being and civic responsibility. Last year, nearly 1,000 teens and adults participated in the relay.
- The Kelsey Creek Farm Park, which offers year-round farming and other programs on farming and where each April a Wild-N-Woolly Sheep Shearing contest attracts thousands of participants. The annual Farm Fair in October attracts more than 8,000 participants.

There are far too many choices to list here, but suffice it to say a young person will likely find some activity to his or her liking. But choice alone does not make a community a great one for young people. Another criterion is respect – are we listening to our children and providing them with an opportunity to get involved in the decision-making processes that impact their lives? Are we letting them help make choices, or are we making choices for them?

Here again, this is a category where we as a community are succeeding. Consider our Youth Link program. Established in late 1980s by city and school district leaders, Youth Link teaches middle and high school students the fundamentals of concept development and how to work with community leaders, as well as business and other professionals, to fund and implement youth programs and facilities. A major Youth Link event is its annual Youth Leadership Conference which is attended by hundreds of youngsters and community leaders. The Skate Park, Ground Zero Teen Center and the challenge course located at the South Bellevue Community Center are some of the ideas that first surfaced through Youth Link and later became a reality for the community.

Youth Link's newest project, Bellevue Youth Court, will provide Bellevue teens with an opportunity to serve as judicial officers and adjudicate second-time juvenile offenders. This three-year project, carried out under an agreement with the King County Superior Court, is expected to begin this fall.

Yet another criterion a city needs to meet to truly be great for young people is assistance to parents. In our increasingly complex society, raising children can be especially difficult or stressful at times, particularly for single parents, parents who find themselves working two jobs to make ends meet, or parents who may be new to our country and face language and other cultural barriers.

Bellevue attempts to make it easier to be a parent in a variety of ways, including partnerships with youth counseling services, family scholarships for free or reduced fees and after-school programs. One such program is the Club Bellevue, a middle-school after-school program designed to provide a safe, productive and fun environment for students. The program is operated by the city in conjunction with the Bellevue School District, Whole Foods Grocery Stores, Borders Bookstores and REI.

A pilot project underway now designed to assist parents and youngsters is the Wrap-Around-Services Project at Lake Hills Elementary School. An innovative partnership between the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District, and United Way of King County, the project's goal is to create a first-rate learning center and, by extension, a stronger community through a variety of efforts, including increased educational opportunities and community outreach and involvement activities. Monthly family fun nights, community open houses, kindergarten readiness activities – these and many other activities are part of the Wrap-Around Services project.

Meeting the diverse interest of young people, respecting their opinions and meeting the needs of parents themselves – these are the major qualities that make Bellevue a great place for our children. Over the years, the Bellevue City Council has been hugely supportive of youth activities and building the collaborative partnerships necessary to sustain them.

I know I speak for the entire Council when I say thanks to all of you for making our young people our first priority and most important resource.

Residents Talk

What lesson did you learn from the December windstorm?

In a new feature, Residents Talk, It's Your City gives the people of Bellevue an opportunity to share their perspectives on important issues. This is not a scientific poll, just a few residents on street, chosen randomly, sharing how they feel.



Cora Chan: "Have the sleeping bags ready," said Mrs. Chan, whose family went without power for five days. They used a camp stove to heat food and water and huddled in sleeping bags to stay warm. Candles provided light and they spent a lot of time at her husband's office, which had power and heat.



Victoria Jones: "Buy the batteries early," said Ms. Jones. "That's where I'm headed right now." She and her mother Phyllis, who live in the College Hill neighborhood, were out of power for two days. Her mother suffered an asthma attack due to the cold, so they stayed in a hotel both nights there was no heat in the house.



Grace Atkinson: "Make sure you like your roomies," Atkinson noted. A hair stylist, Atkinson lives in an apartment with roommates. They were without power for six days, and stayed with friends three of those nights. Atkinson showered at her gym and she and her roommates huddled around the fire when they were home. "I would have prepared more food wise," she said. "I also would have more fire wood and gas in the car. Always have gas in your car."



Brad Oxley: "I wouldn't do anything differently," Oxley said. A Lake Hills resident, Oxley was without power for nine days. He stayed with his parents for three days and hung out a lot at McDonald's to stay warm.



Longtime police chief announces retirement

Jim Montgomery, who shaped Bellevue's police department into one of the most highly regarded forces in the region over a decade as chief, is retiring effective May 2.

Montgomery, 63, who announced his retirement to the City Council Feb. 26, said he plans to spend more time with family and traveling, and ultimately will pursue consulting work.

"My time in Bellevue has been particularly productive and satisfying, and I've made many close friends," Montgomery said. "I will miss the dedication and professionalism of the entire city staff, and the support they have given me during my time serving the community."

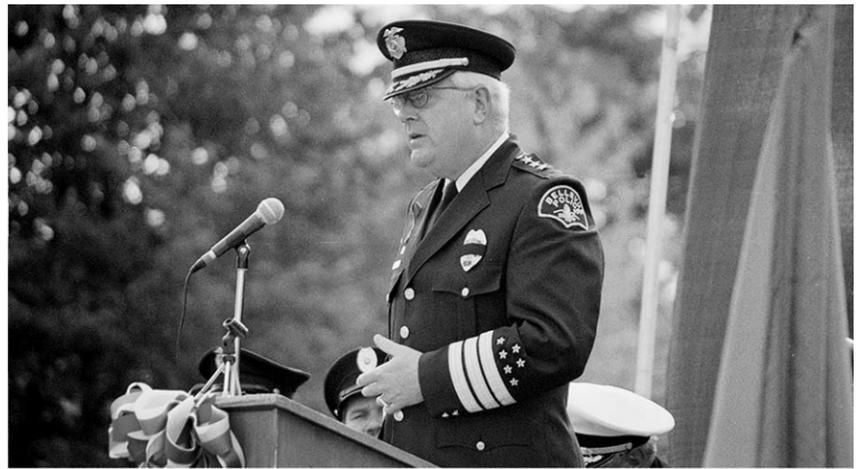
Montgomery was uniquely qualified to raise the bar for the department at Bellevue when he was hired in 1997. He had served as King County Sheriff for nine years, from 1988 to 1997, and was chief at Boise, Idaho for five years before that.

Despite his affable manner and grandfatherly appearance, Jim Montgomery has been a sharp leader, leaving a proud mark on law enforcement that stretches across the entire region.

At Bellevue, he has deftly steered the police department into the 21st century, overseeing the consolidation of the police operations from scattered locations into one state-of-the-art facility last year and winning federal funding in 2001 that made the crime lab one of the most advanced in the country.

The chief has never lost sight of the fact that people, not gadgets, make good policing. The Community Academy inspires hundreds of residents to participate in volunteer police service programs each year. Three community storefront substations and school resource officers in the schools connect the officers with residents on a daily basis.

"Jim has been a tremendous, positive force in Bellevue, managing our Police Department at a time when the city has undergone major change and growth," said Bellevue City Manager Steve Sarkozy.



"Under Jim, our police force has become recognized throughout the United States for its high professional standards, as well as its innovative approaches to engaging citizens to keep Bellevue one of our nation's safest cities," Sarkozy added.

"Throughout his long, distinguished career, Jim has proven himself time and again to be a visionary, and he will be sorely missed."

Montgomery quietly did many small things that contributed to one big thing – consistently low crime rates. Last year, Bellevue was ranked the 57th safest city in America, the only city in Washington to be included among the top 100 by City Crime Rankings.

For a look back on Chief Montgomery's career, go to the city website, at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/chief_montgomery_career_highlights.htm.

Bellevue again named top community for young people

For the second year in a row, a national children's advocacy group has recognized Bellevue as one of the 100 best communities for young people.

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

"This honor is a reflection of the tremendous efforts of Bellevue's adults and young people who have truly worked together, investing time and dedicating resources to support the needs of our young people," said Bellevue Mayor Grant Degginger.



In partnership with Capital One, 100 Best showcases cities and communities across the country that tackle challenges and demonstrate innovative efforts to deliver the Five Promises that young people need to succeed – caring adults; safe places; a healthy start; an effective education; and opportunities to help others.

More than 750 communities from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, entered the 2007 competition. The 2007 100 Best winners circle includes communities and cities from 38 states, representing localities large and small, urban and rural.

In Bellevue, the Parks & Community Services Department, generally and through its Family, Youth and Teen Services division, offers a variety of youth programs that serve children in all age groups, from infant to older teen.

The city's highly-rated schools are a highlight. In the most recent index of the nation's top-ranked 1,000 schools, Newsweek once again included all five of Bellevue's high schools. Of recent Bellevue graduates who participated in a survey, 87 percent indicated they had a high-quality academic experience in high school; 89 percent felt that teachers cared about them; and 84 percent felt well-prepared for life after high school.

"I have always been impressed by how the people in Bellevue care about youth," said Dr. Mike Riley, Bellevue Public Schools superintendent.

"It's one thing to say you care about kids – everyone says that – it's another to put your time, energy, talent and money into helping kids, being their mentors, making sure they get the best education possible and ensuring they can enjoy all the resources and activities a city has to offer – and that's what Bellevue does. It's no surprise to me that our city has been recognized with this national award."

Bellevue's innovative collaborative youth programs include: Bellevue Youth Link, a youth leadership and youth involvement program honored in 1992 with a National League of Cities Innovation Award; and most recently, Wrap-Around Services, a pilot project at Lake Hills Elementary of many community partners (including the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District, YMCA, United Way and many others.) The Wrap-Around Services project provides a network of resources and support for and with a local elementary school and neighborhood community.

Wire thieves strike Bellevue

Tempted by rising scrap metal prices, thieves have stooped to stealing the underground wire that carries electricity to street lights and traffic signals in Bellevue. An increasing problem along highways and at construction sites across the state and nation, wire theft is becoming a serious problem in South Bellevue.

If residents see someone at night crouched over a metal door in the sidewalk or planter strip near a street light, they should call 911. Even if he or she's wearing an orange vest, they probably don't work for the city or a utility.

"With the price of scrap metal going up, thieves are getting bolder," said Mark Poch, traffic engineering manager for Bellevue. "They have zeroed in on South Bellevue, taking copper wire from circuit boxes at Lakemont Boulevard, Forest Drive and Cougar Mountain Way."

Since November, wire thieves have hit South Bellevue at least six times, pulling up to 1,500 feet of wire out of conduit at a time. In just the past few days, thieves struck at Lakemont Boulevard between Southeast 58th and 62nd streets. In all, replacing the wire and reconnecting the power to multiple streetlights has cost the city and its taxpayers a total of about \$15,000, not counting staff time.

Statewide, copper wire valued at more than \$100,000 has been stolen from state-owned street lights, signals and storage yards. Some metal thieves

in the Puget Sound area have gone so far as to don orange vests and hard hats to look like official workers.

Last fall, thieves were caught trying to steal wire connected to stadium floodlights at Interlake and Newport high schools.

The city is asking residents to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior near traffic or street lights, especially at night. City and state crews drive marked vehicles and carry identification badges.

According to police, the overwhelming majority of these crimes are related to drugs, typically methamphetamine. The Bellevue Police Department vigorously investigates wire thefts, as well as all narcotics violations, to work the problem from both ends.

The police also are working with scrap dealers in a cooperative effort to dry up sources of cash for stolen goods and protect the dealers from losing money by paying for stolen products, which they lose to evidence.

Anyone who operates a business that sells copper, bronze or brass in quantity should take steps to secure their stocks to avoid being struck by a single large loss by theft. This can include plumbing and electrical supply businesses and construction sites.

Ballot measures push highway improvements and light rail



Cars and trucks spend another day snarled in traffic along Interstate 405.

Puget Sound freeways and bridges are routinely clogged and, given anticipated population increases over the next couple of decades, the traffic jams will just get worse if something isn't done.

While the state Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is already addressing many traffic bottlenecks, the Legislature and local governments want to take a sweeping approach to easing gridlock in the region. Voters in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties will be asked to approve funding for plans that include adding lanes to Interstate 405, replacing the 520 Bridge and building a light rail line on the Eastside.

Sound Transit and an organization called the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) are refining companion ballot measures, appropriately known as "Roads & Transit," that will go before voters in November. Both measures must pass for either to take effect.

Sound Transit, RTID, WSDOT and the Puget Sound Regional Council have been gathering public input as they nail down the details in the Roads & Transit measure. Sound Transit is gathering public input on routes and stations that would extend light rail to the Eastside, Lynnwood and the Port of Tacoma.

Recognizing that frequent gridlock on Eastside highways is bad for Bellevue, the City Council backs the projects included in the Roads & Transit package. While Councilmembers are closely watching what routes are chosen for light rail, they agree that passenger trains would benefit the city.

Projects that make the most difference

Roads & Transit will call for investments in the most heavily traveled corridors with projects that can make the most difference.

Many of these – such as additional lanes on southbound Interstate 405 in downtown Bellevue and added lanes on I-405 between I-90 and Renton – will benefit Bellevue as well as the region. These projects would complement WSDOT projects currently underway.

Transit investments will include extending the light rail system that is currently under construction and scheduled to open between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport in 2009.

Sound Transit, with input from local cities and residents, is proposing a light rail line to downtown Bellevue via I-90 and as far as Overlake and downtown Redmond.

Regional express bus and commuter rail service would be improved through investments in park-and-rides, transit centers and HOV freeway access ramps. These transportation improvements will be coordinated throughout Snohomish, King and Pierce counties to better move people and goods.



A model of a light rail car and station appear in this image digitally created by Sound Transit.



Routinely bad traffic along I-405 could worsen with the area's anticipated population growth.

Proposal	Council Position
SR 520 Bridge Replacement	Bellevue and six other Eastside communities have endorsed the replacement of the existing State Route 520 floating bridge with a new, six-lane span that would accommodate high-occupancy vehicles, bike lanes and a future mass transit system. Go to http://www.bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bellevue_participation.htm to see the interest statement signed in October 2006.
Eastside Light Rail	The Council supports high-capacity transit on the Eastside, and, along with Kirkland, Redmond and Issaquah, has endorsed light rail over other forms of transit. Seeking to ensure minimal adverse noise, visual and other impacts to neighborhoods, the Council has given detailed input to Sound Transit about possible routes, design and stations for an Eastside line. Go to http://www.bellevuewa.gov/east_link_bellevue_participation.htm for details.
Interstate 405 Projects	The Council has long advocated measures and funding that would speed the flow of traffic on I-405 through Bellevue, where congestion is becoming increasingly bad. The Council supports "braid" modifications to ease traffic at the State Route 520 interchange and additional lanes, but has requested efforts be made to limit noise and other neighborhood impacts. At the urging of the City Council, WSDOT is testing "quieter" pavements on I-405 this year. See http://www.bellevuewa.gov/i405_improvements_bellevue_participation.htm for details.



A Graphic Look at Roads & Transit Projects

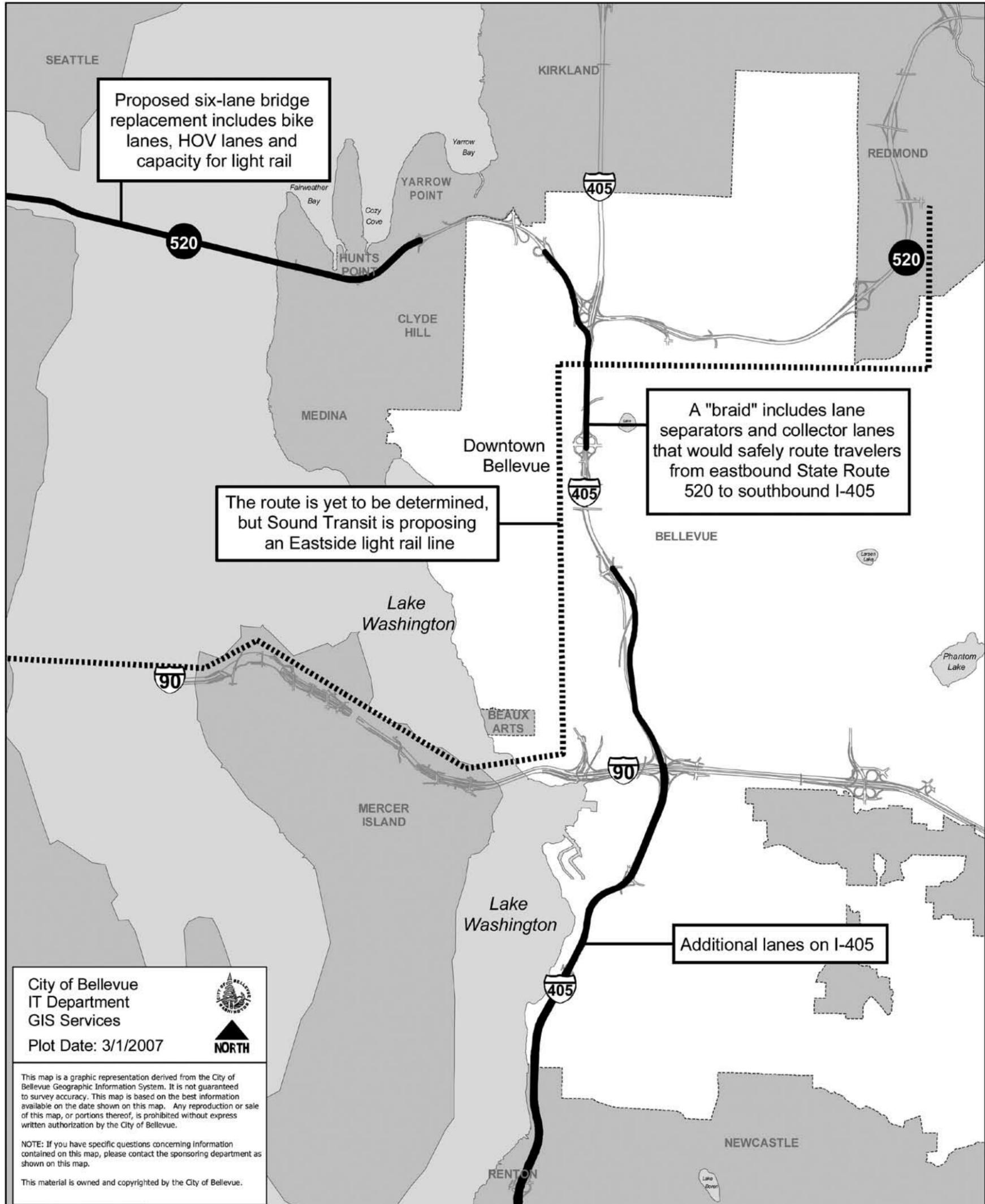
The Roads & Transit ballot measures voters in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties will see in November will generate funding for projects aimed at easing traffic at the worst choke points in the region.

Bellevue could directly benefit from the replacement of the seismically vulnerable and increasingly congested four-lane 520 bridge with a six-lane span as well a new light rail line on the Eastside. Other projects with a potential for major impact on Bellevue include additional lanes on Interstate

405 and a set of ramps and distributor lanes that would improve the transition from eastbound State Route 520 to southbound I-405.

The map below illustrates the local projects included in the Roads & Transit proposal. Other projects already planned, funded or underway for the highways and bridges around here, such as the Northeast 10th Street extension or additional HOV lanes on I-90, are omitted.

Regional Transportation Projects



Temporary shelters offered refuge and community



Staff volunteers at the North Bellevue Community Center shelter chat with Gov. Christine Gregoire during her visit.

When the December windstorm knocked out power for much of the city, many residents were stuck in cold, dark homes for several days. The bitter joke was that the warmest place in the house was the refrigerator, where all the food was spoiling.

Many people who went to temporary shelters set up by the city and the American Red Cross found something unexpected. In addition to food and a warm place to sleep, they found community. City staff who volunteered their off-hours to help out at the temporary shelter at North Bellevue Community and Senior Center enjoyed that sense of kinship too.

That's the way it was for Mayvis Schwab, a procurement specialist with the Finance Department who worked a day shift at the shelter on Dec. 21.

"I got more out of it than the people that needed the shelter," Schwab said. "It felt so good to see those nice little faces and know they were OK, that they were being fed and they were warm, and that they would be all right."

A week of freezing temperatures followed the Dec. 14 windstorm, making warm shelter vital for residents. At one point, three temporary shelters operated in Bellevue – the one at the North Bellevue Community Center, which was operating on generator power, the Red Cross one at Bellevue High School and a third at Bellevue Community College operated by King County for people with special needs. The High School shelter was phased out after five days, and a shelter was established at Highland Community Center.

Emergency operations center activates for storm

When the new City Hall opened last year, one of the building's virtues was an emergency operations center, a single room equipped with desks, white boards and phones from which all departments could operate together during a crisis. Big-screen televisions would enable staff to monitor developments in the region.

The morning after the Dec. 14 windstorm, with most of the city out of power and City Hall operating on generator power, it was time for the emergency operations center to swing into action.

Led by staff from the Emergency Preparedness division of the Fire Department, the city's emergency nerve center stayed in operation for nearly a week, 24 hours a day on Dec. 15 and 16, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Dec. 17 to 21.

Representatives from every city department coordinated the city's emergency response from the big room on the third floor. Staff from one department did not have to guess what the other departments were doing, leading to more teamwork.

Over the Dec. 16-17 weekend, an average of 50 guests per night stayed at each shelter. The week it was open, the North Bellevue Community Center shelter served a total of 462 people – 360 Bellevue residents and 102 from neighboring communities.

Schwab, who had endured just two days before the electricity came back on at her Bothell home, was ready to help others when word went out that volunteers were needed.

"When I was without power, it was scary," she recalled. "You just don't know when the electricity is coming on again and you just feel like you're out there. When my power came on, I felt really blessed. When I saw that e-mail and knew so many were still without power, I thought, this is my chance to say thank you and show people we're all in this together."

Varying numbers of people stayed at the shelters, day and night, with a high of 60 at North Bellevue on the night of Dec. 19. Working a day shift, Schwab and other volunteers served breakfast to about 20 and lunch to about 40. She helped prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner, doing cleanup for both breakfast and lunch as well. She also helped the Red Cross determine what supplies were needed.

Residents at the shelter included a woman on crutches, a family and some seniors.

"We talked to them and they wanted to talk to us," Schwab noted.

"They would open up and say how great the shelter was. They were so appreciative. This was the only place they could go, but it was warm.

While Schwab had to overcome some trepidation about volunteering, she has no doubt about the importance of the city offering shelter to residents in need.

"I think of us as leaders and I think government should be there to help," she said. "I think people expect that of us too."

Don't get caught off-guard by the next storm

It's been years, maybe decades, since a storm battered Bellevue the way the Dec. 14 windstorm did. But the next disaster may not be so far away. Although we cannot stop disasters, we can prepare for them. Here are a few tips from the Emergency Preparedness division of the Bellevue Fire Department.

Getting ready

In Washington, we have earthquakes, windstorms, snowstorms, flooding, wildfire, volcanoes and even possibly tsunamis. Take an all-hazard approach; prepare for the worst while maintaining hope for the best.

- Start by creating an emergency plan for your family. The plan should be simple, acting as a "road map" to guide you through a disaster. Practice the plan a couple of times at least, otherwise you'll forget it when trouble hits.
- Build emergency kits for your family to have at home, in the car and at school or work. Your kit should sustain you for three days or longer. The kit should include: food, water, a first-aid kit, a small tool kit, seasonal clothing, eye protection, a flashlight with batteries, gloves, sanitary supplies, sleeping bags and extra blankets. If you have small children and/or you care for someone with special needs, pack the medications and special supplies. Items for your pets should also be included.
- Have an emergency contact card for an out-of-state friend or relative. Use a pay phone to make the call. Pay phones are part of the emergency services network, and are a priority to be restored. If you have a cell or cordless phone, it uses electricity and may not work.
- Sign up for emergency preparedness training. You can do this by calling the Emergency Preparedness division at 425-452-7923 or consulting the emergency preparedness web page – http://www.bellevuewa.gov/fire_emergency_info_resource.htm.

During a disaster

Remember that disasters also affect community services, including emergency responders, and they may be unavailable to help for several days. Remain calm.

Locate your emergency kit and keep it with you, especially if you have to evacuate your home. If your electricity is out for an extended period of time, eat your food in the following order: refrigerated foods, frozen foods, then canned foods. If you have any reason to fear your food is spoiled, throw it out.

If you use a grill or hibachi to cook, keep it outside with the back-up generator. Grills pump out carbon monoxide, an odorless, but deadly gas.



After the storm



- Windstorm Stats:**
- 151 of the city's 179 traffic signal went out during the storm.
 - 76 signs and guardrails were damaged.
 - 180 roadways had to be closed because of fallen trees. The most closed at one time was 70.
 - More than 1,000 trees fell in city parks or on city streets.
 - 900 Bellevue households took 2,421 cubic yards of storm debris to Pacific Topsoils.
 - About 3,000 cubic yards of debris was collected from Bellevue's 940 lane miles of roadway.
 - \$580,000 will be spent for cleaning up debris from parks and streets; another \$30,000 for disposing of debris.



New waterfront park at Meydenbauer in the works



Plans for a new waterfront park at Meydenbauer Bay are moving closer to reality.

The city has long envisioned a major urban waterfront park along the Lake Washington shoreline. To bring this vision to life, the City Council has supported the acquisition of waterfront parcels on Meydenbauer Bay.

The city now holds approximately eight acres of land and 1,250 linear feet of shoreline, stretching from Meydenbauer Beach Park to the Meydenbauer Marina. The city is poised to engage the community in shaping the character of the park and its connection with nearby areas. Possible land use changes in the area could create a lively community asset.

“We have nurtured this vision for many years and are very pleased to be positioned to begin planning for a memorable park and public waterfront,” said Mayor Grant Degginger.

Bellevue’s Planning & Community Development and Parks & Community Services departments are working together to look at how the new waterfront park, including the existing Meydenbauer Beach Park and City Marina, and nearby areas could develop over time in ways that complement each other. For example, the waterfront could become more accessible to residents with the creation of easy walking connections to adjacent neighborhoods and the Downtown Park.

Meydenbauer Bay once was a public shoreline. Whaling boats were wintered and maintained at Meydenbauer to keep them out of the salt water. Before bridges crossed Lake Washington, ferries came and went at the bay.

To ensure the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront park and adjacent upland areas can be enjoyed by the entire community, the city is arranging a variety of activities to involve the community in the planning process.

For details about the project, see http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_intro.htm on the city’s website. Look for notices on the home page – <http://www.bellevuewa.gov> – announcing events and opportunities to get information and voice your ideas. You can also sign up online to receive electronic alerts with periodic park project updates by selecting “E-Mail News” from the dropdown menu that appears when you click on the “Get Involved” tab on the left-hand column.

Surveys let residents rate city performance and service needs

During February and March the City of Bellevue is conducting its Annual Performance Measures Survey and the bi-annual Human Services Needs Assessment Survey.

The city conducts the Performance Measures Survey via telephone within the first couple months of each year to evaluate Bellevue residents’ satisfaction with services delivered by the city during the previous year. The survey is intended to collect statistically reliable data measuring residents’ perceptions and level of satisfaction.

The Bellevue Human Services Division conducts a needs assessment at the beginning of each two-year funding cycle. Human Services staff present this assessment to the City Council, the Human Services Commission, service providers and residents to provide a sense of the most essential unmet needs in the city.

Potential participants for each survey are selected at random from all households with telephones in Bellevue. The surveys are conducted for the city by Northwest Research Group is an independent contractor hired by the city to conduct the interviews. Northwest Research Group has conducted these surveys for the city since 2000.

We’ll keep the traffic light on for you

Desperate to ease gridlock when the December windstorm knocked out power to many traffic lights, city staff found a solution that could work any time outages leave traffic signals dark for extended periods of time – powering them with portable, gas-powered generators.

When the storm initially hit, about 85 percent of the traffic signals in Bellevue went dark. Signals gradually came back on around the city, but four days after the storm, two traffic signals on 148th Avenue were still out and the backup extended well over a mile.

“The dark signals essentially turn into all-way stops, resulting in huge backups,” said Mark Poch, Traffic Engineering Manager for Bellevue.

When traffic signal maintenance staff decided to hook the two remaining dark signals up to portable generators, the lights came back on again, drawing honks of appreciation from weary commuters. Later that morning, Bellevue bought new generators better suited for traffic signal equipment to provide power for other five major Bellevue intersections still without power.

Now the generators are ready for next time.



Mike Taylor, Electrical Crew Chief, installs a portable generator at a dark traffic signal to get traffic moving.

Shred risk of ID theft at Shred-a-thon

Identity theft, one of the banes of the computer age, is a major problem in Washington. The state ranks eighth in the nation for ID theft, with more than 5,600 residents reporting they were victims in 2004.

Residents here are not immune either. “We have a lot of cases of mail theft,” said Bellevue Police Det. Richard Chinn, noting a way thieves often collect key information on individuals. Digging in garbage cans and recycling bins for sensitive information is another way.

To raise awareness about identity theft and ways to prevent it, Washington’s Law Enforcement Group Against Identity Theft, better known as LEGIT, is holding a statewide “shred-a-thon” on April 28.

In Bellevue, the Shred-a-thon will be at the Washington Mutual Bank at Factoria Mall, 4055 Factoria Square Mall S.E., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring up to three grocery bags or two banker’s boxes of paperwork, including junk mail, that has account numbers, birth dates, passwords, signatures or social security numbers, and get it shredded.

Bellevue Police will be on hand to answer questions and share valuable information about preventing identity theft. In short, shredding paperwork is something you should do regularly.

LEGIT’s to make SMART handling of personal information second nature, like locking your front door, wearing a seatbelt, and putting out a campfire. Think SMART:

- Secure your identity and financial information.
- Minimize risks.
- Act responsibly.
- Restrict access to only those who need the information.
- Think before providing personal information to requesters.

For more information about identify theft prevention and the Shred-a-thon, go to <http://www.atg.wa.gov/Shredathon.aspx>.



Bellevue named Tree City USA again



Volunteers plant trees at the Arbor Day celebration in April 2006.

If it seems as though Bellevue gets named a Tree City USA community every year, that's because it has been winning that annual honor steadily since 1991.

For the 16th year in a row, the National Arbor Day Foundation honored the "City in a Park" for making special efforts to preserve its thousands of street trees and manage its urban forests.

The city has not rested on its laurels either, and the Foundation also issued it a prestigious Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in everything from education and public relations to interpretive programs.

Bellevue continues to meet the Foundation's four qualifications for being a Tree City: a comprehensive community forestry program, a Parks' policy advisory board, an established tree care ordinance and an annual community Arbor Day observance.

Bellevue's 2007 Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration is set for April 21, with volunteer park enhancement projects throughout Bellevue. Residents can register for the event by calling 425-452-7225.

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With a commitment to open space acquisition, sensitive area protection, forest management and long-range planning, Bellevue has stretches of urban forest from the shore of Lake Sammamish across Cougar Mountain to the shore of Lake Washington.

The city's has a 2,893-acre park system, including 1,955 acres of forested greenbelts, wetlands, agricultural lands and streetscapes. There are more than 9,000 street trees and more than 30,000 trees in parks and greenbelts, as well as over 65 miles of trails. Bellevue maintains its street trees and its urban forests.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

At an Arbor Day celebration last April, more than 300 volunteers, including representatives from more than a dozen community organizations, participated in enhancement projects throughout the city, including restoration projects at Lewis Creek Park, the Lake Hills Greenbelt and Mercer Slough.

New online tee times at Bellevue Golf Course



A golfer tees off on the 10th hole at the Bellevue Golf Course.

Crossroads course also open

Online tee times are now available for the Bellevue Golf Course at www.bellevuepgc.com. The course, at 5450 140th Ave. NE, began operating under

new management this year. For additional information, call 425-452-7251. The Crossroads Golf Course, also managed by Premier Golf, is open too.

In addition to online tee times, the Bellevue Golf Course also offers:

- PGA video instruction.
- Bellevue Premier Card customer loyalty discount.
- New golf carts.
- Newly remodeled pro shop.
- Banquet room and catering.
- New range balls, mats and targets.

The Crossroads Golf Course, 15801 NE 15th St., 425-452-4873, is open March 1 to Nov. 1. No tee times are needed at Crossroads, which can take less than an hour to play and is great for company or family outings. The Crossroads course also offers:

- Putting green.
- Chipping area
- Driving range with restricted-flight balls.

For more information, visit the city website – http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bell_golf_course.htm.

Planting new trees

More than 1,000 trees fell or were damaged by the December windstorm. The following tips should help you to assess, manage and replace trees damaged by winter storms:

- Plant the right tree for the right place. When it reaches maturity, will it fit in that space? Avoid planting near wires or too close to buildings.
- Begin proper pruning early in the life of a tree. Understand the mature shape and form of the species and implement proper pruning principles.
- Prune properly and regularly. Annually prune dead or weakened limbs, and occasionally thin excess branches from the crown.

Some helpful websites for tree and urban forestry information include:

- The National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org.
- Tree Link at www.treelink.org.
- The International Society of Arboriculture at www.isa-arbor.com.

For more information on trees, pruning, and Bellevue's urban forestry program please contact the Parks & Community Services Department, Natural Resource Division at 425-452-2740.

Plan your car wash right

With spring around the corner, groups are planning car washes to raise money. Take steps to ensure you don't pollute.

- Please consider having your fund-raising car wash at Factoria Shell, 3204 129th Ave. SE, 425-746-8945, or Old Bellevue Chevron, 10011 Main St., 425-454-1400. These service stations are set up to make sure the soapy, dirty rinse water is pumped into a grassy area or into the sanitary sewer system. Otherwise, pollutants will go into a storm drain, end up in a stream and be bad news for fish.
- If you are planning a car wash at a site other than one of these service stations, you'll need to check out a car wash kit from Bellevue Utilities.

Contact Utilities staff at 425-452-6166 for help on the best way to hold a car wash. For general car wash tips, visit http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Utilities/Car_Care.pdf.

Northwest Natural Yard Days in April and May

Now in its 11th year, the Northwest Natural Yard Days program can save you money on environmentally friendly yard care products. From April 15 to May 15, natural yard care products will be discounted as much as 25 percent at participating retailers.

Featured products include electric mulching mowers, push reel mowers, weed pullers, bagged compost, organic fertilizer, soaker hoses, water wands, less toxic slug bait, snail bait & moss control, bagged bark mulch and insecticidal soap.

Northwest Natural Yard Days is a partnership of local retailers and King County, Seattle, Bellevue and the state Department of Ecology. The program recommends five steps for natural yard care:

- Build healthy soil with compost and mulch.
- Plant right for your site.
- Practice smart watering.
- Think twice before using pesticides.
- Practice natural lawn care.

Practicing natural yard care with products purchased during Northwest Natural Yard Days can be the answer to yard care headaches such as unhealthy looking lawns, garden pests and weed control. And, practicing natural yard care promises healthy gardens without large investments of time or money.

For more information, please call the Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127 or visit <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/naturalyardcare/yard-days.asp>.

Enlist Mother Nature in the yard this spring

Now is a great time to put nature to work in your yard. With natural yard care, you get a yard that's attractive, easier to care for and healthier for families, pets and the environment.

Lawns

- Start mowing, about 2 inches high for most lawns, or 1 inch for bentgrass lawns. Leave the clippings on the lawn for free fertilizer.
- For lawns in poor condition, aerate, overseed and top-dress with ½ inch of compost.
- Fertilize lawns if needed in May with "natural organic" or "slow release" fertilizer.

Flower and Vegetable Gardens

- Prepare new planting beds and gardens by mixing in 1-3 inches of compost.
- Pull weeds when they first start growing, while soil is moist and roots are short, before they go to seed.
- Buy plants that resist disease and use less water.

Tree and Shrub Beds

- Prepare new tree and shrub beds by mixing compost into the entire bed (not just in planting holes). Or plant trees in native soil and mulch well.
- Choose plants that resist disease and use less water. Match plant needs to garden conditions.

Watering

- Tune up your watering system now by testing, adjusting and repairing leaks. Rebates up to \$450 are available for the installation of new weather-based controllers, rain sensors and other hardware from Bellevue Utilities and Cascade Water Alliance. For more information visit www.cascadewater.org.
- Layout soaker hoses in beds, and cover with a layer of mulch.

Composting

- Harvest and use compost from your bin. If you don't compost, consider starting with spring yard trimmings. King County offers compost bins at discounted rates at www.composters.com/kingcounty.

It's also a great time to get unwanted pesticides out of the garage. Take them to the Household Hazardous Waste collection shed at the Factoria Transfer Station for safe disposal. Call 206-296-4692 for hours and directions. For more yard care information, visit http://www.bellevuewa.gov/natural_lawn_intro.htm or call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.

City seeks input on pedestrian and bike trails



Do you bike or walk around Bellevue for recreation or as a commuter? Would you if there were more bike- and pedestrian-friendly paths, lanes or trails? The City of Bellevue wants to hear from you.

Public input will help the city expand its network of routes for walkers and bikers. With the Walk and Roll 2007 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, city planners hope to build upon the network established after a 1999 ped-bike plan.

The city is initiating the new plan to promote walking and biking as a safe, healthy and attractive alternative to driving. Walk and Roll will identify walkway and bikeway needs, examine improvements and consider funding.

The city has posted two online surveys (one focused on walkways and one on bikeways) as a first step in working closely with residents, local businesses, schools, government agencies, elected officials and community groups. The two surveys are posted at www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm until April 10. Please take a few moments to complete these surveys and share your opinions.

For more information, contact the project manager, Franz Loewenherz, at 425-452-4077 or FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov.

HOV lanes to be added to I-90

You've probably been stuck in traffic on Interstate 90, headed to Seattle for a sporting event or the theater with friends or family. Plenty of bus riders and carpoolers heading for work on the Eastside in the morning get stuck in traffic jams too.

Right now, I-90 has just two high-occupancy vehicle lanes between Seattle and Bellevue, open to westbound traffic in the morning and eastbound traffic at night. Since the Eastside has grown, and traffic is nearly equal both directions, those reversible HOV lanes are not enough.

That's going to change, thanks to a project starting construction this spring. The state Department of Transportation and Sound Transit will add HOV lanes to both eastbound and westbound. They also will build on- and off-ramps for those lanes on Mercer Island and improve HOV access at Bellevue Way.

"It's exciting that this project will soon bring real improvements for people traveling between Bellevue and Seattle," said Bellevue Councilmember and Sound Transit board member Connie Marshall. "It will help everyone – bus riders, carpoolers, and also single occupancy drivers – by moving people who drive with friends to HOV lanes."

The addition of HOV lanes on I-90, long supported by the City of Bellevue, will take place in three stages:

Stage 1

Improve westbound I-90, Bellevue to the west side of Mercer Island at 80th Avenue Southeast. Construction 2007-2008.

Stage 2

Improve eastbound I-90, west side of Mercer Island at 80th Avenue Southeast to Bellevue Way. Construction 2008-2009.

Stage 3

Improve eastbound and westbound I-90 between Seattle and Mercer Island. Not funded – construction to be determined.

In addition to improving life for people sharing the ride on I-90, the HOV project will also accommodate Sound Transit's future plans to use the center roadway occupied by the current HOV lanes for light rail.

Funding for the project totals \$91.8 million, with an additional \$56 million needed. For more details about this project, go to the state DOT website – <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I90/TwoWayTransit/>.



Community Calendar

March

Mar. 23-31 Thumbelina, Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. The Hans Christian Andersen classic fairy tale about the smallest girl in the world and her journey with talking animals, fairies and more. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Cost: \$8/assigned seat. Friday, March 23 and 30, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 24 and 31, 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 25 and April 1, 2 p.m. For information and tickets, call 425-452-7155.

Mar. 24 Stewardship Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., location to be announced. Volunteers participate in the care of Bellevue's parks and trails. Sign up as a group or participate as an individual. For more information, call 425-452-7225.

Mar. 24 Birding Basics Class, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. An instructor from East Lake Washington Audubon Society will provide an overview of birding basics. The class includes a trail walk to listen and look for area birds. Free. To register and for more information, call 425-452-7225.

April

April 2-30 Arbor Day Poster Art Display at Bellevue Art Museum, 510 Bellevue Way SE. Through the expression of art, Bellevue fifth-grade students depict the beauty and benefits that trees provide our community. For more information, call 425-452-7106.

April 4 Spring Fling Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at North Bellevue Community/Senior Center, 4063-148th Avenue NE. Celebrate the season with a tasty lunch, bingo and door prizes. \$3 suggested donation, payable at the event. Preregistration required by March 30.

Apr. 14 King County Master Gardeners Workshop: Planting and Caring for Roses. Free gardening workshop from 10:30 a.m. - noon at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 156th Ave SE and SE 16 St. For more information, call 425-452-7225.

Apr. 19 Public Pony Rides, 10-11:30 a.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 - 130th Pl. SE. \$3/ride. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 2+, weight limit of 100 pounds.

Apr. 21 Arbor Day/Earth Day Volunteer Projects and Community Celebration. Join friends and neighbors for a variety of activities that celebrate the environment: Volunteer park enhancement projects throughout Bellevue from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon; Family activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., including free arts & crafts, environmental displays and nature classes, and the Earth Day/Arbor Day Community Celebration at 12:30 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. To register for a volunteer project, call 425-452-7225. For additional event information, call 425-452-7106.

May

May 4 Family Night Out, 8-10:30 p.m. at Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Enjoy sports, games, arts and crafts, a movie and refreshments. Free. No pre-registration is required. Parent must accompany their child at all times. For more information, call 425-452-4874.

May 12 King County Master Gardeners Workshop: Heritage Plants. Free gardening workshop from 10:30 a.m.- 12 noon at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 156th Ave SE and SE 16 St. For more information, call 425-452-7225.

May 21 King County Master Gardeners Workshop: Apple Maggot and Coddling Moth. Free gardening workshop from 10:30 a.m.- 12 noon at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 156th Ave SE and SE 16 St. For more information, call 425-452-7225.



Apr. 28 Wild-n-Woolly Sheep Shearing, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl SE. Free parking at the International School, 445 - 128th Ave. SE. See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor rides, pony rides, food and more. Free shuttle to farm and entrance. Cost varies for food and activities. For information call 425-452-7688.

May 4 Mother's Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at North Bellevue Community/Senior Center, 4063-148th Avenue NE. Come celebrate the joys of motherhood with a delicious meal, bingo and door prizes. Suggested donation of \$3 payable at the door. Pre-registration required by Friday, May 4.

May 12 Heritage Afternoon Tea, Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE. Seating times available at 1 or 3 p.m. Enjoy a traditional English style afternoon tea and stroll through the house and grounds of the only building in Bellevue on the National Historic Register. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers will share stories about the house and Eastside history. Ages 10 and up, \$15/person. For more information and to reserve your space, call 425-450-1049.

May 13 Mother's Day Social, 1-4 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Enjoy entertainment and refreshments at this traditional Bellevue Botanical Garden Society event. Stroll through the gardens at their prime. A shuttle will be available to and from the Wilburton parking lot. Free admission, but a donation is requested. For more information, call 425-452-6826.

May 19 Stewardship Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., location to be announced. A community volunteer event to provide an opportunity to participate in the care of the city's park resources. Sign up as a group or participate as an individual. For more information, call 425-452-7225.

Stream Team meets March 22

Bellevue's Stream Team, which helps preserve habitat for salmon and other fish that live in the city's streams and sloughs, will meet on March 22 at Bellevue City Hall, 7 to 8:30 p.m. New volunteers are welcome.

The agenda includes results from peamouth patrol data, a report on stream bugs collected and news on the 2006 salmon return.

Please RSVP by e-mailing streamteam@bellevuewa.gov or calling 425-452-5200.

Remember to secure your load

City employees who work in the field attended a workshop recently about how to safely secure loads in vehicles. The lesson is a useful one for residents as well.



As part of the training, a woman shared the story of how she was blinded and nearly killed in 2004 when a piece of particle board fell from a vehicle and smashed through her windshield. Each year in this country, unsecured loads on vehicles cause over 25,000 accidents.

When carrying items in your vehicle, ask yourself if your load is secure, especially if you were to brake suddenly or hit a bump. The fine for transporting an unsecured load is \$194, and if an item falls off a vehicle and causes bodily harm, the driver faces gross misdemeanor charges and penalties of up to \$,5000 and/or a year in jail.

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City Council Meetings

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

Community Council Meetings

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

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 452-6805 for meeting locations/agendas
Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.
Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Transportation: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

City Offices (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 452-6464
City Manager: 452-6810

Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874
Highland: 452-7686
North Bellevue Senior: 452-7681
South Bellevue: 452-4240

Community Council: 452-6805

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services Center: 452-6800

New permit applications and application status: 452-6800

Inspection Requests: 452-6875

Code Compliance: 452-4570

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911
Business and Information: 452-6892
Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

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

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-6123

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Parks Information: 452-6881
Recreation Registration: 452-6885
Youth Sports: 452-6887
Ballfields: 452-6914
Picnics/Rentals: 452-6914
Park Maintenance: 452-6855
Human Services: 452-6884
Cultural Diversity: 452-7886
Probation: 452-6956
Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891
Factoria Station: 452-2880
D.A.R.E.: 452-7895
Emergency Only: 911
Administration: 452-6952
Complaints and Information: 452-6917
Detective Division: 452-5373
Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-6915; Residential 452-6916
Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-6940

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-2977
Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973
Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance and Emergency: 452-7840

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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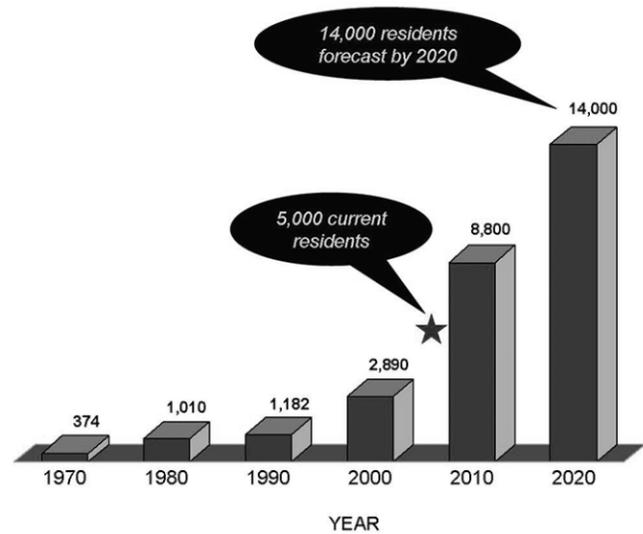
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