



## East Bellevue Community Council takes questions in Lake Hills

Members of the East Bellevue Community Council attended a Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting April 18, at the invitation of the LHNA's interim president, Bob Adams. Jim Bell, who currently chairs the EBCC, gave a brief overview of the council and its purpose. Chairman Bell then took many questions from the audience concerning how the council functions, when it meets and who can attend the meetings. The following questions were some that came up at the meeting:

### What is the East Bellevue Community Council?

The East Bellevue Community Council formed in 1969 when the City of Bellevue annexed the East Bellevue area. The Revised Code of Washington 35.14 provides for the establishment of a community council to represent the interests of residents of the annexed area. Once the council is established, the public votes every four years about whether to continue with the council's existence. The EBCC consists of five members who are elected to four-year terms. The members are elected during the same election as the resolution to reauthorize the council.

### What power does the EBCC have?

The Revised Code of Washington gives the Community Council the power to veto land-use ordinances and decisions adopted by the City of Bellevue concerning property within the EBCC's jurisdictional boundaries. The RCW also gives the EBCC the right to make recommendations on any land-use plan or proposal affecting the EBCC's service area. Finally, the EBCC can advise, consult and cooperate with the Bellevue City Council on levels of service and hold hearings on issues affecting the EBCC's service area.

### What power does the EBCC not have?

The EBCC does not have the power to create or directly modify any regulations, land-use ordinances or decisions

### What area is covered by the EBCC?

The EBCC service area is bounded to the north by Northeast Eighth Street and to the east by 156th Avenue Northeast. The area's western and southern boundaries vary more. A map of the EBCC area can be found with this article or at the City of Bellevue's Web site.

### When does the EBCC meet?

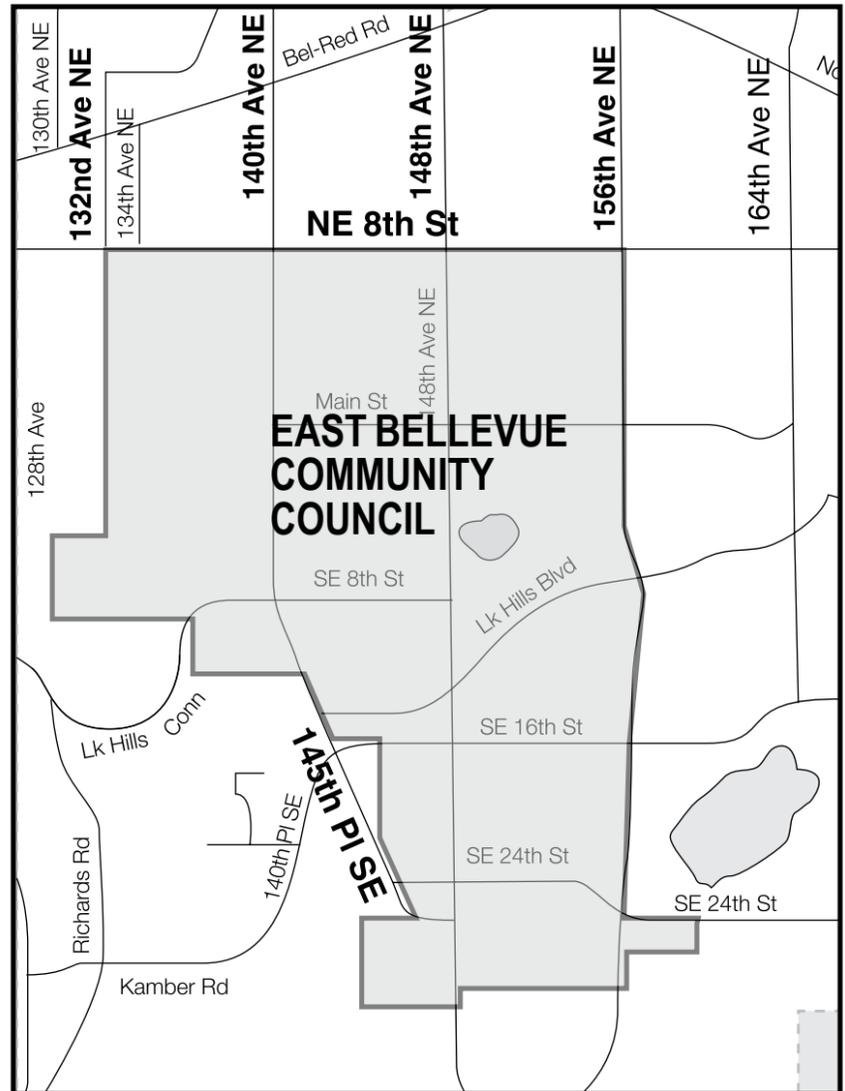
The East Bellevue Community Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

### Who can attend EBCC meetings?

Anyone can attend EBCC meetings and speak during the public hearing portion, even people who do not live in the council area. People addressing the Community Council during the public hearing portion of the meeting give their name and address before speaking.

### Are there any other Community Councils in this area?

Since the Sammamish Community Council was abolished in 2001, the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland is the only other community council in the area.



For information about the city's Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy, 425-452-6466, or contact the East Bellevue Community Council Chairperson, James Bell.

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### Members

James E. Bell, Jim Eder, James Keeffe, Ken Seal, Brigitte Wiechmann

### We don't live in the EBCC area, can we create our own community council?

Community councils can only be created during the annexation of an unincorporated area. A community council cannot be created after an area is incorporated. Once a community council is abolished by public vote, it cannot be restored.

These are just a few of the many questions the EBCC members received. If you have any others please e-mail the EBCC at [EBCC@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:EBCC@ci.bellevue.wa.us), and they can be addressed in a future issue of *It's Your City*.

## New Enatai association seeks members

Residents of Bellevue's Enatai neighborhood are being called on to get involved in their community by joining the new Enatai Neighborhood Association (ENA).

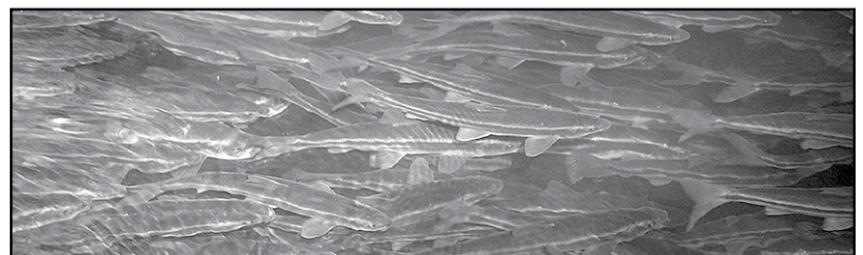
The neighborhood is bounded to the east by Bellevue Way, to the west by Lake Washington, to the north by Southeast 16th Street and to the south by Enatai Beach Park. Founded in April, the group wants to unify the community to protect the area's aesthetic qualities, property values, livability and uniqueness. Everyone who lives in Enatai and shares these interests can join and/or learn more about the group at its website, [www.enataineighbors.net](http://www.enataineighbors.net).

Founders of the group – 35 concerned Enatai citizens – hope that organizing into an association will provide a means by which neighborhood interests can be brought more effectively to the attention of City officials whenever necessary.

The City of Bellevue recognizes 64 associations on its official Web site. Neighbors often come together in these groups to achieve shared goals, and boost feelings of partnership amongst people living near each other. The City's Neighborhood Liaison Program employs specific staff members to work with neighborhood associations to connect them to the correct individuals at City Hall when needs arise.

For more information about the ENA, go to [www.enataineighbors.net](http://www.enataineighbors.net) or contact Stephanie Ferguson at 425-453-6746.

## Peamouth minnows sighted at Kelsey Creek



*A school of peamouth minnows teeming below the surface in Kelsey Creek look like modern art.*

It's a phenomenon that occurs each spring—hundreds to thousands of foot-long peamouth minnows travel from Lake Washington to Kelsey Creek to spawn. They often fill the stream, complete the whole spawning process in a few hours and disappear the next day as quickly as they arrived.

This spring the Peamouth Patrol, a volunteer group started last year by Stream Team, reported that the fish stayed in the stream for up to three days. The extended stay gave volunteers' families and high school classes the chance to view the peamouth.

Named for their tiny mouths, peamouth are not a sport fish, but the young peamouth may actually help salmon by serving as alternative prey for salmon predators at the same time of year salmon are migrating out to sea. The eggs take only 7 to 10 days to hatch, so masses of tiny fish fill Kelsey Creek and Mercer Slough each spring.