

Community vision and partnerships bring great things

By Steve Kasner, East Bellevue Community Council Chair

We did it. Many of you attended the groundbreaking for our beautiful new library at the Lake Hills Shopping Center, which should be open about a year from now. This building will be the first of three phases of construction that will ultimately become one of the true treasures of our neighborhood.

Later phases will add retail and office space with underground and surface parking. When complete, the development will also have residential units. I am most excited about the community gathering spaces which will be incorporated into the project.

This great community space required the cooperation and shared vision of many partners, including the King County Library System, local elected leaders and many neighborhood visionaries.



If you were involved in any of the community meetings, you know how this happened. But, for those who were not lucky enough to have been one of the many people who provided feedback throughout the process, I want you to know you can make a difference.

We each have a different vision concerning what will make our community great, and by bringing those ideas together we can find consensus to find the best possible outcome for all of us.

But it starts with you. If you have an opinion about an idea or project, tell someone. If you do not have time to attend a community meeting, send an e-mail or letter with your ideas to the people working on the project. The East Bellevue Community Council will update its web page to list more projects going on in our area.

Early feedback is crucial to successful projects. You know what is best for you and your family, and what works for you might be the best for all of us. I look forward to hearing from you on any project that you are interested in.

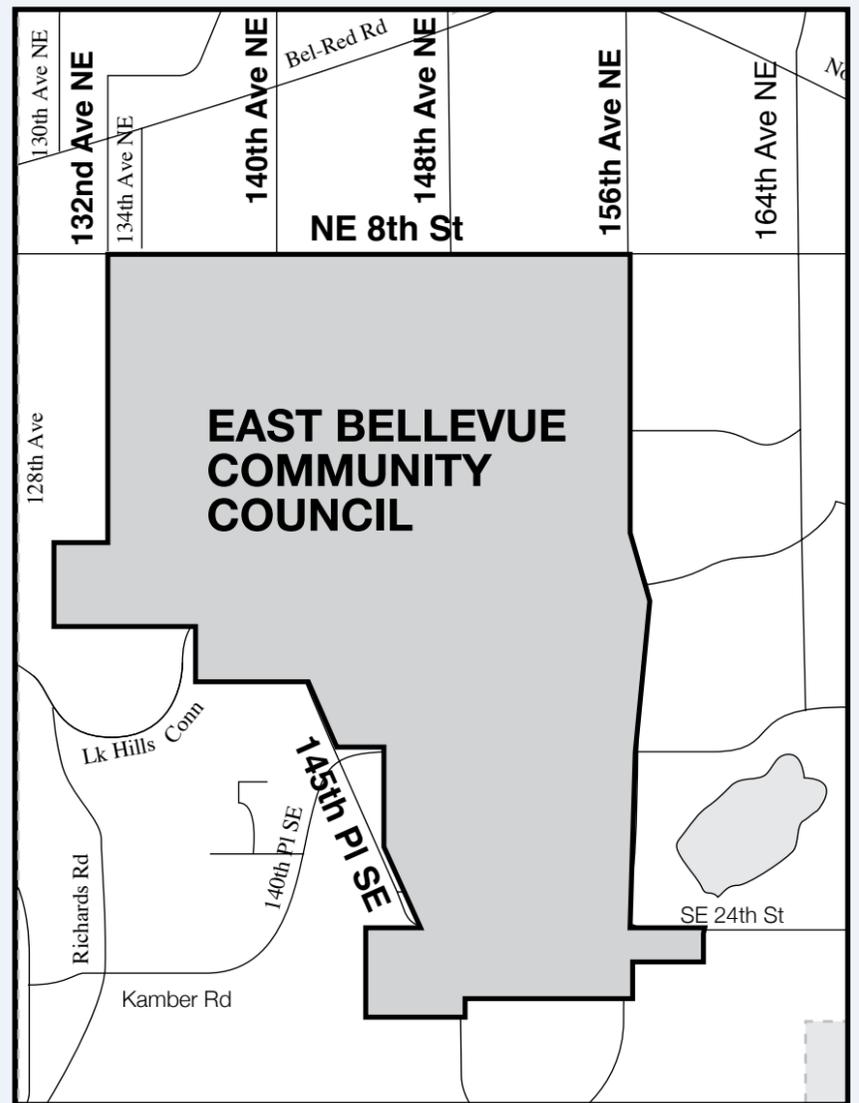
New council member brings passion

Richard Erwin recently was appointed to the East Bellevue Community Council, and brings a great passion for the community.

A single father, Erwin works for Boeing and volunteers for many community organizations, including his daughter's high school Parent-Teacher-Student-Association. I hope you have the opportunity to meet him at events around the community this summer.

We as a community council have committed to being more visible and accessible to you, our neighbors and constituents. Michael Elwin, EBCC vice chair, will coordinate schedules of council members and events as we continue through the year.

If you are having a community event please tell us about, it so we can have a council member attend to hear about the issues that are having an impact in your community.



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy, 425-452-6466, or contact Steven Kasner, acting chairman for the EBCC.

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

Michael Elwin, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Ken Seal, Richard Erwin

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, http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.

So much is happening in our neighborhood, from the recent refurbishment of Samena Swim and Recreation Club to the beginning of a long-term plan to improve St. Louise Parish School. Maybe you have an idea for something that no one else has thought of yet.

To start the ball rolling, you can come to one of the EBCC meetings at the Lake Hills Clubhouse on the first Tuesday of every month (unless it is a holiday). Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

We can learn so much from each other just by exchanging ideas. With the school year ending, now is the time to enjoy our great community. Thanks for listening and have a great day.

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