

Seeing our future and planning for it

By Steve Kasner, East Bellevue Community Council Chair

The city's accomplishments last year – annexation of Eastgate and other South Bellevue neighborhoods and revival of Kelsey Creek Center – did not happen by accident. Integrating unincorporated islands and revitalizing neighborhood centers were goals we had laid out long ago for our great city.

Now residents have an opportunity to help the city set new goals for the next 10, 20 and 50 years. Bellevue's comprehensive plan, which guides growth and development here, is undergoing a major update.

The comp plan, available online at: www.bellevuewa.gov/comprehensive_plan.htm, is made up of many parts and broken up into two volumes.

Volume One includes the community vision that looks out to the year 2025 and chapters concerning transportation, utilities, parks, the environment and facilities throughout the city. Volume Two contains "subarea" plans, which detail specific goals and objectives, as well as the history, for 13 neighborhood areas, including yours.

Residents in the area represented by the East Bellevue Community Council live in one of four neighborhood areas – Wilburton, Crossroads, Southeast Bellevue or Eastgate.

It is a little confusing to understand which property is covered in each subarea due to changes to the city over time. I hope subarea boundaries and names are updated during this comp plan update.

So now that you know where the current plan is and how to navigate it, how can you be part of the update?

Many people came to two community meetings in January concerning what topics the comp plan update should address. I attended both meetings, where participants discussed what they think will make Bellevue a great community in 10, 20 and 50 years and how the city's natural and business environments would be served best in those same time frames.

Finally, we were asked what will make Bellevue a great place for our children or grandchildren.

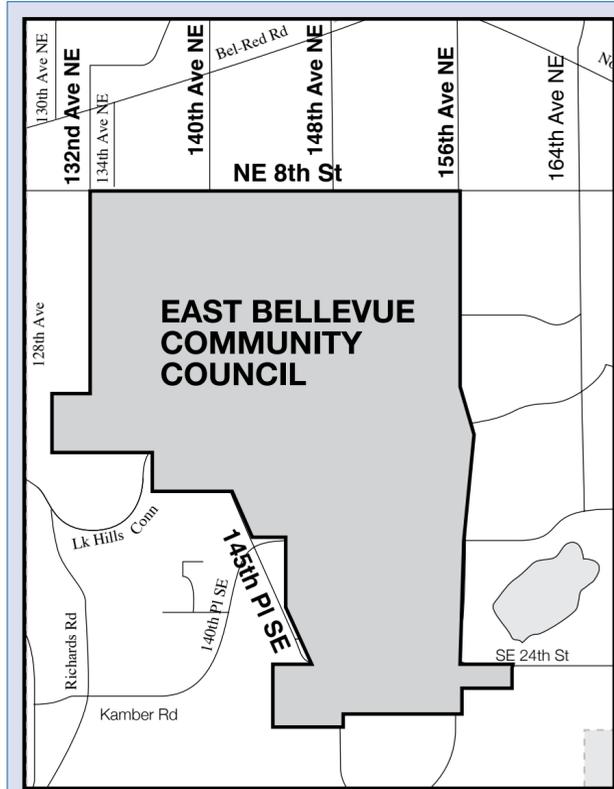
There will be more community meetings throughout the year and opportunities to be involved through the city's website at www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm such as surveys and event notices.

One of Bellevue's core values is timely citizen input, and I hope each of us takes the time to put our personal stamp on the city we call home.

One final note: this process involves tradeoffs. I have heard many ideas that might not be compatible together. The beauty of this process is that we can view all ideas equally and then weigh the pluses and minuses of each course of action. For example:

- Some say Bellevue needs to be a world-class city. I'm not sure what that means, and I wonder if we really see ourselves becoming like New York, Paris, London or Tokyo.
- How do we structure our business communities to minimize their impacts on residential neighborhoods? Currently we have more jobs in Bellevue than we have residents, and more than half of these jobs are outside downtown.
- With a population of 130,000, and capacity for tens of thousands more residents throughout the city, how will we manage traffic so we move safely and quickly in our daily lives? I am hoping that new technologies will allow us to reduce our carbon footprint and keep our city livable for many years to come.

As a fan of the "Back to the Future" movies (The future was shown as January 2013), I believe each of us has ideas that will keep this city one of the best places to live in the world. Please contribute any and all ideas



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

Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Ken Seal, 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.

that you have that will continue to build on what was started more than 50 years ago.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the city as the chair of the East Bellevue Community Council, and please drop in on our meetings with questions or concerns the first Tuesday of every month at the Boys and Girls club. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m., or check out our web page site at: www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.



The revival of Kelsey Creek Center, a highlight for East Bellevue, was a part of the city's vision for the area.

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

Project	Contact
Bridle Trails Park Levy Projects: Developing a neighborhood park in the Bridle Trails neighborhood at the corner of NE 24th Street and 134th Avenue NE. Construction late summer through fall 2013. \$0.7 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway. \$6.5 billion	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide a six-lane corridor; two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete end of 2013. \$306 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/
Pikes Peak 4.5-Million-Gallon Reservoir: Replacing 1-million-gallon reservoir in Bridle Trails State Park with a new 4.5-million-gallon reservoir. Estimated construction 2014-2015. \$8 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads

Project	Contact
Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction spring 2013 to summer/fall 2014. \$8.5 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm
Valley Creek – NE 21st Street Flood Control: Reducing flooding with a range of hydraulic improvements, including restoring the storm channel and the NE 21st Street culvert. Construction Summer 2013. \$500,000	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 BJensen@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2012, Ph. 2: Repairing existing sewer system throughout the Crossroads area. Complete Winter 2013. \$305,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

East Lake Hills

Project	Contact
SE 16th Street: 148th to 156th Avenue SE: Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Avenues SE. Designing to 60%. 2013. Budget TBD	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

Project	Contact
Lakemont Boulevard & SE Cougar Mountain Way/SE 63rd Street Intersection: Conducting a design analysis, followed by traffic operation improvements that will enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists at this intersection. Under design; construction complete by 2014. \$1.5 million for implementation.	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and a standby generator. Planning, design, & permitting. Construction: Fall/Winter 2013 - Spring 2014. \$1.2-1.8 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Reservoir Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. Construction through Spring 2013. \$880,000	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Regional Detention Pond (Lakemont Boulevard SE near I-90): Improving storm drainage runoff water quality before it's released into Lewis Creek. Complete Fall 2013. \$700,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Hills

Project	Contact
Coal Creek Culvert: See page 5. Phase 1 construction: April to November 2013. Coal Creek Parkway will be reduced to one lane in each direction. \$6.5 million	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 BJensen@bellevuewa.gov Bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm#print=true

Northeast Bellevue

Project	Contact
Hidden Valley Park: Construction of a multi-use gymnasium and sports field improvements in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Fall 2014. \$10 million.	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
Northrup Way at 156th, 160th, and 164th Avenues NE: Upgrading traffic signals to improve pedestrian safety at these intersections. Relocating crosswalk at 160th Avenue NE. Complete Spring 2013. \$700,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue

Project	Contact
Northrup Way: NE 24th Street to 108th Avenue NE Corridor Improvements: Adding a bike facility and improving sidewalks between NE 24th Street and 108th Avenue NE. At 108th Avenue NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built. Final design Fall 2013. \$12 million	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/northrup-corridor-pedbike.htm
Bellevue Way & NE 24th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade: Replacing the existing span wire signal, updating the curb ramps, and overlaying the intersection. Complete Spring 2013. \$500,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Sammamish/East Lake Hills

Project	Contact
West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Segment 1: Building the first phase (of five) between I-90 to SE 34th Street. Project includes a multi-use trail, retaining walls, landscaping, and improved roadway drainage. Southbound detour begins mid-March through October 2013. \$6.56 million.	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_parkway.htm
Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Phase 1 design and permitting. Begins Spring 2013. \$1.6 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset/Sunset

Project	Contact
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Developing early design of 3.6 mile trail between Factoria Boulevard SE and Lakemont Boulevard SE. Project includes lighting, crosswalks, seating, landscaping and public art. Design to 60%. \$430,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

Project	Contact
Downtown Transportation Plan: Evaluating transportation alternatives for new roadway capacity, improving non-motorized and transit facilities to ensure mobility through 2030. Plan complete Spring 2013. \$300,000	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm
Sewer Lake Line Replacement at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing existing sewer lake line with 1,200 lineal feet of new sewer line on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction starts Fall 2013. \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Ph. I - Lake Washington: Studying location and condition of about 13 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. Phase 1 study complete early 2013. \$450,000	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov