

DOWNTOWN PARK IS COMING “FULL CIRCLE!”



What started out as a grand idea in 1983 will come “full circle” next summer when the City opens the last major phase of its iconic Downtown Park. Construction officially started July 11, and expected to be complete prior to next year’s 4th of July celebration. Over the course of the year, a number of changes will begin to take place in the park, including:

- A completely transformed *Inspiration Playground* that will focus on accessible play opportunities for all ages and abilities;
- The final segment of the pedestrian promenade and water canal will be completed, transforming the $\frac{3}{4}$ circle into a full circle;
- A new entry and water feature at the south end of the park;
- An expanded parking lot along 100th Avenue NE to replace parking spaces lost with the removal of the SE Parking Lot;
- Terraced seating and plaza space, improved site lighting, drainage, landscaping, and promenade resurfacing.



The northern portions of the park not affected by construction will remain open to the public, and parking for park users will also be available throughout the project. The southeast lot is currently open to park users. The first phase of construction will expand the 100th Avenue parking lot. Once this lot is complete and reopened for use, the SE parking lot will close to allow for the completion of the circle. The Southwest (playground) parking lot will be closed to the public throughout the project. We will be enforcing the posted “Park Use Only” restrictions to assure that parking is available for park-users.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Downtown Park construction, please contact Ken Kroeger, Project Manager, at 425.452.4624 or kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov.