Bellevue Police

The City of Bellevue, Washington

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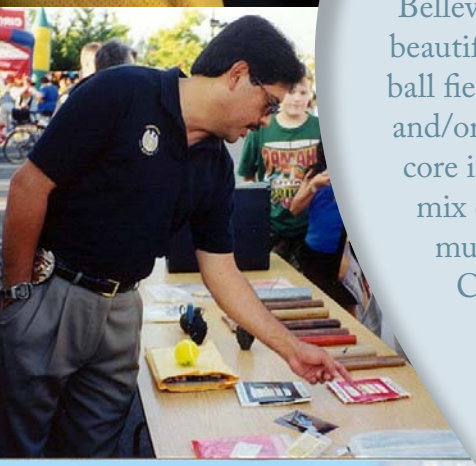

About Bellevue

Situated on 31 square miles of rolling landscape between Lakes Washington and Sammamish, with the Cascades mountain range to the east and the Olympics mountain range to the west, the City of Bellevue is a picture postcard of heart-stopping vistas. Located 10 miles east of Seattle and with a population of 118,100, Bellevue is the Eastside's major urban population center, making it the fifth largest city in Washington. A significant player in the global marketplace, Bellevue boasts a preponderance of high-tech companies, top corporations, sophisticated and upscale stores, and a growing demand for its exports.

Bellevue has earned the status of an ideal city, a microcosm of the best of the best that people look for in a place to live and work. Bellevue is considered a safe place to live and work due to the low crime rates for a community of its size. Bellevue's suburban areas have outstanding reputations as being well designed with beautiful boulevards, upscale residential shopping areas, a variety of well-maintained ball fields, and other distinctive amenities. vistas of mountains, lakes, city skylines, and/or open spaces are common in nearly every neighborhood. Bellevue's downtown core is among the Northwest's most distinctive business districts, featuring a winning mix of office towers, multi-family residences, stores, theatres, restaurants and hotels, museums, a flagship regional library, and the Meydenbauer Convention Center. City Spectacular planners successfully introduced a popular pedestrian corridor linking Bellevue's offices and residences to shopping and dining.

Due to its livability and economic base, Bellevue received the 2007 National 100 Best Communities for Young People award. In addition, Bellevue was recently recognized as one of nine cities in Washington State to receive the 2007 Smart Communities award for implementation of a neighborhood investment strategy in its Comprehensive Plan. As indicated by the Governor's office, "The Smart Communities award winners reflect the wide variety of efforts that make up effective growth management planning. The plans and projects [of the award winners] include some of the best recent examples of creativity and innovation in developing livable communities."

For families with children, it should be mentioned Bellevue takes education seriously as demonstrated by its two outstanding school districts, Bellevue and Issaquah. Based on where they live, Bellevue students attend one of the two school districts. Bellevue schools have received national attention for their top rated high schools, innovative curriculum, and exceptional teachers. Issaquah schools also have a reputation for excellent curriculum and

outstanding teachers. For more information about Bellevue schools, please go to http://bsd405.org and for Issaquah schools, please go to http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/. Both school districts are strongly supported by residents who pass levy and bond measures, make generous contributions, and regularly volunteer in the classrooms. For those seeking higher education, Bellevue is also home to Bellevue Community College as well as easy access to the University of Washington and other noteworthy colleges and universities in the region.

Of course, About Bellevue is not complete without discussing Bellevue's distinctive reputation as being a "City in the Park." Through thoughtful vision and proactive planning, Bellevue has preserved over 1,700 acres of parks and open spaces, with nearly 40 miles of trails for walking or biking. Ten of the City's parks are located on the water. Two examples of unique and award winning parks are: The Bellevue Downtown Park which provides 20 acres of green space in the heart of downtown with formal gardens, a 14-foot waterfall, and a reflecting pool. The Bellevue Botanical Garden attracts visitors from all over the world and has been featured in national and international magazines. Bellevue's parks have received numerous local and national recognition awards including most recently the National Gold Medal Award for Parks and Recreation Management and the Golf Course Environmental Planning Certificate of Achievement.

About Bellevue's Government

The City is governed under the Council-Manager form of government. The City Council consists of seven Council members elected at large to serve staggered four-year terms. The Mayor is elected from within the Council and serves a two-year term. The City Council appoints the City Manager, who in turn appoints the department directors, including the Police and Fire chiefs.

The City employs about 1,260 regular employees and has a 2007-2008 biennial budget of $966 million. The City Manager's Office, department directors, and department staff work well together, which contributes to a healthy work environment. The City values high performance, and as such, several departments have received national accreditation, including Police (general Police Department accreditation as well as Communication accreditation both through CALEA), Fire, Parks, and Utilities, with Transportation in the process of being accredited.

Bellevue also embraces public participation on boards and commissions. As such, the City Council or City Manager appoints residents to various boards and commissions that focus on key programs such as arts, environmental services, human services, library, parks and community services, planning, transportation, disability, civil service, and the Bellevue Convention Center. The residents' primary role is to act as advisors to the City on policy and planning decisions. The City has also initiated an innovative board called Youth Link whose members include teenagers as well as adults.

About Bellevue's Police Department

The Bellevue Police Department (BPD) has on average 260 regular employees with an operating budget of approximately $36 million. Respect, integrity, accountability and service are the values that guide the actions of the employees who work in the BPD. The department is comprised of two divisions as follows:

Operations

- Patrol/Traffic/K-9 - This is the largest section in the BPD and its purpose is to maximize public safety by providing timely response to calls for assistance as well as provide active, visible patrol and traffic control throughout the City.
- Investigations and Community Services - This section is comprised of several units: Persons Crimes, Property Crimes, Fraud, School Services, Neighborhood Services, Forensics, Crime Analysis, and the Special Enforcement Team. In addition, this section oversees the Eastside Narcotics Task Force, comprised of detectives from five local police agencies including Bellevue, Mercer Island, King County, Redmond and Kirkland. This section also manages the essential Volunteer Program which recently completed its 12th year recruiting qualified citizens and carefully matching them to appropriate assignments throughout the Department. This has been an exceptionally valuable program for the Department as demonstrated by the nearly 7,800 hours volunteers contributed in 2006.
- Courts and Custody - This section is responsible for the holding facility, transportation, and handling of prisoners, monitoring and tracking the filing of cases, and Court liaison for the department.

Support Services

- Communications Center - This section is the 911 call center and provides emergency dispatch services covering 1,400 square miles. The Center dispatches for 14 Fire Departments and 2 Police Departments. The Center is currently managed by the City of Bellevue in partnership with an InterAgency Governance Committee.
- Records Information Center - This section includes Personnel Services, Records, Property/Evidence, and Fiscal Management. This unit enters and maintains records and evidence as well as directly serving the Bellevue community.