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As the city hashes out details it wants to see in the East Link light rail route through Bellevue, residents have had significant input.

Tentatively set to sign an agreement with Sound Transit on Oct. 25 regarding East Link, the city in September held an open house and a public hearing, and had individual meetings with residents who would be directly affected by the route. Negotiations between Bellevue and Sound Transit cap a multi-year environmental review process and public outreach that's included dozens of other meetings in Bellevue.

The agreement, a binding memorandum of understanding (MOU), would outline the city's commitments for the funding of a downtown tunnel as well as route design modifications Sound Transit would make to limit noise, traffic and visual impacts on the Enatai, Bellefield and Surrey Downs neighborhoods.

To familiarize residents with the issues to be addressed in the MOU and gather feedback, the city held an open house at City Hall on Sept. 20. More than 200 people came to the event, which featured large illustrations and included staff from the city and Sound Transit.

At the public hearing, during the City Council's Sept. 26 meeting, more than 60 people spoke.

As the city has negotiated the MOU with Sound Transit, the focus has been on Bellevue's contribution for the downtown tunnel and design options along 112th Avenue Southeast intended to limit impacts.

Downtown Tunnel Funding

Sound Transit agreed to include a tunnel through downtown Bellevue in its preferred route, with a commitment from the city to help cover some of the additional cost.

The tunnel - expected to minimize traffic impacts in Bellevue's bustling downtown and reduce travel times along the entire Eastside light rail line - is considered vital for the city. The council has tentatively



At a September 20 open house people crowd the concourse at City Hall to learn about the details of the East Link light rail route.

identified ways to cover the city's \$160 million contribution toward the tunnel's price tag.

Design Options to Limit Light Rail Impacts

Sound Transit's preferred route through South Bellevue runs along Bellevue Way and 112th Avenue Southeast. The agency has been considering design modifications to limit noise and visual impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Route adjustments with the potential to cut down on warning bells and crossing gates included moving a planned crossing of 112th Avenue Southeast from Southeast Sixth Street to Southeast 15th Street, and crossing above 112th instead of at street level.

East Link will run from Seattle, through Bellevue, to the Overlake area of Redmond. Construction is forecast to begin by 2015 and service is expected to start by 2023.

For more information about East Link, visit Bellevue's website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm>.

More permits now available online

The City of Bellevue is expanding its online permitting services, enabling contractors and residents to submit plans for mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits electronically.

In 2002 the city made it possible to obtain a "simple" permit, which requires no staff review, without coming to City Hall. Residents and builders could apply for these permits online at www.mybuildingpermit.com. The 24/7 website is a service of the e-CityGov Alliance, a group that includes 13 jurisdictions, mostly on the Eastside.

The site has been a great benefit to residents and builders, with more than a third of all construction-

related permits in Bellevue now processed electronically. Permits that require no plan review include those for replacing an appliance such as a hot water heater or furnace or a simple reroofing job.

Customers have been able to obtain, and pay for, multiple permits for member jurisdictions all in one credit card transaction. Online permitting has steadily grown in popularity, and 73 percent of simple permits in Bellevue are now issued electronically. Bellevue accounts for 40 percent of all the permits issued through MyBuildingPermit.com.

In September the site was redesigned to allow for mechanical, electrical and plumbing applications that require review by city staff. Such permits include those for installation of systems, such as those for heating and air conditioning in new construction such as a downtown high-rise.

Bellevue began taking electronic applications for permits that require plan review on Oct. 17.

If an application requires plan review, a customer will be able to:

- fill out an application;
- upload electronic plans and supporting documents;
- pay fee invoices;
- securely exchange documents throughout the review process; and
- download the issued permit and approved plans.

The e-CityGov Alliance ultimately aims to add electronic processing for additional permit types.



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Council Corner



Reflecting on 12 years of progress

By Grant Degginger

It is with mixed emotions that I write this column. After 12 years as a councilmember, deputy mayor and mayor – preceded by seven years as a member of the Planning Commission – I decided not to run for reelection this year. I will complete my third term on the council at the end of December. It's time for a little break and an opportunity to reflect on what we have accomplished together.

The last dozen years have been a time of spectacular growth and transformation for Bellevue. Our population has grown by 25 percent and, with pending annexations in the Eastgate area, likely will grow significantly more next year. Our city has been enriched by an increasingly diverse population, with almost a third of our residents born outside the United States.

Bellevue has continued its metamorphosis from a suburb to a major jobs center and a significant force in the region's economy. Regional, national and international companies today call Bellevue home. We have been recognized by national publications as one of the best places in the country to start a small business. And we have been lauded as city that knows how to get things done. Few cities of our size in the country can match Bellevue's diversity, high student achievement, low crime, business environment, entrepreneurial spirit and quality of life.

During this same period, the City Council has provided a consistent vision and steady leadership that has reflected our community's values and has kept us moving forward. Bellevue cares about parks, and we built and expanded many of them, including Lewis Creek Park, Lattawood Park, the South Bellevue Community Center and Crossroads Park. We installed turf fields at Robinswood, Wilburton and Newport Hills. And we acquired land that will someday become a great new park on Meydenbauer Bay.

For many years our police department was disbursed in three or four locations around town. If someone asked where the police station was, you would not know where to send them. Our 911 calls were being answered in the leaky basement of a fire station. Driven by the need to improve delivery of our essential public safety services, the City Council acquired the building where City Hall is today. In doing so, we accomplished the longstanding vision of returning City Hall to downtown. Today, our police department is easy to find and our 911 calls are answered in a state-of-the-art facility on the building's top floor.

Many times I have been impressed by how hard our city staff and our community have worked together to accomplish great things. In December 2006, we experienced a wind storm that left much of the city without electricity for days. Every city department – as well as our councilmembers – stepped up to open and staff shelters, and to keep traffic and essential services flowing. Our neighborhoods rose to the challenge and made sure vulnerable citizens were safe and received the help they needed. We continue to have a great community spirit, which I have witnessed at neighborhood events throughout the city.

Transportation has been and must continue to be an important priority for the city. We are the center of the Eastside and all the major regional routes (I-90, SR 520, and I-405) flow through Bellevue. We have

made significant investments to improve mobility to and from downtown, including the expansion and rebuilding of the Northeast Fourth and Eighth Street overpasses, and extending Northeast 10th Street across I-405.

We have also worked together to deliver improvements to regional roads. I am particularly proud of how our close collaboration with other Eastside cities, our state legislators, the governor and the state Department of Transportation broke a decades-long stalemate, resulting in an agreement on the SR 520 bridge replacement project. Construction is now underway on the Eastside portion of the job. The recently completed Bellevue Braids project on I-405 will help reduce congestion between downtown and 520.

Bellevue has a growing role in the region. Our long-term economic success in no small measure is tied to our ability to be physically connected to Seattle, and cities to the north and south of us. Major employers see this



Downtown growth surged during Grant Degginger's 12 years on the City Council.

connectivity as essential for them to expand here. Our citizens understand that it is important for Bellevue to be connected to all the region's transportation systems and that is why 58 percent of Bellevue voters in 2008 approved bringing light rail to the Eastside.

While the debate on the alignment has been spirited and at times divisive, I hope that we can reach a consensus and move on toward an effective partnership that will deliver light rail to Bellevue. We have had great success in forging regional partnerships for water supply (Cascade Water Alliance), emergency dispatch services (NORCOM), and permitting services (eCityGov Alliance). I am confident that by working together we can do it again with Sound Transit.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. It has been a tremendous privilege and a great honor to serve you on the city council. Together, we have accomplished a great deal. Although we are living in challenging times, I am very optimistic about Bellevue's future, and I am convinced that Bellevue's best days are yet to come. Keep dreaming big dreams and let's keep moving forward.

Council Roundup

Newcastle Beach Park gets clean bill

Extensive testing of the water and soil in and around Newcastle Beach Park showed no significant pollution or health risk, staff reported to the council in October.



In April the council asked for the testing in response to a neighbor's concerns about the potential impacts of stormwater runoff on the park. The resident had argued that construction projects on nearby Interstate 405 had increased runoff to the park and that the water draining from the highway through the park to Lake Washington was polluted.

The city hired an independent consultant that both the city and resident agreed upon. Otak, Inc., with an office in Kirkland, reviewed water samples collected by the city and the resident, performed additional testing and reviewed data collected by the state Department of Ecology.

Otak and the DOE determined that I-405 projects had not increased runoff in the area, meeting all drainage requirements in the vicinity of Newcastle Beach Park.

Regarding possible pollution, of more than 1,200 tests analyzed, only nine samples showed slightly elevated levels of industrial compounds. Otak concluded that those results were isolated instances of compounds common to the region. They were not representative of overall conditions at the park, nor do they pose a health risk, the consultant said.

Feedback: Rick Logwood, Capital Projects Manager, 425-452-6858 or rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov

Slow recovery means budget shortfall

With the regional economy continuing to struggle, the city is facing a budget shortfall for 2011 because of lower-than expected tax revenue, the Finance Department reported in September.

In its quarterly budget report for the City Council, the Finance Department said the lingering recession has meant limited job growth, a flat housing market and nervous consumers in the second quarter, from April to June.

Neither construction activity nor retail sales, which generate the bulk of Bellevue's tax revenue, have picked up as they were expected to. As a result, \$3.2 million less is expected to come in this year than was budgeted for the city's general fund.

In response, the city has acted to balance the 2011 budget by holding vacant positions open, deferring expenditures and cutting costs in operations.

Additional cost-cutting measures to balance the books in 2012, the second year of the 2011-12 biennial budget, will be discussed at a future council meeting.

Feedback: Toni Rezab, Budget Manager, 425-452-7863 or trezab@bellevuewa.gov

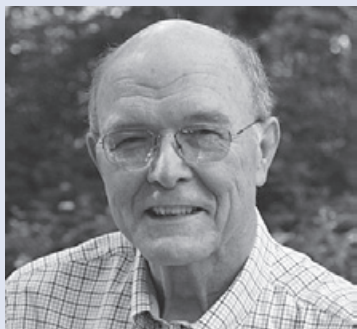


Contests for three council seats

Position 1



Aaron Laing



John Stokes

There are contests for three out of the four Bellevue City Council seats up for election this fall. When residents vote in the Nov. 8 election, they will have the following candidates to choose from:

Position 1

Aaron Laing: With Grant Degginger stepping down, Laing is one of two newcomers vying for this open seat. Laing is an attorney with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt's Seattle office, with a practice focused on land use and litigation.

John Stokes: A retired attorney, Stokes serves on the Parks & Community Services Board and the Bellevue School District's fiscal advisory committee.

Position 3

John Chelminiak: The incumbent, Chelminiak was elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. He served as deputy mayor in 2006 and 2007.

Michelle Hilhorst: A senior-level manager with AT&T, Hilhorst has volunteered with the Newport Hills Community Club the past six years, including a term as president.

Position 5

Claudia Balducci: Balducci is the incumbent, and has served on the council for eight years, including a two-year term as deputy mayor in 2008 and 2009, since her election in 2003.

Patti Mann: Mann is a Seattle firefighter/paramedic and member of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Burn Foundation.

Position 7

Jennifer Robertson: A land use and municipal attorney for small towns, Robertson was elected to the council in 2009, after serving on the Planning Commission. She is running for reelection this year without an opponent.

Additional information about the candidates can be found on the King County Elections website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/archive/2011/201108/candidatefiling.aspx>. A video of a Oct. 4 candidates forum hosted by the Bellevue Downtown Association is available at http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=1094.

Position 3



John Chelminiak



Michelle Hilhorst

Position 5



Claudia Balducci



Patti Mann

Position 7



Jennifer Robertson

Library parking garage construction begins

Construction of a new parking garage for the Bellevue Regional Library downtown is set to begin in early November.

The main parking lot and garage will be closed during the year-long project, so library parking will be limited to 50 parking spaces at Ashwood Park (available for library and park visitors, with a three-hour time limit).

The King County Library System is committed to keeping the library open during construction and the following driving and parking alternatives are advised:

- Use nearby libraries at Redmond, Lake Hills, Crossroads, Newport Way or Kirkland;
- Carpool or consider alternatives to driving, such as public transit, walking or biking; or
- Park at nearby private pay parking lots (KCLS cannot provide reimbursement).

Ashwood Park will be open for use throughout the project, and park visitors are also encouraged to carpool, use public transit or walk. Scheduled group parks programs will be moved to other parks.

To help alleviate the demand for parking, library programs will be held off-site and meeting rooms will not be available. Information and referral services will still be available via phone, email or through KCLS' Text-a-Librarian or Live Chat reference services.

Call 425-450-1765 for details. To find out how to take the bus, walk and bike to the library, visit www.kcls.org/bond/bellevue/.



Trade with Asia gets boost

When Holly Zhang wanted to open a jewelry store in Bellevue, she received key data and referrals to banks and mentors from Bellevue's Office of Economic Development.

"(Economic Development Manager Tom Boydell) gave me lots of encouragement," said Zhang, shortly before the Holly Zhang Pearl Gallery opens its doors in November for a six-month trial run at the Bravern. "I didn't really expect to get any help from the government."

Over the last couple of years, the city has focused on assisting both new and established businesses with links to Asia. Given Bellevue's location on the Pacific Rim, a population almost 30 percent Asian and Chinese money behind much new development here, it's a natural progression, Boydell says.

"When you look at the growing diversity of Bellevue's population and the composition of the workforce at Microsoft and the other big tech companies in the area, it just pops out at you," Boydell said. "There's a wow factor."

The Office of Economic Development (OED), a two-person operation in the City Manager's Office, helps all businesses seeking to move and/or grow in Bellevue, but it has taken extra steps to make sure Asian interests feel welcome here.

That includes hosting seminars for businesses seeking to tap in to Chinese markets and working with local Indian organizations to encourage the U.S. government to site an Indian consulate in Bellevue.

Economic Development won a state grant last year to help Washington businesses find more customers in Asia. The city is creating a blog in Chinese to generate buzz in China about opening a company in Bellevue.

These programs come in addition to the OED's regular background efforts to help businesses make the right connections and find reliable data. The city itself can't arrange loans or secure properties for companies, but it can suggest great resources with expertise in these areas.

While there are a number of local organizations focused on assisting businesses, the city facilitates collaboration and offers entrepreneurs neutral data about where and what to invest in Bellevue.

Holly Zhang says she benefited greatly. A 37-year-old Bellevue resident who grew up in a farm village in northern China, Zhang got in the jewelry

business with a Seattle-based company that had an office in Beijing. After five years on her own, selling pearl jewelry at various kinds of shows, Zhang wanted to open a storefront.

After a bank turned her down for a loan, Zhang turned to the city for help. The OED offered impartial data about jewelry sales in Bellevue, suggested a class on drawing up business plans and matched Zhang with a mentor, another woman from Asia who had launched a successful restaurant in Bellevue. That contact, in turn, helped the entrepreneur find a lawyer to guide her through the legal ins and outs of running a business.

"Tom helped me find the right people to get the business going," Zhang said after a meeting in September with the management at the Bravern, where her shop will open near Neiman Marcus.



Holly Zhang shows off pearl jewelry in front of the storefront at the Bravern where she will be opening a shop.

Bellevue hosts gala Sister City gathering



The connection 38 cities in Washington share with counterparts in Japan will be celebrated to the beat of taiko drums at a Sister Cities conference in Bellevue on Oct. 21.

The Sister City concept evolved in the United States from President Eisenhower's "People-to-People" program, established in 1956 to lessen the chance of war by involving people from all walks of life in personal diplomacy.

Seattle and Kobe forged the first Sister City relationship established in Washington. Of the 55 cities in the state with sister cities, a majority have a tie with a city in Japan. Of Bellevue's four sister cities, the southern Japanese city of Yao was the first, with the link made in 1969. Mount Rainier officially has a "sister peak" in Mount Fuji.

The conference will kick off with a dinner reception from 6 to 9 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 21, in the concourse of City Hall. Performers will include Seattle Kokon Taiko, the Kabuki Academy and dancer Michaela Kusumi. Featured speakers will be Japanese Consul General Kiyokazu Ota and KING 5 News television anchor Lori Matsukawa.

The earthquake and tsunami that ravaged Japan in March prompted the Bellevue Sister Cities Association (BSCA) to honor Puget Sound's connections with our neighbors across the Pacific with a gala event.

The organizers hope to attract 80 to 100 people to the reception, including Bellevue residents who have not previously been involved in Sister Cities activities.

Sponsors include Uwajimaya, Nintendo, Net System, Nichimo International and Ecore Global.

Tickets are \$60, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the BSCA. Register at <http://www.seattletradealliance.com/events/event-registration-SisterCities.php>. For more information, contact (425-452-5370 or sbarber@bellevuewa.gov).

Bellevue paramedic receives regional honor

Phil Pierson, a Bellevue firefighter and paramedic who has taught emergency medical skills around the world, received this year's Medic One Foundation "Spirit of Team Play Award."

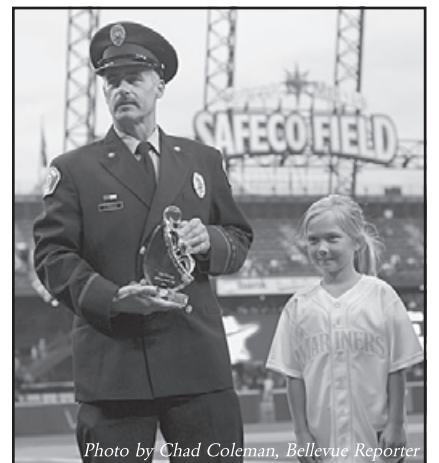
Pierson threw out the first pitch at the Seattle Mariners' Sept. 14 game at Safeco Field, accompanied by a nine-year-old girl he helped save after she suffered life-threatening injuries in a boating accident.

Medic One paramedics are select firefighters who have special training and equipment to provide advanced life support care while a patient is on the way to the hospital. There are five Medic One agencies in King County, serving 15 cities. The Medic One Foundation is a local nonprofit organization that raises funds for paramedic training.

The Team Play Award is presented annually to a Puget Sound paramedic who exemplifies integrity, teamwork and compassion.

Lily James, the Mercer Island girl who joined Pierson on the mound, is an example of Medic One's value. In July 2009, she nearly drowned and her feet were almost severed when an inflatable flew off her family's boat and she was caught in the tow rope. Paramedics, including Pierson, treated her on the dock of the Mercer Island Beach Club the day of the accident to keep her alive, and a series of surgeries since then have allowed Lily to regain the full use of her feet.

Coworkers nominated Pierson this year and last for his many years providing emergency medical skills and CPR training, both for the public and other paramedics. "His passion for teaching has taken him all over the county, country and even to Africa," noted fellow paramedic Greg Clifford.



Phil Pierson and Lily James



Faster buses with RapidRide line

You may have noticed the new shiny red buses going around town. These RapidRide buses, part of the “Transit Now” initiative adopted by voters in 2006, run every 10 to 15 minutes from downtown Bellevue through Crossroads and Overlake to downtown Redmond.

The specially-designed buses have low floors, three doors and air conditioning for the summer.



County Executive Dow Constantine points at the camera as elected officials for Bellevue, Redmond and King County, as well as Congressman Dave Reichert, hold ribbons connecting a RapidRide bus from Redmond with one from Bellevue.

A new fare payment system allows riders to tap their Orca card at certain stations so they can board the bus at any door—speeding up the boarding process.

Fare inspectors will check buses at random to make sure everyone is paying their fare.

With transit signal priority, RapidRide buses are 20 percent faster than regular buses. RapidRide buses also feature roomy interiors, free WiFi and automated ‘next stop’ display and audio announcements.

In conjunction with the new RapidRide B line, Metro restructured the entire Bellevue network. Some routes were eliminated, but other routes now have enhanced service.

For more information on transit service in Bellevue, please see www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org/bus. To plan a trip, visit www.soundtransit.org/trip-planner.xml.

Cultural Conversations expand to South Bellevue

Cultural Conversations, a program that has helped women in the Crossroads neighborhood make connections with each other and the community, is now expanding to South Bellevue.

Eleven women of varied backgrounds attended a planning meeting at the South Bellevue Community Center in September. The group will have its first tea on Thursday, Oct. 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m., also at the community center.

In January 2010, the City of Bellevue introduced Cultural Conversations, inviting women to meet for tea and cookies at the Crossroads Community Center every six weeks. City staff started the program after some women from the Bellevue mosque receiving help at the Crossroads Mini City Hall spoke of feeling disconnected. Since then, more than 50 women have participated.

Regular attendees have included women of many faiths and cultures, all with a common desire to make new friends and to expand their own cultural understanding.

Expanding to South Bellevue is a natural move, given the diverse population in that area.

“Cultural Conversations has been a way for me to meet the wise and wonderful women of my community whom I would not have met in any other way,” said Karina O’Malley. “Our meetings break down barriers and let us learn from each other in a safe environment. Every meeting is an education and an invigorating boost.”

Activities at Cultural Conversations events have included:

- Exploring probing questions about faiths and cultures in a safe environment;
- Personal storytelling – addressing themes including cultural stereotypes, love and marriage in different cultures, intergenerational relationships and gender roles;
- Ethnic potlucks, sharing of foods and customs;
- Service projects;
- “Difficult Conversations” training;
- Presentation on the power of global education for girls and women.

The city provides meeting space, facilitation and refreshments, but the group will customize its gatherings to meet the needs of those participating. There is no charge to attend and women of all ages, faiths, races and cultures are encouraged to participate.

A joint event, involving both Cultural Conversations groups, is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Crossroads Community Center. The Crossroads group also meets on Nov. 8.

For more information on the new South Bellevue group or the Crossroads/East Bellevue group, please contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

South Bellevue annexation enters second phase



In matter of months, the Tamara Hills neighborhood will become a part of Bellevue. Three other unincorporated areas south of Interstate 90 - Eastgate, Hilltop and Horizon View - may soon follow suit.

The City Council accepted notice-of-intent petitions from Eastgate and Tamara Hills in June and from Hilltop and Horizon View in September. In the second phase of the direct-petition annexation process, owners of property representing at least 50 percent of an area’s assessed valuation must agree to annex.

Owners representing more than 56 percent of assessed value in Tamara Hills have already signed petitions to annex, and residents say they are making plans for their future in Bellevue. Eastgate has reached the 40 percent mark, while both Hilltop and Horizon View are working with the city on pre-annexation issues and gearing up to launch petition drives.

Two community meetings in the annexation area have given residents an opportunity to ask questions and get information to help them make a decision about joining the city. A June 30 open house attracted more than 200 residents to a display of city services. A community meeting on Sept. 27 drew a smaller audience of individuals with specific questions.

Questions from the Sept. 27 audience focused on the mechanics of annexation (timeline, petition validation, etc.) and two other issues:

Neighborhood character - Residents wanted to know whether the city plans changes, such as rezoning or increased commercial development, which would disrupt the current character of the Eastgate area. Bellevue Planning Director Dan Stroh said the city aims to preserve the character of Eastgate, converting county zoning to the closest city equivalent, and working with residents to achieve the improvements they want to see in their community.

City services compared to county services - City Manager Steve Sarkozy told residents that Bellevue will provide more effective local services because the city is designed and equipped to be a local service provider, while the county is focused on regional services such as transit, sewer and jail services.

Karen Freeman, liaison from King County Executive Dow Constantine, told the audience that the county is finding it difficult to provide unincorporated “islands” with local services. If annexation does not take place, she said, “these areas will continue to see a real degradation of services.”

Another open house - featuring services from all city departments - is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Eastgate Elementary School, 4255 153rd Ave. SE. Meanwhile, city staff have met with residents in neighborhood meetings and individual drop-in sessions.

For more information about annexation or to arrange a meeting in your neighborhood, contact Nicholas Matz, nmatz@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5371 or Cheryl Kuhn, ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4089. Information is also available on the web site www.bellevuewa.gov/sbaa.htm.

Bellevue's 'vital signs' still good

The city continues to deliver excellent customer service, meeting or exceeding performance targets in 13 of 15 "vital sign" areas, according to Bellevue's 2010 Annual Performance Report.

With 151 objective measures, the Performance Report tracks how well the city performs and what citizens think about the city. The city also issues an annual Performance Measures Survey, which focuses on resident views of city services.

The Performance Report features Bellevue's Vital Signs – a key set of performance metrics that give a reader a sense of the city's health. The vital signs focus on how well we perform operationally. For example, are we meeting our emergency response time targets? Is our drinking water clean?

Vital Signs also measure community opinion. Do citizens think they are getting value for their tax dollars? Are they satisfied with parks and utilities?

The city performed well in 2010, both operationally and in the eyes of residents, meeting or exceeding targets on 13 of 16 Vital Signs, and coming close on the others.

Bellevue's cardiac arrest survival rate, resident satisfaction with street sweeping and reductions in unplanned water service interruptions showed significant gains.

Residents' overall satisfaction with Bellevue includes low crime rates, and the number of convenient amenities such as shopping centers and restaurants. Residents reported that Bellevue employees were responsive, knowledgeable, courteous and accurate in the information they provide. Residents remain concerned about traffic congestion and public transportation.

For more information about our Bellevue's performance, please write rcsiegel@bellevuewa.gov or go to our website to view the Annual Performance Report at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/citizen_outreach_performance.htm.



Bellevue Vital Signs	2008	2009	2010	Target	Target Met or Exceeded
Outcome: Responsive Government					
Percent of Residents rating the City as a good or excellent place to live	95%	97%	95%	95%	✓
Moody's Investors Service Bond Rating	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	✓
Percent of residents saying they are getting their money's worth when thinking about City of Bellevue services and facilities	85%	86%	85%	89%	-
Outcome: Safe Community					
Patrol response times to critical emergencies from dispatch to arrival (minutes, seconds)	4:30	3:37	3:30	3:35	✓
Percent of fires confined to room of origin	90%	88%	88%	85%	✓
Cardiac arrest survival rate (Annual/5-yr Avg)	45%/53%	53%/55%	69%/57%	45%/45%	✓
Number of violent & property crimes per 1,000 population	37	34	33	34	✓
Outcome: Innovative, Vibrant & Caring Community					
Residents' overall satisfaction with Parks & Recreation in Bellevue	89%	92%	93%	85%	✓
Outcome: Quality Neighborhoods					
Residents who say their neighborhood is a good to excellent place to live	91%	89%	93%	94%	✓
Outcome: Improved Mobility					
Percent of residential lane miles in "satisfactory" or better condition using the City's pavement evaluations system	98%	96%	97%	85%	✓
Residents satisfied with street sweeping in their neighborhood	*	73%	86%	*	-
Percent of Mobility Management Areas achieving concurrency	100%	100%	100%	100%	✓
Outcome: Healthy and Sustainable Environment					
Unplanned water service interruptions per 1,000 service connections	1.8	2.6	1.4	<=3	✓
Number of Violations of state and federal drinking water standards	0	0	0	0	✓
Outcome: Economic Growth & Competitiveness					
Percent of residents fairly satisfied to very satisfied with the job City is doing in planning for the future (previous)	71%	75%	*	*	*
Percent of residents who agree to strongly agree that Bellevue is doing a good job in planning for growth in ways that will add value to residents' quality of life (revised)	*	*	82%	65%	✓
Residents saying Bellevue is headed in the right direction	80%	87%	84%	80%	✓

*Data not available or target not set

With proper planning, great things are possible

By Steve Kasner, East Bellevue Community Council Chair

With persistent community prodding and proper planning, great things can happen.

A flurry of positive developments for East Bellevue – including construction of a new Lake Hills Library, revival of the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center and a makeover of 145th Place Southeast – can be traced in part to the East Bellevue Community Council's advocacy.

Some people have asked me why all of this activity is happening in our area now. These projects are actually the culmination of more than a decade of hard work, including urging from the EBCC over the years.

Major projects take years to plan, design and build. As I have stated before, input from us gets the ball rolling. Please continue to provide us feedback on anything that is important to you.

Lake Hills Shopping Center Developments

The (new) Lake Hills Library has been open for over a year, and is always jam-packed with a very diverse group of our neighbors working on so many things. Due to our feedback, the temporary Sunday hours became permanent.

Over the next few years the Lake Hills Shopping Center will continue with its phased development to add more shopping and eventually living quarters around the perimeter of the property. I believe it will be a great community resource when it is finished.

The old Lake Hills Library space has been sold to the Bellevue Boys and Girls club, which will expand its excellent programming on this side of the city.

Staff from the BBGC came to the EBCC to highlight some of their innovative ideas, which include a unique partnership with the Samena club to provide more child care. In these tight money times, partnerships are crucial to stretching limited funds as far as they will go.

145th Place Southeast Makeover

In 2007 the city made major improvements to 145th Place Southeast between Southeast Eighth and Southeast 16th streets, adding bike lanes, sidewalks, a median and landscaping. This summer the city began extending the improvements to 145th Place southward, adding bike lanes, sidewalks, a center turn lane and medians between Southeast 16th and Southeast 24th streets.

Southeast 22nd Street is also being improved between 145th Place Southeast and 156th Avenue Southeast.

About a third of the way done, the project is targeted for completion next spring. If you have any questions about it, contact Marina Arakelyan, Senior Project Manager, 452-4632 or marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov.

Kelsey Creek Shopping Center Revival

There is lots of construction activity at the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center, with a new health club set to open in the former Kmart building by the end of the year. A grocery store should be open in the first quarter of next year.

City planner Mike Upston and/or the project owners Nat or Brian Franklin provide regular updates on the project's progress.

Mitigation funds paid to the city for this project have been used to enhance approximately seven acres of wetland along Kelsey Creek in Lake Hills Greenbelt Park. Invasive vegetation is being replaced by native plantings and habitat structures to help increase habitat diversity, protect water quality and create a healthier, more productive ecosystem.

Completion of the mitigation project is expected later this fall. For additional information contact Parks staff members Geoff Bradley, Environmental Programs Supervisor, 452-2740, or Dan DeWald, Natural Resource Manager, 452-6048.

EBCC Participation

In other EBCC news, we have updated our bylaws to include a section on electronic participation.

If you have suggestions to make our community a better place, drop into a meeting or send us a note so we can consider your input. Or even better, go vote for the people you believe can best represent you in the years to come.

The EBCC meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Lake Hill Clubhouse across from the Samena Club. You can sign up at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ebcc_agendas_2011.htm to receive alerts whenever agendas are posted.

Thanks for reading and have a great day.

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

To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.



Congratulations, new Americans!

Fifty local immigrants became U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony at City Hall in September, the first time such an event has been held in Bellevue.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Seattle field office presented the ceremony in partnership with the City of Bellevue and the nonprofit Bellevue Downtown Association.

Today, 30 percent of Bellevue's 122,363 residents were born outside of the United States. Deputy Mayor Conrad Lee, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in China, offered congratulatory remarks.

The ceremony was taped by Bellevue TV and can be viewed online in its entirety at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue_tv.htm (keyword: "naturalization").



On the road to downtown transportation improvements

With light rail, rapid buses and a new State Route 520 bridge to change the way people get around and through downtown Bellevue, the city wants to identify complementary improvements in city transportation facilities.

Transportation projects for downtown were tabbed in the city's Downtown Subarea Plan, but it was adopted in 2004, before East Link or RapidRide buses were envisioned. City planners are now updating the Downtown Transportation Plan to address the changing transportation landscape.

Residents and others interested in downtown mobility can offer input about transportation issues they want addressed at an open house and "scoping" meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Targeted for completion in March 2013, the new plan could set the stage for projects as big as new highway overpasses and streets or as small as lane modifications and tweaks in traffic signal timing. The Northeast 10th Street overpass and an added lane on Northeast Eighth Street between 106th and 108th avenues are examples of completed projects identified the Downtown Subarea Plan first.

In addition to addressing emerging mobility issues and challenges, the plan will support expected downtown commercial and residential growth through 2030 (the subarea plan only extended to 2020).

In the fall of 2010 the City Council approved funding for the plan update in the 2011-12 budget.

Many people, including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, are interested in mobility issues in downtown Bellevue. During the course of the 18-month planning process, there will be several opportunities and formats for the public to become involved, including traditional public meetings, an interactive website, bicycle tours and guided pedestrian audits.

The Transportation Commission will be an integral component of the public process - both by providing guidance and recommendations, and by listening to the ideas and concerns from the community.

Additional information is available online at www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm, or you can contact Kevin McDonald, project manager, at 425-452-4558 or kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov.

Get ready: La Niña on the way

Fall and winter mean rain and snow around here, and there are steps you can take to prepare for possible flooding or snowy streets.

People living in floodplains must get flood insurance, and it's a good idea for other residents too.

When snow or sleet make commuting difficult, the city informs residents about road closures. With a La Niña weather pattern expected to return, delivering colder than normal temperatures and more snow this winter, commuters can keep informed about what streets to take by going to www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm.

Pages on the city website address the latest driving conditions, and include a snowplow priorities map, emergency tips and phone numbers. You can also sign up for email or text alerts about updates.

Ready for flooding?

If you're not sure whether you live in a floodplain (next to a stream, lake or wetland), call Utilities at 425-452-7869 or look up your property at www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplain_map.htm.

Flood insurance is a requirement for properties located in a floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. It's available at a 25 percent discount because of Bellevue's floodplain management program.

Most homeowner policies do not cover water damage if the flooding source is external to the building (flooding river, plugged storm drain or sewer pipe break). But flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program, even for properties not in a floodplain. Check with your insurance carrier to see what your policy covers.

If you need advice about drainage problems around your home, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. The city website (www.bellevuewa.gov/flood_prevention.htm) offers tips. To avoid damage from flooding, residents are advised to:

- Install a sump pump if you've experienced water in your crawlspace. If you already own a pump, test it now.
- Clear debris from gutters and downspouts and remove leaves from clogged storm drain grates near your home.
- Remove sediment, debris and rocks from private driveway or road culverts and drainage swales. Check the yellow pages or the Internet for vendors who clean drainage systems.
- Preserve natural drainage systems by not filling in or blocking the flows in streams, wetlands or ditches. Trash, wood, large rocks and other debris can block stream flow.
- Leave natural vegetation on steep slopes and along streams and lakes. Plants slow stormwater runoff and help stabilize the earth so it won't wash away.



All development projects near streams and wetlands must meet setback requirements. For information on development projects near streams or in floodplain areas, call the city's Permit Center at 452-6864. Report non-permitted activities within a floodplain to the city's Code Compliance Office at 452-4570.

Do not put storm debris in the street where it can cause accidents and do not attempt to drive through standing water, and stay away from fallen power lines and electrical wires.

Ready for snow?

Before driving in snow or ice, it's a good idea to check conditions and snow routes and prepare your vehicle. Have warm clothes, water, a cell phone and other items in your car in case you get stuck.

Give snowplows plenty of room to work and watch out for black ice on bridges, ramps and shady areas. Also, if a street is flooded due to snowmelt or rainfall, don't attempt to drive through standing water.

Citywide and neighborhood priority routes are cleared first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, transit, school buses and commuter traffic. After that, secondary streets are cleared. If snow continues, plows may need to continue working on priority routes. View Bellevue's snow response priorities map at www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/snow_response_priorities_map.pdf.

To check the condition of city streets in real time, see the city's network cameras at www.trafficmap.cityofbellevue.net.

If you must leave your vehicle, please make every attempt to move it off the roadway. If you must park on the road, parallel park as close to the curb as possible. Abandoned vehicles in the road may be towed so the road can be cleared. Leave your phone number visible on the dashboard and try to return to your vehicle as soon as practical.

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, contact the project manager.

Bridle Trails

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Bridle Trails Park(s): Developing two parks in the Bridle Trails neighborhood with funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. Worked with residents to identify preferred park locations. \$2.5 million	Property negotiation	Master planning Sprint 2012	Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
Bellevue Golf Course Improvements: Replacing existing poles and netting on the driving range and installing new lights. \$210,000	Pre-design analysis	Spring 2012	Randy Leifer, 425-452-2850 Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Program: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing interchanges and highway between I-5 and Medina, from four to six lanes, with new transit/HOV lanes in each direction. CLOSURES: Bridge, highway, and all ramps between Montlake Boulevard and I-405 are scheduled to be closed Oct. 15-17 and Nov. 5-7. \$4.5 billion	Construction	Bridge Construction in 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8 mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the SR 202 interchange, improving access and adding a pedestrian and bicycle path. This month excavation will begin at Bellevue Way N.E. for construction of footings and walls for the west half of the new interchange. Utility relocation continues along the westbound 108th Avenue NE entrance ramp. \$306 million	Construction	Complete 2013	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/

Crossroads

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park, to accommodate up to 150 seats. In cooperation with the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, who are actively fundraising for this project. \$8 million	Waiting for permits	TBD	Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov
Valley Creek at NE 20th Street and Kelsey Creek at 140th Avenue NE Fish Passage Improvement: There is insufficient water depth for fish and this project will modify the culverts to increase water depth. \$200,000	Design	Construction Summer 2012	Vanaja Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Valley Creek - NE 21st Street Flood Control Project: Evaluating different alternatives to control flooding in this area. A concept will be determined.	Pre-design Analysis	Construction Summer 2013	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Horizon View #3 Water Pump Station Rehabilitation: Upgrading the existing electrical and telemetry systems, installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. \$1.2 million	Planning/Design	Complete Fall 2014	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area, Phase 2: Constructing a picnic area with two picnic shelters, restroom, pathways, and parking lot with funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$1.8 million	Construction	Complete end of 2011	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Reservoir Water Pump Station Rehabilitation: Upgrading the existing electrical and telemetry systems, installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. \$1.2 million	Waiting for Permit(s)	Complete Fall 2014	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Regional Detention Pond: Improving the storm drainage runoff water quality before it's released into Lewis Creek. \$500,000	Design	Complete Fall 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Vasa Creek Storm Damage Repairs: Repairing and restoring the stream area east of 152nd Place SE, between SE 45th Street and SE 46th Way. \$175,000	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Factoria

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Bannerwood Sports Field Lighting Replacement: New energy-efficient sports field lighting with new parking lot and security lighting. \$360,000	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Bret Wilson, 425-452-2932 Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov
Factoria Multi-Use Path Connection: Installing a 10'-wide pedestrian/bicycle path between 124th Avenue SE and the eastbound I-90 off-ramp. \$1.4 million	Fall construction	Complete Fall 2011	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
130th Avenue SE Sidewalk: Installing a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of 130th Avenue SE, between SE 45th Place and SE 47th Street. \$150,000	Design	Complete Winter	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Hills

	Status	Timeline	Contact
SE 56th Street Sidewalk & Landscaping Improvements: Installing six-foot-wide sidewalk with planter strip east of 119th Avenue SE. Landscaping improvements will be done by the Parks & Community Services Department. \$120,000	Design	Complete Winter 2012	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov Melissa Brown, 425-452-4100 Mbrown@bellevuewa.gov
SE 56th Street Sidewalk: Installing a six-foot sidewalk, curb and gutter, with planter on the north side of SE 56th Street. It will begin east of 119th Avenue SE and continue to 123rd Avenue SE. \$160,000	Design	Complete Winter 2012	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov
119th Avenue SE Urban Boulevards Enhancements: Adding gateway signage, landscaping features and public art at several locations. \$180,000	Planning and design	Complete 2012	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov
Coal Creek Culvert Replacement: Replacing a 30-year old pipe culvert with a box-culvert or bridge that will have more room for increased flow, debris and fish and wildlife passage. \$6.5 million	Design	Construction Spring 2012	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Bellevue Way NE Urban Boulevards Upgrades: Enhancing the streetscape, retaining the natural vegetation, making minor rockery repairs and upgrading the irrigation system. \$180,000	Ready for construction	Complete in 2012	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov
I-405/SR 520 WSDOT Braids: Building multi-level "braided" ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting northbound I-405 between NE 8th Street and SR 520. A new bypass lane for I-405 traffic headed eastbound to SR 520. A new ramp from the NE 10th Street overpass will give drivers direct access to SR 520 from downtown Bellevue. \$107.5 million	Construction	Open Summer 2012	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE8thtoSR520/



Northup Way Corridor Improvements: Adding a bike facility and sidewalk improvements along Northup Way between NE 24th Street and 108th Avenue NE, which will serve as an interim regional SR 520 trail. At 108th Avenue NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built as part of the 520 project, with WSDOT as lead agency. \$800,000	Preliminary design.	Preliminary design complete Fall 2011	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Way & NE 24th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade: Replacing the existing span wire signal, updating the curb ramps and overlaying the intersection. \$400,000	Design	Construction in 2012	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Yarrow Creek Tributary Stream Restoration: Restoring the property, creating a surface stream channel, and adding support to a sewer line. \$200,000	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

Sammamish/East Lake Hills

	Status	Timeline	Contact
West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Phase I: I-90 to SE 34th Street: Designing Segment 1 (of 5) to include an improved multi-use trail, retaining walls, landscaping, and improved roadway drainage. \$8.3 million	Design	60% Design this Summer	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_pkwy.htm
Bellevue Airfield Park: Construct sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and stormwater improvements over an existing landfill with funding from the Parks and Natural Area Levy. \$10 million	Planning & Design	TBD	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Coal Creek Stairs: Constructing stairs and trail structures to Coal Creek natural area. \$150,000	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Geoff Bradley, 425-452-2740 Gbradley@bellevuewa.gov
Coal Creek Parkway – SE 48th Place Outfall Repair: Repairing the drainage culvert to help prevent erosion at the stream. \$180,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 Bjensen@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

	Status	Timeline	Contact
102nd Avenue NE Mid-block Crosswalk, north of NE 8th Street: Enhancing mid-block crosswalk island. \$500,000	Ready for construction	Complete Summer 2011	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
108th Avenue SE: Bellevue Way to I-90 Walkway/Bikeway Project: Improving pedestrian and bicycle access. \$3 million	Construction	Complete 2012	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/108th-se-pedbike.htm
Downtown Transportation Plan: Evaluating transportation alternatives including potential new roadway capacity, non-motorized and transit facility improvements, to ensure mobility through 2030. \$175,000	Planning	Complete Plan Update end of 2012	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov
I-90 Two-Way Transit/High Occupancy Vehicle Project, Stage 2: Adding HOV lanes to the I-90 outer roadway between Seattle and Bellevue. Improving eastbound I-90 from Mercer Island and HOV access at Bellevue Way, in partnership with Sound Transit and WSDOT. \$187 million	Construction is more than 50% complete.	Complete Fall 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/I-90_hov_intro.htm
East Link Light Rail: Working with Sound Transit to advance the planning, analysis and design of alignment through Bellevue. Sound Transit selected an alignment Summer 2011. Negotiating route refinements and cost-sharing agreements. \$2.3 billion	Environmental review and preliminary engineering complete.	Final design begins In 2012	Bernard van de Kamp, 425-452-6459 Bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm
Central Business District Sanitary Sewer Improvements: Repairing sewer defects at various areas in downtown Bellevue. \$600,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Emerald Ridge Wastewater Pump Station Replacement: Replacing an almost 30-year old pump with a new pump station. \$1 million	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Exposed Sanitary Sewer Lakelines: Obtaining pipe samples for a condition assessment study and placing washed rock on top of exposed sewer lakelines to protect them from damage by wave action and boat propellers. \$250,000	Planning/design	Construction complete Spring 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

West Lake Hills

	Status	Timeline	Contact
145th Place SE and SE 22nd Street Improvements, Phase II: Adding bike lanes and sidewalk/path on both sides, a center-turn lane, left-turn pockets, medians, landscape planters, storm water and street lighting improvements between SE 16th and SE 24th streets. On SE 22nd Street, adding a sidewalk with curb and gutter on the north side, west of 156th Avenue SE and raised crosswalks. \$3.6 million	Construction	Complete 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/145_improvements.htm
Eastgate I-90 Land Use & Transportation Project: Evaluating land use and transportation alternatives for this regional employment corridor to help ensure the area continues to attract and retain employers, provides a mix of services, and contributes to Bellevue's economic health. A Citizen Advisory Committee has been meeting since late 2010. \$295,000	Under study	Complete Winter 2012	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm

Wilburton

	Status	Timeline	Contact
Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) Ravine Bridge: Constructing a 150' long pedestrian suspension bridge with trail connections. Project is in cooperation with the BBG Society, who is actively fundraising. Partial funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$1 million	Construction	Complete Winter 2012	Scott Vanderhyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Botanical Garden - Visitor Center Expansion: Constructing a new 8,500 square foot visitor center that will include an outdoor covered orientation space, gift shop, meeting space, offices and restrooms. Multipurpose classrooms and meeting spaces. Project is in cooperation with BBG Society who is actively fundraising. Partial funding from the 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$9 million	Design	TBD	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov

130th Avenue NE Station Planning: Planning redevelopment including stream restoration, new parks and transportation facilities, in the area of NE 15th Street, where a new light rail station is expected. \$100,000	Evaluating station area	Final Station Area Plan by early 2012.	Paul Inghram, 425-452-4070 Pingram@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm
NE 4th Street Extension: 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE: Extending NE 4th Street with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. Includes landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Avenue NE. Project will be in two phases. \$38.4 million	Design	Phase 1 Construction Wtr. 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-fourth-street-extension.htm
NE 5th Street Neighborhood Traffic Assessment: A traffic analysis will be performed on NE 5th Street between 120th Avenue NE and 124th Avenue NE to evaluate the effects the proposed Wilburton Connections projects will have on the neighborhood. \$TBD	Pre-design analysis	Construction 2012	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/NE-5th-traffic.htm
NE 6th Street Extension: I-405 to 120th Avenue NE: Extending NE 6th as an HOV only facility, from the I-405 interchange to the east over 116th Avenue NE and ending at 120th Avenue NE, with two lanes in each direction. \$1 million (Pre-design only)	Preliminary design	NA	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
120th Avenue NE Improvements: 300 Block to 700 Block, Stage 1: Widening to five lanes with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, where missing. Adding a traffic signal at NE 6th Street. \$7 million	Design	Construction Spring 2012	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening.htm
120th Avenue NE Improvements: NE 8th Street to Northup Way, Stage 2 & 3: Realigning the 120th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street intersection and widening 120th Avenue NE up to five lanes. Includes intersection improvements at NE 8th Street, Old Bel-Red Road, NE 12th Street, Northup Way. Also includes bike lanes, sidewalks on both sides, landscaping, storm drainage, and street lighting stage 2. \$21.5 million	Design	Construction Spring 2013	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening-phase-2.htm
NE 15th Multi-Modal Corridor: 116th Avenue NE: NE 12th Street to 124th Avenue NE, Segment 1: Designing two lanes in each direction, left-turn lanes at designated intersections, sidewalk on both sides, bicycle facilities, street lighting, and storm drainage and detention. \$5.4 million (Design only)	Conceptual design	60% engineering Spring 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/NE-15th-Street-construction.htm
124th Avenue NE: Proposed NE 15th/NE 16th Street Extension to Northup Way: Widening 124th Avenue NE between the planned NE 15th/NE 16th Street and Northup Way to five lanes. \$1.8 million (Design only)	Design	60% design by Summer 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
Lake Hills Connector and SE 8th Street Gateway and Signal Improvements: Adding gateway enhancements by removing the deteriorating asphalt traffic islands and installing new irrigated planter islands. Relocating signal poles, rebuilding island curbs, replacing old signal wiring, poles, and lighting, and installing new asphalt pavement throughout the intersection. Installing new SCATS traffic adaptive signal system and new flashing yellow left-turn arrows to reduce vehicle delay. \$425,000	Design	Construction in Sept.	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov Kam Szabo, 425-452-4346 Kszabo@bellevuewa.gov
Kelsey Creek 121st Avenue SE Culvert Fish Passage and Stream Channel Improvements: Improving the Kelsey Creek stream channel in two locations. The SE 8th Street Reach project, west of the 121st Street culvert, will improve the stream bed and channel. The Farm Reach project, on the east side of Kelsey Creek Farm Reach project, will remove invasive weeds along the stream bank and improve the stream channel. \$1.7 million	Construction	Construction complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Kelsey Creek Stream Channel Improvements at Glendale Country Club: Modifying Kelsey Creek to make them fish passable. \$900,000	Planning/design	Construction Summer 2014	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Woodridge

	Status	Timeline	Contact
East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications to address stream channel degradation. \$420,000	Waiting for permit(s)	Complete Fall 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control & Habitat Improvement Project: Habitat improvements will be constructed in and along the stream channels to provide healthier environments for aquatic organisms and help reduce flooding of developed properties on SE 27th Place and SE 30th Street during significant rainfall events. \$620,000	Waiting for permit(s)	Construction Summer 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

Various Locations

	Status	Timeline	Contact
AC Water Main Replacement 2011, Phase 1 & 2: Replacing aging pressure reducing valves to improve water pressure in many neighborhoods. \$1.7 million for Phase 1; \$1.5 million for Phase 2	Construction	Complete Winter 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2011: Upgrading control valve vault and a commercial water vault at two locations to meet current standards. \$280,000	Design	Complete Spring 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2011, Phase 2: Replacing pressure reducing valves to regulate water pressure throughout three neighborhoods. \$470,000	Design	Construction Complete Summer 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2011: Repairing sewer line defects with new PVC pipe in two neighborhoods. \$364,000	Construction	Complete Summer 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Drainage Repair 2011: Repairing storm drainage systems in several neighborhoods. \$150,000	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Drainage Trenchless Repair 2011: Repairing storm drainage pipes in several neighborhood locations. \$ Yet to be decided.	Design	Complete Winter 2012	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov



Community Calendar

Cultural Conversations

Oct. 27, 1-2:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
Nov 8, 1-2:30 p.m. and
Dec. 6, 12-1:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
425-452-5372

“Frankenstein”

Oct. 28, 29 and Nov. 4, 5 at 7 p.m.
Oct. 29 & 30 and Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
An irreverent look at the timeless tale.
\$10-\$12 per ticket
425-452-7155

Downtown Transportation Plan Open House

Nov. 1, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Concourse
450 110th Ave. NE
Explore strategy to accommodate Bellevue’s future transportation demands. 425-452-4638

Veterans Day Dance

Nov. 5, 7-11 p.m. and
Nov. 8, 2-4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Sound of Swing performs.
Ages 18+; \$3; No preregistration required. 425-452-7681

South Bellevue Police Community Meeting

Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Newport High School Commons
4333 Factoria Blvd. SE
Bellevue Police discuss issues for neighborhoods near Newport High.
425-452-2880

“Frog Prince”

Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19, 7 p.m.;
Nov. 13, 19, 20, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
An unlikely romance between an enchanted frog and a princess.
\$10-\$12 per ticket, 425-452-7155

Living with Wildlife Walk

Nov. 12, 10 - 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Ranger Station
15416 SE 16th St.
Walk trails to learn about local wildlife. All ages. Free. No preregistration required.
425-452-7225

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Turkey with the trimmings and entertainment.
Preregistration required by Nov. 10. Cosponsored by Catholic Community Services.
\$3-\$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St.
Cosponsored by Aldersgate Methodist Church
(Family Crafts: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6 p.m.) Free for Bellevue families in need. No preregistration required.
All ages welcome. 425-452-4874

Kids Care Coat Drive Giveaway

Nov 21 and 22, 4-7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St.
Bellevue families in need can shop for a free coat for each family member while supplies last. Please bring photo ID. (Donations accepted through Nov. 21 at Bellevue community centers and some schools.) 425-452-4874

Turkey Day Indoor Cycling Rides

Nov. 24, 7, 8:15 or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
One-hour cycling class to benefit Eastside Domestic Violence with suggested donations. Receive list of requested donation items when you call to reserve your spot. Advance reservation required. Ages 13+
425-452-4240



Park Ranger Carolyn Pizzalato shows a salamander during a wildlife walk.

Fit for the Feast Masters swim workout,

Nov. 24, 9 - 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE.
Ages 19 and up. Cost is \$10, includes T-shirt. 425-452-4444

Youth Appreciation & Safety Day

Nov. 25, noon to 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE
Water safety promotion and free swimming. Free for children 12 and under; \$6 for ages 13+.
425-452-4444

“A Christmas Carol”

Nov. 25 and 26, 7 p.m.
Nov. 26 and 27, 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre
11100 NE Sixth St.
All ages. \$10-\$12 per ticket.
425-452-7155

Hilltop Holiday Craft Show

Nov 29 - Dec. 3
Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.;
Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Thousands of quality crafts from more than 80 Northwest’s artists. Free. 425-452-4106 or hilltop. Crafts@frontier.com

“How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus”

Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10, 7 p.m.
Dec. 4, 10 and 11, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. \$10-\$12 per ticket. 425-452-7155

Seattle Civic Christmas Ship Celebrations

Dec. 2, Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd. SE, 8:50 p.m.
Dec. 20, Meydenbauer Beach Park 419 98th Ave. NE, 7:45 p.m.
Welcome the ship from onshore and enjoy a beach fire. Free. 425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Holiday Christmas Cruise

Dec. 4, 1 - 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club
9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
For teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Club members volunteer time and boats. Sponsored by Seafair. Ages 16+. Free. Preregistration is required by Nov. 15. 425-452-7686

Tractor-Pulled Hayrides with Santa

Dec. 7, 1 - 3 p.m., and
Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park
410 130th Pl. SE
All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by adult. Preregistration is recommended. Cost \$5-6. 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

Youth Holiday Party

Dec. 13, 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St.
Bellevue infants, youth and teens in need can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy entertainment and refreshments and receive a gift. Free for Bellevue families in need. No preregistration required.
425-452-4874

Celebrate Snow Dance

Dec. 13, 2 - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Sounds of Swing performs.
\$3 per person at the door.
425-452-7681

Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Holiday meal, with seasonal music. Preregister by Dec. 9. \$3 to \$6 suggested donation per participant. Ages 3+.
425-452-7681

Holiday Ball

Dec. 17, 7 - 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave NE.
Dance lesson 7:30 - 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to big band and holiday favorites.
\$15 per participant, ages 18-100+ . Preregistration is not required.
425-452-7681

Bellevue Magic Season Events

Garden d’Lights

Nov. 26-Dec. 31, 5-10 p.m. nightly (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
\$5 per ticket, children ages 10 and under free.
Advance tickets required, available online beginning Oct. 15 at www.gardendlights.org
Recorded information line: 425-452-6844

Bellevue Magic Season: Group Health Ice Arena

Nov. 25-Jan. 8; open daily, hours vary.
Bellevue Downtown Park,
NE First St. and 102nd Ave. N.E.
Partial open-air rink and a heated tent for spectators. \$10 admission includes skate rentals. \$7 admission if with skates. 425-453-3110 or www.magicseason.com

Snowflake Lane

Nov. 26 - Dec. 24 and
Dec. 26 - 31, nightly at 7 p.m.
Bellevue Way and NE Eighth St.
Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and winter characters, music, and a dazzling light show brighten the night. 425-454-8096 or www.magicseason.com

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City of Bellevue website: www.bellevuewa.gov

City Council Office: 452-7810

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays each month: study session 6-8 p.m., regular session 8-10 p.m.
2nd and 4th Mondays each month: extended study session 6-10 p.m.

Community Council Meetings

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas

Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.

Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

City Offices (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 452-6464

City Manager: 452-7228

Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874

Highland: 452-7686

North Bellevue: 452-7681

South Bellevue: 452-4240

Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services Center: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

Inspection requests, application and inspection status, pay fees: 452-6875

Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 452-4570

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911

Business and Information: 452-6892

Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or www.bellevuewa.gov

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-6123

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 452-4200

Parks Information: 452-6881

Recreation Registration: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6887

Ballfields: 452-6914

Picnics/Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

Emergency Only: 911

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-2979; Residential 452-6915

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-7658

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-2977

Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973

Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance and Emergency: 452-7840

Volunteering: 452-5375

Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

Allied Waste/Rabanco: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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Business storm drains marked to prevent pollution



The city is marking several thousand storm drains at Bellevue businesses this fall and next spring with the message, "Don't Pollute, Drains to Stream."

The goal is to raise awareness among business employees and the general public that whatever goes into a storm drain flows into nearby streams,

lakes and wetlands without going to a sewage treatment facility.

With Chinook, coho and sockeye salmon returning to Bellevue streams to spawn, it's important that local waterways be clean enough for salmon eggs and salmon fry to survive. Paint, antifreeze, oil, soapy water and other pollutants that flow into storm drains can end up in our streams and lakes, impacting the water for people, fish and other wildlife.

The city is targeting five of the 26 local watersheds for the first phase of the project, and 65 percent of business property owners contacted so far have given the required written permission.

Funding for the project is provided by a grant from the King Conservation District, and there is no cost for businesses to participate.

If you know a business property owner who needs their storm drains marked, please ask them to contact utilities@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6932. "Business properties" include churches, schools, apartments and condominiums.

520 closure Nov. 5-7

Both directions of the SR 520 floating bridge and highway and all ramps between I-405 in Bellevue and Montlake Boulevard in Seattle will be closed over the Nov. 5-7 weekend, as construction on 520 continues.

Mainline and ramp closures will begin Saturday, Nov. 5, after the Husky football game, and reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7. In Bellevue, the 108th Avenue Northeast on-ramp to eastbound 520 will remain open.

Drivers are advised to delay discretionary trips, especially during high-traffic periods in the late morning through the early evening, and to expect heavy congestion on alternate routes such as I-405, I-5 and I-90.

Drivers should expect increased congestion on local streets, especially on 108th Avenue Northeast, 112th Avenue Northeast, Northrup Way and Bellevue Way Northeast.

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