City of Bellevue

MANAGEMENT BRIEF

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TO: Mayor Lee and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: President's Volunteer Service Awards

The City of Bellevue has a long history of volunteer service. In 2012, 6,355 people volunteered in 56 distinct programs for 12 City departments. These volunteers served a total of 144,091 hours with an estimated value of $3,352,577. In light of their excellent and ongoing service, the City is recognizing 102 individuals with the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service.

This year, we are honoring volunteers from nine City programs from the departments of Planning & Community Development, Fire, Finance and Parks & Community Services. The programs include Economic Development (Tom Boydell nominator), Neighborhood Mediation (Cheryl Cohen nominator), Fire Department (Troy Donlin and Nuri Thobani nominators), the Tax Division (Richard D'Hondt nominator), Bellevue Youth Link (Patrick Alina nominator), Highland Community Center (Kim Indurkar nominator), Kelsey Creek Farm (Pam Myers nominator), Natural Resources (Alex DySard nominator), and Bellevue Botanical Garden (Lisa Scott nominator). Of the 102 honorees, 70 come from the Botanical Garden.

President's Call to Service Award
The President's Call to Service Award is the highest level of recognition. To qualify, a volunteer must have served over 4,000 hours over his or her lifetime. This year there are three awardees, all of whom will be recognized before Council.

- Shirley Johnson has worked as a volunteer at the Highland Community Center for 20 years and has served 4,400 hours. She was nominated by Kim Indurkar.

- Steve Walker has served over 12,000 hours for the Natural Resources Division in the past 24 years. He was nominated by Alex DySard.

- Dallas Graham has served 4,802 hours at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, including the popular Garden D 'Lights program. Dallas and his wife Sharon were recognized as the City's Volunteers of the Year in 2010. Dallas was nominated by Lisa Scott.

Gold Awards
With the exception of the President's Call to Service Award, the Gold award is the highest level of recognition. Last year five volunteers earned the Gold Award. This year there are fourteen, including six teens (ages 14-17):

- Hailey Swearingen (teen) worked 148 hours for the Fire Department *Public Information Office*.

Gold award honorees from the Parks & Community Services Department include:

- Steve Walker (500 hours) from *Natural Resources*.
- Steve Lauver (teen, 250 hours) from *Highland Community Center*.
- Jessica Petrochuk (teen, 173.5 hours); Jamie Krueger (teen, 134 hours), Zubayr Harrison (teen, 132 hours) and Cody Angle (teen, 120 hours) from *Kelsey Creek Farm*.
- Ruth Edwards (1047 hours), Dallas Graham (1008 hours), Udell Fresk (994 hours), Sharon Graham (952 hours), Terry (Catherine) Hayes (857.65 hours), Joanne White (588.5 hours) and Nancy Daar (550 hours) from *Botanical Garden*.

Silver Awards

The ten Honorees receiving the Silver Award include Polly Kang and Leno Miao from *Economic Development* (Planning & Community Development Department) and Parks and Community Services Volunteers Kaur Bhutani from *Natural Resources*; Remy Durbin (teen) and Kacie Rumens (teen) from *Kelsey Creek Farm*; and Diane Buck, Jackie Foushee, Carol Todd, Roy Kaesemeyer and Janet Wyman from the *Bellevue Botanical Garden*.

Bronze Awards

Seventy-five volunteers earned the Bronze Award in 2012. They include Mike Ryan from the Fire Department; Maria Wong from *the Tax Division* of Finance Department; Natalie Daniels, Peter Sugarman, Mark Combs from the *Neighborhood Mediation Program* and Fiona Sun from the *Economic Development* divisions of the Planning and Community Development Department.

The Parks and Community Services Department had the following volunteers: Hugh Jennings, Christopher Mitchell, Emi Lutz (teen), Irv Weisser, Hon Cheung Fung and Burt Hovander from *Natural Resources*; Michelle Salomon (teen), Brooke Behrbaum (teen), Maya Kaneko (teen), Madelyn Jacklin (teen), Ben Koch (teen) and Olivia Gil (teen) from *Kelsey Creek Farm* and Max Navas (teen) *Bellevue Youth Link*.

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The 52 awardees from the *Botanical Garden* (also Parks and Community Services Department) include: Patricia Rytkonen, Lena Wegner, Jody Yoder, Leila Martin, Michael Welter, Nancy Welter, Carole Woodard, Candice McIvor, David Roubinet, Bill Willard, Anne Chin, Jean Nibbe, Pat Kendall, Kathleen Searcy, Sylvia Cameron, Carol Scheuffele, Kathleen Petty, Carolyn Jackson, Carole Petrich, Donna Addison, Katy Woods, Tom Furin, Judy Sanderson, Cathy Gibbins, Carolyn Ward, Monica Privat, Paulette McClinton, Gary Davidson, Corenne McBeth, Carole Ann Milton, Lillian Reinys, Diane Mehringer, Pam Silcox, Helen Lu, Elizabeth (Betsy) Visco, Shelly Wageman, Diane Woodward, Landon Wagoner, Joyce Kormanyos, Thomas Vargo, Nancy Thomson, Jane Boyajian, Diana Davidson, Dianne Thompson, Tony Chin, Ellen Barker, Teresa Thorpe, Molly van der Burch, Myrna Walker, Elaine White, Norm Hansen, Gretchen Stengel, Judy Mock, Michele Cournoyer, Linda Gray and Denise Lane.

The Gold, Silver and Bronze Award recipients will be honored at a private reception on February 22nd.