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**Council Corner**

__‘It’s been a great ride’__

_by Don Davidson_

Bellevue is a very different city than it was 30 years ago, the first time I was elected to the City Council, and I’ve had a driver’s-eye view to watch the transition and help guide the changes.

Our city has transformed from being primarily a bedroom community of about 73,000 in 1983 to a diverse, urban hub with more than 132,100 residents today. It’s also a regional employment center: the number of people who work in Bellevue on a weekday is about 140,000.

During my time of public service, I’ve been elected to the council six times, appointed twice to fill vacancies, served two terms as mayor and held office a total of 26 years. But in January I’ll step away from the council and find new ways to serve our community. It’s been a great ride.

Over the years there have been several issues I’ve been interested in and, thanks to support from the public, my fellow council members and city staff, I think we’ve made good progress on all of them.

When I started on the council, growth was a huge issue for Bellevue. People were divided into two basic camps – growth versus no-growth. To me, there was no question about whether we were going to have growth. The question was how we planned for it.

I supported the comprehensive plan process and wanted the public to be involved with it. As a former Chamber of Commerce president, I believed the business community should take part and I encouraged members to participate. I felt it was important as well for residents to be engaged to help protect neighborhood identity and prevent business districts from spreading into residential areas.

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Salmon recovery is an issue that’s dear to my heart. I grew up in Tacoma and did a lot of fishing and canoeing as a kid, so like many people, efforts eventually led to the formation of the Cascade Water Alliance.

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My wife Sue and I have lived in Bellevue for 46 years and raised three kids here. It’s been an honor to serve the public and a pleasure to work with some terrific colleagues and staff.

Bellevue is a great city with wonderful and involved residents. I look forward to the next part of our community journey.

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**Council Roundup**

**Emergency room rentals ordinance**

Residents in the Spiritwood neighborhood have been concerned about the growth of room rentals in single-family homes.

The council on Sept. 23 passed an emergency ordinance to address a growing practice of room rentals in single-family homes.

Residents in the Spiritwood neighborhood raise concerns during the summer about investors planning to rent individual rooms in single-family houses. The emergency ordinance, approved by a 6-0 vote, gives city staff additional tools to address the emerging trend.

The council will hold a required public hearing on the emergency ordinance during its Nov. 4 meeting. Council members thanked Spiritwood residents for bringing the issue to their attention.

**Garbage hauler selected**

The council on Sept. 9 selected Republic Services to continue to pick up garbage, recyclable material and organic waste, pending contract approval.

Two companies – Republic and Clearway – were competing for a seven-year contract, with an option to extend another seven years, worth up to $20 million annually. The current contract expires next June.

While the council and city staff acknowledged that both companies were capable of providing the services to Bellevue residents and businesses, it came down to Republic’s past performance and reputation for providing Bellevue customers with reliable and dependable service for more than 30 years.

Republic was a finalist in the contract process. Republic will continue to be considered as a garbage hauler.

**Partnership approved for new gym at Hidden Valley Park**

The council on Aug. 5 approved an agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue that allows the organization to lease a portion of Hidden Valley Park to build and operate a gymnasium.

BGCB intends to build a $5 million gym at the 17-acre park on the West Side of Hidden Valley Park, on 112th Avenue Northeast. The city will continue to manage open space, facilities, the park office, parking and schedule the use of Hidden Valley Park, and BGCB will construct, own and operate the gym.

The agreement allows the city to lease 18,500 square feet of the 22,000-square-foot building to BGCB for 50 years. BGCB will also be allowed to operate a recreation center in the building.

**Funding for the city’s share of the project**

The city will pay $1.5 million towards the project, and the city will equally share the cost with BGCB to complete up to $6 million in park improvements.

Funding for the city’s share of the project (up to $3 million) will come from the voter-approved 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy. Construction is expected to begin in early spring and be completed by the end of 2014.
Three council positions contested

Three City Council seats are being contested in the Nov. 5 general election. The information below is from the King County Voters Pamphlet, available on the King County Elections website (www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx).

Position 2
Lyndon Heywood – Occupation: Graphic Artist; Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Board; School Volunteer.

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Conrad Lee (incumbent) – Occupation: Boeing Engineer; Seattle Solid Waste Manager; Small Business Owner.

Position 4
Steve Kasner – Occupation: Teacher, Kelly Educational Staffing; Chair, East Bellevue Community Council.

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Kevin Wallace (incumbent) – Occupation: City Councilmember and President and COO of Wallace Properties Inc.

Position 6
Lynne Robinson – Occupation: Small business owner; Bellevue Parks Commissioner; Network on Aging Member.

Position 6
Vandana Slatter – Occupation: Senior Medical Sciences Liaison at Amgen, a leading biotechnology company.

Sound Transit past midway on East Link design

Sound Transit is more than halfway through the design of the East Link light rail line, which will include six stations in Bellevue. With the project moving toward construction, the 60-percent design milestone is one of two final opportunities for the public to influence design choices.

“Hearing from the communities that East Link will serve is essential to our planning and design process,” said Luke Lamon, a Sound Transit community outreach specialist. “We are committed to being a good neighbor throughout design, construction and beyond, as we deliver and operate a 100-year system that people find accessible, efficient and convenient.”

On Sept. 10, Sound Transit hosted an open house at Highland Community Center regarding the Bel-Red segment of the light rail line. In early 2014, Sound Transit will invite the community to reconvene and provide feedback on the downtown and South Bellevue segments of the alignment.

Residents are invited to weigh in on design elements, landscaping and other aspects of East Link during this phase of the final design process. While Sound Transit’s use of standard design features – such as station lighting, signage and bicycle storage – across the East Link light rail system maintain a unified look amongst stations at a good value, designers strive to infuse unique character in each segment that reflects the neighborhoods it serves.

The art at East Link stations will be greatly influenced by the surrounding communities. “STart,” Sound Transit’s integrated public art program, has identified a lead artist and will be hosting “meet the artist” events in the near future.

At the 60-percent design milestone, the agency is more than halfway through finalizing the civil, mechanical and structural design of East Link. The selection of finish materials and landscaping are key components of taking the design to the 90-percent level.

The 90-percent design mark will include an additional set of public meetings where Sound Transit will show residents how each station will look once built.

“We have already heard a lot of community interest in accessible station sites, sustainability and environmental stewardship, local job creation and context-sensitive station art and design choices,” Lamon said. “We’re working to build something that this community can be proud of.”

Sound Transit design teams are implementing sustainable approaches wherever possible; one example is the desire to use natural drainage planting beds at the 130th Station park-and-ride. At other East Link stations, existing structures will be disassembled and salvaged so that those materials can be reused and kept out of a landfill.

Project construction is targeted to start in 2015. Once complete, East Link will extend light rail an additional 14 miles from Seattle to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond.

If you haven’t yet shared your perspectives, East Link community outreach specialists encourage you to visit the project website or attend a future public meeting. To learn more visit www.soundtransit.org/EastLink or subscribe to project alerts and information, www.soundtransit.org/Subscribe-to-alerts.
All permits now available online

It’s finally over: the need for expensive printing of rolls of plans and lugging them to Development Services in City Hall. Electronic application is now available in Bellevue for all permit types.

Customers can submit applications, pay fees, upload plans, get them reviewed and receive approvals, all on their computers. Paperless permitting translates to less traffic on the roads, fewer customers in line and a lower cost of doing business for all.

JPC Architects in Bellevue has already submitted 10 applications online since paper permitting was expanded in July.

“It’s been quick and easy; it takes me about 15 minutes,” said Mariko Kydd, JPC’s interior designer. “I don’t have to spend the time, energy and money to print and collage several sets of plans—and go through the same process with revisions. I don’t have to take the time to carry them to City Hall and wait in line. Paperless permitting probably cuts our time and printing costs in half.”

Didn’t we already have paperless permitting?

Not for all permits. In late 2011 the city began allowing online application for three types of permits that require plan review: mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

In mid-July, the city expanded online permitting to include all 10 types of applications: building, clearing and grading, electrical, fire, mechanical, land use, plumbing, right of way, sign, and utilities. Applicants go to MyBuildingPermit.com, the application website Bellevue uses.

Currently, Bellevue is averaging about 5,600 plan review applications annually. The city anticipates that close to 65 percent of those will be submitted and processed electronically during the next 12 months.

Staff from multiple departments had started planning for beginning to-end electronic application processing, review, issuance, inspection and records storage in 2009. “Development Services, which includes multiple departments, worked with the Information Technology Department and the City Clerk’s Office to deliver what our customers and residents have been asking for,” said Lionel Forde, the business team lead.

The online permitting system received a rave review from Burnham Nationwide, which submits permit applications all over the country.

“Just wanted to let you know that your electronic submittal is the most customer-friendly process that I have ever used,” a Burnham staffer wrote in an email. “I love your program and will always look forward to permits in Bellevue.”

Multiple benefits

In addition to saving applicants time and money, paperless permitting enables them to apply on their own schedules—24 hours a day, seven days a week. And the city will no longer have to set aside space for paper plans.

Paperless permitting improves communication between the city and the customer, allowing the reviewer to place comments directly on the plans and the applicant and reviewer to clarify and resolve issues while looking at the plans together online. Also, revision requests are sent and received more quickly.

And the collaboration extends well beyond City Hall. The web portal that Bellevue uses for permitting – MyBuildingPermit.com – can be accessed by customers in 14 different jurisdictions and is the only such multi-jurisdiction permitting portal of its kind in the nation.

MyBuildingPermit.com was started in 2002 by building officials in Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland and Mercer Island who formed an organization called the eCityGov Alliance to create a consistent experience for their customers. At first, only a handful of simple permits that required no review were handled. Today, eCityGov has expanded beyond the Eastside, and the permitting services offered by MyBuildingPermit.com have increased dramatically.

The final phase of Bellevue’s paperless permitting initiative is expected to launch next year when Development Services field staff go paperless, outfitted with mobile technology that allows them to perform their jobs more efficiently and effectively.

For more information about paperless permitting contact Angie Lillie, permit processing manager, at 425-452-4124; or Lionel Forde, business team lead, at 425-452-4478. Additional information is available online at www.MyBuildingPermit.com and www.eCityGov.net.
Lane opens on improved West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Long-awaited improvements to part of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, including a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists on the west side and a paved shoulder on the east side, were completed this month.

To the relief of thousands of commuters, the southbound lane was reopened on Oct. 4, 10 months after the beginning of construction and seven months after the southbound detour was put into effect.

Back in 1996 the City of Bellevue, along with the City of Redmond and King County, identified potential improvements for the five-mile roadway with deteriorated concrete panels, no sidewalks and a lack of other pedestrian and bicycle amenities. In 2009, the City of Bellevue Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Update identified this corridor as a high priority because it is part of a recreational loop around Lake Sammamish.

The proposed construction plan for West Lake Samm breaks the arterial into five approximately mile-long segments. Phase 1, just completed, rehabilitated a 1.2 mile segment between Interstate 90 and Southeast 46th Street.

During design and construction, city staff worked closely with nearby residents, the French Immersion School of Washington, Sunset Elementary School, SAMBICA Camp and Retreat Center and Vasa Park Resort. Project priorities identified by residents of the community included addressing safety concerns for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists and maintaining the distinct character of the area.

“The West Lake Samm community was instrumental in the success of this project,” said Transportation Director David Berg. “Not only did they help shape the project’s vision during the design phase, but they coped with the disruption, the southbound detour and resulting congestion during construction.”

Construction began in January, and was completed about a month ahead of schedule. The southbound lane was closed in that southern segment was closed from March to October.

Without the southbound detour, frequently changing lane closures and confusing detours would have created even greater traffic impacts and widely varying commute times, and the project would have taken 18 months to complete.

Sidewalk and curb ramps were upgraded at Southeast 34th and 38th street and Southeast 40th Place, and new pedestrian crossings were added near Southeast 58th Street and Southeast 40th Place. Along with roadway improvements, the city installed new storm drains and water mains.

More details of this project are available on the project website (www.bellevuewa.gov/west lk_samm_prkwy.htm).

Cut down on food waste—some families can save up to $30 a week

Waste” program to help households waste less food. Bellevue is one of many cities supporting the program.

The average family could save more than $30 a week ($1,600 a year) by using a new toolkit on the Forum’s website at www.westcoastclimateforum.com/food. When we throw away food, we’re also wasting all the water, energy and other resources used to produce, package and transport it to our plates. Food is wasted when we:

• Buy more than we need
• Store it incorrectly
• Throw away leftovers
• Cook too much

This toolkit includes strategies and tools that have been linked to a 25-percent reduction in household wasted food among pilot participants. The best results come when a group or community of households use it together.

Waste less food by following these five simple steps:

1. Get Smart: See how much food (and money) you’re really throwing away.
2. Smart Shopping: Make a shopping list with meals in mind.
3. Smart Storage: Keep fruits and vegetables fresh.
5. Smart Eating: Eat what you buy.

The West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum is an EPA-convened partnership of cities, states and local governments that develops and shares way to integrate lifecycle materials management policies and practices into climate, sustainability and solid waste plans.

Prepare for ice and snow this winter

After a beautiful summer, it’s time to switch gears and prepare for the Pacific Northwest winter, which is predicted to be cold and snowy.

To be ready for the inevitable snow, ice, wind and rain (sometimes all at once!), be in the know with these winter weather tips.

Stay informed

When extreme weather is forecast or hits Bellevue, the Extreme Weather Response page (www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm) will be updated with information about road closures and current conditions. There you can sign up for alerts that will notify you via email or text once the page is updated. Also, follow @BlueTrans on Twitter for real-time conditions and check the real-time traffic map (www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap/) before you set out for your trip.

Reporting dangerous conditions

If you encounter a flooded road, do not attempt to drive through standing water. If you do encounter flooding, water main breaks or hazardous roads, report them by calling 425-452-7840. To report damaged or non-functioning traffic signals, call 425-452-6950. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Be prepared

If you must travel when inclement weather strikes, prepare your vehicle with traction tires or chains, a full tank of gas, warm clothes, water and a cell phone in your car in case you get stuck. When driving, be steady in your steering, braking and accelerating, increase your following distance, and know that bridges, overpasses and intersections can develop black ice. The safest way to travel in treacherous conditions is not to, unless absolutely necessary.

When the snow falls...

The City of Bellevue works around the clock to clear snow from streets, plowing designated citywide and neighborhood priority routes first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, as well as transit, school buses and commuter traffic. If snowfall is continuous, those arterials may require repeated plowing and sanding before crews can work to clear neighborhood streets (priority map: www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/ Transportation/SnowRoute_11x17.pdf).

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As work approaches the halfway mark in the city’s effort to update its long-range plan, suggestions on ways to improve Bellevue over the next 25 years have streamed in to a recently concluded “Best Ideas” campaign.

The ideas with the most “agree” votes bubbled to the top. Bicyclists and better managing traffic came in sixth, with 26 votes, but when all ideas focused on alternative transportation options are combined, that issue was paramount for many participants. Altogether, 20 different ideas concerning sidewalks, pathways, or bike facilities were posted, garnering a total of 150 votes. One of the most impressive came from two brothers, Victor and Oscar, age 11, who used a colorful poster to advocate for bike lanes on 108th Avenue Southeast.

Several ideas also seek to bring more into the way of theater, movies and outdoor theatrical events.

Work on Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan Update began in fall 2012 and the City Council is expected to sign off on a final version of the plan in December 2014. More information on the update, upcoming meetings, and a summary of the July ‘best ideas’ campaign is available at the city’s website (www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm).

Visitors to Ideascaler (https://bellevuebestideas.ideascaler.com/) posted their own ideas or voted on whether they agree or disagree with those of others. The ideas with the most “agree” votes bubbled to the top. Ten-week campaign, conducted on a social media site called Ideascaler, stimulated 126 ideas, 164 comments, 346 users and a total of 1,770 votes.

All submitted ideas were reviewed by the Planning Commission as part of an update to the city’s comprehensive plan, which will guide city development and vision through 2035. The ideas will help the city identify new policies and projects for the future.

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Cyclists cross Main Street. Many residents suggest that better facilities for bikes and pedestrians would improve the city.

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As the rainy season sets in, it’s a good idea to think about flooding, which can cause property damage and stream bank erosion and destroy salmon eggs.

Who is susceptible to flooding? Properties located in floodplains or the land next to streams, lakes and wetlands are most vulnerable to flooding. Floodplains benefit the entire community by providing temporary storage of floodwaters until a storm subsides.

Bellevue’s drainage system consists of these natural water bodies, but also of constructed systems like flood detention sites, pipes and ditches. Some parking lots and parks are even designed to fill with water during big storms. Properties located out of the Floodplain can also experience flooding, such as when leaves and debris clog a storm drain. In fact, most flooding in Bellevue is caused by clogged storm drains.

What properties are in a floodplain? Floodplain boundary lines are shown on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. To find out if your property is in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-6977 or check Bellevue’s floodplain maps at www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplan_map.htm. The city also keeps elevation certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplain.

Do you need flood insurance? Flood insurance is required for structures in the floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)—a federal program that provides flood insurance for all properties. Even if you don’t live in a floodplain, flood insurance is recommended because a typical homeowner’s insurance policy will not cover water damage unless the damage is caused by interior flooding, such as an overflowing toilet or a leaking sink.

Ask your insurance carrier for information about the NFIP and keep in mind that Bellevue residents receive a 25 percent discount on NFIP policies due to Bellevue’s floodplain management program. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

Where can you get information during extreme weather events? Sign up for email or text Alerts and find up-to-date information about emergency precautions and response, flooding, road closures and other safety tips at www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm.

What can you do?

• Make sure you have flood insurance.

• Report flooding, lack of water or water main breaks at your home or business, by calling the Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.

• Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves, so you can do so if your property floods. For information on gas and electric shutoff procedures, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. If you need help locating your main water shut off valve, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840.

• Move to higher floors or higher ground if you experience flooding. Never wade or drive through flooded areas. Even a small amount of water can stall a car or cause a person to lose his or her footing. If your car stalls, abandon it and move to higher ground.

• Preserve natural drainage systems in streams, wetlands and ditches by leaving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes. Vegetation helps erosion by holding the soil in place and slowing down stormwater run-off. It is also important to keep these areas clear of any dumped material and free from yard debris that can block flow and cause flooding. Call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840 to report dumping.

• If there are drainage problems near your property, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. Help Utilities maintain the drainage system by removing leaves from clogged storm drains near your property.

Protect your property by retrofitting, grading your yard, and using emergency measures such as sandbags. Properly clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from drainage systems on your property, such as private driveways, private road culverts, drainage ditches, swales, gutters, and downspouts. Check the Internet or yellow pages for contractors who clean private drainage systems.

If your crawlspace floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, make sure to test it regularly.

For information on development projects near streams, wetlands or in floodplain areas, or for information on what qualifies as a “substantial improvement,” call the city’s Permit Center at 425-452-6864. These developments must meet setback requirements, such as being a certain distance from a stream bank. Report non-permitted activities to the city’s Code Compliance Office at 425-452-4570.
Revival for two shopping centers
By Gerald Hughes, East Bellevue Community Council Member

These are exciting days for East Bellevue. The jewel of our community, the newly renovated Kelsey Creek Center, is almost fully operational. Instead of a parking lot with an abandoned old Kmart, we have a vibrant center with new businesses, restaurants and a booming fitness center, with more to come. This wouldn’t have happened without the efforts of the Bellevue City Council, the East Bellevue Community Council, citizen input and the full effort of Franklin-Murray Company.

Last month a new standalone Starbucks opened with a drive-through, EBCC chair Steve Kasner and I were the first customers. For the first time in my life I can actually say I was “number 1,” which involved getting up at 4:30 a.m. to race another potential first customer to the door. He kindly acquiesced and took our picture. It was crazy but fun.

I understand the business at the new Starbucks has doubled over the old location, and there are now more than 30 employees. The whole Kelsey Creek Center has created jobs and tax revenue for our city. Getting in and out can be a problem and takes a little patience at times, especially onto Main Street, but that seems a small price to pay.

And, Starbucks when busy, and it often is, can be deafening for customers and employees alike. With concrete floors, metal casters on the chairs, no sound baffling of any kind and no window blinds, conversations are difficult or impossible. Even placing an order requires a raised voice. Hopefully, Starbucks will recognize this problem and take steps to reduce the decibels. When the weather’s nice, customers can sit outside.

This store must be viewed as a major success for Starbucks, and I suspect business will do nothing but increase now that students are back at Sammamish High School.

The last phase in the redevelopment of Kelsey Creek will involve the vacant lot at the corner of 148th Avenue and Main Street. That spot, where there was a fire, looks awful, still surrounded by a cyclone fence. Hopefully, this will move forward in the next 12 months.

Lake Hills redevelopment well underway
At this same time, the Lake Hills Shopping Center redevelopment is well underway. The new Lake Hills Library has been open for some time, and the old library is now the very active new Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

The Cosmos Company has started the next phase toward a modern commercial and residential development. When completed, there will be 90 apartments and town houses, new restaurants, a major grocery store, a children’s play area and many service businesses. There will be green areas to relax and congregate, outside restaurant dining and parking, much of it underground, for more than 400 cars.

The Lake Hills Shopping Center should become a great destination and meeting place for our community. I can only admire the persistence of Oscar DelMoro, Cosmos Management Group, for working with the city and East Bellevue for nearly 13 years to finally get this amazing project under construction.

I suggest you drive by and see the progress being made at the corner of 156th Avenue Southeast and Lake Hills Boulevard. The underground garage is complete, the second story is under construction and the land is being prepared for the apartments. When this phase is complete, the Bank of America building will be torn down to free up this space to finish the project. It should be our second jewel and bring jobs and revenue to the city.

More rentals in East Bellevue?
Meanwhile on a negative note, East Bellevue is following a nationwide trend. Investment groups are buying single-family residences and converting them to rentals. The number is in the hundreds of thousands nationwide. In Phoenix, Las Vegas and other cities that were overbuilt before the housing crash, the homes are remaining single-family rentals, generating cash flow and possible appreciation for the investors.

And, in East Bellevue it is a different story. Investment groups are buying single-family homes and converting them to rooming houses. Three-bedroom one-bath homes are becoming eight-bedroom homes, eliminating the garage and living rooms.

In addition, some homes are being torn down to be replaced by homes designed with 10 bedrooms and bathrooms to become student housing for Bellevue College students. This is changing the character of our single-family neighborhoods. This new business model is currently impacting the Spiritwood neighborhood, which is near Bellevue College, but the idea will spread to other neighborhoods.

Certainly, in our capitalist system, where there is a demand, we hope that investors and entrepreneurs will react to meet it with a reasonable return for themselves. We need low-income and student housing for Bellevue College students. At the same time, it is important to maintain the living quality of our single-family neighborhoods.

The City Council, EBCC, City staff and residents of Spiritwood are working together to resolve this issue for everyone, including investors. I urge you to attend city council and council meetings to voice any concerns you may have. Your input is essential and you will be heard.
Citywide Projects Update

Throughout the city, there are many projects in various stages of development. This update includes all projects with an estimated budget of $100,000 or more, sorted by neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact the project manager.

**Bridle Trails**
**Bridle Trails Park Levy Projects:** Developing a neighborhood park in the Bridle Trails neighborhood at the corner of NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE. Construction Fall 2013 through Spring 2014. $2.5 million
Contact: Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169
svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/bridle-trails-levy.htm

**SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project:** Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing it with interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For $20 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway. $6.5 billion
Contact: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Belwood@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge.htm
wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/520Bridge

**Eastside Transit & HOV Project:** Completing and improving the 8.8-mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Rd to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide a six-lane corridor; two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete end of 2013. $306 million
Contact: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Belwood@bellevuewa.gov
wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/520Bridge/Media/To202/

**Pikes Peak Reservoir Structural/Seismic Modifications:** Structural/Seismic rehabilitation to existing 1 million gallon steel reservoir. Construction 2015-2016. $1-1.5 million
Contact: Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160
jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

**Bel-Red**
**Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements:** Replace existing pump station to increase capacity for growth in Bel-Red zone. Design Oct. 2013. Construction for Midlakes may be dependent on redevelopment rates in Bel-Red
Contact: Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881
Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

**Crossroads**
**Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion:** Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction underway through Fall 2014. $8.8 million
Contact: Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 kpfhrman@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/youth-theatre-expansion.htm

**Mid-Block Crossing NE 8th St at Crossroads Park:** Constructing a crosswalk across NE 8th St west of 164th Ave NE, with safety features. Complete Dec. 2013. $350,000
Contact: Derek Jarzynski, 425-452-4277
DJarzynski@bellevuewa.gov

**East Lake Hills**
**SE 16th St: 148th to 156th Ave SE:** Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Aves SE. Designing to 60 percent in 2014. $250,000
Contact: Chris Masek, 425-452-4619
Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

**Eastgate/Cougar Mountain**
**Lakemont Blvd & SE Cougar Mtn Way/SE 63rd St Intersection:** Conducting a design analysis to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists at this intersection. Under design. $1.5 million
Contact: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905
PKrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-cmv-intersection.htm

**Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation:** Installing new pumps and standby generator. Planning, design, & permitting. Construction Spring 2014-Spring 2015. $1.2-1.8 million
Contact: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271
SNoeske@bellevuewa.gov

**Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement:** Planning and preliminary design. Construction 2015-2016. $2.3-4.5 million
Contact: James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869
JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

**Pressure Zone Interties:** Installing two new pressure reducing valve stations. Planning, design & permitting. Construction Summer 2014. $160,000-$200,000 estimated
Contact: James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869
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**Newport Reservoir Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation:** Installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. Construction underway. $880,000
Contact: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271
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**Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1:** Repairing existing sewer system in area. Construction Fall 2013. $1.2 million
Contact: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271
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**Newport Hills**
**Coal Creek Culvert Replacement:** Phase 1 to end Nov. 30, 2013. All four lanes of Coal Creek Pkwy will reopen, except for some one-lane closures. By March, traffic will again be reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 2014 when project is completed. $6.5 million
Contact: Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 belwood@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm

**Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1:** Repairing existing sewer system in area. Construction Fall 2013. $1.2 million
Contact: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271
SNoeske@bellevuewa.gov

**Storm Drainage dig and repair 2013 - SE 66th Street between 131st Ave SE and 131st Ave SE:** Installing storm drain pipe to improve conveyance. Construction Nov. 2013. $105,000
Contact: Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881
Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

**Northeast Bellevue**
**Northeast Way at 156th, 160th, and 164th Aves NE:** Upgrading traffic signals to improve pedestrian safety at these intersections. Relocating crosswalk at 160th Ave NE. Complete Oct. 2013. $700,000
Contact: Chris Masek, 425-452-4619
Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

**Northwest Bellevue**
**Hidden Valley Park:** Constructing a multi-use gymnasium and improving the sports field in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Design and permitting underway. Construction early 2014. $9.6 million
Contact: Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169
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bellevuewa.gov/hidden-valley-bgc-partnership.htm

**Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase One Development:** Improving the park west of 99th Ave SE. Construction 2015-2020. $11 million
Contact: Robin Cole, 425-452-2881 rcole@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm

**Meydenbauer Marina Renovation and Dock Removal:** Renovating Pier 3 to provide visitor moorage slips; developing a management plan to introduce public moorage to the marina; and demolishing four aging residential docks on city property. Construction complete Fall 2013. $300,000
Contact: Brent Wilson, 425-452-2932
BWilson@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm

**Northup Way: NE 24th St to 108th Ave NE:** Improving a bike facility and improving sidewalks between NE 24th St and 108th Ave NE. At 108th Ave NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built. Final design Fall 2013. $12 million
Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845
Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-ped-bike.htm
Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement 2013, Phase 1: Replacing sections of sewer system. Construction Fall 2013-Winter 2014. $1.4 million

**Sammamish/East Lake Hills**

Contact

Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Phase 1 Design Fall 2013. $1.6 million

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bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm

**Somerston/Sunset**

Contact

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Early design of 3.6 mile trail between Factoria Blvd SE and Lakemont Blvd SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, seating, landscaping and public art. Designing trail between Factoria Blvd SE and 150th Ave SE to 60 percent. $430,000

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bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system throughout area. Construction Fall 2013. $1.2 million

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bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm

**West Bellevue**

Contact

Downtown Transportation Plan: Preparing multi-modal transportation alternatives to ensure mobility through 2030. Integrating policy and project recommendations with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in 2014. $300,000

Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 • Kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov

bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm

Sewer Lake Line Replacement at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction Spring-Fall 2014. $2.9 million

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Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Lake Washington – Phase 1: Studying location and condition of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. Phase 1: complete; Phase 2: 2014-2016. $500-700K

Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 • Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing sewer pump station at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE with larger station to meet increased future projected sewer flows. Construction 2014-2015. $10 million

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bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm

East CBD Sewer Trunkline Improvements: Replacing 1,600 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipe to convey sewer flows from east of downtown Bellevue to meet increased future projected growth. Construction 2014-2015. $2.9 million

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**Wilburton**

Contact

Bellevue Botanical Garden - Visitor Center Expansion: Constructing a new 8,500 sq ft visitor center with outdoor covered space, gift shop, meeting areas, classrooms, and restrooms. Construction underway until Fall 2014. $10.3 million

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bellevuewa.gov/bbg_master_plan_update.htm

NE 4th St Extension: 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 4th St with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks, landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Ave NE. Project will be constructed in two phases. Phase I from 116th to Eastside Rail Corridor. Construction Fall 2013. $31.1 million

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bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-extension.htm

NE 6th St Extension: I-405 to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 6th St as an HOV-transit-only facility from the I-405 interchange east over 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE, with four lanes and a non-motorized path. Design: TBD. $1 million (Pre-design only)

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bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm

120th Ave NE – NE 4th St to NE 8th St (300 Block to 700 Block), Stage 1: Widening five lanes with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and adding a traffic signal at NE 6th St. Construction underway. $7.5 million

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bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm

120th Ave NE, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 8th St to NE 12th St, with utility work. Construction Spring/Summer 2014. $31 million

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bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm

120th Ave NE, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 12th St to NE 16th St, with utility work. Design final in 2015. $17.2 million

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bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm

NE 15th St (Zone 1): 116th to 120th Aves NE: Widening NE 15th St east of 116th Ave NE to a new roadway connection west of the existing Eastside Rail Corridor and a new four-lane roadway between NE 116th St and 120th Ave NE. Designing to 60 percent. $1.4 million

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bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm

NE 15th St (Zone 2): 120th to 124th Aves NE: Adding a four-lane roadway with a center median, wider lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks, and on-street parking along the north side between 120th and 124th Ave NE. Designing to 60 percent. $1.3 million

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bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm

NE 16th St: 130th to 132nd Aves NE: Adding a new two-lane roadway by extending NE 16th St from 130th Ave NE to 132nd Ave NE. A future light rail transit station will be built in the center of the roadway. Designing to 30 percent end of 2013 and 60 percent design Summer 2015. $740,000

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bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm

124th Ave NE: Proposed NE 15th St to Northup Way: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Project is only funded for construction between NE 14th and 18th streets. Design complete in Spring 2014. Construction 2015. $8.9 million

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bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm

Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,000 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re-development in Wilburton. SE 8th St between 112th Ave SE and 114th Ave; 114th Ave SE between SE 8th St and SE 1st St; SE 1st St to Main Street along east side of I-405. Spring 2015. $4.9 million

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124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE 14th St: Completing preliminary design for the widening of 124th Ave NE to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks. Designing to 30 percent by Fall 2013. This project will also include streetcenter enhancements on 124th south of NE 8th St. $1.4 million

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bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm

124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Partnering with WSDOT to develop a report that will evaluate and also investigate access to and from SR 520. Report complete early 2014. WSDOT budget: $2.2 million

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130th Ave NE: Bel-Red Rd to NE 20th St: Widening roadway to a two-lane pedestrian-oriented street with on-street parking and bicycle lanes north of the future NE 16th St intersection. Includes sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, etc. Designing to 15 percent by end of 2013. $423,000

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bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm
Avoid identity theft

The Bellevue Police Department provides crime prevention tips throughout the year. Here are a few ways to guard against identity theft.

- Use a locking mailbox or post office box.
- Never leave outgoing mail in an unsecured container; a mailbox with red flag up is an invitation to thieves.
- Keep your credit cards or checks with you at all times; and secure your wallet or purse at work.
- When withdrawing money from an ATM, be aware of your surroundings.
- When you dispose of your old computer, get the hard drive wiped or destroy it.
- If you use Wi-Fi, secure your network, and be careful of unsecured hot spots.
- Check your credit report twice a year for fraudulent activity.
- Stop pre-approved credit offers; contact your bank or credit union.

Fire prevention tips

For Fire Prevention Month, the Fire Department opened the doors to its stations and offered presentations on Oct. 5. Here are some words to live by:

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove when children are present;
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from a stove while cooking;
- Open containers slowly after removing them from a microwave to avoid painful burns from escaping steam; and
- Maintain smoke alarms in working order, and create a family fire escape plan.

Liz Troy Denlin demonstrates how a smoke alarm works during a stove top fire demonstration at the Oct. 5 open house.
**Community Calendar**

**October**

**The Mummy's Revenge**  
Oct. 23, Nov. 1 and 2, 7 p.m.  
Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

**Haunted Miniature Golf**  
Oct. 25 and 26, 7–10 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 16661 Northrup Way

**Garden d'Lights "Construction Edition"**  
Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Dec. 7, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave. NE

**Seven Days of Christmas**  
Dec. 24-31, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.  
West Bellevue Community Center 13001 Main St.

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**November**

**Website, Blog and Social Media Workshop**  
Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30–8 p.m.  
City Hall Room 1E-113

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**December**

**Starry Night**  
Dec. 4–7, 7-10 p.m.  
South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

**Visit the Lights**  
Dec. 5–31, 5–10 p.m. nightly  
Bellevue Botanical Garden 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**  
Dec. 9, 12–2 p.m.  
Bellevue Aquatic Center 601 143rd Ave. NE

**Celebrate Snow Dance**  
Dec. 10, 2–4 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE

**Holiday Luncheon**  
Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE

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**2014 National Night Out**  
Aug. 5, 4–6:30 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

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**2013 Residential Landlord Conference**  
Aug. 6–7, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

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**2013 Free Swimming for Seniors**  
Aug. 10, 1–6 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

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**Youth Day**  
Dec. 9, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

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**Great South Bellevue Community Center Pumpkin Race at Spookfest**  
Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.  
With free round of miniature golf  
Cost: $5. Pre-registration required.

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**Halloween Luncheon**  
Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave. NE

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**Thanksgiving Luncheon**  
Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave. N.E.

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**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
Nov. 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m.  
Location: TBD

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**Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Classes**  
Nov. 28, 7, 8:15 or 9:30 a.m.  
South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

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**Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**  
Nov. 29, 12–2 p.m.  
Bellevue Aquatic Center 601 143rd Ave. NE

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**Youth Holiday Party**  
Dec. 10, 4:30–7 p.m.  
Location: TBD

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**Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**  
Dec. 9, 12–2 p.m.  
Bellevue Aquatic Center 601 143rd Ave. NE

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**Saturday Night Skates**  
Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 10, 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre 16661 Northrup Way

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**Dec. 1, 2 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Veteran’s Day Dance**  
Nov. 11, 7–10 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre 16661 Northrup Way

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**Dec. 2, 2 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Dec. 9, 7 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Dec. 10, 6 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Dec. 12, 2 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Dec. 15, 2 p.m.**  
Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St.

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**Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE

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**Dec. 19, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 22, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 24, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 25, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 26, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 27, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 28, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.

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**Dec. 29, 12 p.m.**  
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**Dec. 30, 12 p.m.**  
Ballerina's Bellevue Ice Arena 2001 Old Bellevue Rd.
More than 11,000 people in Bellevue are uninsured. Starting Oct. 1, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, uninsured or underinsured residents can shop for health insurance that fits their needs and budgets. Public Health–Seattle & King County will offer several enrollment events in Bellevue in October and November. Residents can also make appointments to get help in several languages at Mini City Hall.

Free or low-cost coverage is available. Depending on how much you earn, you may qualify for free coverage or for tax credits or financial help to pay for copays and premiums. No one will be denied coverage because they are sick or have a pre-existing condition.

Washington residents can find, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder (www.wahealthplanfinder.org). All health plans offered through Washington Healthplanfinder include basic benefits such as doctor visits, emergency care, prescriptions, maternity care and preventive care, including cancer screenings and vaccinations.

Enrollment began Oct. 1, and people have until March 31 next year to sign up for coverage during.

The Bellevue kick-off event was Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Crossroads Shopping Center, 15600 NE Eighth St. At the event, health insurance providers answered specific questions about the plans they are offering.

There are several additional enrollment events with certified customer service experts, currently scheduled in Bellevue:

For a calendar of all Bellevue events, visit: www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/coverage/calendar/Bellevue.aspx

Help in other languages

The state's multilingual call center offers help with enrollment in more than 175 languages. Call 1-855-WAFINDER or 1-855-923-4633 for help in your language.

A customer service expert from King County Public Health will be on display at Bellevue’s Mini City Hall inside Crossroads Shopping Center offering help in Spanish and English on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Customer service experts from International Community Health Services will be available for enrollment appointments in Vietnamese, Korean and English, two days a week at Mini City Hall.

In addition, city staff and cultural navigators from Chinese Information Services are available to help customer service experts provide scheduled individual assistance and translation services (Mandarin and Cantonese), Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Urdu and Bengali. Call 425-452-2800 to schedule an appointment with a multilingual personal assistant.

Learn more at www.kingcounty.gov/coverage or visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org to enroll.

For help with enrollment

Public Health – Seattle & King County is helping residents get information about new health insurance options, now available under the Affordable Care Act. Find, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage with Washington Healthplanfinder. Enrollment began on Oct. 1 for coverage that begins Jan. 1. The King County multilingual call center offers help in 175 languages. Call 1-855-923-4633 for help in your language.

Call 425-452-2800 to make an appointment for help with enrollment in your language at Mini City Hall.

Chinese

首席娛樂和緊急醫療保健與公共部門合作向市民廣泛公開醫療保險的信息，受益於新通過的醫療保健改革與健康法。更多人士合併購買醫療保險預防保健提供。自2013年10月1日起，華盛頓州和西雅圖公共健康部門將開始服務。消費者將可以通過（415）254-0082服務中心的175種語言服務免費獲得健康保險的資訊，包括語音通話和文字通話。服務時間為平日09:00-17:00（當地時間）。如欲獲取語音及文字通話，請於（855）923-4633与您當地的社區健康工作者通話，以獲得多國語言的協助。

Spanish

La ciudad de Bellevue está colaborando con el sistema público de salud de King County para proporcionar información sobre seguro medico, que ahora está disponible a mas gente debido a la reforma de salud. A partir de este octubre, residentes de Washington recibirán nuevas maneras de encontrar, comparar, y inscribirse en seguro medico con una herramienta de internet que le ayudara a elegir un plan de seguros en el estado de Washington, “Washington Healthplanfinder”. La inscripción comenzó el 01 de octubre 2013 para un periodo de sign up extendido hasta el 01 de enero 2014. El centro de llamadas multilingüe de King County ofrece ayuda en mas de 175 idiomas. Llame al 855-923-4633 para asistencia general en español. Para hacer una cita con un asistente personal multilingüe, llame al numero de Bellevue 425-452-2800.