Agreement eases way for Kelsey Creek Center rebirth

To encourage new businesses at the Kelsey Creek Center, the City Council on June 6 approved an agreement that gives the owner a break on transportation impact fees.

Kelsey Creek Center LLC, which owns the shopping center on the 15000 block of Main Street, has plans to set up a health club and other businesses in the former Kmart store there and add new buildings for retail and food service on the site.

Developers pay transportation impact fees to help mitigate traffic impacts from new construction. The owner in this case asked to pay $182,000 in transportation impact fees rather than $637,000. If some buildings at the shopping center are not leased by July 2012, Kelsey Creek Center will have to pay at least some of the $455,000 in waived fees.

Kmart anchored the shopping center until it left in 2000. Since then the 106,000-square-foot building it occupied has remained vacant. Costco had leased the property, but abandoned plans for a warehouse store in 2008.

Until last year, redevelopment of the property required the opening or "daylighting" of Kelsey Creek, which runs through the shopping center in a culvert under the parking lot. The city lifted that requirement in exchange for off-site stream enhancements.

In May the council approved a conditional-use permit allowing renovation of the former Kmart building for a health club, which would occupy about half the building.
Keeping up with change in Bellevue

By Mayor Don Davidson

As I was standing in the check-out line recently at the QFC store across the street from Bel-Square, I overheard the sort of conversation that I bet is familiar to many Bellevue residents.

Two fellow shoppers were speaking Russian, and though I couldn’t understand them, it got me thinking about how much our city has changed. When I moved to Bellevue more than 40 years ago to open my dental practice, grocery shopping wasn’t nearly as interesting.

In 1970, according to the U.S. Census, only about 14 percent of Bellevue residents spoke a language other than English at home, 5 percent were foreign born, and racially diverse groups made up just 2 percent of the population.

Our city sure has changed.

Today, 35 percent of Bellevue residents speak a language other than English at home, 30 percent of our residents were foreign-born (2009 American Community Survey), and racially diverse groups make up more than 40 percent of our population (2010 Census).

My colleague, Deputy Mayor Conrad Lee, the first, and so far the only member of a racially diverse group elected to the Bellevue City Council, was born in China.

And while Bellevue has managed to evolve gracefully over time, the changes in our cultural and ethnic makeup do present challenges for city government.

For example, during a natural disaster, it’s our responsibility as a city to let people know about emergency services, but that job can be pretty challenging when there are 84 languages spoken in our city (according to the Bellevue School District).

Here are some of the ways the City of Bellevue has responded to our changing demographics:

Neighborhood Outreach programs: This program serves the multicultural community from two locations - the Neighborhood Resource Center at City Hall, and Mini City Hall at Crossroads - offering translation assistance in nine languages. Neighborhood Outreach also maintains city web pages in five foreign languages and hosts cultural gatherings such as the popular Cultural Conversations series. Another group, Neighborhood Mediation, helps resolve community conflicts due to cultural differences; and a Strategic Planning division provides demographic information that helps guide services to the diverse community.

Cultural Diversity program: In 1994 the city created a program to provide information about diversity-related issues and promote community cohesion. Examples of what the program does include the Conversations about Race and Culture series, a radio show called Voices of Diversity, which highlights social and cultural issues; an ongoing series of cultural arts performances at city parks and community centers; and quarterly seminars providing tips on how local nonprofit organizations can connect with diverse audiences through the media.

Wrap-Around Services: A collaborative project between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District and United Way of King County, the Wrap-Around Services Initiative promotes healthy families and a healthy community through a single access point in public schools. Services include academic support, mentoring, recreation, mental health services and dental care for youth; it also provides parenting workshops, English language classes and crisis support for families. The program began in 2005.

Economic development: In recent years the city’s Office of Economic Development has worked to encourage trade opportunities, especially with India and China, countries with fast-growing populations in Bellevue. The office has promoted new cultural festivals, such as India Day at Crossroads Mall, and hosted a series of workshops on cultural aspects of doing business with Asia. Future plans call for the Office to receive trade delegations from China and India, create a multilingual website to promote trade with Asian countries, and host an event to place Japanese speakers with Bellevue companies.

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Downtown helistop permit approved

After more than two years of study, hundreds of pages of hearing examiner decisions and appeals, and multiple public hearings, the City Council on May 16 approved a permit allowing helicopters to land on a downtown office building.

The conditional-use permit allows up to five landings-takeoffs per week on top of the 21-story Bank of America building, located at 10500 Northeast Eighth St. A maximum of four landings will be allowed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and one on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Council members voted 6-0 (Councilman Grant Degginger was absent) in favor of granting the permit to Kemper Development Company. The company of downtown property owner Kemper Freeman Jr. applied for the permit in 2009. The helistop was constructed in 1998, and temporary permits have allowed for limited landings since that time.

Approval came after the council tightened several permit conditions out of concern about potential impacts on downtown residents. Changes mean that helicopters must adhere to a strict flight path on freeways and Northeast Eighth Street only; Kemper Development must document deviations in hours or frequency of operation; and the city has a right to modify or revoke the permit.

Feedback:
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Council Roundup

Council reviews consultant's light rail route report

The council in May reviewed a consultant’s report that found a recently analyzed light rail route to be a feasible alternative to a comparable one studied by Sound Transit – with improved ridership but a slightly higher cost.

The draft report, prepared by consultant Arup North America Ltd. for the council, compares a light rail alignment the council rabbled for further examination with a similar route studied by Sound Transit in a draft report.

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Diversity in Bellevue cont.

Although they are sold on the city now, and are open to other possibilities, ultimately they expect to move back to India.

Not so for Chijen and Shuangyu Lin, who live in a retirement center in Crossroads. They have no intention of leaving Bellevue.

“It is my honor,” Chijen says proudly in broken English, just weeks after gaining U.S. citizenship. “This is my honor.”

The Lins, both 87, immigrated to Bellevue from Taiwan in 2006 to be with their son, Ho-Na, a civil engineer who moved to Redmond seven years ago, after attending college in Maryland. He is married with two children, a recent college graduate, the second, a freshman in college.

Chijen had his doubts about Bellevue, but found the city to be surprisingly diverse, with convenient facilities and transportation. He likes to take the bus to libraries around the area and his wife participates in events at the Asian Senior Concerns Foundation, an activity center in Crossroads for Asian retirees.

Generalizations about Asians in Bellevue are tricky. Just among those in high-tech jobs, some are here on work visas and may eventually return to their homelands, while others have established their careers and have become American citizens or are working toward that.

South Bellevue annexation effort underway

A long-anticipated effort to annex the remaining unincorporated areas of South Bellevue is now underway. South Bellevue residents are working with the city and local property owners to bring Eastgate, Hilltop, Horizon View and Tamara Hills into the City of Bellevue.

All four communities in the “potential annexation area” are surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes.

Residents of the potential annexation area are invited to a June 30 open house to learn more about the annexation process and about city services and programs. Bellevue department directors and key staff will be on hand to talk with participants and answer questions about all aspects of city operations and services.

The open house is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center. Staff also are available to meet with small groups of residents in their homes or neighborhood gatherings.

Residents in the South Bellevue area have expressed interest in annexation over the past few years. The City Council responded in February by approving a direct-petition annexation process. That two-step process requires an initial collection of signatures from property owners representing at least 50 percent of assessed property value in each area. Annexation is then affirmed when the city receives a second set of petitions for annexation from property owners representing at least 50 percent of assessed value in each area. If the necessary petitions are received, the four communities could be annexed by April 2012.

If annexed to Bellevue, property owners will pay less in taxes than they pay as property owners in unincorporated King County. Immediately upon annexation, residents in the four areas would receive Bellevue’s high level of urban services, including fire and police protection, parks and recreation along with transportation, neighborhood, planning, building and development services.

Annexations have also provided a major part in Bellevue’s growth since its 1953 incorporation – from 4.7 square miles to more than 31 square miles today. The last major annexation came in 2001, when the 523-acre West Lake Sammamish area was added to the city.

Serving the PAA will cost the city an additional $1.1 million annually. Bellevue is able to consider the annexations, despite the increased cost, because of a state law allowing cities to make up annexation-related budget gaps with a 10-year state sales tax credit.

The credit has no impact on taxpayers, but reduces the state’s revenue from the sales tax and directs it to the city. Designed to encourage cities to annex unincorporated urban areas and provide services, the law is set to expire in 2015.

Details about the annexation, including downloadable petition forms and maps and an online calculator of the fiscal benefits of annexation to a property owner, are available at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/south-bellevue-annexation.htm.

Questions can be directed to Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner, 425-452-5371 (nmatz@bellevuewa.gov), or Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, at 425 452-4089 (ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov).
**Summer outdoor movies return**

"Hey, hey, Boo Boo! How 'bout we watch a free movie at Bellevue Downtown Park on July 5?"

This summer the 2011 Intelius “Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park” series returns with “Yogi Bear” starring Dan Akroyd and Justin Timberlake.

Over eight weeks, from July 5 to Aug. 23, films will be shown on a 40-foot screen in the east side of Downtown Park. The shows, all rated “G” or “PG,” will begin at dusk, between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

This is the third year for the popular series. Last year, almost 2,000 people attended each week.

With free movies and popcorn, attendees are asked to bring donations to benefit a local charity, with each movie night dedicated to a different local service organization.

Charities include Eastside Domestic Violence, Treehouse, Kindering Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, Highland Community Center, Youth Care, Bellevue LifeSpring and Sophia Way.

This year, a limited number of “VIP” seats featuring oversized inflatable furniture and popcorn, pizza, cupcake and beverage delivery service are available for auction to help raise additional money for charity. For more information, email summermovies@intelius.com.

Parking is limited to the park’s lots and the streets, so carpooling is encouraged. If there is bad weather, that night’s movie will be shown at the South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way.

Intelius, a Bellevue-based company specializing in background checks, is the main event sponsor, along with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Support is also provided by Whole Foods, Cupcake Royale and Zeeks Pizza.

“It is just such a great atmosphere: Enjoying a fun movie with family or friends in a beautiful park in the heart of Bellevue,” said Brad Bennett, South Bellevue Community Center Manager and event organizer.

For more information, including information about needed donations items each week, visit http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or call 425-452-4240.

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**Neighbor Link picnic at Crossroads**

The annual Neighbor Link picnic, hosted by the city to celebrate residents’ service to the community, will be Saturday, July 23, at Crossroads Park. In keeping with the theme of an old-fashioned picnic, the first 600 guests can buy a hot dog lunch for only a dollar.

In addition to the built-in playground and water spray play area enjoyed year-round, a host of games, sports and activities will be available for both young and old throughout the two-hour event, starting at noon. All activities are free and family-friendly, and prizes will be provided by Chipotle and the Seattle Mariners.

The Po’okela Street Band, a high-energy pop and reggae group will play a fusion of Top 40, R&B, pop, rock, rap and country. A volunteer fair will offer information on a myriad of volunteer opportunities throughout the Eastside.

The lunches, to include all-beef hot dogs, potato chips and drinks, will be supplied by the picnic sponsors, the Crossroads Bellevue shopping center and the Stone Gardens climbing gym, so lunch proceeds will be donated to the Eastside Human Services Fund.

A "Help the Babies" diaper drive to benefit Eastside Baby Corner will begin in the north parking lot, with a drive-through drop-off for diaper and cash donations. Individuals and neighborhoods that donate at least 500 diapers will receive a special recognition certificate.

*The Neighbor Link picnic last year at City Hall.*

**New green gardening guides**

A new series of natural gardening guides is available online to help home gardeners grow a little greener this year. The guides are an extension of the city’s Natural Yard Care Program, which promotes healthy, environmentally-friendly gardening practices.

Also offered in neighboring communities, the program is sponsored in partnership with King County and the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Workshops are also offered each spring and fall to teach residents how easy and rewarding natural yard care can be. Hundreds of residents throughout the city have participated. By choosing the right methods, technologies and materials, these home gardeners are having a positive impact by creating yards that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible.

The new gardening guides, which feature a calendar with tips for applying natural yard care tasks seasonally, have been very popular with program participants. The guides also help gardeners save water, reduce waste and cut the need for chemicals by offering information on natural garden design, choosing plants, building healthy soil, home composting and smart watering.

Join your neighbors this spring and give natural yard care a try. The gardening guides are online at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/natural_lawn_intro.htm.

The website also includes a link to the Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, where you can see natural gardening in action or volunteer to learn hands-on about the plants and methods used there.

For a printed copy or information on the fall Natural Yard Care program, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.

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Businesses get help going green

Bellevue businesses seeking to make their operations more sustainable will get help setting targets with the city's new "Green Business Challenge." Bellevue was one of just four cities nationwide to receive a $15,000 grant this spring to launch the program.

To celebrate winning the grant, Mayor Don Davidson helped ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange recently.

The Green Business Challenge implementation grant comes from Office Depot and ICLEI USA, an association of local governments promoting sustainable development.

The Eastside Sustainable Business Alliance, a partnership with neighboring cities and local companies, plans to launch the Challenge in November and recruit 100 Eastside businesses to participate.

Volunteer of the year honorees

A high-school girl who spearheaded a coat drive that collected more than 3,000 jackets for needy families last year has been named city volunteer of the year. A man who gave hundreds of hours to a local nonprofit agency is the 2011 community volunteer of the year.

Gigi Jirapolchet, the Bellevue High student, and Bill Gill, who volunteers for Jubilee REACH, were honored at an April City Council meeting.

Thousands of volunteers provide service to the Bellevue community every day. In 2010, more than 5,895 people gave more than 135,000 hours to city programs. Even more volunteers serve dozens of local organizations that provide services to Bellevue residents.

"Volunteering is a very powerful, positive way to respond to today's challenges," City Manager Sarkozy said. "We invite all the citizens of Bellevue to consider volunteering, either with a city program or throughout the community. They make a huge a difference."

Both awards recognize volunteers who go beyond the call of duty and show leadership, innovation, creativity and collaboration. Volunteers for both city and community programs are honored as the city's volunteer program embraces a communitywide approach to civic service.

Gigi, who was nominated by Bellevue Youth Link, took on the leadership of the 2010 Kids Care Coat Drive Action Team, leading the group to collect and distribute jackets and coats to needy families. Gigi is also involved in the Bellevue Youth Court and the Bellevue Youth Council and is president of the Bellevue High School Fashion Club.

Gill has volunteered for Jubilee REACH for years, participating in the Before School, Vibes Volunteer, ESL and the youth tutoring programs. He also helps families in crisis find needed resources, coordinates scout projects at the center and school supply donations.

Information about Bellevue's volunteer program, including the Community Volunteering Guide, is available at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteer.htm, or contact the city's volunteer program coordinator at volunteer@bellevuewa.gov.

Couple help solve burglary

The burglar was armed and leaving their yard, but the Newport Hills couple wouldn't let him make a clean getaway. Even though the thief was pointing a gun at them as he got in his car and drove away, Zhiqiang Zhang and his wife Mingying Duan took down the license plate number.

When they called the police that September day, they were able to describe the burglar and his car, and supply that plate number. For helping Bellevue Police crack the case, which led to the arrest of a Redmond man responsible for several burglaries on the Eastside and in Seattle, Zhiqiang and Mingying have received a Citizen Law Enforcement Merit Award.

At the annual Police Awards Ceremony in May, the couple was among eight residents to receive merit awards for heroic actions last year.

"When it comes to fighting crime and saving lives, the citizens are our partners," Police Chief Linda Pillo noted at the awards presentation at City Hall. "We can't do what we do nearly as well without their help."

Saving lives was a recurring theme for the awards to citizens and police officers alike. In four separate incidents in 2010, citizens and police teamed up to apply CPR that saved a heart-attack victim's life. Police officers also received life saving awards for stopping someone attempting to commit suicide.

- Four employees at Highland Middle School – Maureen McDermott, Leslie Jaynes, Bill Clarke and Alexis Werth – received awards for helping when a fellow employee collapsed during an after-school soccer game last June. Officer Tom Morarzy was honored for helping them use the school's defibrillator as CPR was performed.
- Jorge Herrera-Huerta of Bellevue was honored for helping a woman administer CPR when her father had a heart attack in her car in September. Officer Craig Hansen, also named officer of the year for other good works, helped Huerta before medics arrived.

About twice a year, suicidal people try to jump from the highway overpasses in Bellevue. In addition to harming themselves, these people can injure motorists on the interstate below and the people trying to save them. Suicides are traumatic for all involved.

Officer Jacob Bement was honored for pulling a man from an overpass rail in October. Officer Scott Montgomery and Corporal Jason McElvey foiled a suicide attempt in December.

Carbon Yeti wins EPA award

The city has received a 2010 Clean Air Excellence Award from the Environmental Protection Agency for a program that features a cartoon character teaching residents simple actions that reduce carbon emissions. The Carbon Yeti is a large, hairy character who is wasteful of the planet's resources. An online pledge book shows the Carbon Yeti learning easy ways to reduce its carbon footprint around the home. Targeted for grades 4-6, the musical, interactive games include the Yeti's home at www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse.

The city also has designed an interactive Carbon Yeti House with imbedded games that teach kids in a fun way how to reduce their carbon footprint. Targeted for grades 4-6, the musical, interactive games include puzzles and a calculator that shows a visitor's carbon footprint. Visit the house at www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse.

The city takes the Carbon Yeti program into Bellevue's middle- school science classes through a partnership with Bellevue School District.

The two-day program focuses on conserving resources through water conservation, waste prevention, recycling and pollution prevention. Students can take home pledge books that suggest ways they can reduce their carbon footprint at home or they can go online to take the pledge. So far, residents from 880 households have sent in pledge cards listing what they are already doing to reduce their carbon footprint, as well as actions they pledge to start doing to further reduce their impact.

Bellevue residents who would like a Smaller Footprint Pledge book should call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932, or go online at www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse to take the pledge.
Time bank offers new way to give and get services

Ever wanted to learn how to play the guitar, but just couldn't afford it? Or maybe a babysitter to watch your kids for an hour would be a big help, but you don’t have the cash for that either.

People now have a way to access specialized services without spending scarce dollars, by donating services to the community in return. "Eastside Timebank" is a new program offered jointly by the cities of Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland.

"Timebank can allow people in tight economic times to maybe have some luxuries they would be cutting otherwise," said Greta Climber of Kirkland, who participated in the program over the last year, when the City of Kirkland and the nonprofit organization Hopelink were testing it. Climber has donated dog obedience lessons and was considering offering canning and sailing lessons. She had yet to draw on her "account" for a service.

Members earn hours by donating services in the community; they can spend those hours receiving services from other members. Although it’s indirect, the time bank is similar to traditional bartering, where a person provides one service in exchange for another. It has a modern twist too, with an online database that allows members to post and screen service offers.

"Especially in this age of technology and computers, it’s a great way to bring people together to exchange valuable services that they may not otherwise be able to take advantage of," said Greg Stempson, who obtained dog training while donating window washing through the program.

Members of the time bank donate time doing something they would like to do for others, such as house painting, haircuts or dog walking. In return they can receive the same number of hours of service from other members.

Each hour of service can be exchanged for one hour from another member, regardless of the service. For example, a member may trade an hour of dog walking for an hour of computer assistance.

Joining the Eastside Timebank requires completing an application, a background check and attending an orientation.

The time bank formed from a collaboration of the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue, with fiscal sponsorship from Hopelink. In addition, funding for the pilot project was provided by United Way of King County and Eastside Community Assistance.

"The best benefit may be a sense of community, says Climber. "I think it’s really a rich way of engaging with people. The community becomes more tightly woven and stronger and perhaps more like the communities our grandparents grew up in."

To join Eastside Timebank or learn more about it, visit www.eastsidetimebank.org.

What makes a home green?

The word "green" in relationship to homes conjures up many images for us, including exterior paint color, solar panels and windmills. But what really makes a home green? And how will those features benefit the people living in the home?

The following criteria are well accepted within the green community, and are most frequently marketed in sales materials to increase the home’s sales potential.

Energy Efficiency

Green homes generally use less energy to heat and cool than traditionally built homes. Features include: denser insulation; fewer air leaks; and more efficient heating methods, such as heat recovery vents, which recirculate already heated air mixed with fresh air directly from the outside. Energy-efficient appliances, like those that are Energy Star-rated, add to the financial savings realized by the more efficient construction methods.

Resource-efficient materials

The second thing commonly cited in green building literature, resource-efficient materials include those from renewable resources, such as bamboo, and those made from other recycled materials. For instance, fly ash can be added to concrete to increase the amount of recycled content in the material and reduce the amount of first-use materials in a building project.

Renewable energy sources

Used to meet some or all a home’s energy needs, sun and wind are two commonly used forms of renewable energy. In some cases these energy sources generate more power than a home needs, providing a surplus to sell back to the traditional energy company. For solar energy, photovoltaic panels have been upgraded dramatically in the last few years and are more efficient and accessible now than ever. Wind power is an efficient model for energy production, but windmills and other wind generators are not as prevalent as solar panels in Bellevue.

Nontoxic materials

Because people are becoming more conscious of the impact of toxic building materials on their family’s health, most green homes will feature nontoxic building materials. Formaldehyde-free cabinets and countertops are one way to “green” your kitchen. In addition to the countertops, there are many nontoxic paints with low or no VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Environmentally friendly sealants, caulks and adhesives, which do not have harmful effects for health, are readily available at your local hardware store.

Landscaping

Often the last place addressed in a “green” home, environmentally friendly landscaping features native and other climate-tolerant plants that can survive on natural rainfall after initial establishment. Landscape irrigation can be a primary use of water for many residences in the summer months. By choosing plants with care, you can drastically reduce or even entirely eliminate water use, saving both natural resources and money.

There are many programs with standardized requirements to rate the “green” of residential projects and provide some sort of certification to builders and homeowners.

“Built Green” is the most common program in this region for residential green construction. Sponsored by the Master Builders Association, Built Green has strong support from the construction community. The second most popular in residential construction is LEED for Homes, sponsored by the United States Green Building Council.

Both of these programs have a proven track record of certifying homes that save energy and increase the occupants’ comfort and health compared with other traditionally built homes.

Green building is a component of the city’s environmental stewardship initiative. If you want to explore options to incorporate green features into your next building or home improvement project, visit the Development Services Center, or call Liz Stead at 425-452-2725.

Love your pet? License your pet!

- The best insurance policy to help your pet get home if it gets lost
- Vacation Pet Alert Program to notify caretakers if your pet gets lost while you are away
- Help homeless animals find forever homes
- Avoid fines

Your dog or cat over 8 weeks old must have a pet license. Unlicensed pets can mean up to a $250 fine. Licenses can be purchased at www.kingcounty.gov/pets or by phone at 206-296-2712. Licenses can also be purchased in person at City Hall or QFC stores.
**Top commercial recyclers honored**

Five businesses - La Tienda Grocery, Olson's Tack Shop, Bellevue Healthcare, Pacific Bioscience Laboratories and Pro Golf Discount - are the top commercial recyclers in Bellevue.

The City Council presented awards in April. In addition to recognition from the city and Allied Waste, which handles garbage and recycling for Bellevue, each business will receive a month of free garbage service.

In the small business category, La Tienda and Olson's both recycled 87 percent of their waste in 2010. La Tienda, a Latin food store that recycles large amounts of cardboard, has earned this award six of the past seven years. Olson's, which sells horse-racing gear, implemented a "go green" initiative last fall which includes an all-email marketing system, eliminating plastic bags and reusing as many boxes as possible when shipping products to customers.

Bellevue Healthcare won in the medium size category, with an 80 percent recycling rate. The company, which sells, rents and services home medical equipment, reuses cardboard boxes, makes recycling bins easily accessible to staff and purchases office supplies made from recycled content.

Pacific Bioscience and Pro Golf Discount of Bellevue won in the large business category, both with a recycling rate of 83 percent.

Pacific Bioscience, which makes Clarisonic skin care products, trains employees in on-site recycling practices and gives them desk-side recycling bins instead of waste baskets. The company encourages suppliers to reduce packaging as much as possible.

Pro Golf Discount, which ships golfing supplies all over the world, reuses boxes, paper, bubble wrap and wooden pallets as much as possible, and then recycles packaging material that is no longer usable.

The commercial recycling program is available at no additional charge to Allied Waste commercial garbage customers. The program allows all recyclables to be combined in the same recycling container. Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, aluminum cans, plastic containers, plastic film and all colors of glass containers can be combined for recycling.

Allied Waste and the City of Bellevue began the Commercial Recycling Awards in 2005. If businesses would like to learn more about recycling, they should contact Allied Waste at 425-646-2492 or Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

For details about garbage and recycling services in Bellevue, please visit the city's website at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-businesses.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-businesses.htm).

**Volunteer receives Governor's Award**

Khawja "Shams" Shamsuddin, a volunteer with the Bellevue Police Department for more than 12 years, received the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. It's the second time in three years a volunteer with the department has been given the award.

In addition to helping residents who come into the Factoria substation, Shamsuddin serves on the police department's Diversity Focus Group, which helps the department respond to the needs of the city's ethnic communities. He volunteers for other organizations as well, serving as a mediator, interpreter and fundraiser.

"Being of service to others is as instinctive to Shams as breathing," Police Volunteer Coordinator Mayroje Trachtman wrote in an award nomination.

Khawja Shamsuddin

"(He) embodies the values this award seeks to recognize."

The Governor's Award, currently in its seventh year, goes to citizens who "effect real change in their communities through volunteer service." Gov. Chris Gregoire presented the award to Shamsuddin at a reception on April 11 at the governor's mansion in Olympia.

Shamsuddin has volunteered more than 2,600 hours for the police department. Among his other charitable activities, he raises money for the local Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Arab and Indian communities. He also is a sought-after speaker with the Islamic Speakers Bureau and an organizer for the Eastside Interfaith Group.

"We are so fortunate to have such dedicated citizens volunteering with our department," Chief Linda Pillo said. "Their efforts are part of the reason we're able to provide such a high level of service to the community."

In 2009 longtime police volunteer Susan Allen received the same award for her contributions to the department and city.

**Police rated flagship agency**

The Bellevue Police Department was reaccredited for the third time this year, and was named a "flagship agency" by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Only a small percentage of law enforcement agencies are given flagship status. They are cited as examples for other law enforcement agencies seeking accreditation. Flagship agencies are considered to demonstrate "best practices" in tackling issues that have the greatest potential impact on public safety.

On March 26, Police Chief Linda Pillo, along with Captain Pat Spak and Master Mike Johnson accepted the award at a CALEA conference in Bethesda, Md.

Initially accredited in 2005, the Bellevue Police continue to demonstrate a commitment to professional standards in policy and practice, and a continuous process of thorough, agencywide self-evaluation.

**Wet lab donated for MSEEC**

With a second wet lab opened in April, the expansion of the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is nearly complete. "Pond Lily," as the new building is referred to on-site, allows up to 90 more students to experience hands-on study of wetlands plants and animals at the MSEEC each week.

The lab was donated to the community and constructed by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

"Pond Lily" and "Dragonfly," the other wet lab, are part of a complex of new facilities, including a visitor center, a community building, boardwalks and a "tree house," which make for a dramatic gateway to the 320-acre Mercer Slough Nature Park, Lake Washington's largest urban wetland.

Most of the facilities were completed in 2008. Only a second classroom now remains to be built.

The City of Bellevue and Pacific Science Center partner to operate a wide variety of programs for youth and adults at Mercer Slough.

The programming at Mercer Slough, for adults and students from schools throughout the region, is designed to inspire lifelong awareness, understanding and appreciation for stewardship of the natural world.

Pacific Science Center, a private, not-for-profit educational institution, provides science-based education programs targeted to youth. The city provides environmental interpretive programs for adults and families, and maintains the property that serves about 14,000 students each year.

**Chief Linda Pillo accepts a plaque for accreditation from CALEA.**

Chief Linda Pillo wrote in an award nomination.

"(He) embodies the values this award seeks to recognize."
Citywide Projects Update

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

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<tr>
<td>Bridle Trails Park(s): Developing two parks in the Bridle Trails neighborhood, with funding from the Parks &amp; Natural Areas Levy. Worked with residents to identify preferred park locations. $2.5 million</td>
<td>Property negotiation</td>
<td>Master planning Fall 2011</td>
<td>Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 <a href="mailto:Bjkaueser@bellevuewa.gov">Bjkaueser@bellevuewa.gov</a> bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm</td>
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<td>Bellevue Golf Course Improvements: Replacing existing poles and netting on the driving range and installing new lights. $210,000</td>
<td>Design</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Randy Leifer, 425-452-2850 <a href="mailto:Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov">Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>SR 520 Bridge Replacement &amp; 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. $4.5 billion</td>
<td>Starting work near west end of the SR 520 bridge Construction 2012</td>
<td>Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rick.Logwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rick.Logwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> bellevuewa.gov/520_bridge_interm.htm</td>
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<td>Eastside Transit &amp; HOV Project: Completing and improving the 0.8 mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the SR 202 interchange, improving access and adding a pedestrian and bicycle path. $306 million</td>
<td>Construction Complete 2013</td>
<td>Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rick.Logwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rick.Logwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/">www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/</a> SRSR20bridge/Media%202/</td>
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<td>Coal Creek Newcastle Trailhead Parking Lot: To serve the Coal Creek Natural Area. $300,000</td>
<td>Waiting for permits</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 <a href="mailto:Bjkaueser@bellevuewa.gov">Bjkaueser@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area: Constructing a picnic area with two picnic shelters, restroom, pathways, and parking lot with funding from the Parks &amp; Natural Areas Levy. $1.8 million</td>
<td>Construction Complete 2013</td>
<td>Ken Krooter, 425-452-4624 <a href="mailto:kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov">kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Regional Detention Pond: Improving the storm drainage runoff water quality before it's released into Lewis Creek. $450,000-$560,000</td>
<td>Design Complete 2011</td>
<td>Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Rannerwood Sports Field Lighting Replacement: New energy-efficient sports field lighting, with new parking lot and security lighting. $400,000</td>
<td>Out to bid</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Bret Wilson, 425-452-2912 <a href="mailto:BelWion@bellevuewa.gov">BelWion@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Factoria Multi-Use Path Connection: Installing a 10'-wide pedestrian/bicycle path between 124th Avenue SE and the eastbound I-90 off-ramp in Factoria. $1.4 million</td>
<td>Fall construction Complete 2011</td>
<td>Chris Marek, 425-452-4619 <a href="mailto:Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov">Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>130th Avenue SE Sidewalk: Installing a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of 130th Avenue SE, between SE 45th Place to SE 47th Street. $150,000</td>
<td>Design Complete 2013</td>
<td>Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:Vangarcia@bellevuewa.gov">Vangarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>SE 56th Street Sidewalk: Installing six-foot-wide sidewalk with four-foot planter strip east of 119th Avenue SE. $120,000</td>
<td>Design Complete 2013</td>
<td>Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:Vangarcia@bellevuewa.gov">Vangarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>119th Avenue SE Urban Boulevards Enhancements: Adding gateway signage, landscaping features and public art at several locations. $180,000</td>
<td>Planning and design Complete 2012</td>
<td>Patti Wilm, 425-452-4114 <a href="mailto:Pwilm@bellevuewa.gov">Pwilm@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>Design Construction Spr. 2012</td>
<td>Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 <a href="mailto:Bjmersen@bellevuewa.gov">Bjmersen@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Valley Greene Pressure Reducing Valve: Replacing an aging valve to improve water pressure. $400,000</td>
<td>Construction Complete Sum. 2011</td>
<td>Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Bellevue Way NE Urban Boulevards Upgrades: Enhancing the streetscape, retaining the natural vegetation, making minor roadway repairs and upgrading the irrigation system. $100,000</td>
<td>Ready for construction Complete 2012</td>
<td>Patti Wilm, 425-452-4114 <a href="mailto:Pwilm@bellevuewa.gov">Pwilm@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>Preliminary design</td>
<td>Preliminary design complete Fall 2011</td>
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<td>Bellevue Way &amp; NE 24th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade: Replacing the existing span wire signal, updating the curb ramps and overlaying intersection. $140,000</td>
<td>Design</td>
<td>Construction complete in 2012</td>
<td>Chris Marek, 425-452-4619 <a href="mailto:Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov">Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>AC Water Main Replacement 2010, Phase 2: Replacing existing AC water main with ductile iron pipe in this neighborhood. $1.3 million</td>
<td>Construction Complete Sum. 2011</td>
<td>Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Yarrow Creek: Restoring the property and creating a surface stream channel and adding support to a sewer line. $200,000</td>
<td>Ready for construction Complete Fall 2011</td>
<td>Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 <a href="mailto:Bjmersen@bellevuewa.gov">Bjmersen@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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### West Lake Hills

**102d Avenue NE Mid-block Crosswalk just north of NE 8th Street:** Enhancing mid-block crosswalk island, creating an alternate route. $500,000  
Design for construction  
Complete 2011  
**Contact:** Chris Masek, 425-452-4619  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/)

**108th Avenue SE:** Bellevue Way to I-90 Walkway/Bikeway Project: Improving pedestrian and bicycle access. $3 million  
Starting construction  
Complete 2011  
**Contact:** Steve Costa, 425-452-2845  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov/108th-se-ped-bike.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/108th-se-ped-bike.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 2012  
**Contact:** Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.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. Improve eastbound I-90 from Mercer Island and HOV access at Bellevue Way, in partnership with Sound Transit and WSDOT. $187 million  
Construction  
Complete Fall 2012  
**Contact:** Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov/I-90_hov_intro.htm](http://www.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 will select an alignment Summer 2011. $2.3 billion  
Design ongoing  
Review complete in 2011  
**Contact:** Bernard van de Kamp, 425-452-6459  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov/](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)/

**Central Business District Sanitary Sewer Improvements:** Repairing sewer defects at various areas in downtown Bellevue. $600,000  
Ready for construction  
Complete Fall 2011  
**Contact:** Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/)

**Emerald Ridge Wastewater Pump Station Replacement:** Replacing an almost 30-year old pump station. $1 million  
Construction  
Complete Fall 2011  
**Contact:** Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/)

### Wilburton

**Bellevue Botanical Garden Ravine Bridges:** Constructing two pedestrian bridges, including a rigid lattice truss bridge and a suspension bridge. In cooperation with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, who are actively fundraising. Partial funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. $1 million  
Out to bid  
2011/2012  
**Contact:** Scott Vanderhyden, 425-452-6855  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/)

**Bellevue Botanical Garden Vistor Center:** Constructing a new 6,000 square foot visitor center and parking lot, including visitor services, administration center and educational facilities. In cooperation with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, who are actively fundraising. Partial funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. $1 million  
Design TBD  
**Contact:** Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.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.  
**Contact:** Paul Ingham, 425-452-4070  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm)

**NE Fourth 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  
**Contact:** Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)/

**NE Fifth Street:** 120th Avenue NE to 124th Avenue NE: Working with a neighborhood traffic committee to address potential traffic impacts on NE 5th Street to east of 120th Avenue NE with Phase II of NE 4th Street. $780  
Under analysis  
Construction Wtr. 2012  
**Contact:** Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)/

**NE Sixth 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  
**Contact:** Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382  
**Website:** [bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)/
Finding peaceful solutions to neighborhood noise

Saturday morning, around dawn, after a long, hard week, you’re enjoying one of the great pleasures in life... sleeping in. Suddenly, a neighbor fires up his chainsaw. For awhile you vainly try to get up to face the day. Chronic noise problems often cause irritation and frustration. They can also be hard to resolve.

Lawns and noise disturbances. While many people are reluctant to call the authorities on their neighbors. And some bothersome noises may be within legal limits.

Code compliance officers, police and animal services may be able to help you, but negotiating with your neighbors, with or without a mediator, could be more appropriate and effective. The Bellevue Mediation team (425-452-4091) offers free services to help residents resolve disputes over a broad range of issues, including property boundaries, messy yards and noise.

If you want to call the authorities, it’s important to know who to call. If the noise is from a stationary source, such as a generator, heat pump or compressor, you should call Bellevue Code Compliance (425-452-4570). If it’s a barking dog, call King County Regional Animal Services (206-296-7387). For all other noise problems, you should call the police (425-452-6917).

If it’s a stationary source noise problem, a code compliance officer will come to your property with a noise meter and measure the decibels at your property line. If the noise level exceeds the legal limit under the city’s noise control ordinance, the officer can require the owner of the machine to mitigate the noise by moving it or building a sound-buffering fence around it. Officers may try to get neighbors to negotiate a solution first.

If the disturbance is from a barking dog, King County Regional Animal Services may be able to intervene. Animal Services requires that pets be licensed and enforces regulations regarding the number of pets allowed on individual properties, it also has an intervention process for dealing with barking dogs.

The police handle almost all other noise disturbances. The most common type of problem they handle is loud parties. According to Deputy Chief Cherie Baker, they do not typically use sound meters. Instead, they use the 75 feet rule: if a noise can be clearly heard from 75 feet away, then it is a noise disturbance, and the police will knock at the door. They have the power to fine violators in some cases.

In most residential areas, the permissible level of noise is significantly lower at night, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. — referred to as "quiet time." Construction noise between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. can exceed the standard noise levels under a special exception in the ordinance. However, if the construction is for "temporary repair, addition or maintenance projects on existing single-family homes," then the noise can continue until 8 p.m.

Going to the authorities over a noise problem can be tricky. Your neighbors may see your action as hostile. Even worse, your neighbors might retaliate, for example, by calling Code Compliance over that shed you constructed near the property line. Neighborhood feuds can rapidly escalate in this manner.

An alternative is to negotiate directly with your neighbor. We know this may not be easy — and we don’t recommend trying this right after you’ve awakened on Saturday morning. Nor should you wait through months and months of mounting frustration. However, if you prepare yourself and carefully pick the time to speak with your neighbor, there is a good possibility that you can negotiate a solution that addresses your specific situation. Sometimes merely raising awareness can be helpful.

For suggestions on ways to open up productive discussions call Neighborhood Mediation for the publication “How to Resolve Conflict.” If negotiating with your neighbor doesn’t work, or is too daunting, try another approach, consider using Mediation’s dispute resolution services — with trained, neutral conciliators and mediators who can help facilitate difficult discussions.

Mediation can be particularly helpful when the issues are emotional or complex. Through this process, mediators will help you and your neighbor articulate your concerns in a safe, neutral environment, then find a solution that works for everyone.

**Finding peaceful solutions to neighborhood noise**

**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**

**120th Avenue NE Improvements: 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**

**NE 15th Multi-Modal Corridor, Seq. 1: 116th Avenue NE at NE 12th Street to 124th Avenue NE: 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)**

**124th Avenue NE: Proposed NE 15th/NE 16th Street Extension to Northup Way: Widening 12th Avenue NE between the planned NE 15th/NE 16th Street and Northup Way to five lanes. $1.8 million (Design only)**

**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 a new flashing yellow left-turn arrows to reduce vehicle delay. $425,000**

**Woodridge**

**Sunset & Richards Creeks Improvement Project:** Helping control flooding and improving the surrounding habitat. $400,000-$470,000

**Various Locations**

**Pavement Overlay Program 2011:** Maintaining and repairing 20 lane miles of major streets in many neighborhoods before they need more costly repairs. Includes curb, gutters, and sidewalk repairs, new curbs and gutter ramps, and pavement overlays. $5.8 million

**Pavement Replacement 2010, Phase: 2: Replacing aging pressure reducing valves to improve water pressure in many neighborhoods. $406,000**

**Pavement Replacement 2011, Phase: 1: Replacing pressure reducing valves to regulate water pressure throughout seven major neighborhoods. $500,000-$580,000**

**Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2011:** Repairing sewer line defects with new PVC pipe in the NW Bellevue and West Bellevue neighborhoods. $364,000

**Storm Drainage Repair 2011:** Repairing storm drainage systems in several neighborhoods. $210,000

**Storm Drainage Trenchless Repair 2011:** Repairing storm drainage pipes in several neighborhood locations. TBD

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**Construction**

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B7 Revised Alternative Analysis Report
Wednesday, June 29, 5:30-7 p.m.
Presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by a one-hour open house.
Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers
www.bellevuewa.gov/b7-revised-light-rail-route.htm or 425-452-4789

Incredible Inflatable Fun
Friday, July 29, 12-8 p.m.
Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday, July 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.
nwac@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106

Mountains to Sound Greenway’s Summer Kickoff Weekend
June 18-19, Event times and locations vary
Variety of activities, including guided hikes and scavenger hunts. Free. http://mtsgreenway.org/greenwaydays

Bellewood Family 4th Celebration
July 4, 2-7:30 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.
www.bellevuedowntown.org or 425-453-1223

Live at Lunch Concert Series
July 5-September 8
Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Live music at various downtown sites.
www.bellevuedowntown.org or 425-453-1223

National Night Out Against Crime
Aug. 2, 3-30 - 6:30 p.m.
Crossroads Mall Parking lot, 15600 NE Eighth St.
Free event with games and prizes for the kids. Meet police officers and neighbors and learn how to organize your neighborhood to fight crime. 425-452-2891

Music in the Garden
Aug. 6, 5-30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 NE Eighth St.
Pack picnic dinner and blanket to spread on the lawn. No alcoholic beverages or pets. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. All ages welcome. Free; donations are encouraged.
bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755

Celebrate Summer Dance
Aug. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE
“Sounds of Swing” performs favorites of the swing era. $3.
425-425-7681

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Monthly closures of SR 520 to continue through November

The recent closure of the State Route 520 bridge and roadway, from Montlake Boulevard in Seattle to Interstate 405 in Bellevue, was just the first of several monthly shutdowns scheduled to take place during the coming months.

The state Department of Transportation (WSDOT) closed that stretch of highway the weekend of June 17-20 to crews who could work on fish passage culverts, remove the pedestrian bridge between the Evergreen Point Road and 14th Avenue N.E. overpasses and perform other tasks.

WSDOT staff anticipate similar, around-the-clock weekend closures of the SR 520 corridor each month through November. Another big change, expected to begin this summer, will be the collection of tolls on the existing four-lane bridge, which will be replaced eventually by a new six-lane floating bridge.

Also part of the Eastside Transit and HOV project will be shifting the HOV lane in each direction from the outermost lane to the innermost one, with ramps and modifications to improve access. Other improvements will include: landscaped lids with green space and walking trails, replacing overpasses at Evergreen Point Road, 84th and 92nd avenues; a new direct-access ramp for carpools and transit at 108th Avenue Northeast; and a new Bellevue Way bridge over SR 520.

Approximately 166,000 vehicles cross the SR 520 bridge on a summer weekend. Here are some travel tips for weekends when the bridge and highway are closed:

- Delay discretionary trips, especially between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
  - If you must cross the lake, check the WSDOT website for closure information: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/WeeklyClosures.htm or call 511 for real-time travel information.
  - Take alternate routes, such as Interstate 405, 1-5 and 1-90, and plan for delays.
  - Park or use transit.

During these closures, Bellevue’s Transportation Department will monitor traffic signals on main travel routes, such as 148th Avenue, and adjust the timing as needed.

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Visualization of improved SR 520, looking east.