In 1994, opening a “mini” city hall in the Crossroads area may have seemed odd. Sure, a citizen survey found that residents wanted services in their neighborhood as an alternative to “maxi” City Hall, located a few miles away. But the idea of taking government to the people – putting it in a mall – rather than having people come to it, was, well, unusual.

Today, as Mini City Hall (MCH) celebrates its 20th anniversary, the idea of not having it in Bellevue’s most diverse neighborhood seems odd. To mark the occasion, Crossroads Shopping Center and the city are throwing a community party on Wednesday, October 22, at 3 p.m. The free event will feature live music, beverages and bites from six Crossroads restaurants, giveaways, stories and a mayoral proclamation.

Attendees will include past and present clients, partner agencies that work out of MCH, city staff, volunteers and others. Also on hand will be former Crossroads Shopping Center owner Ron Sher and former Bellevue Neighborhood Outreach Manager Cheryl Kuhn, who were both instrumental in making MCH a reality.

Yingying Yu says a call from Mini City Hall opened a door for her just as another door was closing.

Bellevue business leaders, elected officials and philanthropists have for decades recognized the value in building a world-class performing arts venue in the city.

After years of work, an organization called Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) was formed in 2006 to lead the effort to raise money and develop and build a 2,000-seat facility, with a 250-seat cabaret, on donated land at the corner of Northeast 10th Street and 106th Avenue Northeast.

So far, nearly $65 million of the project goal of $160 million has been raised. The planned building got a name in 2010, after the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation gave $25 million for the project. While more than 90 percent of the contributions have come from the private sector through 10,000 individual donations, the City of Bellevue contributed $2 million in 2010 for project design work. The county and the state also have contributed.

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Want to know more?

The Bellevue Arts Commission and PACE representatives will be happy to give a presentation to your group and to take comments about the Tateuchi Center. Contact the Arts Commission at 425-452-4105, or mphyrne@bellevuewa.gov.

More information about the Tateuchi Center is available at www.tateuchicenter.org.

Earlier this year, the city and PACE entered into an agreement to investigate a range of potential funding options – both public and private. The city is considering whether additional public funding should be provided to the project.

The City Council asked the Bellevue Arts Commission to meet with community members to share information and answer questions about the Tateuchi Center and the benefits it will bring to the whole community; and to find out what residents think about the possibility of the city investing more money in the project.

In addition to civic-minded allies, two other groups also have a strong interest in seeing the Tateuchi Center become a reality: the performers who would appear onstage, and audience members who happily would fill the seats.

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Planning how to best serve a diverse population

On September 2, the council reviewed a draft plan detailing how the city can best support and take advantage of its increasing diversity. The population has diversified in age, race, ethnicity, income, ability and other factors.

While that diversity provides the economy with competitive advantages and enriches the city's culture, it challenges residents and local institutions, including the city. Collectively, residents and city staff must learn to communicate across multiple cultures and languages and improve access to basic needs, such as public safety, education and human services.

In 2010 the council launched the Bellevue Diversity Initiative, asking staff to study the city's diversity and recommend actions to ensure "cultural competence"—the ability to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds—in the government, community and economy.

Staff from the Parks & Community Services and Planning & Community Development departments presented a draft diversity plan with more than 60 recommended actions the city can take to improve services for people of all cultures, and that the community can take to adjust to and make the most of living in a multicultural city.

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The draft “Diversity Advantage” plan is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/cultural_diversity.htm. Questions about the plan can be directed to Diversity Program Coordinator Kevin Henry (khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886). A new visitor center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden has a nearby pond.

High-Quality Built and Natural Environment

This phrase means a lot to me, but when I use it with friends I get the same look my sheepdog gives me: “It sounds good, but really I have no idea what you are saying.”

It’s about the human realm, that area 12 feet around us and 12 feet above. Walking in a public space, how do you feel? Are you safe? Can you relax? Do you take pride in where you are? Is it a concrete jungle, or does it have a natural feeling?

If you want to see a great example of a high-quality built and natural environment at one location, visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The new visitor center helps focus you on the entrance to the gardens. You pass from the urban to the natural environment. And while you are there to enjoy the flowers and other plants, it’s also about bringing people together. That connection of people to place is why we’ve earned our moniker, “City in a Park.”

In the coming decades, we want to build on the green by connecting people with the blue waters of our beautiful lakes. Shortly, we will begin development of Meydenbauer Beach Park, another step in a long-standing vision of connecting Downtown Park to the waterfront. It is an audacious goal that is coming true. The city also owns a small piece of waterfront on Lake Sammamish, and I believe it’s time to start a conversation about how we provide similar access here, while respecting our lake-side neighbors.

These are examples of the council’s vision. What separates Bellevue from many cities is our ability to set a long-term vision that is audacious, but achievable. Long-term thinking got us here. It will also take the city to an even higher level.

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Historic fire truck found, restoration planned

The Bellevue Fire Department’s newest fire truck is its oldest. “Ms. Belle” is a rusty 1957 Maxim, which was in service with the department in its early years. The city established its own fire department in 1965, 12 years after incorporating, with King County Fire District 14 stations, rigs and firefighters.

Fire Truck 4 was at Station 1 in Old Bellevue, just off Main Street. After many years of service the truck was sold as surplus, and ended up sitting in a warehouse in the Bellingham area. Brad and Kim Gilbert, owners of a fire sprinkler installation business, acquired her in exchange for some fire prevention work 10 years ago.

The truck was driven to the Gilberts’ home near Custer (less than 1,000 feet from the Canadian border) and parked in their backyard. Over the years passersby requested parts of the historic rig, but the Gilberts had hopes of bringing the truck they called Ms. Belle back to life and kept her intact.

Fast forward to this past April. Lt. Richard Burke, community liaison officer with Fire, received a call about an old fire truck buried in sticker bushes in northern Washington. The caller, who apparently saw the truck while shopping garage sales, said “Bellevue Truck 4” was painted on the door.

After many phone calls and inquiries to Maxim, based in California, the city acquired the vehicle’s specifications and purchase agreement. Local 1604 (the union representing the Bellevue firefighters) purchased the truck for $3,500 and towed it more than 100 miles to Station 3 in Crossroads.

By happenstance, in collecting pictures and documents for the department’s 50th anniversary next year, staff found a color photograph of Ms. Belle in her heyday. The photo was posted on Fire’s Facebook page, and within days the pictured firefighters’ children called the department with stories about their dads, and how much they loved being part of the Bellevue Fire Department.

Police chief recruitment continues

The city is on target to have a new police chief in office by early January. Residents will have a chance to meet the finalists for the position at a City Hall reception tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 6-7 p.m.

The city hired Mercer Group, an executive search firm, to conduct a nationwide search for candidates. Input from staff, residents, local businesses and other stakeholders was collected at community meetings and via an online survey as the city considered the qualities the new police chief ideally will possess.

Former Bellevue Police Chief Jim Montgomery has been serving as the interim police chief since Linda Pillo retired in April, after seven years as chief.

The job was posted in August, and Mercer Group screened applicants in September. Panels, which include staff, will interview finalists later this month the week of the public reception. City Manager Brad Miyake will appoint the new chief.

Information on the police chief recruitment can be found at www.bellevuwa.gov/police-chief-recruitment.htm.

Transportation project milestones this fall

Construction of the new signalized intersection is anticipated to start in January and continue until fall 2015.

Before the Northup Way Corridor project officially begins construction early next year, private utilities will do preparatory work, which will require intermittent lane closures. Sidewalk and bike lane construction will begin shortly thereafter. When complete, Northup Way will have bike lanes and sidewalks along both sides, connecting the existing 520 trail at Northeast 24th Street with the state’s new 520 trail west of 108th Avenue Northeast.

Over the summer, parts of the Lake Hills Connector and Lake Washington Boulevard were paved and curb ramps were updated as part of the Pavement Overlay Program. This fall, if weather permits, paving will occur on Coal Creek Parkway, Southeast 60th Street, Southeast 64th Street and 151st Avenue Southeast. Curb ramp work will continue through the fall and winter on Highland Drive and along 128th Avenue Southeast in Woodridge. On 123rd Avenue Southeast, utility work will take place in advance of spring 2015 overlay work.

There has been a Mountains to Sound Greenway study of a 3.6-mile trail between Factoria Boulevard Southeast and 150th Avenue Southeast. In September, a landscape architect was selected for landscape and urban design for the trail just north of Southeast 36th Street, from Factoria Boulevard to 150th Avenue Southeast.

To keep up-to-date on these city projects and others, visit the Projects in Your Neighborhoods interactive map at www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm.

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Bellevue nurtures startups, entrepreneurs

Bellevue is hitting the fast-forward button in its efforts to attract more startup companies and encourage the city's next generation of technology entrepreneurs.

In early September, Bellevue hosted its first “Tech Hive” at City Hall; later in the month city officials helped welcome the Biz-Tech Summit to downtown Bellevue. In October, plans call for two more tech-friendly happenings at City Hall: the CoderDojo youth computer programming club meets on October 18; and Startup Weekend Bellevue takes place October 24-26, featuring dozens of entrepreneur teams developing ideas.

The various events are part of a concerted drive by elected officials and the city's economic development team to raise Bellevue's profile as a destination for startups and entrepreneurs. It builds on Bellevue's track record of high-tech success. Bellevue is now home to more than 500 startups, as well as cutting-edge gaming companies such as Bungie.

“We’re very optimistic,” said Chris Salomone, the director of the Planning & Community Development Department, noting that startup companies create jobs and generate new revenue.

“We have the structure and we have the talent, with business clusters that already exist here, especially the IT community with software, gamers and telecom. We hope to broaden the spectrum of companies that come here.”

In the economic development section of a vision for the next 20 years adopted in April, the City Council targeted actions such as creating an incubator environment and attracting a well-educated and talented work force. The city's new economic development plan, adapted in July, includes measures to cultivate Bellevue’s next generation of technology entrepreneurs.

“Tech Hive is the first in a series of steps we’re taking to encourage entrepreneurs to be here,” said Councilmember Conrad Lee, who attended the event. “We need to develop an ecosystem, a culture that really encourages and cultivates these talents.”

One of the entrepreneurs who attended Tech Hive was Parry Bedi, a Redmond resident and cofounder of SocialGlimpz, a marketing and technology company.

“I didn’t know Bellevue was interested in startups,” Bedi said.

“Something like (Tech Hive) is really good, to get the name out, to tell them we’re open for business, we want other innovative companies to come here. I think it’s a great start.”

In addition to laying out a broad vision for Bellevue’s future, the council recently adopted a new economic development strategic plan that calls for the city to nurture the next generation of technology entrepreneurs and to position Bellevue as a gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Lance Kezner, co-founder of OneFarStar LLC, a Bellevue-based specialty foods business, said events such as Tech Hive “allow people, like-minded entrepreneurs, to connect and share resources.”

The city also is investigating the possibility of facilitating a business incubator for startups, a space Kezner says would “give companies a running start and get them up and out into the broader the community.”

A video featuring people included in this story has been posted to the city’s YouTube channel (http://www.youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington). More information on Bellevue’s economic development efforts also is available online (http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/economic_development.htm)

Bel-Red slated for Sound Transit train yard

The Sound Transit board has selected a site near the future 120th East Link station in Bel-Red as the preferred location for a new light-rail maintenance facility, despite objections from Bellevue city officials. The city is planning transit-oriented development in the area, and the City Council expressed strident opposition to the two sites under consideration in the Bel-Red corridor.

The selected site is west of 120th Avenue Northeast and across the street from The Spring District, a planned mixed-use urban village under development by Wright Runstad and Shorenstein Properties.

City council members concerned about locating a train yard in the Bel-Red corridor. Bellevue and Sound Transit officials will participate in a new negotiation process to comprehensively address issues of concern related to East Link and the maintenance facility this fall. The city’s goal is to maximize the public’s investment in light rail and ensure that East Link fits harmoniously into its vision for well-planned, quality communities throughout Bellevue.

Sound Transit is expanding its light rail network from a 16-mile line from Sea-Tac Airport to downtown Seattle, to a 50-mile network taking riders to Bellevue and Redmond in the east, Lynnwood in the north and Kent/Des Moines in the south. A second maintenance facility is needed to service the additional cars for the expansion. For more information on light rail in Bellevue, please contact Kate March at kmarch@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2055.

More parking now available in Old Bellevue

The Old Bellevue neighborhood is changing and growing by leaps and bounds, with approximately 15 restaurants, 35 shops, a variety of personal services and offices and 692 apartments and condominiums, with more on the way. Bellevue Downtown Park remains a big draw.

Parking is an issue for residents and businesses in the area, and the city is considering how best to address that.

Responding to requests from the Old Bellevue Merchants Association, the city is adding 29 new on-street parking spaces to the area (two-hour parking, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., except Sundays and holidays):

- five on Main Street, west of 101st Avenue (completed in June);
- three on the south side of Northeast First Street, just west of 102nd Avenue (completed in August);
- 21 on the east side of 100th Avenue Northeast, between Main and Northeast Fourth streets (scheduled for completion in October).

The Transportation Commission identified the stretch of 100th Avenue, with parking currently only available on weekends and holidays, as a way to help address parking issues.

The City Council approved the new, two-hour spots in August.
Mini City Hall
from front page

Maria Sitzmann will be there, too. She wouldn’t miss it. Mini City Hall and its staff impacted her life in a profound way.

In 1997 I came to Crossroads and found Mini City Hall,” said Sitzmann, who had moved to Bellevue from her native Colombia. “I just escaped an abusive relationship and I was looking for somebody to help.”

Sitzmann, who still gets emotional when she talks about her experience, said MCH provided a safe haven, staff helped arrange for her to learn English, and she was able to connect with a wider community. “The most important thing I got from Mini City Hall that day was hope to fight for my life,” she said. “I got empowered to continue fighting for me.”

Barb Tuininga manages the MCH program as part of her job with Neighborhood Outreach. She splits her time between the 350-square-foot office at the mall, and the 350,000-square-foot City Hall building downtown.

Tuininga said that while MCH assists the community in a variety of ways – including language services, housing referrals and human service needs – what sets it apart is its location and its welcoming atmosphere.

“The city created Mini City Hall to reach residents who would ordinarily have little opportunity to connect with city government,” said Tuininga, adding that its location makes that possible. “For people who are doing their daily business, it’s accessible.”

“It’s about having a safe place and a comfortable place in your neighborhood where you can ask any question,” she continued. “That’s a pretty unique and amazing service not offered everywhere. It really is about building a sense of community in this tiny little place.”

For Sue Popma, marketing director for Crossroads Shopping Center, having Mini City Hall at the mall makes good business sense. It provides a service her customers want and the mall has provided strong support for Mini City Hall since its inception.

“I think it’s a huge benefit having Mini City Hall here. It helps our customers think of Crossroads as their go-to place, whether to shop or eat or access community services,” Popma said. “People think of this as the heart of the Crossroads neighborhood. Mini City Hall is really central to that.”

Another client touched by Mini City Hall was Yingying Tu, who first visited for a job fair in 2013 after immigrating from China in 2011 with her husband and daughter. She spoke little English at the time.

As fate had it, Tuininga called Tu to offer her a volunteer position on the same day Yu learned she had suffered a miscarriage. Tuininga was able to provide much needed support during a difficult time.

“My first encounter with Mini City Hall changed my life a lot. I felt like one door closed but another door opened,” Yu said of her conversation with Tuiningas.

Community partners at Mini City Hall offer services. International Community Health Services and Public Health provide service in several languages. The Cultural Navigator program, managed by the Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC), provides help to immigrants and refugees on the Eastside.

“I tell people all the time, go to Mini City Hall,” Sitzmann said. “It’s like a mini-United Nations. I’m so grateful to be part of that. First being helped and then helping others. It’s a chain I want to continue.”

A video featuring some of the voices in this story is available online on the city’s YouTube channel (http://www.youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington). More information about Mini City Hall is available on the city’s website (http://www.bellevuew.gov/mini-city-hall.htm).

Reviewing Energize Eastside plans

Responding to concerns expressed by residents about a proposed electrical transmission line through Bellevue, the city will conduct an independent analysis of Puget Sound Energy’s Energize Eastside project.

In December 2013, PSE launched Energize Eastside, to site and build approximately 18 miles of new 230-kilovolt transmission lines from Renton to Redmond. PSE says the lines would deliver more power to Eastside cities, approximately 18 miles of new 230-kilovolt transmission lines from Renton to Redmond. PSE says the lines would deliver more power to Eastside cities, to keep up with mounting demand related to growth.

A reliable power supply is important to Bellevue residents, businesses and other stakeholders. The city has been engaging with PSE since May to ensure the public’s questions and concerns are addressed.

The city is already managing an environmental review required for the project through an interagency agreement with other Eastside cities where transmission alignments are proposed.

While a number of questions about the project will be addressed in that environmental impact statement (EIS), the City Council agreed that an independent review analyzing project need specific to Bellevue would be appropriate.

The city issued a request for proposals to evaluate the need, growth forecast and demand for the project. The independent analysis will be completed in advance of the EIS.


Help your favorite Bellevue nonprofit go solar

Solarize Bellevue, the community campaign helping to reduce the cost of solar panels and their installation for Bellevue residents and businesses, is striving to install 30 new systems across the city this year.

If 30 systems are sold, the campaign’s selected contractor, Northwest Electric and Solar, will provide a free solar photovoltaic panel system to a local nonprofit organization selected by residents.

So far, 24 systems have been ordered. Learn more and see program updates at www.GreenWA.org. Vote for one of three nonprofits eligible for a free solar panel installation.

Tateuchi
from front page

tons of parents. The symphony is outgrowing its venues,” said Phillips, who graduated from Bellevue High School and now attends the University of Washington.

In fact, when the symphony formally celebrates its 50th anniversary next year, it will celebrate at Benaroya Hall in Seattle because there’s no comparable facility on the Eastside. Phillips noted that over the past 10 years BSYO has grown to six orchestras and three ensembles with more than 450 student musicians.

“It would be nice to have something like a Benaroya Hall on the Eastside. Tateuchi Center would be a special place for BSYO to perform. I think you would get a massive audience,” Phillips said, adding that as a community resource it would expose kids and parents to excellent music from across the globe.

PACE officials say programming at Tateuchi Center will be diverse and appeal to a wide variety of local audiences. It will include: world-renowed performers in music, theater and dance from the United States and around the world; speakers; top arts organizations from Seattle, as well as local performers. And, Tateuchi Center will be an educational center, as well as a cultural one.

Goldie Tobin moved to a downtown condo in 2008, but has lived in Bellevue for 47 years. She is a commited patron of the performing arts – “I go to just about everything,” she said – with subscriptions to the symphony, opera and Fifth Avenue Theatre, all in Seattle.

She believes it’s time Bellevue had its own performing arts center and has contributed to the fundraising effort for Tateuchi Center. Tobin says the project would be convenient – “We wouldn’t have to cross the bridge in all that traffic” – and positive for the community.

“I think it would put Bellevue on the map, culturally speaking. The Eastside is growing rapidly. I think it would appeal to many communities close by,” Tobin said. “It would be a wonderful asset to our community. I really am excited about this.”

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New bicycling facilities coming soon

Bicycling is becoming a common travel mode for Bellevue residents, commuters and visitors, particularly downtown. A few additional bicycle facilities are coming to Bellevue, including green bicycle pavement markings and bicycle racks.

Green bike pavement markings are brightly colored with bicycle symbols and are strategically located at key decision points, often intersections. They improve safety by raising the awareness of both motorists and bicyclists in potential conflict areas.

Bright green thermoplastic is placed directly on the roadway and is heated and pressed to adhere to the pavement surface. The finished material is slip-resistant and semi-reflective to increase visibility, and includes white stripes and bicycle markings. The material is durable and easy to maintain.

This fall, green bike pavement markings will be installed on:

- **112th Ave NE** - A northbound bike lane will run from the end of the path that connects 112th and 114th avenues, supporting the Lake Washington Loop. The bike lane will have a dashed green pattern as it approaches the Northeast 8th St and 112th Avenue Northeast intersection. The project will include median work at 112th. Construction will soon be underway.
- **SE Newport Way** - About 250 linear feet of green bicycle lane will be located between travel lanes and the parking bay in front of Eastgate Elementary School. These will be part of new bike lanes that will run from 150th Ave SE to 152nd Ave SE. Construction is expected from this fall through next summer.

Tips for a safe Halloween

Soon, thousands of youngsters will be walking through Bellevue streets dressed in the hottest Halloween fashions. Bellevue Police offer the following tips to help ensure your Halloween activities are safe and not too scary:

- Children should always go out trick-or-treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.
- Wear bright colors that make you more visible to motorists. Some residential streets in Bellevue aren’t brightly lit, so it’s important to see and be seen. Carry a flashlight, glowstick or other light if possible.
- If you are a homeowner and you are expecting trick-or-treaters, turn on your exterior house lights so your visitors can see their way to your door.
- If you are driving, pay extra attention to crosswalks, intersections and residential areas. Keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters, and don’t use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving. Remember, kids aren’t always looking out for cars.
- Be aware that because of the increased foot traffic of trick-or-treaters, the chance of automobile-related accidents with young pedestrians increases fourfold on Halloween, according to a Center for Disease Control study.

Early next year, anticipate green bike pavement markings on:

- **The Northup Way Corridor Project** - Bike lanes will run on both sides of Northup Way and will connect the existing SR 520 trail (which currently terminates at NE 24th St) with a new trail at 108th Ave NE that is being built by WSDOT as part of the SR 520 bridge project. Green bicycle facilities will be used at four intersections along the roadway: NE 53rd Pl, NE 30th St, 116th Ave NE, and just past NE 24th St.
- **108th Ave NE** - Just south of Main Street, southbound cyclists will have a new bicycle queueing area. The existing traffic island will be replaced with a new median extension. New landscaping will enhance the south gateway to downtown Bellevue and provide a transition between downtown Bellevue and adjacent neighborhoods.

When approaching a green bike lane, drivers should watch for bicycles, check blind spots and use signals when turning. Cyclists should approach the area with caution and use hand signals to alert drivers.

Do you want to see more bike racks? New bike racks are installed Bellevue through the Transportation Department’s ongoing bike rack installation program, at the request of bicyclists and businesses.

City expands recycling in apartment buildings, condos

In an effort to reduce waste and improve services to the growing number of apartment dwellers in Bellevue, the city has expanded its recycling program, offering free weekly collection of unlimited recycling and up to 96 gallons of organics service (food scraps and yard debris) for apartment and condo building customers.

These expanded recycling options were recently rolled out as part of the city’s new collection contract with Republic Services, which went into effect in June.

To help apartment building and condo customers start or improve waste prevention and recycling in their buildings and complexes, Bellevue Utilities offers on-site consultations and no-cost tools through its Refresh Recycling program.

Refresh Recycling consultations include reviewing a customer’s current waste stream practices, looking for opportunities to reduce waste and enhance recycling, helping to tailor the recycling program to a property’s needs, and providing no-cost tools and training to maximize customers’ benefit from the city’s new organics collection service option. No-cost tools available with an onsite recycling consultation include:

- kitchen food scrap buckets for each tenant;
- one dispenser for compostable bags and a starter supply of compostable bags;
- recycling and organics instructions to post in key locations; and,
- recycling collection bags for in-unit recycling.

For more information, call 425-452-6932 or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov.

Are you winter-ready?

City preparations and equipment include 14 large trucks that can be configured with plows and sanders to clear roadways of snow and ice and a meteorologist hired to provide Bellevue-specific forecasts at least daily through the winter.

The easiest and quickest ways to find out what the city is doing or what you should do in the event of extreme weather, is to visit the city website (www.bellevuewa.gov) and click on the Extreme Weather Response icon or go to the MyBellevue app on your phone – emergencies are a widget.

When there are weather-related emergencies such as flooding, wind storms or ice or snow-covered streets, the Emergencies and Extreme Weather page will provide helpful information about what the city is doing and you can do to respond. You can sign up for Alerts so that you will receive an email or a text when the city posts information for an emergency or weather event.

Who to Call

For life-threatening emergencies, please call 911. The next most critical phone number to have on hand is 425-452-7840. This is a 24-hour response number for flooded, blocked or hazardous streets and sidewalks, fallen trees and damaged or down stop, yield or other traffic signs. Also, call this number for flooding at home or work, water main breaks, pollutants entering storm drains or waterways, or sewer overflows.

Social Media

To receive timely social media updates, please follow us on Twitter: @bellevuewa. For real-time conditions, check the real-time traffic map (www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficsigns) before you set out for your trip.
East Bellevue happenings...

By East Bellevue Community Council Member Gerald Hughes

All in all, a lot is happening in East Bellevue. Here is a quick summary of all the action.

Lake Hills Picnic

On July 15 the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association held the first of hopefully many annual picnics at Evergreen Park. Over 150 people attended and enjoyed an afternoon of food, games and good conversation.

It was a chance for new and old neighbors to get to know each other better. When Lake Hills was first developed about 60 years ago, it was mainly a white, middle-class neighborhood with the majority earning their living working at Boeing. Some of these original residents were at the picnic, along with a wide diversity of others from many different cultures and countries. All have a similar desire, to live in a safe environment with the opportunity for their children to become educated and pursue a happy, healthy and fulfilling life.

Mayor Claudia Balducci and Carol Ross from Neighborhood Outreach attended, and thanks must go to Mindy Garner and her team for creating such a successful event. Next year will be bigger and better, I am sure.

Lake Hills Village Construction

The new Lake Hills Village is well into construction at 156th Avenue Southeast and Lake Hills Boulevard. Two apartment buildings with 72 residences of two, three and four bedrooms are complete. About half are leased and many are occupied. There are 18 rental town houses nearing completion, each with five bedrooms, and some are already leased.

In addition, several retailers are in the late stages of leasing including two restaurants, and there are several new leases near fruition in the commercial office buildings. The underground garage with 450 parking spaces will be fully operational by late October.

The building along Lake Hills Boulevard will be finished last, and the whole project will be opened in 2015. By next summer, it should be an exciting new destination for East Bellevue residents.

The above-ground parking square in now open and I encourage you to stop sometime, walk around and see the progress. It has taken almost 15 years to have this project come to this stage and it should make our community an even better place to live.

The East Bellevue Community Council is encouraging Oscar Del Moro, the developer, to give a complete update at one of our meetings before the end of the year. I hope you will attend.

Kelsey Creek Shopping Center Booming

The Kelsey Creek Shopping Center appears to be booming. There are six restaurants, along with a deli and Subway. There is a new Autozone store and Wells Fargo bank now open and the center is almost fully leased.

The developer, the Franklin group, now controls the one remaining blight, the vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and 148th Avenue. There are currently negotiations to resolve zoning issues so that the completion of the development can proceed. Despite traffic concerns at times, caused by the success of the center, it has become a real jewel of East Bellevue.

Permanent single-family rental rules drafted

The Planning Commission has drafted a permanent ordinance to control the spread of individual room rentals in single-family neighborhoods. The City Council and EBCC will likely consider it for approval in November or December.

If you are concerned about a single-family residence having many rooms for rent, with commensurate noise, multiple cars on the street and general deterioration in your neighborhood’s character, you would be able to file a complaint, and the city would then investigate.

Although there may be some modification by the City Council, at the time of the writing of this article, no more than four unrelated adults would be allowed to rent rooms in a single-family residence, per the draft ordinance. This ordinance is a direct result of the diligence of the Spiritwood neighborhood, and all of Bellevue should be thankful for their efforts.

For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo, 425-452-6466.

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

Members: Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Betsi Hummer, William Capron

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the Community Council via e-mail at EBCC@bellevuewa.gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.

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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 complete end of 2014. $700,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/bride-trails-levy.html

Contact: Scott Vanderhyden, 425-452-4169 svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov

SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For SR 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway until 2015. $6.65 billion.

Contact: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov

Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes from Evergreen Pt. Rd. to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete Fall 2014. $306 million. www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/520bridge/MediaIn2012/

Contact: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov

Pikes Peak Reservoir Structural/Seismic Modifications and Pump Station Replacement: Structural/Seismic rehabilitation to existing 1 million gallon steel reservoir, and replacement of Pikes Peak Pump Station adjacent to reservoir (joint project). Construction 2017-2018. $5.7 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. Construction may be dependent on redevelopment rates in the Bel-Red Corridor rezoned area. $4 million (est.)

Contact: Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajaiah@bellevuewa.gov

120th Ave NE: NE 8th St - NE 112th St, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks; includes utility work. Construction October 2014 through 2016. $36 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.html

Contact: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrwczyk@bellevuewa.gov

120th Ave NE: NE 12th - Northup Way, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks, with utility work. Design complete in 2015. $19.2 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.html

Contact: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrwczyk@bellevuewa.gov

NE Spring Blvd (Zone 1): 116th to 120th Ave NE: Widening NE 12th Street to five lanes between 116th Ave NE and a new signalized intersection at NE Spring Boulevard. NE Spring Boulevard between NE 12th St and 120th Ave NE will be a new four-lane roadway with two travel lanes in each direction and a multimodal path along the north side. Designing the Sound Transit East Link project. Designing to 60 percent. $1.4 million. http://www.bellevuewa.gov/15th-street-construction.html

Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

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 Avenues NE. Designing to 60 percent. $1.3 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/15th-street-construction.html

Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

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 future roadway. Designed to 30 percent. $740,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm

Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

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 NE 18th Streets. Design complete in Fall 2015. Construction 2015. $8.9 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.html

Contact: Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE 14th St: 30 percent design complete for widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes with multipurpose path/ sidewalk. This project will also construct streetscape enhancements on 124th, between Main Street and NE 8th Street. Design complete Fall 2014, with construction starting Spring 2015. $1.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.html

Contact: Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Partnered with WSDOT to complete a report that evaluated and investigated access to and from SR 520 at 124th Ave NE. Awaiting further direction by the State Legislature. WSDOT budget: $2.2 million.

Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

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. Designed to 15 percent. $423,000.

Contact: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads


Contact: Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system within neighborhood area. Construction early Fall 2014. $1.2 million.

Contact: Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov


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East Lake Hills

SE 16th St: 148th to 156th Ave SE: Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Aves SE. 60 percent design completion end of 2014. $250,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/se-16th-148th-156th.htm

Contact: Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain


Contact: Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov


Contact: James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

Pressure Zone Interests: Installing two new pressure reducing valve stations. Construction Fall 2014. $160,000-$200,000 (est.)

Contact: James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov

SE Newport Way Sidewalk, 150th Ave SE to 152nd Ave SE: Adding a new sidewalk on the south side and bike lanes on both sides. Construction late Winter 2015. $1.7 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/se-newport-way-sidewalk.htm

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<td>Newport Hills</td>
<td>Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station Rehab: Existing wastewater pumping station assumed from Coal Creek Utility District to be rehabilitated to meet current standards. Predesign Summer/Fall 2014. Construction 2016. $750,000.</td>
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<td>Hidden Valley Park: Constructing a multi-use gymnasium and improving the sports field in partnership with the Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Under construction. $5.5 million (final site work). Estimated completion January, 2015.</td>
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<td>Northup Way Corridor Improvements: NE 24th St to NE 33rd Place: Adding bike lanes and sidewalks between NE 24th St and NE 33rd Pl, connecting the SR 520 trail with a new regional trail at 108th Ave NE. Final design Fall 2014. $11.5 million (est.). <a href="http://www.bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-bike.htm">www.bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-bike.htm</a></td>
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<td>Sanitary Sewer Replacement - Vuecrest Side Sewers: This is the second phase of a previous project. It involves the replacement and/or rehabilitation of side sewers. Predesign late 2014 with construction anticipated 2015. $470,000.</td>
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<td>Bellevue Airfield Parks Design and permitting leading to the construction of future sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Ph. 1 design and permitting 2014-2015. $1.6 million.</td>
<td>Pam Fehman, 425-452-4226 <a href="mailto:Pfhelm@bellevuewa.gov">Pfhelm@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Sunset Elementary School Sidewalk: Adding new sidewalk on east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway to connect neighborhoods to crosswalk serving Sunset Elementary. Construction Winter 2014/2015. $300,000.</td>
<td>Yvange Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov">vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Ballpark: Replacing and/or rehabilitating sanitary sewer south of Lake Hills Blvd and between 151st Ave SE and Lk Hills Greenbelt. Predesign/Permitting 2014. $400,000.</td>
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<td>Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Bogein: Replacing or rehabilitating existing sanitary sewer. Predesign/Permitting to begin 2014-15 with construction anticipated 2015. $300,000.</td>
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<td>Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Working with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to design a new trail from Factoria Blvd SE to the vicinity of 150th Ave SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, urban design features and landscaping. Design to be completed in 2015. $430,000. <a href="http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm">www.bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm</a></td>
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<td>Downtown Park “Complete the Circle”: Design and construction to complete circular promenade and canal, and to expand the parking lot off of 10th Ave NE. Design 2014. Construction 2015-2016. $5 million.</td>
<td>Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 <a href="mailto:Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov">Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Downtown Park Inspiration Playground: A partnership with the Rotary Club of Bellevue to build a new playground with universally accessible design. Design 2013-2014. Construction will depend on Rotary fundraising.</td>
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<td>Downtown Transportation Plan: Preparing multi-modal transportation alternatives to ensure mobility for residents, employees and visitors through 2030 Transportation Commission recommended policy options in 2013 and prepared a project list in early 2014. Integrating policy and project recommendations with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in 2015. $380,000. Early implementation is proceeding with pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements on 108th Avenue NE and 112th Avenue NE. <a href="http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm">www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm</a></td>
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<td>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 on hold until 2017 (tbd). On-going coordination with Parks. $2.3 million.</td>
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<td>Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Phase 2—Lake Washington: Continuation of condition assessment of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. 2014-2016. $350,000.</td>
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<td>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 associated with growth in downtown area. Construction 2015-2016. $10 million.</td>
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<td>East CBD Sewer Trunk Line Improvements: Replacing 2,200 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipes serving east side of downtown to meet future-projected sewer flows associated with growth. Construction 2015. $3 million.</td>
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<td>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. Phase I is from 116th to Eastside Rail Corridor, under construction through Fall 2014. Construction of Phase II, from Eastside Rail Corridor to 120th Ave, is anticipated in Spring 2015. $31.1 million. <a href="http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-st-extension.htm">www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-st-extension.htm</a></td>
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<td>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. Pre-design complete. $1 million (pre-design only). Coordinating with Sound Transit. <a href="http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm">www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm</a></td>
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Prepare now for the rainy season

When rain storms are intense, the city's storm drain system can become overwhelmed and flooding can occur. It's a good idea to get prepared now and know what to do to protect your property and yourself.

Properties in floodplains or 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 also includes flood detention ponds, pipes and ditches. Some parking lots and parks are even designed to fill with water during big storms.

Of course, you don’t need to be in a floodplain to experience flooding. Most flooding in Bellevue is caused by storm drains clogged with leaves and debris, especially in heavy rains. Utilities crews inspect, clean and maintain the city’s storm drain system, but there are more than 20,000 public storm drains around the city and resident’s help keeping them free of debris is appreciated.

Floodplain boundary lines are shown on FEMA flood insurance rate maps. To find out if your property is in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-0977 or check Bellevue’s floodplain maps at www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplain_map.htm. The city also keeps elevation certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplain.

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), which 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.

• 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. If your car stalls in water, abandon it and move to higher ground.
• Prevent erosion and slow stormwater runoff by preserving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes. Keep them clear of debris too.
• If there are drainage problems near your property, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. Help Utilities by removing leaves from nearby clogged storm drains.
• Routinely clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from driveways, culverts, drainage ditches, swales, gutters and downspouts.
• If your crawlspace or basement floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, test it regularly.
Community Calendar

Bellevue Essentials Resource Fair
Oct. 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
City Hall, first-floor
Learn about city programs and services such as Neighborhood Outreach, Mediation and Youth Link.
425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov

The Phantom Tollbooth
Oct. 24 through Nov. 2
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
All ages. $10-$12 per ticket
425-452-7155 or byt@bellevuewa.gov

South Bellevue Spookfest
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Spookfest Zip Tour
Oct. 24-26 and 31, 6 to 8 p.m.
Cost: $2/ages 16-17; $3/ages 18 & up
Suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark
Pre-registration required.

Spookfest Pumpkin Festival
Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free admission. Costs vary for activities. All ages family event. No pre-registration is required.
Spookfest Great SBCC Pumpkin Race
Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon
Free. $18 for supplies, if needed
Register and receive directions to prepare for race day.
Ages 6 & up; Pre-registration is required code #87027
Register at www.MyParksandRecreation.com

Halloween Luncheon
Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Lunch and fun music, costumes encouraged. Ages 18+. Cost $3 for adults 60+, $6 for all others.
Pre-registration required.
425-452-7681

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Staff and volunteers will serve a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided.
Pre-registration required by Nov. 10. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services.
$3-$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681

Babes in Toyland
Nov. 28 & 29 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 29 & 30 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre production
Meydenbauer Theatre
11100 NE Sixth St.
Adventure awaits as all your favorite characters come together to stop an evil plot. Suitable for all ages.
Cost is $12-$14 per ticket.
425-452-7155

Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Classes
Nov. 27–7, 8:15, or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Free with donation of Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase socks and needed items for the Boys & Girls Clubs of SRABC.

Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
Enjoy favorites of the Big Band era with the Sounds of Swing band. $3 per person at the door. Pre-registration not required.
425-452-4874

Hilltop Holiday Craft Show
Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Thousands of quality crafts from more than 65 of Northwest's finest artists and crafters. Free admission.
425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Christmas Ship Festival
Dec. 4, Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lk WA Blvd. SE, 8:50–9:10 p.m.
Dec. 22, Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419-98th Ave NE, 8:25–8:45 p.m.
See the ships from onshore and enjoy a beach fire to keep you warm.
Free event. Pre-registration is not required.
425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

The Theatre at Meydenbauer
South Bellevue Spookfest
14509 SE Newport Way

“The community calendar is in the MyBellevue app.”

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Skate park ramps up for fundraiser

The Bellevue Skate Park celebrated its 20th anniversary in style with a fundraiser that featured a huge ramp and some of the best skateboarders in the country.

The three-day event, EZ Rocks Skate for the Cure, raised awareness about adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), a rare, genetically-acquired, fatal disease that affects young boys.

Jono Schwan won the $10,000 grand prize with a high twisting backflip maneuver, then promptly donated the money to the Zakes Foundation. For more information, visit www.ezrocks.org.

We got your best idea...

Now, the city is adding your ideas to a new Comprehensive Plan. In 2013 the city conducted a “Best Ideas” campaign, which drew hundreds of comments about what’s important in the community and how the city should plan for the future.

We heard you, shared those ideas with the city’s boards and commissions and used your comments to help draft changes to the city’s policies that guide the future of the community.

The boards and commissions met 50 times over the last two years, working to bring the Comprehensive Plan up to date, anticipating changes expected in Bellevue over the next 20 years. Policy updates address issues such as homelessness, the environment, access to the Internet and economic growth.

A draft of the new plan will be ready for public review this fall and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please recycle.