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Bellevue Family 4th

In its 25th year, the Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th event will run from 2 to 10:30 p.m. at Bellevue Downtown Park this month. Up to 50,000 people are

expected for the annual fireworks display to celebrate the holiday.

Bellevue Parks & Community Services' Fun Zone will feature live music by KUDJO (world music), Robbie Walden Band (country) and Idol Eyez (Top 40 dance music). Festivities also will include inflatables, and free entertainment such as Spiderman, Captain America, Entertain Men Jugglers, Ronald McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Mouse, Carbon Yeti, and a make-it take-it wooden toy activity. A food court will feature 22 vendors representing a variety of cuisines.

The Bellevue Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors prior to the fireworks display. The event will culminate 10:05 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to the Family 4th, the Bellevue Downtown Association is producing its BECU Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk to benefit the Seattle Humane Society. Dogs and their humans will take a 4k (2.5 mile) stroll from Ashwood Park, through the streets of north downtown, beginning at 9 a.m., with festivities upon their return to the park.

Complimentary event parking is offered after 6 p.m. at Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square

and Bellevue Place. Limited free parking also is available at the visitor's lot at City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE. As always, visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, carpool or take a bus to the event.

Several lane and street closures will help attendees as they arrive at the event, return home and minimize delays. Please be patient, observe posted signs that guide drivers around the closures and obey police officers directing traffic.

The Bellevue Fire Department reminds residents and visitors that the sale, use and possession of fireworks are prohibited. Penalties for violations start at \$100 and can increase in cost as well as severity.

When attending the July 4 event at Downtown Park, be aware that dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park after 2 p.m. In addition, grills, barbecues, camp stoves and other cooking devices are prohibited – and tents, shelters, canopies or other types of shelters are prohibited after 8 p.m.

Police Department urges attendees to “See Something. Say Something.” Be aware of the surroundings and immediately report suspicious activity to a police officer or event staff, and always call 911 in case of emergency.

More information about activities, food, traffic changes and parking is available on the event webpage <http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th/overview>

Sewer Project Traffic Impacts

Beginning July 7 and continuing into early 2016, 112th Ave SE will be reduced from four to two lanes to install large sewer pipes. Two sewer construction projects will reduce traffic to one lane in each direction at varying segments from Bellevue Way to north of Southeast Eighth Street (Surrey Downs Park). Learn more about these Bellevue Utilities projects at www.bellevuewa.gov/bellefield.htm.



Solarize Bellevue is Back



“Solarize Bellevue,” the community campaign to reduce the cost of solar electricity for Bellevue residents and businesses, is offering new workshops this summer. Last summer,

over 300 residents attended workshops, taking the opportunity to learn about the costs, incentives, benefits, and requirements for putting solar power on their homes. By the end of last year’s campaign, 50 new solar arrays were installed across town, increasing Bellevue’s solar production by 45 percent!

What is everybody so excited about? Subsidies, incentives, and the dropping price of solar technology can now provide a return on your solar investment in less than five years through the Solarize program. Low interest financing options also exist, removing even more barriers to going solar.

Solarize Bellevue helps residents and businesses install solar energy systems by educating interested buyers, reducing costs about 10 percent below market rates, and streamlining the purchasing and permitting processes. This year’s program is aiming to match last year’s performance, with as a goal of installing 50 new systems.

Four workshops will take place at different City of Bellevue facilities this summer and fall. Residents can find out more details and register online at www.GreenWA.org.

ChowDown (Town) Food Truck Round-Up

Thursday, July 9, 3:30-8:30pm

Thursday, August 13

Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12th St

Twice the Food! Twice the Entertainment!
Twice the Fun!



This summer, the ChowDown(Town) Food Truck Round-Up will happen twice. The first will be on Thursday, July 9 and the second will take

place on Thursday, August 13. Both events are 3:30pm-8:30pm at Ashwood Park right next to the Bellevue King County Library. Parking is free in the library lot.

This year there will be over 12 trucks with great food and treats plus free entertainment on the JayMarc Homes stage. On July 9, the entertainment will feature Panduo Steel Drum Band, 5 – 6 p.m. and Comfort Food blending African Rhythms with Jazz, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

So make plans to head to Ashwood Park for a great night of food and fun. Be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs and picnic in the park.

ChowDown(own) Food Truck Round-Up is sponsored by City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department, the King County Library, JayMarc Homes and Bellevue.com

For more information, please call
425-452-4278

Summer Road Construction Work Continues

Summer is a busy time for transportation projects in Bellevue. The following projects get under way in July or August:

Northup Way Corridor, NE 24th St. to NE 33rd Place: Construction is expected to start in August. We will be building bike lanes and sidewalk on both sides of Northup Way, from NE 24th Street to NE 33rd Place. The project, a partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation, also includes a pedestrian bridge, crossing over the Eastside Rail Corridor, retaining walls, improved traffic signals, street lighting and two mid-block crosswalks. Daytime and nighttime work will be scheduled, with several weekend closures. Construction will continue into 2017. The project manager is Steve Costa (425-452-2845 or Scosta@bellevuewa.gov).

116th Ave. NE pavement overlay, NE 12th St. to Northup Way: The Pavement Overlay Program will repave and re-channelize 116th Avenue NE and adding bike lanes on both sides of the roadway. The project includes a mid-block crosswalk near Children's Hospital and reconstructing curb ramps and sidewalks along this corridor. The grinding and paving work will be done in August and take approximately four weeks to complete. Teresa Becker is the city's pavement overlay program manager (425-452-7942 or Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov).

Kamber Road/SE 26th Street bicycle lanes: Construction will begin in late July to restripe SE 26th Street, from Richards Road to 137th

Avenue SE, adding new bike lanes on each side of the roadway. The lanes will connect to existing bike lanes on Kamber Road, east of 137th Ave SE. This work will take only a couple of days. Kyle Potuzak is the project manager (425-452-2027 or Kpotuzak@bellevuewa.gov).

The safety of the public and construction workers are the city's top priorities. Sometimes that means closing a lane or closing an entire roadway to accommodate construction equipment. City officials understand that road work can be inconvenient at times and appreciate the patience and understanding of the public.

For extended roadwork, travelers are encouraged to find an alternate route, if possible. There are several tools available to help the public keep track of construction projects:

Traffic Advisories:

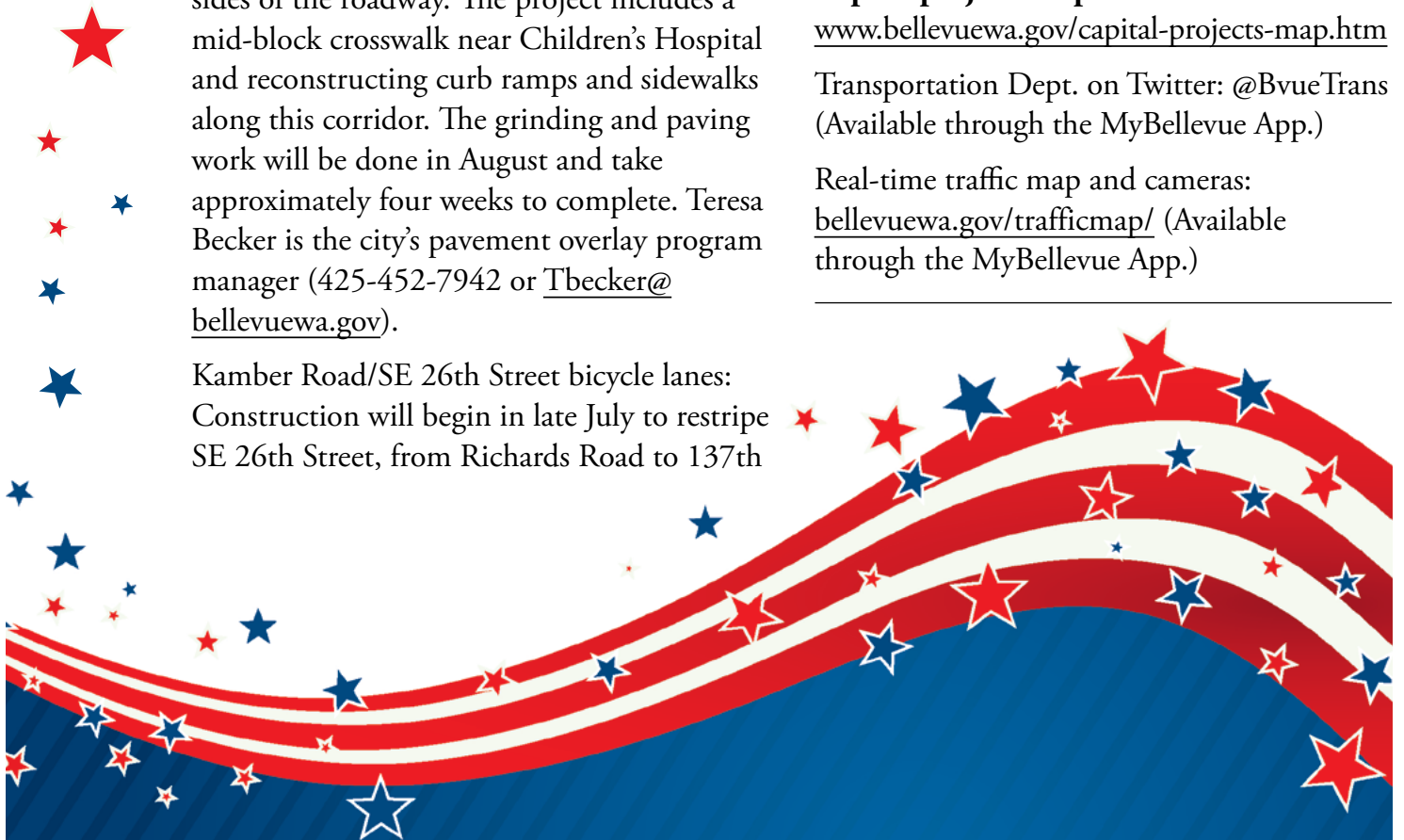
www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm

Capital projects map:

www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm

Transportation Dept. on Twitter: @BvueTrans (Available through the MyBellevue App.)

Real-time traffic map and cameras: bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap/ (Available through the MyBellevue App.)



July Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

7/2 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-121)
Analyzing demographic trends for aging adults
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

7/6 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES) discussion of Local Improvement District (LID) Principles, Comprehensive Plan Update, Recreational marijuana Permanent Regulations (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) James H. Keefe Commendation, Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation, Consent Calendar, Old Bellevue Parking Land Use Code Amendment Public Hearing, Adoption of ST3 priority project list, KidsQuest Partnership Agreement
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/7 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Oral communications
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

7/7 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Review of 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/8 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability Land Use Code, Eastgate Land Use Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/9 Transportation Commission (5:00-7:00, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center) Transportation Commission Retreat
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/13 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Economic Development Update, Neighborhood Enhancement Program, Parking Penalties Discussion, Revision to terms of plat vacation – Wasatch roadway condition, Code amendments relating to Boards and Commissions.
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/14 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-113)
Aquatics Program Overview, Youth Link Update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

7/16 Environmental Services Commission (5:30 – 7:30)
CIP Tour Maps will be available at ServiceFirst for the general public interested in following along (7:45, 1E-113) Regular Meeting Low Impact Development, Storm System Plan Initiative Q&A, Water System Plan, Plan Findings & Recommendations
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

7/20 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Boys and Girls Club Partnership Agreement, Montvue Rezone (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Recreational Marijuana Regulations, Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Update, Issaquah assumption of South Cove water system, Code Amendments relating to Boards and Commissions
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/21 Library Commission (5:00, Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE, Room 3) Overview of 2015 community outreach & service targets for Bellevue, Lake Hills, Crossroads and Newport Way libraries
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

7/21 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113)
Topic: Review of 2016 CDBG Applications; Preliminary CDBG Recommendations
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/22 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability Land Use Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/27 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link Monthly Update, Regional Issues, Work program for Branding Bellevue
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/28 East Main CAC (4:00 1E-113) Continued discussion of draft recommendations
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 425-452-6836.