Opportunity to learn about the Tateuchi Center

You may have noticed recent articles in The Seattle Times and Seattle Magazine about the Tateuchi Center, a 2,000-seat performing arts center with a 250 seat cabaret planned for Downtown Bellevue. The City is sponsoring an outreach effort to bring the community more information about the Tateuchi Center, what it will mean for Bellevue and the Eastside, and about possible City investment to help the Tateuchi open its doors.

The theatre’s programming will be broadly diverse, appealing to a wide variety of local audiences. The community can expect to experience world-class performers in music, theatre and dance from the United States and around the world, world class speakers, some of Seattle’s top arts organizations, as well as local performers. The Tateuchi Center’s overall operation will be as a center of learning and cultural enrichment by providing artistic and educational experiences for all ages.

Earlier this year, the City and the Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE), the parent corporation of the Tateuchi Center, entered into an agreement to further investigate a range of potential funding options—both public and private. The City is considering whether additional public funding support should be provided to the project, but has not yet made a decision. 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 financially in the Center.

City staff will be contacting community organizations to schedule a visit. If you would like us – a representative of the Arts Commission, PACE, and City staff – to visit your group, let us know! Contact Mary Pat Byrne, City of Bellevue Arts Program, at mpbyrne@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4105. You can learn more about the Tateuchi Center by visiting their website: www.tateuchicenter.org, and in the near future the City will launch a new web page that focuses on the City’s interest in the Tateuchi and our outreach schedule – where you can come to talk with us, see what we’re learning and more. We’re looking forward to seeing you.
Time for Stage 2

120th Avenue NE Project Begins Soon

Open House

Thursday, September 4, 5-7pm

City Hall Room 1E-113

Construction is about to begin on Stage 2 of the 120th Avenue NE Improvement Project. Stage 2 construction will begin in September or October of this year and is expected to be completed in 2016. Stage 1, between NE 3rd Street and NE 7th Street, will be completed soon. Come to a pre-construction Open House on Thursday, September 4, at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-113, 5-7 p.m. to meet the staff and contractor and to learn more about this project and traffic impacts. Refreshments will be served.

Ultimately, Stage 2 will widen 120th Avenue NE between NE 7th and NE 12th Street to five lanes, with two travel lanes in each direction, a center turn lane where necessary, and bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. It will realign the intersection at NE 8th, install a new traffic signal at the Lake Bellevue Drive/Old Bel-Red Road intersection and modify the signal at NE 12th Street.

For approximately the next six months, work will take place at NE 8th Street. Much of this work will be done at night, when there will be less impact to daily traffic. Two-way traffic and access to nearby businesses will be maintained. Drivers should consider taking alternate routes and watch for construction updates on electronic message boards.

Find more information about the 120th Ave NE Stage 2 project on the project’s web page, www.bellevuewa.gov/120th-stage2.htm. For questions about construction, please contact Paul Krawczyk, project manager, at pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7905. For general questions or information, please contact Tresa Berg, Public Involvement Manager, at 425-452-4638 or Tberg@bellevuewa.gov.

Lake Hills Summer Fun

Blueberry Festival

Saturday, September 6, 11am-1pm

Lake Hills Elementary

There’s more fun to be had in the remaining days of summer! The Lake Hills Neighborhood is hosting two events on Saturday September 6th. The annual Lake Hills Blueberry Festival and Open House is at Lake Hills Elementary 14310 SE 12th from 11am-1 pm. Celebrate “Back to School” and our area’s rich blueberry harvest! This event is sponsored by Wrap-Around Services and numerous community partners to help bring the Lake Hills neighborhood, Lake Hills Elementary School and the broader community together. Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, tours of Jubilee REACH Center and opportunities to meet with local service providers and shop with local vendors down Blueberry Lane, where blueberry pies will be available for purchase. Students and families will be able to meet with Lake Hills Elementary teachers from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For Information on the Blueberry Festival contact Jeannie Anderson, janderson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-5312.
Neighborhood Fair

Church of the Resurrection

10am-4pm

Also on Saturday, come and participate in a Neighborhood Fair on the lawn of Church of the Resurrection, 15220 Main Street, 10-4 pm. There will be activities and entertainment for children, great treats, and resources for residents!

Celebrate Bellevue Skate Park’s 20th Anniversary with EZ ROCKS—Skate for the Cure!

Friday – Sunday, September 19-21

Highland Community Center

Bellevue’s Skate Park is celebrating their 20 year anniversary with style! On September 19-21, the Bellevue Skate Park will host EZRocks –Skate for the Cure, benefiting the Zakes Foundation. This three-day Pro/Am skateboarding event will take it up a notch with a Pro Super Ramp constructed on Highland’s baseball field and opportunity for anyone to participate or just watch the pros get some good air.

This will be a first-of-its-kind event for the Northwest, including a Pro Super Ramp contest with a $50,000 purse, a VIP event, pro autographs and photo opportunities, live music, food trucks, carnival games, a silent auction, prize giveaways, and MORE to round out an action-packed weekend. This event is open to all ages; tickets are $10-$250. For more information, visit www.EZRocks.org or email jmoorman@bellevuewa.gov.

Cultural Conversations

“Storytelling for Change”

Tuesday, September 23, 1 – 3pm

Crossroads Community Center

16000 NE 10th Street

Join us for our first meeting of the season! Debbie Lacy, our fellow member and professional life coach, will be exploring “Storytelling for Change” which will set the stage for sharing our stories in the year to come. Storytelling from the heart is the most powerful way to communicate having a profound impact on both the story teller and the listener. Debbie will help us to learn new ways to enhance our storytelling experience and understand why certain parts of our stories stay with the listener and have the potential to create change.

Cultural Conversations is a women’s group that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue providing an opportunity to enhance knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. The events are free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. If you’d like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Carol at cross@bellevuewa.gov.
Apple Picking and Cider Making

**Saturday, September 27, 12-3 pm**

Holy Cross Lutheran

4315 129th Place SE

Have you ever noticed that a freshly picked apple or pressed cider from an orchard tastes so much better than store bought? If you answered yes, you just might be interested in apple picking and cider making in Bellevue’s Factoria neighborhood. The event is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending should bring their own jug for their cider and a suggested canned food donation for Hopelink.

A Day of Family Fun

Open House at Bellevue Fire Stations

**Saturday, October 4, 10-4pm**

Join us for a day of family fun at all nine Bellevue Fire Department stations. Last year we had over 4,000 parents, kids and neighbors join us for a day at the fire house. This year we will be introducing our “Junior Fire Marshal” program. This program encourages all of us to review the safety features in our home to keep our families safe!

Here are just a few of the happenings:

- Home fire safety trailer
- Residential sprinkler trailer demonstration
- Hands only CPR introduction!
- Stove top fires demonstration
- Tours, snacks and fun for all ages

If you would like to learn more about this event, check out the City’s Fire Facebook Page at [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bellevue-WA-Fire-Department/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bellevue-WA-Fire-Department/)
CERT is Coming to Bellevue!
Join the Bellevue Office of Emergency Management for their first ever Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic training course on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m beginning October 6th through November 17th and one final class on Saturday, November 22nd from 9-12pm.

If you sign up to attend, you have the opportunity to:

- Meet and interact with like-minded individuals around the topic of preparedness.
- Become a trusted partner with the City of Bellevue.
- Strengthen your neighborhood response team as a result of your newly acquired disaster planning, recovery, and survival skills!

Class size is limited and the deadline to sign up is September 26, 2014.

To get an application, email us with your name, phone number, and email address to oempubliced@bellevuewa.gov. For more information, please contact OEM staff at 425-452-6935. For more information on CERT, please visit http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams.

Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Open House
Thursday, October 2, 7 – 8:30 pm
Newport Library
14250 SE Newport Way

The Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project resulted in a community vision to enhance economic vitality, provide for neighborhood retail services, improve transportation options, environmental quality and visual character, and support the mission of Bellevue College. The vision was accepted by Bellevue City Council in 2012, and the city and its partners have been hard at work to implement that vision.

Come and see what we’ve been working on! Representatives from the City of Bellevue will be on hand to discuss land use, transportation, and parks planning efforts. Partners from Bellevue College and the Mountains to Sound Greenway will also be there to talk about their role in the corridor. The open house is a drop-in format, so stop by to learn more about the project, get your questions answered, and tell us what you think.

More information is available at: [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm) or by contacting Erik Conkling, Senior Planner, at econkling@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2898.
September 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.)

9/2 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Diversity Initiative Update, Environmental Stewardship Initiative Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Transportation Development Code Update, 20th Anniversary Skate Park Celebration, Consent
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/2 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Topics: recreational marijuana and LUCA change.
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

9/4 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-120) Debrief the Human Services Funding Process; Sophia Way Update

9/3 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm

9/4 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120, Committee Reports, Senior Services of Seattle presentation
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

9/8 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Plan Update, Comprehensive Plan Amendment (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/9 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Agenda items will include art for East Link Light Rail and community outreach plans for the Tateuchi Center.
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

9/9 Parks & Community Services Board, (TBD, see website)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

9/10 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Topics: Public hearing – Horizon View rezone, Public hearing – Camp and Conference Center and clean up code amendments, Public hearing – Single Family Rental Housing code amendments
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

9/11 Special Events Committee (8:30 -10:30 a.m. City Hall, 1E-118) http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

9/15 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Procurement Code Update, Comprehensive Plan Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/16 Library Commission (5:00 p.m. Bellevue Regional Library 1111 110th Ave. NE Bellevue, WA 98006) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm


9/17 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm


9/15 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/22 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link Monthly Update, Regional Issues, Planning Commission recommendation on Marijuana Regulations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.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.