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Subject: FW: Northwest Arts Center Programs

From: Kathleen Ponto [mailto:kathleen@ponto.com]**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2008 1:48 PM**To:** 'nwac@bellevuewa.gov'; 'parksweb@bellevuewa.gov'; 'parksweb@bellevuewa.gov'; 'tsmith@bellevuewa.gov'; 'nharvey@bellevuewa.gov'**Subject:** Can the NW Arts Center offer more?

Hello,

We would LOVE to enroll in more classes and programs at the NW Arts Center.

Most days we stop by, the center is vacant and locked up.

Most of the classes we are interested in, through Bellevue Parks and Rec, are only available at the South and East Bellevue locations—much too long of a commute for us (we live only a few blocks from NW Arts Center).

Of the few classes offered for our age of children, often the times are not practical.

For example, My 4-year-old daughter would love to attend the "Let's Dance! - 34364 " class for Ages: 4 Yrs. to 5 Yrs. But it is only offered at noon on weekdays. Most children this age are in school at this time (even preschoolers would be hard-pressed to meet this schedule).

PLEASE notify me asap if you ever offer this class, or other ballet or dance classes outside of normal school hours!? Josephine will be in kindergarten at Clyde Hill School (Just a few yards away from NW Art Center) this year (when the strike ends!) with her brother Noah age 8 in third grade. As you probably know, school hours are 8a-2:30pm M,T,Th and F and 8a-noon on Wednesdays. We sometimes see fascinating courses offered through NWArt Center, for our school age children, but they're only offered during school hours.

Other camps and classes, for families, adults and for ages 4-12, we are interested in are:

- Aikido with an emphasis on self defense, non-violent conflict resolution, and building strong self esteem
- Cartooning
- After school tutoring and homework help
- Jump rope
- Cheerleading
- Robots, electronics and small machinery for kids ages 6-12
- Lego design club
- Tumbling
- Kids fitness circuit training
- Kids bootcamp
- Beginning computer game developing
- Computer illustration and graphics design
- Yoga for children
- Yoga for families
- Jazzercise for young children
- Hip Hop
- Ballet
- Sports and skills/drills clinics: soccer, t-ball, golf, volleyball, track, etc
- Family Pilates
- Gymnastics
- Spiritual development for families
- Mens/fathers groups
- Adventure-Guides and/or Adventure-Princesses: Father-child activites for grades K-3

- Outdoor adventure and community hikes
- Cross country running and training
- Mens/fathers' support/training workshops or ongoing social groups (to meet weekends, early mornings for coffee, or after work)
- Mom enrichment classes or workshops *during* school hours or early mornings (knitting, career search, yoga, pilates, civic groups, socials/coffees, pedicures, mini-massages, craft hours, etc – babysitting during these events, for moms with young children, would be ideal)

Thanks in advance for your help.

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November 19, 2008

Dear Ms. Ponto,

I am responding to your e-mail to Corinne Zibelli regarding your suggestions for possible programs and services at the Northwest Arts Center. I am the Program Manager for the NWAC, and supervise Corinne and other program staff at the Center. I would like to thank you for the time and thought you put into your suggestions regarding the programs held here at the Center. We are currently in the process of evaluating the facility and how it is used, as well as the different programs and classes we offer. We think this information will be helpful for future decisions regarding program planning and for maintaining a balance of uses that meets the needs of the overall community. Among the different types of information we are gathering for analysis are:

- Space usage to give us the percentage of time allocated to City sponsored programs, programs provided through partnerships, special events, community and corporate rentals, and administrative usage which includes maintenance closures, repairs, city meetings, and holiday closures;
- Program offerings to better understand the balance offered between types of programs, ages served, days and times, and attendance levels;
- Participant comments through an evaluation form which will be distributed quarterly at the end of every class. As part of the evaluation form, participants will be asked for ideas and suggestions for other program offerings.
- Neighborhood feedback and input through survey forms available at special events such as our fall open house, the Hilltop Holiday Craft Show, as well as other information gathering methods.

We are also looking closely at programs that may have been canceled in the past due to lack of enrollment, and will consider offering them again to see if the community might support them. An example would be the Parent/Child Drop-In Play that is also offered at some of our other community centers for neighborhood families.

Thank you again for your comments and suggestions. We take pride in this lovely center, our excellent instructors, and great programs, and will continue to evaluate our program offerings in order to provide needed and desired programs to the community. I hope you and your family will be able to take advantage of some of our current and future program offerings.

Please contact me at 425-452-7156 or via e-mail at caclayton@bellevuewa.gov if you have further questions, or Corrine Zibelli at 425-452-6046 or czibelli@bellevuewa.gov. We would be happy to meet with you at any time to update you on our programs and services at the Northwest Arts Center.

Sincerely,

Cherie Clayton
Program Manager

cc: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director
Corrine Zibelli, Program Coordinator

Harvey, Nancy

From: Smith, Terry
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2008 3:03 PM
To: John Chao
Subject: RE: Eastgate Area Properties

John,

Thankyou for your communication (email message) regarding Eastgate Area Properties. Per your request we will forward to our Parks & Community Services Board members.

Terry

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Chao [mailto:alpinejohn@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2008 2:43 PM
To: Smith, Terry
Subject: Eastgate Area Properties

For consideration of the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board Members:

-----Forwarded Message-----

>From: John Chao <alpinejohn@earthlink.net>
>Sent: Nov 6, 2008 2:11 PM
>To: pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
>Cc: PForan@bellevuewa.gov
>Subject: Eastgate Area Properties

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>Dear Pam,

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>I'm a Bellevue resident in the vicinity of the Eastgate Area Properties and a regular walker of that area. I'm concerned over certain proposals to develop the property and wish to express my opinion, ask some questions and provide suggestions:

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>Alternatives D and E, significantly remove existing natural environment, wildlife habitat and trees. They not only appear to be the most costly in taxpayer dollars, but most costly in terms of irreplaceable habitat and trees. Further, D&E would significantly increase vehicular traffic, it's noise and noise pollution in the neighborhood from recreational activities on playfields. Contrast that with the relative peace that exists there now; a better quality of life for neighborhood residents ?

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>As you know, trees convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and combat global warming. Rather than removing and reducing the number of trees, Bellevue should be planting them; rather than increasing gasoline consumption by creating more playfields, Bellevue should be encouraging more walking, bicycling, hiking and nature-related activities.

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>I know for a fact Pileated Woodpeckers frequent the area as do owls and hawks, and I've personally seen a coyote patrolling the margins of the area. I've also seen various types of waterfowl using the ponds there.

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>Pileated Woodpeckers are in decline as forests are cleared, and are currently on the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's list as a State Candidate species as Endangered, Threatened or Sensitive. See:

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><http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/candidat.htm>

><http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/threaten.htm>

><http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/sensitiv.htm>

><http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/endanger.htm>

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>There are several other animal species included on those lists that may reside in this kind of habitat.

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>Has Bellevue conducted a habitat survey/inventory of wildlife, or flora and fauna assets in the Eastgate Area Properties ?

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>http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalHeritage/Pages/amp_nh_products.aspx

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>Owls, hawks and coyotes are "control" predators, keeping a check on the rodent population. By removing habitat and introducing activities and noise disruptive to their behaviors, especially in Alternatives D&E, would stress and drive out these desirable wildlife. If so, what would Bellevue do to counter the absence of such control predators; will there be an ongoing program to control mice and rats ?

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>Is there a comparison of the amount of natural land developed in the past decades versus the amount of natural land conserved or preserved as a balance/offset ?

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>We lose many trees each winter to windstorms; I hope there's an ongoing program in Bellevue to replace/replant these invaluable oxygen factories as well as to support our indigenous and disappearing wildlife.

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>As Bellevue prides itself on being a City in a Park, and engaging in model green practices, I suggest greater wisdom in enhancing the natural aspects and environment found in the Eastgate Area Properties:

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>- Counterbalancing effects of development in other areas of Bellevue and our region by conserving wildlife habitat and trees,

>- Preserving and enhancing a natural park environment as a model green practice,

>- Preserving a unique natural environment and as a nature laboratory for Bellevue schools, the Community College and other schools in our region, rather than developing another, just another set of playfields.

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>I prefer Alternatives A and C in that order, as they retain the existing character of the area, preserve the unique natural environment, involve less taxpayer dollars and do not sacrifice irreplaceable wildlife habitat and trees.

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>I hope you and your staff will weigh these comments with wise consideration. Thank you for your time.

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November 6, 2008

Honorable Mayor Grant Degginger
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RE: Meydenbauer Bay Park Plan

Dear Mayor Degginger:

This letter is written to address issues that are of concern to us regarding the proposed Meydenbauer Bay Park plan. We see some relevant issues that show shortsightedness in this project, and I will bring them to your attention. I have lived at 9804 Lake Washington Blvd. NE since 1966, attended Bellevue High School. You could say that I am familiar with the area, and have been involved with the growth of the City of Bellevue as a concerned citizen and resident.

Meydenbauer Bay should be cleaned up before launching into a large, extensive, and encompassing project. I don't see much thought, will, or plans to clean up Meydenbauer Bay before launching into a massive, extensive remodel of our neighborhood. The City of Bellevue and the City Council don't seem to be moving toward any action on cleaning up the Bay. There seem to be only more grandiose plans to add volume and degradation to an already overburdened infrastructure. You have a vision; we live in the already overburdened infrastructure and we are asking our government, elected and hired, to respond to our requests.

Why did the Mayor appoint people to the Committee who do not live in the area in question? What was the selection process the Mayor used to appoint the Committee members to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Committee? How was the pool of people decided and established to populate the Meydenbauer Bay Park Committee? Why were there no residents from the Meydenbauer Bay area included in the pool of people considered by the Mayor to be appointed to the Committee? The residents of this area would be able to contribute their knowledge of the area to the work on the Park Plan. I find the representation lopsided.

The proposed parking lot and transit stop on Lake Washington Blvd NE across from our house at 9804 Lake Washington Blvd NE shows shortsightedness and a lack of regard for the environment. The proposed parking lot on Lake Washington Blvd NE would be an impediment to the traffic on Lake Washington Blvd NE, an arterial road. This arterial handles the overflow traffic from Bellevue Way and is vital to moving traffic through Bellevue, especially at rush hour. Commuters are trying to get to the 520 bridge or the Mercer Island Bridge to get home after work. Increased traffic from the proposed parking lot would increase traffic accidents,

starts and stops, and increase travel time on Lake Washington Blvd NE. Buses at the proposed transit stop starting and stopping on Lake Washington Blvd NE will impede traffic flow.

The proposed parking lot on Lake Washington Blvd NE would precipitate turning cars into the parking lot which would impede the flow of Lake Washington Blvd NE traffic. Lake Washington Blvd NE provides an avenue for residents to exercise themselves and their pets, and provides a recreational outlet for the downtown dwellers. Turning cars into the proposed parking lot would compete with the recreation of downtown dwellers. There is no room on Lake Washington Blvd. NE for a turn lane because of the Meydenbauer Bridge. The Meydenbauer Bridge was rebuilt and there is no width for any more lanes. The City of Bellevue will have to learn to live with the limitations of the existing structures and terrain in this small neighborhood.

The proposed parking lot and proposed transit stop on Lake Washington Blvd. NE would precipitate increased starting and stopping of cars, more noise from traffic, more light and glare from cars in the parking lot, more pollution in the air, and increased polluted water runoff into Lake Washington. The proposed parking lot and transit stop will precipitate the degradation of the neighborhood and Lake Washington, and will also affect the quality of life for the existing residents and neighborhood. What kind of restrictions on the schedule of the transit vehicles will be implemented? What restrictions on the size of the transit vehicles would be established so that we would not be getting the double-car buses in our small neighborhood streets? I think that we should initiate a transportation/traffic study for Lake Washington Blvd. NE. and the neighborhood it runs through to get an idea of the limitations that should be implemented for this arterial.

The headlights and glare from cars in the proposed parking lot will beam across the Lake to the living rooms on the other side of the Meydenbauer Bay as well as houses on Lake Washington Blvd. NE. The view from the parking lot will be into the living rooms of the houses across Meydenbauer Bay. Has the company EDAW actually gone down to the street of Lake Washington Blvd NE, and looked in person to see the actual view across the Bay? The view will be of residents cooking dinner, taking out the garbage, sweeping their sidewalks, and cutting their lawns. The sounds of the increased traffic starting and stopping will reverberate in the Bay and the sounds will bounce around the Bay. The pier that juts out into the Bay will be looking into the living rooms of the houses across the Bay on Pickle Point. The pier is very intrusive to such an enclosed area as the Bay.

A better way to access Meydenbauer Bay Park would to combine an entrance at 99th Avenue close to the marina, providing access to the two different sections of the Park: to the right the beach park, and to the left, the marina park. In this manner, you would be providing visitors an easier way to enjoy park. And why not have two beaches in the Park? There is waterfront but not much width to the parcels and there is a slope. 100th Avenue SE is the logical entrance to the other side of the Park at the marina.

We stated that we wanted a green open space for people to be in the nature; yet the plans from EDAW show sterile modern buildings in the park with a few trees here and there. We stated no café; one plan has a café in it. Alternative #1, which was widely liked, has disappeared into 2 plans which both have buildings in the Park. Meydenbauer Park doesn't have that much depth;

where are the buildings going to go? And what about the existing landscaping and buildings? What will be done with this portion of the neighborhood?

The Meydenbauer Bay has existing activities/features like the sailing school and permanent moorage which should be grandfathered in; why throw the baby out with the bathwater? The Lagen red building should be used for a whaling museum and it would have future use for the Eastside Heritage Group. In the same vein, the marina and moorage should retain permanent moorage. Look to Kirkland to see all the problems they have with transient moorage: drinking, selling drugs from the boats, more pollution, more noise, more traffic. The Bay is an enclosed area; it is very different from the open vista that Kirkland has onto Lake Washington. The pollution from more transient boat traffic will quickly degrade the Bay and promote the growth of milfoil and algae.

Main Street was never meant to be used as a thoroughfare; it is a restaurant/condo/neighborhood street. NE 1st was meant to take some of the through traffic from Main Street. NE 1st accesses the Downtown Park and winds its way into the downtown area via 2nd Street. The City of Bellevue is not making NE 1st Street happen. We had hoped to have Main Street be a walking/shopping/eating street as they have in Europe but that hasn't happened in Bellevue. Car is King in Bellevue.

We have enough hotels in downtown Bellevue; it seems every part of the downtown area has hotels or motels; even by the Bellevue Club there is a motel. We don't need any more hotels, especially one on Meydenbauer Bay which is a residential neighborhood.

It would seem that this process is on the fast track for a slap dash finish, rather than taking the time to really figure out what the existing terrain has to offer, and to enhance what currently exists in these areas. Shouldn't we take the time to really discuss everything, rather than worrying about the clock and the calendar?

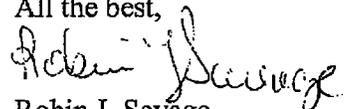
As per Agenda Item #2.b, I don't see that the 2 remaining EDAW plans are responding to the picture painted in this Agenda Item #2.b. We had Alternative #1 which was a green open space as the most popular Alternative; that has been merged into 2 plans, both having sterile modern buildings, intrusive piers, an elevator, superfluous and gratuitous concrete slabs with a few paltry trees here and there...not very green, relaxing or responsive. I don't find modern sterile buildings matching very well in a passive green open space.

There doesn't seem to be much interest by the Committee in keeping the Lagen's red boathouse; the residents of the neighborhood are very interested in keeping the boathouse as a whaling museum, keeping historical Bellevue information herein. The Committee doesn't seem to have much interest or respect for the existing sailing club; the sailing school is valued by the residents and the people using the sailing school. There is enthusiasm by the Committee for transient motorized moorage in the EDAW plans but not much support for the existing boat owners in the Bellevue Marina, and in the Bay. The existing boat owners could be grandfathered into this Park plan. I think the sailing club, red boathouse, and existing boat moorage should be grandfathered into the Park plan.

I don't see the parking question being addressed very adequately. Where is the discussion about putting underground parking into the Downtown Park? Finishing the remaining ¼ of the Downtown Park has been on the books for awhile; the Parks bond has been passed so I assume that will be completed. Use your imagination and put underground parking there. People can walk from the Downtown Park to Main Street and down to Meydenbauer Park; people will find their way to the Park.

I don't see much interest by the Committee, City of Bellevue, or the City Council in a passive green space for people to relax and enjoy the nature. I see intrusive piers jutting out into the Bay, imposing on house dwellers across the Bay, and modern sterile buildings. Having glass elevators jetting up and down is not contributing to a passive green space. People in the Northwest don't need a lot of props to enjoy nature; we just need an open space and we are easily amused. The powers that be seem to be pushing the motto "Bellevue, a Waterfront City", but we were under the impression that we were opening the discussion for a green open space where people could relax in the nature. Over time, I have seen the City of Bellevue evolve into tall towers, with no pre-planning for traffic and cars, just more traffic lights. Even New York City has Central Park which is an open green space for city dwellers to relax in the nature. This is turning out to be an expensive mistake at the taxpayers' expense and I am not amused.

All the best,



Robin J. Savage

Meydenbauer Bay Park Program

(Revised per July 31, 2008 comments)

Meydenbauer Bay Park offers the citizens of Bellevue an opportunity to reconnect their community to Meydenbauer Bay and Lake Washington. Located just blocks from downtown Bellevue, Old Bellevue, and Downtown Park, Meydenbauer Bay Park offers a respite from urban intensity at the same time it represents the community's most important access to a remarkable and memorable shoreline experience.

The park's design should fundamentally be grounded in environmental stewardship. Our first question should be, "how does the site function ecologically?" The park's development should improve and enhance natural drainage and the bay's water quality, at the same time it offers a visual amenity to surrounding properties and downtown Bellevue. Specific restorative actions, such as day-lighting the creek at the west end of the site, improving natural filtration, improving water quality in the bay, and native vegetation should be high priorities. The park should enhance the bay, both visually and ecologically.

While grounded in our environmental vision, we also see Meydenbauer Bay Park as a remarkable shoreline experience for all of Bellevue's citizens. A successful design solution for the park will balance environmental stewardship with enhanced access for everybody in Bellevue. We see lots of people using the park in summer and in winter, but not in ways that ~~disrupt~~ ~~degrade~~ natural systems, interfere with native species, or annoy the park's neighbors. We envision the park as a place that downtown Bellevue users can walk to for a break from the pressure of an intense urban environment – to contemplate a quiet stream; to stick their toes in the lake; to stroll and reflect; to watch or participate in boating activities.

Specifically, we see a variety of activities in the park, including a beach, swimming, picnicking, trails and paths, children's play, ecological and historical interpretation, and a water's-edge promenade. The park will continue to host a marina for moorage, as well as new uses such as rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. The whaling building also offers opportunities for programming of activities featuring water-related trades such as boat restoration.

The park should be inclusive of all age groups, pedestrian accessible, and easily reached by water. We should welcome non-motorized marine craft. While the park might be home to a vendor or two, it shouldn't try to replicate the active, intense, and major events use of Downtown Park.

The park should be inspired by the area's history, both ecologically and culturally, but the interpretation of this history should not be in the form of a museum.

Perhaps in summary, Bellevue's Meydenbauer Bay Park should be "a waterfront oasis for all citizens of a burgeoning 21st century city."

**Agenda Item #2.b
Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee Meeting
September 18, 2008**

November 10, 2008

Members of the Parks & Community Service Board:

From walking around the Bellevue Botanical Garden Perennial Border, and talking to others who spend time there, it appears that a significant number of the 1800+ perennials and shrubs, and 9,000 bulbs donated to the garden are being discarded in the dumpster for the current Renovation. Additionally, 12585 feet of drip irrigation line at a cost of \$3120, with only 4 years used of its 20 year lifespan, is being tossed out.



Wouldn't it be a wonderful, and greener, solution to offer these materials to other municipalities and garden projects to glean from? In these cash-strapped times, the abundance of this Border can encourage other Parks departments in the County, or the State, to follow Bellevue's lead in creating green spaces. Perhaps there are hospital healing gardens, high school projects, traffic circles, youth gardens, neighborhood projects. Perhaps the Center for Urban Horticulture or Bastyr University could use them for their gardens.

Please redouble efforts to put these very loved plants in good homes. Almost all the Border plants are cataloged in the BBG plant database and a great many are mapped and locatable with GPS. It should be easy to email out a plant list of the remaining plants scheduled for removal next year. They could be offered for free to those willing to dig them out.

Recycling the magic of this garden could be a good PR opportunity for the City of Bellevue, a chance to demonstrate leadership, generosity, and commitment to Parks throughout the region.

Thanks for your consideration,

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November 12, 2008

Ruth Chaus

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Dear Ms. Chaus,

I am writing in response to your letter to the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board. Thank you for your voicing your concerns about the Northwest Perennial Alliance's (NPA) Border Renovation Project at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. As part of the renovation project planning, the NPA has made a great effort to save plants from the border. As a result of this effort, the Garden's plant holding area is full of good plants waiting to be replanted in the new border beds. Many hours were spent washing the roots of these plants to rid them of invasive plant roots before potting them up. The NPA has also asked volunteers to take clumps home, along with pots and soil, to divide, wash, and re-pot for reintroduction in the border. This fall, the NPA held a plant sale of border plants to fund the purchase of new, updated collections. They are also potting up plants to stock the perennials sale cart that visitors so enjoy in the spring and summer. Proceeds from those sales support the border, as well.

The work to dig and save plants for reintroduction into the border, as well as provide stock for the perennials sale cart, has proceeded under NPA Border Supervisor George Lasch's watchful eye, with the help of NPA volunteers. George has also supervised other volunteer groups who wanted to contribute to the community through one-time volunteer projects; the border plant potting-up parties were a perfect fit for them. The NPA's plan of evaluating and identifying the plants that will be replanted or sold to support the border was designed to help ensure: 1) we do not inadvertently spread invasive or overly aggressive plants; and 2) valuable collections remain at the Garden. The supervision to ensure those objectives were met if the NPA were to invite groups to salvage plants wholesale would be very challenging.

New and existing collections will be cataloged and mapped as they are planted back into the border. NPA staff, Garden staff, and volunteers will make every effort to keep the plant records current. Our commitment to keeping current, accurate records on the border collections will be a great benefit to visitors, docents, and horticulture students who come to the Bellevue Botanical Garden to learn about plants.

The City of Bellevue is deeply grateful to all volunteers, past and present, who contribute their time and expertise to the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Your volunteer involvement over the years has contributed much to the border and to the overall success of the garden.

Thank you for your continued interest in the border. You can contact me at 425-452-2749 for the latest information about the NPA Border Renovation project. I would be happy to share the details of the project and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kartes
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cc: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director

Harvey, Nancy

From: Marelli, Shelley
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2008 8:00 AM
To: Foran, Patrick; Harvey, Nancy
Subject: FW: Downning of Maple Stem Off Lake-to-Lake Trail

-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Jim N.
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2008 7:58 AM
To: D. O. Claussen
Cc: Dewald, Dan; Marelli, Shelley
Subject: RE: Downning of Maple Stem Off Lake-to-Lake Trail

Thanks Dean,
We've had a good relationship over the years and I look forward to working with you and your neighbors on future issues and concerns. Have a great holiday season.
Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: D. O. Claussen [mailto:adclaus@earthlink.net]
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To: Bennett, Jim N.
Subject: Downning of Maple Stem Off Lake-to-Lake Trail

Jim:

John Mason and I would like to thank you sincerely for helping bring about the removal of that threatening maple stem just off the Lake to Lake Trail behind unit 347 (John Mason's).

Bruce Trelstad's crew did the job on Nov. 24, completing it in about 3 and a half hours, and either chipping or carting off all the branches and stem rounds.

John especially, but all of us at Village on Main St. appreciate your response to our request and the cooperation of Bellevue's Parks Department.

Dean Claussen