



MEMORANDUM

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To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director
James McClain, Community Services Supervisor

Subject: Assisted Listening Devices at Bellevue Youth Theatre (BYT)

As a follow-up to Park Board member Lynne Robinson's request for information at the October Park Board meeting, the Bellevue Youth Theatre currently has four assisted listening devices available for use during BYT performances. The availability of these devices is advertised on site through signage before each performance. Upon further discussion, staff has decided to include information in the performance programs letting audience members know of the availability of the devices. Currently, requests for use of the assisted listening devices is rare. In the event requests for use increases, staff can access additional assisted listening devices through the City's Service First Division and the City Clerk's Office.

Assisted listening devices will also be available for use at the new Bellevue Youth Theatre when completed. They have been included in the overall equipment and supply planning for the theater, although details regarding number and type of devices are still to be determined.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the BYT program and the audiences it serves. If you have any further questions, please contact James McClain, Community Services Supervisor for the Bellevue Youth Theatre at 425-452-7155.

