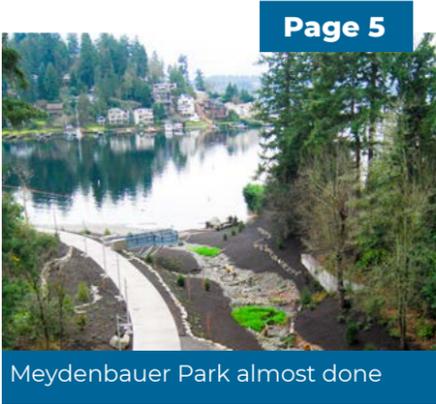


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John Carlos recounts hard lessons he learned as a boy about prejudice and the color his skin.

## Carlos still taking stand for human rights

By Claude Iosso, *It's Your City* Editor

In the 1968 Olympics, U.S. track stars John Carlos and Tommie Smith bowed their heads and raised gloved fists while they stood on the medals podium, sending a message worldwide. Fifty years later, Carlos is still taking a stand against injustice.

"I have to stand up for something before I leave here," Carlos told an overflow crowd in City Hall during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event on Jan. 17. He encouraged the audience to fight for justice in their lives too, even if they don't have an international stage.

"You can do it right here in Bellevue," he urged the audience. "You can't say, 'It's not my job.' It's everyone's job."

Indeed, the City of Bellevue has been pursuing a Diversity Advantage initiative over the last five years, working on several fronts to ensure all residents receive equitable services. "The city hosts speakers such as John Carlos to help staff and residents reflect on our collective purpose and how that informs the way we navigate the world," said diversity and inclusion administrator Elaine Acacio.

Carlos, 73, was a counselor, in-school suspension supervisor and track coach at Palm Springs High School in Los Angeles for 25 years, but the image of him raising his fist is how millions know him. It doesn't seem to bother him if people think of him as a "troublemaker."

Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks and Jesus Christ were all given that label, he noted. "I'm in good company," he said.

Before the Olympics, Carlos met the Rev. King in New York, shortly before King's assassination. The young runner, just a college student at the time, was a little in awe. King expressed

support for a boycott. Carlos said King equated it to Carlos throwing a rock from a boat into a still lake, sending ripples far and wide, telling people around the world, in a peaceful way, that something was amiss.

Carlos couldn't speak from the podium in Mexico City about what moved him to raise his fist, but in his presentation in Bellevue, the entertaining storyteller recounted growing up in Harlem, seeing and experiencing discrimination. Traveling with the Olympic team, he also saw injustice throughout the world.

He and other Olympic athletes formed the Olympic Project for Human Rights, and they were considering boycotting the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City altogether. Ultimately, the Olympics team backed away from a boycott, but Carlos and Smith were still inspired to make a statement. Australian silver medalist Peter Norman wore an OPHR badge on the podium in support.

"Before there's a fist, there's five fingers," Carlos told the audience at the end of his speech. "Each of the fingers can be a different ethnic group. The five of them realize, 'If we come together, we become a very powerful force.'"

"That was the essence of the fist – unification, unity, to be one on a mission to make something better," Carlos concluded. The audience gave him a standing ovation.

The City of Bellevue and King County Library System co-sponsored the Jan. 17 presentation. On MLK Day itself, the city hosted a celebration and health fair at Crossroads Bellevue and a tree-planting at Eastgate Park.

More information about Bellevue's Diversity Advantage program is available at [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity).

## COUNCIL CORNER



By Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis

### Bellevue gets smart with small cell technology

Last month your City Council reached an agreement with AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon that makes it possible for these companies to bring Bellevue residents and businesses into the new frontier of fifth-generation (5G) data transmission, while helping to alleviate the immediate issue of congestion with 4G data transmission.

Small-cell technology is the foundation of 5G networks, and requires the installation of small antennas on existing utility poles and placement of some electrical equipment at their bases. The equipment is nowhere near the size of the major cellular antennas that have caused concern previously, and the agreement pins down important design criteria to protect the aesthetics of our city, and more specifically, your neighborhood.

5G technology will enable a wide range of new and exciting

services. A few examples include:

- **Public safety and transportation strategies**, emphasized in the Vision Zero traffic safety initiative, which will save lives and improve mobility.
- **The Internet of Things (IoT)** which allows for more choices for consumers and new possibilities in health care, education, retail and sustainability, while reducing traffic and environmental impacts of accessing those services in person.
- **Faster download speeds** that will facilitate telecommuting and provide Bellevue's workforce with the level of

wireless connectivity they need and expect from a tech city such as Bellevue.

Many of you have asked the city to enable a wider variety of high-speed data options, and 5G wireless will do just that. But 5G is just one aspect of Bellevue's progress toward being a smart city, where technology is leveraged to increase livability, sustainability and resiliency. In 2017, the city adopted a "Bellevue Smart" plan that calls for advances in connectivity, transportation, public safety, water, buildings and energy.

### Advanced Water Metering

The Utilities Department will launch advanced water metering this year. The plan is to replace

all the city's water meters, which currently must be read manually every two months, with smart meters that will track and wirelessly transmit water usage for customers in real time.

The smart meters, to be installed by the fall of 2020, will provide early leak detection and the ability to proactively monitor water usage to control bills online or via your smartphone.

### Smart Mobility Plan

In October, the Transportation Department completed a Smart Mobility Plan, which details ways the city will use technology to improve the safety, efficiency and accessibility of Bellevue's streets and sidewalks.

Transportation advances outlined in the plan include newsworthy items such as:

- Real-time information about street conditions during and after winter storms;
- Additional charging stations and more electric vehicles in the city fleet;
- Powering CommutePool that will provide electric, autonomous and connected vanpools between employment and transportation centers.

In Bellevue, we strive to be tech forward, making life substantively better for the people who live and work here. The future looks extremely bright as we continue to see the city just keep getting smarter and better.



This illustration of the Internet of Things is in the "Bellevue Smart" plan.

## COUNCIL ROUNDUP

By Claude Iosso, It's Your City Editor

### Assessing accessibility

The City Council learned Jan. 14 about a comprehensive effort to assess the accessibility of the city's facilities and programs. While the Self-evaluation and Transition plan are federal mandates, councilmembers praised the effort for extending beyond just compliance to help make Bellevue an even more inclusive city.

The assessment, led by the Diversity Advantage team, is expected to be finalized the first quarter of this year. Bellevue is dedicated to ensuring that all city programs, services, activities and facilities are fully accessible to and useable by people with disabilities.

The self-evaluation is required by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. It will include a

transition plan for how the city will improve accessibility where there are barriers to facilities and services,

As part of the assessment, the city's ADA/Title IV administrator, Blayne Amson, facilitated focus groups and met with people living with disabilities at open houses. Hundreds responded to an online survey about their experiences.

### Exploring lid for Grand Connection I-405 crossing

On Nov. 19, the council was briefed and provided direction on their preferred option for the Interstate 405 crossing of the "Grand Connection." Councilmembers unanimously agreed to proceed with further study of "alternative 3," which incorporates a park into the lid-like crossing.

According to the city's analysis, the design presents the best

opportunity for creating a memorable public space, fostering a range of placemaking opportunities and catalyzing additional development.

The proposed Grand Connection will begin at Meydenbauer Bay Park, extend through downtown and ultimately connect with the regional Eastside Rail Corridor in a re-envisioned Wilburton commercial area. Moving forward, city staff will complete an Environmental Impact Statement review, continue stakeholder outreach, explore funding options and report back to the council for additional input.

### Updating Environmental Stewardship plan

Staff briefed the council on Nov. 13 on how the city's Environmental Stewardship Initiative will be updated to help the community achieve its

environmental goals.

The initiative, an 11-year-old effort to protect the environment here, has been guided in recent years by the ESI 2013-18 Strategic Plan. Over that time the community participated in the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition and the Solarize Bellevue program, and the city made energy-saving changes at City Hall.

The new strategic plan will be developed for the next five years. Like the previous plan and the one before that, the updated version will focus on air quality, green building, energy conservation, tree canopy, climate change and other issues.

The process to update the plan will involve outreach to residents, businesses and other stakeholders throughout 2019. The aim is to build community support for goals in the plan.

# Preparedness training pays dividends

By Lt. Camari Olson, Fire Department Public Information Officer



Vasundhara Jain shows her fire extinguisher.

When Vasundhara Jain decided to enroll in emergency response training last year, she figured the skills she learned would come in

handy. She had no idea.

On the evening of Jan. 9, when Jain briefly left her kitchen, oil she was heating in a pan caught fire. Although the hallway smoke alarm had not yet sounded, flames already extended to the cabinets above the stove when she returned to the kitchen.

Following directions she received in a Community Emergency Response Team class in September, Jain quickly called 911, then grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out before firefighters arrived. A blaze that easily could have destroyed her home on the 3600 block of 116th Avenue Northeast had only singed her cabinets and the wall behind the range.

The battalion chief on the scene had been one of Jain's CERT instructors, and she excitedly told the fire crew how the training gave her the confidence

to use the extinguisher effectively. Not only that, based on information from the CERT class, Jain had earlier replaced her old, outdated extinguisher – which had been recalled – with a multi-purpose model that worked just right on the oil and electric burner.

CERT is a federal program that supports residents learning basic response skills so they can help their neighborhoods should disaster strike and first responders are delayed. The Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management offers CERT classes throughout the year.

You can sign up for CERT classes at [BellevueWA.gov/cert](http://BellevueWA.gov/cert) or email [oempublished@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:oempublished@bellevuewa.gov). For residents who can't commit three hours a week for eight weeks to the training, Emergency Management also offers CERT Lite, a three-hour

course focused on critical, life-saving skills.

## CPR training also available

King County is a leader in cardiac arrest survival, in great part because bystanders here often recognize the signs of cardiac arrest, call 911 and know how to start CPR immediately, while paramedics are on the way.

The Fire Department offers CPR classes that follow the American Heart Association's Heartsaver CPR curriculum. This includes doing effective compressions, breathing for the victim without or with a barrier mask and using an automated external defibrillator.

Classes are offered regularly to residents at our downtown fire station as well as to business groups by request. For more information or to register call 425-452-6885 or go to [BellevueWA.gov/cpr](http://BellevueWA.gov/cpr).

## 'Smart' water meters coming to Bellevue

By Brian Pugliese, Smart Water Meters Project Manager

"Smart" water meters, which track and wirelessly transmit your water usage in near real time, are coming to Bellevue. The city will begin replacing water meters later this year, with all smart meters set to be installed by the end of 2020.

In December, the City Council approved a contract for the Utilities Department to begin the planning and installation of advanced metering infrastructure. This upgrade in meter reading, a part of the city's "Bellevue Smart" plan, is being done with no rate increase or surcharges.

For several years Utilities has been studying advanced metering, which has been in use throughout the country. Regionally,

advanced metering is already in place in Sammamish and Woodinville.

Smart meter data helps customers see their water use on a daily basis, giving them and Utilities staff valuable information about the possibility of leaks.

The current water meters for Bellevue's 40,000 customers require visits from Utilities staff every other month! The city has had to maintain vehicles for this labor-intensive task, and customers might not learn about leaks for up to 60 days.

Smart meters, equipped with radio transmitters, send consumption data to the city over a secure wireless connection. Utilities will then use the data to show daily consumption so you can monitor and manage use and detect possible leaks.

Changing out each meter will take less than 20 minutes. Utilities staff will begin informing customers when meters in their neighborhoods will be changed later this year.

Before large-scale meter replacements take place, there will be a pilot test of the technology. The Utilities Department is collecting the names and contact details of those customers who would like to participate in the pilot. If you're interested, please send your name, address and phone number to [SmartWater@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:SmartWater@bellevuewa.gov).

More information about smart meters is available at [BellevueWA.gov/smart-water-meter](http://BellevueWA.gov/smart-water-meter).

## Great Neighborhoods focuses on strategies

By Doug McIntyre, Senior Planner

The Great Neighborhoods planning effort launched last year in Northeast and Northwest Bellevue, with residents identifying opportunities and issues for both neighborhood areas. The process will continue this spring, as planners work with residents to develop strategies that address local priorities such as the tree canopy or neighborhood character.

Great Neighborhoods is a collaboration with residents to produce neighborhood area plans, included in the Comprehensive Plan, that ensure Bellevue's neighborhoods can adapt to changing needs while preserving their distinct character.

Formerly known as Neighborhood Area Planning, Great Neighborhoods started with a discovery phase September through December. Community Development staff met more than 280 residents in Northeast and Northwest Bellevue at farmers markets, pop-up offices, neighborhood walks and small group meetings. Staff also spent focused time with residents during four public meetings in the targeted areas.

In those 20 plus community meetings we learned what residents love about their neighborhoods as well as their concerns and specific ideas. The nearly 500 comments received identified opportunities and issues, which will be the focus of strategies developed in 2019 by residents and city staff.

To develop those strategies, the city will work with residents and stakeholders at workshops in March (see calendar on page 11) and through a new online engagement tool. Input will refine issues and

opportunities that may serve as the foundation for strategies.

Have an idea to contribute now? The city's engagement platform – [EngagingBellevue.com](http://EngagingBellevue.com) – is now live. People in Northeast and Northwest Bellevue are encouraged to visit and share their input on ways to make their neighborhoods better.

Engage with us and keep the conversation going with your neighbors!



Northeast Bellevue residents participate in an Oct. 10 listening session.

# Budget supports sustainability, Grand Connection

By Brad Harwood, Acting Chief Communications Officer

The operating and capital budgets adopted by the City Council on Dec. 3 support priorities in the Council Vision, with funding for affordable housing and the Grand Connection.

The \$1.7 billion 2019-20 budget includes \$1.1 billion in operating costs, \$72 million in special purpose expenditures and \$535 million for the seven-year General and Utilities capital budgets.

The 2019-25 Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan funds many transportation projects, but also includes \$11.5 million to help fund implementation of the city's affordable housing strategy, including construction of a permanent men's shelter.

The "Grand Connection" pedestrian-bicycle corridor planned to stretch through downtown is backed in the capital budget (\$2.5 million), along with a northeast gateway



The visualization for the Grand Connection includes a "lid" park over Interstate 405.

to Downtown Park (\$5.25 million) that will be destination in the corridor.

Bellevue's budget, adopted after seven council briefings and three public hearings, also:

- Makes significant steps toward long-term fiscal sustainability through working with employees on health care

costs, a 1 percent property tax increase and a new fire inspection fee;

- Increases police officers' time in the community with the addition of non-commissioned staff and adds fire inspectors;
- Reiterates the city's commitment to environmental protection through support

of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative;

- Adjusts Development Services rates to account for growth and Utility rates to replace aging infrastructure; and
- Meets many of the community's infrastructure priorities, including all voter-approved levy projects.

## In partnership, city targets distracted driving among teens

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

The City of Bellevue has formed a new partnership around a campaign to raise awareness and reduce the damaging impact of distracted driving. The campaign, called "Tune In/Not Out" (TINO) is a joint effort with the Bellevue School District and Washington DECA, a student organization that prepares members for careers in business and marketing.

Leaders from the three organizations announced the effort during a Vision Zero Summit on Feb. 13 at Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue. Vision Zero is the city's ambitious effort to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030.

The partnership will address a critical issue. Crashes are the leading cause of teen deaths

in the nation. In Bellevue, one in four drivers involved in a fatal or serious-injury collision is under 25 years old, though young people of driving age, 16-25 years old, make up only 10.6 percent of Bellevue's population.



TINO In is billed as a campaign by students, for students that will bring together high schoolers, families, the music community and others. Organizers intend to launch the

campaign in October 2019.

Plans call for Washington DECA students to: develop and administer surveys in September to gauge attitudes and behavior of their peers; hold a series of pop-up concerts at district high schools; collect testimonials from victims, friends and families; and use social media to engage other students.

The city's role, after bringing the three organizations together, will be to provide communications support for the TINO In campaign and to help analyze its impact. The school district will help promote and coordinate campus events.

Information about Vision Zero is available on the city website, [BellevueWA.gov/visionzero](http://BellevueWA.gov/visionzero).

## PSE work on Lake Hills transmission line expected in spring

By Steph Collier, Development Services Public Information Officer

After several years of planning and preparation, Puget Sound Energy will add a 115-kilovolt transmission line between its Lake Hills and Phantom Lake substations this year. Construction, including tree removal along the route, is expected to begin in the spring.

PSE will complete the project in phases, starting with tree removal, followed by installation of transmission poles and wire. New landscaping is scheduled to be added in the fall. During tree removal, construction and landscaping, please expect delays along Northeast Eighth Street and 148th Avenue. Signs and flaggers will safely direct traffic through the construction area.

PSE applied for construction permits in December, and the Development Services Department is reviewing the applications. In 2015, the city approved a conditional use permit for the Lake Hills-Phantom Lake transmission line.

According to PSE, the new line will improve electric service reliability for more than 12,000 residential and commercial customers in the Crossroads, Robinswood, Lake Hills, Eastgate, College Hills and Phantom Lake neighborhoods.

If you have questions about the project, contact PSE's Bob Parker ([majorprojects@pse.com](mailto:majorprojects@pse.com) or 1-888-404-8773). PSE offers details about the transmission line at [PSE.com/lakehills-phantomlake](http://PSE.com/lakehills-phantomlake).

Currently, PSE's Lake Hills, Phantom Lake and College substations are each served by only one transmission line. According to PSE, if that line goes out, all customers served by that substation lose power. Design and operating standards now require substations to be served by two transmission lines, so if one loses power, the other can pick up the load.

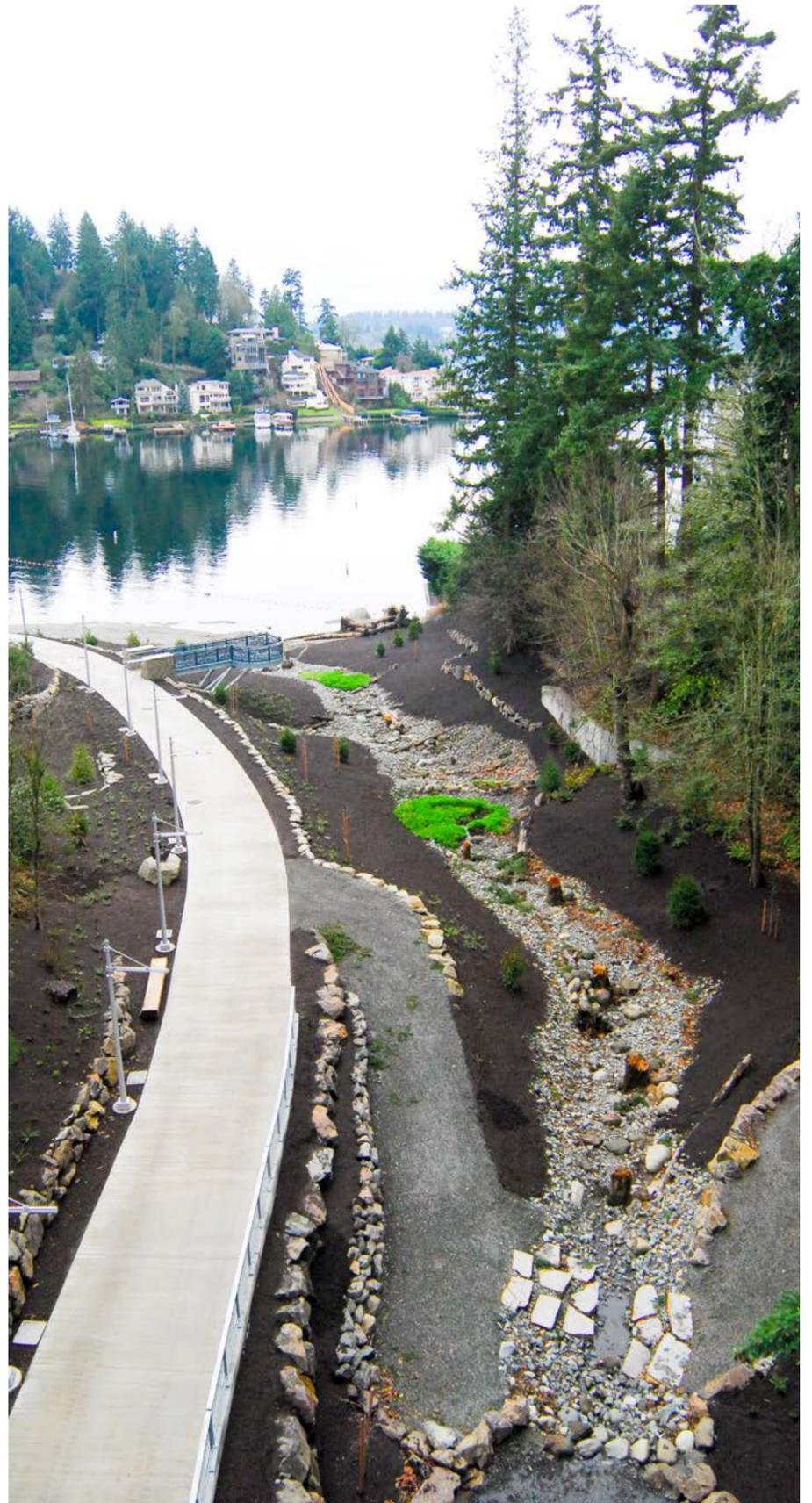
To mitigate the removal of trees required for the project, which has raised concerns in the community, PSE will plant nearly \$900,000 worth of new trees, vegetation and irrigation along the route.

PSE began planning for this project in 2007, determining a route for the line after public outreach required by the city. The route is along Northeast Eighth Street (between 164th and 148th avenues), 148th Avenue (between Northeast Eighth and Southeast 16th streets) and Southeast 16th Street (between 148th and 156th avenues).

# Meydenbauer Bay Park almost ready for prime time



First envisioned over 30 years ago, the new Meydenbauer Bay Park will open on Saturday, March 16. The community is invited to attend a grand opening celebration 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The park considerably expands the old Meydenbauer Beach Park and features a large public swimming beach, pedestrian pier, walkways and overlook. With a new beach house and seasonal boat rentals, the park will be a destination for residents and visitors. The new path also increases public access to Lake Washington.



# Neighborhood Leadership Gathering to focus on trees

By Mike McCormick Huentelman, Community Development Assistant Director

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering this month will focus on trees, which provide beauty to Bellevue's natural environment, as well as health and economic benefits. Resident input is wanted as the city considers how to increase our tree canopy from 37 percent of Bellevue's land area to 40 percent.

"Talking about Trees" is set for Tuesday, Feb. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE, room 1E-108. This edition of the twice yearly Neighborhood Leadership Gathering series will feature a staff panel presenting Bellevue's tree canopy assessment and trends related to it along with information about trees in our parks and trees and development.

Following these short talks, there will be a facilitated discussion of tree-related issues. Residents will be asked for their ideas on how the city can partner with the community to preserve and grow Bellevue's urban tree canopy.

In 2006, the city launched its Environmental Stewardship Initiative

with a goal of bringing a more focused and integrated approach to Bellevue's environmental efforts. Preservation of the tree canopy is among the efforts in the ongoing initiative.

In 2017, the city performed a tree canopy assessment, using aerial photography to survey Bellevue's trees. The assessment documented forests in parks, trees in the right of way and the trees on residential land. Of the estimated 1.4 million trees that constitute Bellevue's tree canopy, 65 percent are on residential land.

To increase the benefits that trees provide, the City Council adopted a goal of 40 percent tree canopy in Bellevue. Through community partnerships as well as maintenance, restoration, volunteer tree planting and other efforts of everyday residents, Bellevue is working toward achieving this goal.

Neighborhood Leadership Gatherings, where people discuss pressing local issues, are open to all who are invested in the quality and health of their neighborhoods. Dessert and coffee will be served. RSVPs are appreciated to [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov).



A tree tour at Weowna Park.

## Tree tours in parks

The city is adding a new approach to conservation in Bellevue. As part of its Environmental Stewardship initiative, the city is going beyond emissions reporting and canopy assessments by launching a series of quick tree tours in city parks.

The city's urban forestry specialist teaches attendees to recognize the different plants that make up the Pacific Northwest forest. At Weowna Park, attendees learned about edible berries and the history of Phantom Creek.

Another tree tour is scheduled at Weowna Park on Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. (meet at 168th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 19th Street).

So far, tree tours have been held in Weowna and Ardmore parks, but the program will expand to other locations soon. For more information, please visit [BellevueWA.gov/trees](http://BellevueWA.gov/trees).

## Transportation projects ramping up in 2019

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

After a typical pace for transportation projects last year, 2019 is shaping up as a busy one in Bellevue. Below is a summary of important projects that will begin or continue construction this year.

- **BelRed street projects:** Construction will start this year to widen and improve 124th Avenue Northeast, from Northeast Spring Boulevard to Ichigo Way, and to build two more new sections of Spring Boulevard, from 116th Avenue Northeast to the Eastside Rail Corridor and from 120th to 124th Avenue Northeast. The combined budget for these projects in the booming BelRed area is about \$50 million.
- **Projects in east and south Bellevue:** Also starting in 2019 will be the second phase of improvements for West Lake Sammamish Parkway, from the southeast 200 block to the northeast 800 block (\$8 million); improvements on Newport Way Southeast, from Somerset Boulevard to 150th Avenue Southeast (\$9.7 million); and major upgrades for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail along Interstate 90, from Interstate 405 to 132nd Avenue Southeast (\$19.3 million, which includes \$14 million in state funding).
- **Levy projects:** More than 20 projects funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy, approved by voters in 2016, are set to begin construction this year. The projects fit a range of categories: neighborhood safety; bicycle facilities; sidewalks, trails and paths; technology for traffic management and neighborhood

congestion reduction. The levy generates \$7.4 million per year for project planning, design, construction and public outreach.

- **Annual overlay program:** It will be a big year for street repaving in 2019 with more than 40 lane miles scheduled, about double the annual average. The annual budget for the program is approximately \$5 million, which also covers bridge inspections and maintenance.
- **East Link light rail:** Construction on

Sound Transit's \$3.8 billion East Link line will roll on in 2019, including work on more than five miles of guideway and six stations in Bellevue. The project is on schedule and passenger service is projected to begin in 2023.

More information on the programs and projects mentioned, as well as Traffic Advisories concerning roadway impacts citywide is available via [BellevueWA.gov/transportation](http://BellevueWA.gov/transportation).



Construction for East Link.

## Fire inspection fees coming in 2020

By Ken Carlson, Fire Marshal

To support fire inspections that prevent injury and property loss, the city will begin charging annual fire inspection fees in 2020.

Fire inspectors check multifamily and commercial buildings every other year, ensuring there are working sprinklers, alarms and other provisions that prevent fires. Multifamily buildings (apartments and condominiums) lacking fire alarm or fire sprinkler systems are inspected annually.

The inspection fees will start at \$180 for buildings larger than 1,000 square feet and multifamily complexes, with the precise fee depending on the square footage and complexity of the building.

In December the City Council approved an ordinance that established the fire inspection fees for recovery of the costs associated with the inspection program. To ensure a smooth transition to the fee implementation, the Fire Department will work with building owners and managers throughout 2019 to answer any questions you may have and to collect building and tenant information.

If you have further questions, please email [fire\\_prevention@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:fire_prevention@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6872.

## Bellevue welcomes new city attorney

By Brad Harwood, Acting Chief Communications Officer



Kathy Gerla, a lawyer with over 30 years of legal experience in both the public and private sectors, has been appointed Bellevue's new city attorney. A Bellevue resident, Gerla comes to the city from the King County Prosecutor's Office. She was selected in December after a nationwide recruitment.

"Kathy has an impressive resume and a broad range of experience, including handling delicate municipal issues," said City Manager Brad Miyake. "I'm very pleased she's decided to join us."

Gerla spent the last seven years as a senior deputy in the County Prosecutor's Office. Previously she worked in the Seattle City Attorney's Office and served for 17 years in the State Attorney General's Office, representing the Governor's Office and the departments of Natural Resources and Ecology.

Gerla also worked in the private sector, practicing for several years at Foster Pepper, a regional law firm based in Seattle. Her clients included municipalities and private companies.

"This is an exciting time to serve as Bellevue's city attorney," said Gerla. "I look forward to working with city leaders in continuing to provide excellent services to our community. I'm really excited about the opportunity to represent the city I live in."

Raised in Eastern Washington, Gerla graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Washington University and received her law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. She lives in the Newport Hills neighborhood of Bellevue, where she enjoys taking in the beauty of the outdoors by hiking and gardening.

She replaced former City Attorney Lori Riordan, who retired from the position in October.

## 'Paws on Patrol' help fight crime

By Marji Trachtman, Police Volunteer Coordinator



You and your dog can become a powerful crime-fighting duo! The Bellevue Police invites residents to become a "Paws on Patrol" partner.

Dog walkers are out in their neighborhoods daily, but miss signs of crime when they are consumed with texts, music or chatting on their phones. With just a little more awareness, they and their dogs can be extra eyes and ears on the block, sniffing out and reporting suspicious activity on their walks.

"We're excited to launch Paws on Patrol in Bellevue," said Detective Jeff Borsheim. "It's been successful and well-received in Redmond and Mercer Island."

"Who knows their own neighborhood better than people who are out walking it every day?" Borsheim added. "They are in the best position to spot something that looks suspicious or out of place, and that's a tremendous help to the Police Department."

Some things to watch for:

- People without an apparent destination
- A person or child resisting the advances of another individual.
- People walking to the rear of a property.
- A vehicle parked in an unusual location.
- Property in a vehicle (i.e. television, laptop, pillow cases, etc.).
- A vehicle traveling at an extreme rate of speed, low or high.

You will receive basic training on how to spot and report suspicious activity, and a "Paws on Patrol" tag for your crime-fighting partner. To join, go to [Police.BellevueWA.gov](http://Police.BellevueWA.gov) and click on Crime Prevention.

## Utilities discounts and rebates

By Heather DeWitt, Program Administrator

The City of Bellevue has programs to assist low-income residents with utility costs for water, wastewater and drainage.

### Rate Relief

Rate relief offers 70 percent off basic utility costs for low-income seniors (62 and older) and low-income persons with permanent disabilities who meet specific residency and income guidelines. You may qualify for rate relief if your 2018 household income was \$37,450 or less for one person or \$42,800 or less for two. The form of relief depends on how utility costs are paid:

- **Utility Rate Discount:** If you pay a Bellevue utility bill, you may qualify for a rate reduction on your 2019 utility bills. This program is open through Oct. 31.
- **Utility Rate Rebate:** If your utility costs have been paid through rent or other third party, you may qualify for a rebate check on 2018 utility costs. This program is open April 1 to Oct. 31.

### Emergency Assistance Program

If you pay a Bellevue utility bill directly and are not eligible for the Rate Discount, you may qualify for a 100 percent discount for up to four months of utility service if you are experiencing a one-time financial shock that

interferes with your household's ability to cover basic needs.

There are no age or disability requirements for the Emergency Assistance Program. This assistance is available once every three years.

### Additional Requirements

Additional requirements apply for rate relief discounts and rebates as well as the Emergency Assistance Program. Guidelines and applications will be available when the programs open at [BellevueWA.gov/utilityrelief](http://BellevueWA.gov/utilityrelief) or by calling Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-5285.

## Revamped website offers travel solutions for regional squeeze

By Kate Johnson, Transportation Program Manager

You may have learned about the “Seattle Squeeze” recently when Highway 99 in downtown Seattle was closed for three weeks, impacting travel across the region. But what you may not know is that traffic challenges are expected to continue for the next five years as crews tackle other transportation projects that will affect Bellevue commuters.

To help workers, residents and students get to and from Bellevue, the city has [ChooseYourWayBellevue.org](http://ChooseYourWayBellevue.org), a one-stop online resource for transportation options. The website, first launched in 2007 has been



## Choose Your Way Bellevue

redesigned to better serve users. Among its features:

- How-to information on using travel modes such as transit, carpooling, vanpooling, walking and biking;

- Free trip planning assistance to help you navigate around construction;
- Help starting or joining a carpool or vanpool;
- Incentive programs such as Choose Your Way Bellevue Rewards and JustOneTrip.org to encourage people to use new commute modes; and
- Rewards for trying biking facilities and services in Bellevue, such as the Downtown Demonstration Bikeway and bike share pilot.

For more information, visit the Choose Your Way website or send an email to [info@cywb.org](mailto:info@cywb.org).

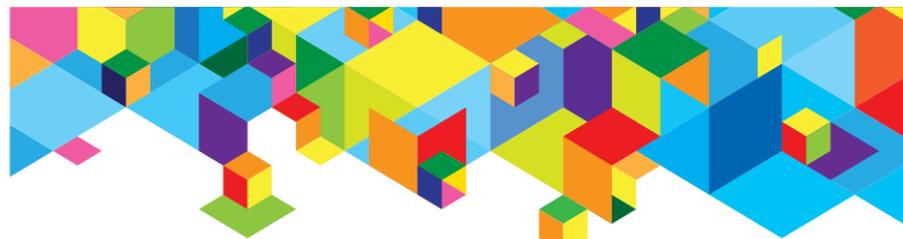
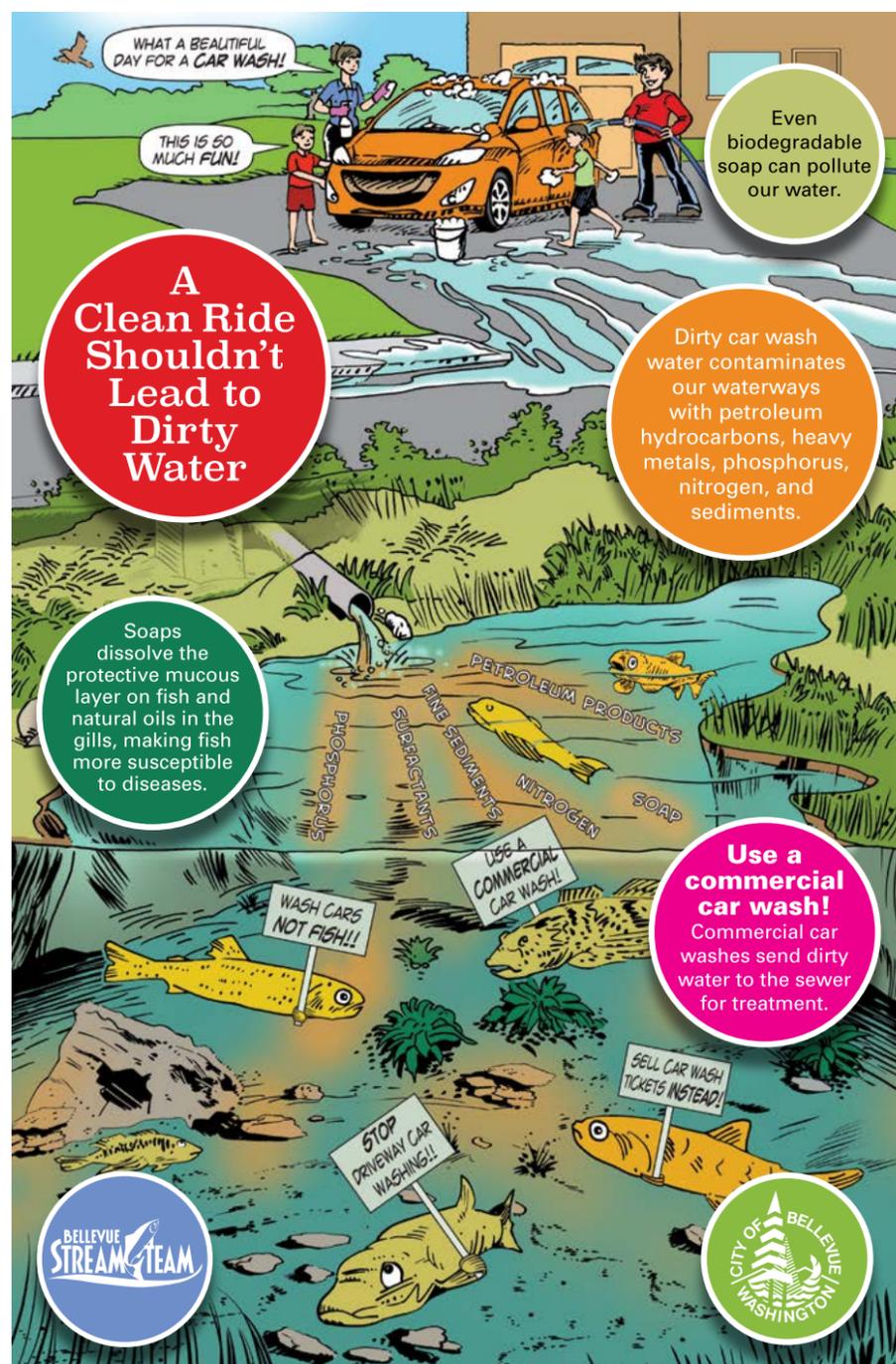
## Wash car at commercial car wash

Washing your car at home is a dirty business. Did you know that all storm drains in Bellevue lead directly to a stream, lake or wetland?

When you wash your car in the street or a parking lot, toxic motor oil, brake pad dust, tire wear and other chemical residues – along with soap – go down storm drains, untreated, into the waterways we swim, fish and play in.

Dirty wash water contains oil, solvents, anti-freeze and toxic heavy metals such as zinc, lead and copper. Soap is a significant problem and is harmful to fish and the insects they eat. Even biodegradable soap can kill fish before it degrades.

Instead, take your car to a commercial car wash that reclaims the wash water several times before sending it to the sewer system for treatment.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteer Opportunities in Bellevue

### Updated volunteer resource guide

What's your passion? Whether it's preserving the beautiful scenery that surrounds us, protecting our furry friends or helping those in need, Bellevue's Volunteer Resource Guide will give you the contacts you need to make an impact.

First published by the City of Bellevue in 2016, the third edition of the comprehensive guide lists over 70 eastside agencies seeking volunteers. Alumni from the Bellevue Essentials program updated the volunteer guide. Organized by topic, the guide can be accessed online at [BellevueWA.gov/volunteer-guide](http://BellevueWA.gov/volunteer-guide) or you can request a hard copy from Julie Ellenhorn ([jellenhorn@BellevueWA.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@BellevueWA.gov) or 425-452-5372).

Volunteering in the community provides a chance to make a difference and give back in a meaningful way, while learning about new experiences and connecting with others. For more information about the volunteering guide or the Bellevue Essentials civic engagement class, please contact Julie Ellenhorn.

### Free gardening classes

Cascade Water Alliance and the City of Bellevue are partnering to offer free gardening. Classes that can help you have beautiful, healthy landscapes while using water efficiently. Taught by a team of expert gardening professionals, the following will be offered in Bellevue. Registration is required.

#### Knock Out Gardens

Win the war on water use with great plants and planting techniques. Saturday, March 9, 10-11:30 a.m. Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave. SE Register: [Knockout.brownpapertickets.com](http://Knockout.brownpapertickets.com)

#### Natural Lawn Care

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St. Register: [NaturalLawn.brownpapertickets.com](http://NaturalLawn.brownpapertickets.com)

#### Gardening in Small Spaces

Grow more food in a tiny footprint. Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St Register: [SmallSpaces.brownpapertickets.com](http://SmallSpaces.brownpapertickets.com)

#### Eat Your Yard: Edible Landscape Design

Saturday, March 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave. SE Register: [EatYourYard.brownpapertickets.com](http://EatYourYard.brownpapertickets.com)

#### Contain Yourself: Smart Ideas for Gardening in Pots

Saturday, April 6, 10-11:30 a.m. Bellevue Nursery, 842 104th Ave. SE Register: [Containers.brownpapertickets.com](http://Containers.brownpapertickets.com)

Visit [CascadeWater.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener](http://CascadeWater.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener) for other classes offered throughout the Cascade Water Alliance service area.

# EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

By Betsi Hummer, EBCC Chair

## Islamic Center of Eastside to be rebuilt

At the East Bellevue Community Council's Dec. 4 meeting, we heard from the architect who will rebuild the Islamic Center of Eastside (also known as the Bellevue Mosque) where the former mosque was destroyed by arson fires in 2017 and 2018. The plans show a two-story structure with white stone and artistic design features occupying about the same square footage as the previous building.



Faheem Darab, senior planner with the city, reported that the project was in design review. To meet code, the new building at 14700 Main St. will be accessible to people with disabilities. The parking lot will be reconfigured to include ADA parking stalls.

The meeting was well-attended, with many members of the Islamic Center in attendance.

## New school planned for Bellewood site

On Jan. 8, the Bellevue School District provided a courtesy hearing to the EBCC concerning plans for construction of a new school at 301 151st Pl. NE, where the Bellewood Elementary School now stands.

The school district plans to relocate Puesta Del Sol Elementary School, the Spanish immersion program currently at Somerset Elementary, to the Bellewood site. The Bellewood school, used since 2001 as a transition location while other elementary schools have been built, is scheduled for demolition this summer. Construction of Puesta Del Sol is set to begin shortly after, with completion targeted for summer of 2020.



For more information about the EBCC, call Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts, 425-452-6806.

The EBCC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

**Members:** Hassan Dhananjaya, Ross Gooding, Betsi Hummer, Steven Kasner, Stephanie Walter

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the EBCC via email at [ebcc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ebcc@bellevuewa.gov). To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC, [BellevueWA.gov/ebcc](http://BellevueWA.gov/ebcc).

The new structure will be two stories and cover 102,000 square feet, with 105 parking spaces and an improved sports field and playground. The school district held two public meetings concerning the new school last year.

Attendees expressed concern about the traffic pattern for the new school, which will be a magnet school for students around the district. The property is located in a residential neighborhood.

The district is planning for access to the school from 151st Place Northeast and Northeast Fourth Place. The school district was going to consider feedback from the Jan. 8 meeting.

The EBCC will have final approval/disapproval authority over the school's construction permit.

## EBCC Meetings

Since the February meeting was cancelled, the EBCC will conduct its annual election of officers and review a memo regarding the Kelsey Creek improvements at the Glendale Golf and Country Club at the March meeting. A Community Development Department presentation about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program is also scheduled for March.

The EBCC has final approval/disapproval authority over certain land use decisions including Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code amendments, as well as zoning changes and Process 3 Conditional Use Permits.

Please let us know your concerns, kudos and comments at [ebcc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ebcc@bellevuewa.gov).

## Empty, clean, dry – these are words you can recycle by



**EMPTY. CLEAN. DRY.**  
*It Matters.*

Find Bellevue Recycling Guidelines at [www.RepublicBellevue.com](http://www.RepublicBellevue.com)

By Jennifer Goodhart, Conservation and Outreach Administrator

It only takes an extra minute to empty, clean and dry your recycling. That ensures it will get made into something new.

Recycling is an important thing we can do to benefit both the environment and the economy. You keep lots of material out of the landfill, and making products from recycled content decreases the need to extract new materials, such as petroleum, wood, minerals and water from the environment.

Bellevue residents continue to benefit both the environment and the economy by recycling their plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal cans. No matter what, we should all continue recycling and strive to recycle right.

Containers that previously contained food or liquid should be rinsed to remove residue. Shake out excess liquid and air dry. When putting recycling in your curbside bin, make sure you don't overfill the bin and keep the lid shut tight to keep out rain.

**As long as they are empty, clean and dry, you should always recycle:**  
**Paper • Cardboard • Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs • Glass bottles and jars • Metal cans**

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every two years as part of the budget adoption, the City Council approves a seven-year Capital Investment Program budget. Featured below are some transportation, utilities and parks projects under construction in 2019 to sorted by neighborhood area and listed with estimated cost. Construction schedules often change, so for specific project information, please contact the project manager listed. For information about projects in the planning or design phase, visit the Projects In Your Neighborhood interactive map at [Transportation.BellevueWA.gov](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation).

## BelRed

### Midlakes Pump Station

Replace pump station to improve capacity. Construction first quarter 2019 to first quarter 2020 (\$4 million).

*Vanaja S. Rajah, vrajah@bellevuewa.gov*

### 136th Ave NE Water Inlet Station and Transmission Main

Capacity and water supply improvements on Northeast Eight Street. Construction third quarter 2019 to second quarter 2020 (\$8.4 million).

*Jay Hummel, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov*

### NE Spring Blvd: 116th to 120th Aves NE

Widen Northeast 12th Street to six lanes from 116th Avenue Northeast to a new intersection west of the Eastside Rail Corridor. Construction second quarter 2019 to first quarter 2020 (\$33.4 million).

*Steve Costa, scosta@bellevuewa.gov*

### NE Spring Blvd: 120th to 124th Ave NE

Build new four-lane roadway with turn pockets and center medians, landscaping, sidewalks, off-street paths for bicycling and on-street parking. Construction second quarter 2019 to fourth quarter 2020 (\$26 million).

*Steve Costa, scosta@bellevuewa.gov*

### 124th Ave NE: NE Spring Blvd to Ichigo Way

Widen and raise 124th Avenue Northeast to five lanes, install sidewalk on both sides of Northeast Spring Boulevard to Northeast 16th Street, construct a bridge for East Link light rail undercrossing. Construction second quarter 2019 to fourth quarter 2020, pending right of way acquisition (\$33 million).

*Marina Arakelyan, marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov*

## Downtown

### Meydenbauer Bay Park

Relocate and expand the public swimming beach; build a new beach house with restrooms and showers; create a pedestrian pier and hand-carry boat launch; add walking paths, picnic areas, pedestrian promenade and children's play area. Construction through first quarter 2019 (\$14.5 million).

*Scott VanderHyden, svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov*

## Eastgate

### Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station

Upgrade aging pump station. Construction through second quarter 2019 (\$2 million).

*James B. Nicolls, jbnicolls@bellevuewa.gov*

### SE Newport Way Multipurpose Path

Build a 10-foot wide multipurpose path on the north side and a five-foot bike lane on the south side of Southeast Newport Way, between 150th Avenue Southeast to Somerset Boulevard. Construction second quarter 2019 to third quarter 2020 (\$9.7 million).

*Paul Krawczyk, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov*

## Factoria

### Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: I-405 to 132nd Ave SE

Construct a 12-foot-wide multi-use trail; including bridge over Factoria Boulevard Southeast. Improve the I-90 off-ramp to Factoria Boulevard. Construction second quarter 2019 to 4th quarter 2020 (\$14 million).

*Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov*

## Newport

### Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction Project

Replace five culverts in Newport Shores; One replacement in 2017; two replacements (bridges) in 2018. Two final replacements in 2019: Lower Skagit Key and Glacier Key roads. Construction second quarter to third quarter 2019 (\$3.4 million).

*Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov*

## Lake Hills

### 158th Pl SE Sidewalk: Lake Hills Blvd to Main Street

Add a six-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of 158th Place Southeast, between Southeast Sixth Street and Main Street. Replace water main from Lake Hills Boulevard to Main Street and upgrade crosswalks at Lake Hills Boulevard and 159th Avenue Southeast to include rapid flashing beacons. Construction first quarter to third quarter 2019 (\$2.5 million).

*Mike Rodni, mrodni@bellevuewa.gov*

## Northeast Bellevue

### NE Bellevue Crosswalk Improvements Project

Improve five crosswalks and add a new crosswalk with rapid flashing beacons, curb ramp and extend sidewalks for improved pedestrian crossing. Construction first to third quarter 2019 (\$1.2 million).

*Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov*

## Northwest Bellevue

### Cherry Crest Pump Station Replacement

Replace water pump station, combining Pikes Peak and Cherry Crest pump stations into one. Construction third quarter 2019 to second quarter 2020 (\$8.7 million).

*Jay Hummel, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov*

### Vuecrest Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Upgrade the sewer system. Construction third quarter 2019 to first quarter 2020 (\$2 million).

*Regan Side, rsidie@bellevuewa.gov*

## West Bellevue

### Surrey Downs Park

Renovation includes a "great lawn," meadow bordered with picnic tables, benches and new restrooms and a viewing platform overlooking the light rail tracks. Construction through February 2019; park opening anticipated for March 2019 (\$5 million).

*Pam Fehrman, pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov*

## West Lake Sammamish

### West Lake Sammamish Parkway: Multipurpose Path

Build a 10-foot wide multipurpose path from the Southeast 200 block to the Northeast 800 block on the west side and a four-foot shoulder on the east side of the roadway. Coordination with Utilities on water main project. Construction second quarter 2019 to third quarter 2020 (\$8.1 million).

*Paul Krawczyk, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov*

## Various locations and other agency projects

### Wastewater Pump Replacement

Replace aging pumps at eight wastewater pump stations: Grange, Killarney, Meydenbauer, Bagley, Pleasure Point, Yarrow Point and two lift stations (Eastgate Lift Station #1 and #2) along Lake Washington Boulevard. Construction: third quarter 2019 to first quarter 2020. (\$1.8 million).

*Birol Shaha, bshaha@bellevuewa.gov*

### Sound Transit: East Link Light Rail construction

Find and subscribe to receive East Link construction updates at [Transportation.BellevueWA.gov/EastLink](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation) or [SoundTransit.org/EastLink](https://www.soundtransit.org/EastLink).

*Marie Jensen, mjensen@bellevuewa.gov*

### State Department of Transportation: I-405: Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes

This project will add new capacity to create a two-lane express toll lane system between State Route 167 in Renton and Northeast Sixth Street in Bellevue. Construction fall 2019 through 2024.

[WSDOT.wa.gov/projects/i405/rentontobellevue](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/rentontobellevue)

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR FALL/WINTER 2018

## Lewis Creek Ranger Hike

March 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center  
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE  
Free. 425-452-4195 or [lcvc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lcvc@bellevuewa.gov)

## Mercer Slough Ranger Hike

March 3, 2-3 p.m.  
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center  
1625 118th Ave. SE  
Free. RSVP at 425-452-2565 or [mseec@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov)

## March Mania Plant Sale

March 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main St.  
Featuring unique specialty plants and spring ephemerals. Indoor location and kids' activities.  
[NorthwestPerennialAlliance.org](http://NorthwestPerennialAlliance.org)

## Great Neighborhoods Workshop for NW Bellevue

March 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
1934 108th Ave. NE  
[EngagingBellevue.com](http://EngagingBellevue.com)

## Peamouth Patrol Workshop

March 27, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center  
1625 118th Ave. SE  
Register at [streamteam@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:streamteam@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-5200

## Great Neighborhoods Workshop for NE Bellevue

March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Overlake Park Presbyterian Church  
1836 156th Ave. NE  
[EngagingBellevue.com](http://EngagingBellevue.com)

## "The Little Prince"

March 29, 30 and April 6 at 7 p.m.; March 31, April 6 and 7 at 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre  
16051 NE 10th St.  
There is magic when a pilot downed in the desert encounters the Little Prince. Suitable for the entire family.  
Cost: \$15 per ticket.  
425-452-7155 or [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov)

## Coal Creek Area Ranger Hike

March 30, 10:30-noon  
Cinder Mine Trailhead  
Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead  
Free. 425-452-7225

## Lewis Creek Ranger Hike

April 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center  
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE  
Free. 425-452-4195 or [lcvc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lcvc@bellevuewa.gov)

## Mercer Slough Ranger Hike

April 7, 2-3 p.m.  
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center  
1625 118th Ave. SE  
Free. RSVP at 425-452-2565 or [mseec@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov)

## "Exile of Lord Rama/What About Us"

April 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 7 p.m.; April 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre  
16051 NE 10th St.  
Two one act plays. "Lord Rama," a classic tale told with dance, is suitable for all ages. "What about Us" explores timely topics impacting young people today - appropriate for 10+.  
Cost: \$15 per ticket. 425-452-7155 or [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov)

## Garden Workshops and Lectures

April 4: Creating Your Dream Garden: A two-part workshop, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
April 6: Expressive Acrylic Painting, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
March 15: Mindfulness in the Garden: Nourishing Peace Within, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
March 16: Hydrangea How-To, 10 a.m.-noon  
March 21: Garden d'Lights Orientation  
April 16: Kids in the Garden, 10 a.m.-noon.  
Workshops provided in conjunction with various partners. Prices vary.  
[BellevueBotanical.org/classes.html](http://BellevueBotanical.org/classes.html)

## "Bobby's World of Adventure"

May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.; May 5 and 11 at 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre  
16051 NE 10th St.  
Bobby wakes up in a world where the characters he's read about are not what he expects. Appropriate for all ages.  
Cost: \$15 per ticket.  
425-452-7155 or [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov)

## Mother's Day Social

May 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden  
16051 NE 10th St.  
Free and open to all. Posy making, music, dancing, docent tours and plein air artists. Donations welcome.  
425-452-2750 or [BellevueBotanical.org](http://BellevueBotanical.org)

## "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

May 17, 18 and 25, 7 p.m.; May 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Youth Theatre  
16051 NE 10th St.  
Shakespeare's journey into a world of fairies and mystery. Appropriate for all ages.  
Cost: \$15 per ticket.  
425-452-7155 or [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov)

## Seattle Garden Club Flower Show: "Nature's Poetry"

June 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden, Aaron Education Center  
16051 NE 10th St.  
View exhibits in Floral Design, Horticulture and Photography. Free, open to the public.

## Summer Day Camps

Registration now underway  
Spring and Summer Recreation Program Registration (May through August)  
March 26— Resident registration begins  
April 4—Non-resident registration begins  
425-452-6885 or [Register.BellevueWA.gov](http://Register.BellevueWA.gov)

## Lake Hills Farm Fresh Produce Stand

156th Ave. SE and SE 16th St.  
April through June  
Hours vary, please call farm to confirm  
425-233-1198

## Latex Paint Collection Event

June 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Stevenson Elementary parking lot, 14220 NE Eighth Street  
Fees apply.  
[KingCounty.gov/takeitback](http://KingCounty.gov/takeitback)



Peamouth Patrol workshop on March 27 at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center.

## Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival

April 20, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Lewis Creek Visitor Center  
5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE  
425-452-4195 or [lcvc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lcvc@bellevuewa.gov)

## Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing

April 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Kelsey Creek Farm  
410 130th Pl. SE  
Sheep shearing, spinning demonstrations, children's activities, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pony rides and food. Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM on site, no charge cards accepted.  
425-452-7688 or [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov)

## Chinese Floral Art Exhibit

May 18-19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Members of the Hua Yuan School of Chinese Floral Art create exquisite floral displays, on view all weekend in the Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.  
16051 NE 10th St.  
Free, open to the public.

## Spring Tea Exhibit

May 18, 2-4 p.m.  
Bellevue Botanical Garden  
16051 NE 10th St.

## Repair Fair

May 29, 3-6 p.m.  
Bellevue Library  
1111 110th Ave. NE  
Bring small household items for repair including clothing. Free.  
Tom Watson, 206-477-4481 or [tom.watson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:tom.watson@kingcounty.gov)

## Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm Stand

700 148th Avenue SE  
March through June  
Hours vary, call to confirm.  
559-274-5942

## 2019 Picnic Shelter Reservations

Planning a gathering at one of Bellevue's beautiful parks? Picnic shelters are now available for reservation. For more information, call 425-452-6914 or [parkrental@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkrental@bellevuewa.gov)



# CITY CONTACT INFO

## City Hall

450 110th Ave. NE/P.O. Box 90012  
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

**Service First (general information):** 425-452-6800

**City of Bellevue website:** [BellevueWA.gov](http://BellevueWA.gov)

**City Council Office:** 425-452-7810

## City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays each month: study session 6-8 p.m.,  
regular session 8-10 p.m.

2nd and 4th Mondays each month: extended study session 6-10 p.m.

## Board & Commission Meetings

Call 425-452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas

Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.

Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Library Board: 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Planning: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

## City Offices

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 425-452-6464

City Manager: 425-452-7228

Community Development: 425-452-7892

Conflict Resolution Center: 425-452-4091

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 425-452-2800

Development Services: 425-452-6800

New permit applications: 425-452-4898

Inspection requests, application and status, pay fees: 425-452-6875

Simple permits, inspection requests: [MyBuildingPermit.com](http://MyBuildingPermit.com)

Application and inspection status: [MyBuildingPermit.com](http://MyBuildingPermit.com)

Code Compliance: 425-452-4570

Diversity Program: 425-452-7886

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.: 425-452-6806

Fire Emergency Only: 911

Fire Non-Emergency

Business and Information: 425-452-6892

Inspection: 425-452-4254

Fire prevention: 425-452-6872

Human Resources: 425-452-6838

Information Technology: 425-452-4626

Neighborhood Outreach: 425-452-6836

Northwest Arts Center: 425-452-4106

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 425-452-4200

Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 425-452-6885

Youth Sports: 425-452-6885

Ballfield Rental: 425-452-6914

Picnics/Facility Rentals: 425-452-6914

Park Maintenance: 425-452-6855

Human Services: 425-452-6884

Probation: 425-452-6956

Community Centers:

Crossroads Community Center: 425-452-4874

Highland Community Center: 425-452-7686

North Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-7681

South Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-4240

Marina Hotline: 425-452-4883

Police Emergency Only: 911

Police Non-Emergency

Crossroads Station: 425-452-2891

Factoria Station: 425-452-2880

Complaints and Information: 425-452-6917

Crime Prevention: Commercial 425-452-2979; Residential 425-452-6915

Traffic Enforcement: 425-452-6940

Transportation

Administration/Information: 425-452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 425-452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 425-452-6973

Water, Sewer, Street, &

Surface Water Maintenance & Emergency: 425-452-7840

## Other Numbers (Not city government)

Regional Animal Services of King County: 206-296-PETS

Republic Services: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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# CITY COUNCIL



## BelRed coffee and conversation



The changes are coming thick and fast in the BelRed neighborhood, with construction of brand new streets and the East Link light rail line transforming the landscape of this historically light industrial area northeast of downtown.

Are you curious what changes have taken place and what's still in store in BelRed? You can learn about transportation, community planning and other city projects and programs changing the BelRed corridor at the BelRed Transformation – Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday, March 26, at the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) Commons Area, 12280 NE District Way, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

There will be no formal presentations, allowing attendees to go to information tables with presentations about developments including East Link, major city transportation projects, BelRed Lookback and the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

Staff from the Transportation, Community Development and Development Services departments will be on hand, as well as from Sound Transit, the state Department of Transportation and King County.

The forum is part of the city's Access Bellevue effort to provide complete information about major projects around the city. Refreshments, including coffee and bagels, will be provided.

More details are available at [BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue). Starting on Feb. 26, you can register for BelRed Transformation at [AccessBellevue.eventbrite.com](http://AccessBellevue.eventbrite.com).