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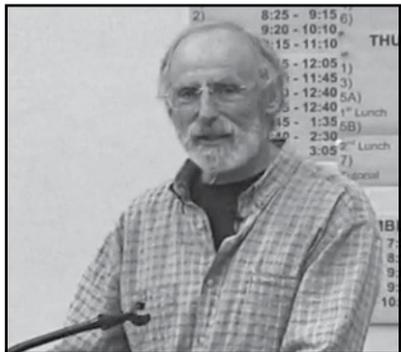
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Mayor Claudia Balducci and Deputy Mayor Kevin Wallace are all smiles after their January election.

Balducci elected mayor, Wallace deputy mayor

The City Council on January 6 elected Councilmember Claudia Balducci to serve a two-year term as mayor. Councilmember Kevin Wallace was chosen deputy mayor.

Also, Councilmember Lynne Robinson took her seat for the first time at that meeting, after voters elected her in November. Robinson served on the Parks & Community Services Board from 2008 to 2013, chairing the board the last three years.

Balducci, who served as deputy mayor from 2008-2009, takes over from Councilmember Conrad Lee, whose two-year term as mayor ended on December 31. After the vote, Balducci said she was honored to have been selected mayor by her fellow councilmembers.

"Bellevue is a terrific city, filled with incredible people," Balducci said. "I look forward to working with Deputy Mayor Wallace and my other council colleagues to not just maintain, but improve our city as a place to live, work and visit. Working collaboratively, I'm confident we can meet the challenges ahead."

Balducci has served on the council since 2004 and was re-elected to a third term in 2011. Her council assignments and appointments include the Sound Transit Board of Directors, Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board chair and Arts Commission liaison.

Wallace was elected to the council in 2009, and re-elected to a second term in November. He is a strong advocate for transportation improvements, and serves on the Eastside Transportation Partnership Steering Committee and the Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County.

"I am grateful for the trust the council has demonstrated by unanimously choosing me to serve as deputy mayor," Wallace said. "I'm proud of the infrastructure investments we've achieved over the last two years and want to continue that work with Mayor Balducci and the rest of the council."

Bellevue has seven, part-time councilmembers who are elected at large and serve four-year, staggered terms. They choose a fellow councilmember as mayor for a two-year term. The mayor presides over council meetings and study sessions, represents the city at public events and acts as the primary spokesperson for the council.

The council is responsible for approving budgets and setting policy for the city. Bellevue's city manager implements the policy and oversees the city's day-to-day operations.



Robinson joins council

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Council Corner

Why regionalism matters



By John Stokes

With my turn in the “Corner” I want to share some examples of how your councilmembers work beyond the day-to-day tasks to achieve great results for Bellevue through regional collaboration and collective action.

My fellow councilmembers and I serve on more than a dozen regional committees, partnerships, councils, forums and boards. And that’s in addition to serving as council liaisons to a comparable number of Bellevue boards and commissions.

So why all the regional involvement, you might ask. It’s a fair question and the answer is simple: It’s in Bellevue’s best interest to connect, influence and lead on the big issues of the day in the Puget Sound region. After all, trade, traffic, homelessness and flood control don’t stop at Bellevue’s borders. Working with our regional neighbors is the right thing to do.

Getting things done on behalf of Bellevue residents means engaging with other regional leaders to work together, to dream together and to harness the power of community in achieving goals that would be impossible to achieve separately.

A great example is drinking water. We all need it to live, our economy depends on it and the pipes that carry it cross many municipal borders.

Having an ample supply of safe, clean water at reasonable rates is a fundamental city service and our Utilities Department does a great job of getting it to you. But that water does not come from within our city limits, it comes from the Cedar River watershed, and is delivered to us by Cascade Water Alliance.

Recently, I was appointed to serve as the city’s representative to Cascade, which Bellevue had a major role in creating back in 1999. I attended my first board meeting in January.

Cascade is a municipal corporation comprised of five cities (Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah, Tukwila) and two water and sewer districts that joined together to provide healthy, reliable water to 350,000 residences and more than 20,000 businesses.

Cascade’s mission is to provide a water supply to meet current and future needs in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner. It does that through partnerships, water efficiency programs, fostering regional planning, and by acquiring, constructing and managing its water supply infrastructure.

The straight-line impact of Cascade Water Alliance to Bellevue residents and businesses is a guaranteed supply of great drinking water at reasonable rates. As Bellevue’s representative to the Cascade Board of Directors, I will help make sure that Cascade continues to do its job well.

By working together, member cities and districts secure water more efficiently on behalf of their constituents than they could acting independently. That is the value of collaborative regional partnerships.

Just as water is vital to life itself, the efficient disposal of solid waste is vital to our quality of life. This year, I’m again serving as Bellevue’s



A Utilities worker climbs a water tower in Bellevue. The city is a member of Cascade Water Alliance, which supplies water to five cities and two water districts in the region.

representative on the King County Regional Policy Committee. The RPC considers and makes recommendations on important policy issues affecting King County and its cities, including solid waste.

Bellevue’s involvement with this advisory body is another example of how regional cooperation can benefit our residents. As an RPC member I’m making sure that Bellevue’s voice is heard when it comes to long-range planning efforts such as the siting and expansion of solid waste transfer stations.

That’s important because one of those transfer stations is located in the Factoria area of Bellevue. The city council wants King County to rebuild the transfer station on its existing site, but avoid an over-expansion, which could negatively affect traffic and have other unwanted consequences.

The issues of water and solid waste are just two examples of how regional cooperation can translate to better policies, reasonable rates and stronger relationships. Working collaboratively with our neighboring cities and King County, we can influence decisions that have a direct impact on Bellevue residents and businesses.

Council Roundup

Councilmember Davidson honored

Councilmember and former Mayor Don Davidson, whose term ended December 31,



was honored on December 9 with a commendation and with profuse praise by his fellow councilmembers. Davidson was first elected to the council 30 years ago. He was elected a total of six times, appointed twice to fill vacancies, served as mayor twice

and held office a total of 26 years.

Following a reading of the commendation, councilmembers took turns heaping compliments on “Dr. D,” as he is known to many of his dental practice patients and others in the community.

Councilmember Claudia Balducci said Davidson has been a “tremendous part of the history and fabric of this community.” Councilmember John Stokes said he brought to the council a “passion for the city.” Councilmember Kevin Wallace called him “an amazing mentor.” Councilmember John Chelminiak said Bellevue is “a great city because of the work you’ve done as a member of this council.” Jennifer Robertson, then deputy mayor,

called Davidson “Mr. Budget Hawk,” and Conrad Lee, then mayor, described him as a “conservative environmentalist.”

Davidson responded, “It’s been a real joy to serve with you.”

Budget tune-up; no property tax increase

The City Council on December 4 approved minor adjustments to the city’s 2013-2014 operating budget at the mid-point of the two-year spending plan. For the fifth year in a row the council did not increase property taxes. Also approved was a minor adjustment to the 2013-2019 capital budget. Elements of the mid-biennium budget update include:

- 2014 property taxes: The council did not raise property taxes in 2014 and the city’s regular property tax rate fell from \$1.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2013, to a projected 96 cents in 2014. State law allows a property tax increase of up to 1 percent annually. Or, cities can “bank” the increases to be used in the future. Bellevue’s banked capacity now stands at \$9.39 million. Including a voter-approved Parks Levy (11 cents per \$1,000), the city’s share of property taxes for a home valued at \$500,000 will be \$539 in 2014.
- Development Services fees: Reviews and inspections related to land use, transportation, fire and utilities rose 1.3 to 1.5 percent to keep pace with inflation. In

August the council approved hiring up to 24 new employees in response to an increase in development activities. The additional costs will be offset by additional permit fees as a result of the increased activity.

- Operating budget: The two-year operating budget, which includes a variety of funds that pay for most city services, was increased by six-tenths of 1 percent, or \$5.37 million, to \$876.7 million.
- Capital budget: The seven-year Capital Investment Program budget was increased \$30.9 million, to \$1.34 billion. On October 7 the council approved temporarily borrowing \$30 million from the city’s Utility Capital Investment Program Fund to pay for vital transportation projects.
- West Lake Sammamish Parkway: Following a review of a long list of unanticipated construction complications that required more excavating, extensive relocating of stormwater pipes and more traffic control, the council approved an additional \$1.75 million for Phase 1 of the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project. The total construction cost was \$6.57 million. Construction began in January and wrapped up in October, approximately one month ahead of schedule.



Locations for 2014 overlay program released

As another spring approaches, it is time to share – ahead of time – where paving will occur in 2014. Bellevue’s overlay program maintains roadways: from overlaying streets, rehabilitating pavement, curbs and sidewalks or repairing walkways to maintaining bridges and retrofitting sidewalks to make them accessible for people with disabilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act ensures that users of all ages and abilities have access to our pedestrian facilities. Federal regulations require cities to upgrade existing facilities to meet the most current ADA requirements. As a result, the city’s overlay projects include sidewalk ramp improvements.

Here are the following locations for the

2014 Overlay Program and sidewalk ramps, which are slated to begin early this spring. The estimated budget is \$4 million:

- Highland Drive from Southeast 46th Street to Forest Drive Southeast;
- Southeast 63rd Street from 151st Avenue Southeast to Forest Drive Southeast; and
- “Woodridge route” from the intersection of Southeast Eighth Street and 121st Avenue Southeast to the intersection of 128th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 32nd Street.

Many sidewalk ramps and intersections along these street segments will require ADA retrofits. Ramp work will be completed first, followed by paving later this summer. To reduce traffic impacts, work will be sequenced near neighboring

schools and most likely scheduled after the end of the school year. If construction does take place while school is in session, flaggers will ensure pedestrian safety in construction zones.

Work carried over from the 2013 Overlay Program will also take place on Southeast Eastgate Way. In late spring, we plan to move to Factoria Boulevard, which has an estimated cost of \$1 million (funded partially with federal dollars).

For more information about the Overlay Program and to see a map of project locations, visit www.bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm, or contact Teresa Becker, pavement manager, at tbecker@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7942.



This rendering depicts South Bellevue Station at the 60 percent design milestone, and was shared at the February 6 South Bellevue Segment open house.

Light Rail Permitting CAC seeks resident input

Design of the East Link light rail line is moving full speed ahead, and residents can provide input directly to Sound Transit and through a Bellevue citizens advisory committee.

Sound Transit and the Bellevue Light Rail Permitting CAC will co-host open houses in Bellevue on February 25 and March 25.

Construction of East Link is expected to begin in mid-2015, with 2023 the target for start of operation. To ensure the city’s perspective on the look and feel of the stations, park-and-rides and associated facilities is heard, the City Council appointed a nine-member CAC last September.

The committee will review East Link designs, following guidelines set forth in the city’s light rail overlay code. While the committee is, in itself, a form of public involvement, additional public input is critical for the project’s success.

At the open houses, attendees can review station design and other significant project components, including park-and-rides, landscape development, accessory structures, noise walls, tunnel portals and public art.

The February open house will focus on the East Main segment of the light rail line, from Southeast Fourth Street to Main Street, including the East Main station. The meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, at the Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main St., 5-7 p.m.

The March open house will focus on the downtown and hospital segments, from Northeast Sixth Street to 120th Avenue Northeast, including the downtown and hospital stations. That meeting will be at City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE, also 5-7 p.m.

Residents can always submit comments about East Link in Bellevue directly to the members of the CAC by:

- **Mail:** written comments to Matthews Jackson, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA, 98009
- **Email:** to CAC_Comments@bellevuewa.gov
- **In person:** at a CAC meeting. Public comment is available at the start and end of every CAC meeting, the first and third Wednesday of each month in City Hall room 1E-113, 3-5 p.m.

To review materials shared at open houses concerning the Bel-Red and South Bellevue segments, which occurred on September 10 and February 6 respectively, please visit Sound Transit’s website, www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/East-Link-Extension.

For more information about the Light Rail Permitting CAC, or to subscribe to meeting notice alerts, visit the project website at www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm or contact Kate March at kmarch@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2055.

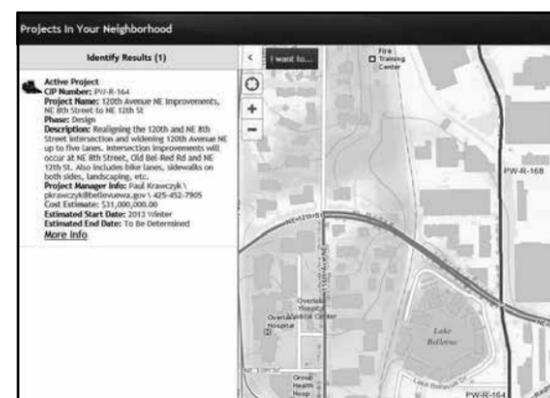
Improved ‘Projects in Your Neighborhood’ map launching soon

Out with the old and in with the new. For more than 10 years, the City of Bellevue has displayed a Projects in Your Neighborhood map as one of the city’s main tools for residents to obtain the latest information about capital projects in neighborhoods.

If you have recently used this feature, you are required to 1) Pick your neighborhood, 2) Scroll through a project list, and then 3) Click again to get the project information you are seeking. With today’s technology, this requires too many steps to find the information you want.

With the new interactive map, you can see all of the Capital Investment Program Plan (CIP) projects on one map hovering the cursor over a dot or a line. The information will pop up with: project number, name, phase, description, department, cost estimate, project manager and start and end date. This will be a lot easier and quicker and the map will be accessible from your cell phone, as well.

The new interactive map displays CIP project information for three departments: Parks & Community Services, Transportation and Utilities. Using your computer (and soon, your mobile device), you can have the status of Bellevue’s CIP projects at the tip of your fingers. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding this new map feature, please send them to: Tberg@bellevuewa.gov



State DOT to close I-90 ramp soon

Before work begins on the final stage of a project to provide ‘round-the-clock carpool and transit lanes in both directions of Interstate 90 between Seattle and Bellevue, the state Department of Transportation will realign the off-ramps to Bellevue Way and I-405. Here’s what you need to know about upcoming ramp closures:

- As early as March, contractor crews will close I-90’s eastbound general-purpose ramp to Bellevue Way. When the general purpose ramp is closed, all traffic will use the HOV ramp to reach Bellevue Way;
- Later, the eastbound HOV ramp to Bellevue Way will be closed. Buses and carpools in the center roadway will use a new cross-over point just east of the East Channel Bridge to enter the outer roadway and take

the general-purpose ramp to Bellevue Way. Or, they can remain in the center lanes for a detour via Richards Road in Factoria to westbound I-90 and back to Bellevue Way;

- After both Bellevue Way ramps are complete, the HOV ramp to I-405 will close. Carpools and buses will simply use the outer roadway to reach I-405. Each ramp closure should last about four to six weeks. Work on the ramps will be mostly in the daytime. On the East Channel Bridge, crews will work some nights and weekends through the summer to remove barriers separating the general purpose lanes from the HOV lanes. More information about the project is available online (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i90/TwoWayTransit>)

Bellevue's first woman mayor remembered

Nan Campbell may have stepped down from the City Council in 1990, after serving as the city's first woman mayor, but she continued to be a civic leader until the day she died at age 87 on November 19.

A community activist for years before she was elected to the council in 1982, Campbell also volunteered and served on boards for organizations including Bellevue Youth Link, United Way and Youth Eastside Services after she left public office.

For the past 20 years, Campbell was part of a group of about 10 women who advocated for social services in Bellevue.

On December 2, the council issued a commendation for Campbell's "long-standing service to the people of Bellevue, employing grace and collaboration to help so many, including those at low points in their lives who desperately needed friends in high places." Campbell's daughters, Ann Spangler and Patty Campbell, accepted the commendation.

The city and YES cosponsored a celebration of Campbell's life on January 24.



"Nan, you will be forever missed in the hearts of the citizens of this great city," said Jan Stout, a member of that group of women with whom Campbell met regularly and of the Human Services Commission.

"I admired (Campbell's) grace," said Terry Lukens, who served the City Council from 1988 to 1995, including a stint as mayor following Campbell. "I admired her style, I admired her continuing commitment to human services, I admired her commitment to the neighborhoods, and I admired her recognition of the necessity of a strong urban business and retail core. The city of Bellevue is a better place because of Nan Campbell."

As founder of the Crossroads Citizens Committee and sometimes called "the Mayor of Crossroads," Campbell successfully advocated for development of Crossroads Park and for better, safer streets and sidewalks in the area.

Campbell served on the City Council for two terms, from 1982 through 1989, supporting actions that benefited both the business community and residential neighborhoods at a time when the two were sometimes at odds. With grace and civility, she frequently brought disparate interests together.

Campbell championed human services and was instrumental in the formation of the Eastside Human Services Forum and Bellevue's Human Services Commission.

City addresses concerns, tightens single family house rental rules

Responding to growing concern among homeowners about multiple renters sharing homes in some single-family neighborhoods, the City Council has enacted an emergency ordinance lowering the number of unrelated adults who can rent a house together.

Residents in the Spiritwood neighborhood pushed for land use code changes, arguing that investors were renting out, modifying or even building homes in the area for multiple renters, many of them students at nearby Bellevue College. The residents said these houses were causing loss of single-family neighborhood character and increased on-street parking, traffic volume and speeding, noise, and declining property maintenance.

Concerned about the impacts that over-occupancy of single-family houses throughout the city could have, the council reduced the number of unrelated adults who can live together as a family from six to four. Ordinance 6128 is an interim emergency ordinance effective through March 23, unless the council acts to repeal, extend or modify it, after public hearings.

The ordinance clarifies what constitutes "related persons" in its definition of "family" as "one or more adult persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, or a group of not more than four unrelated adult persons living together as a dwelling unit." Another public hearing will be held if the council acts to make the ordinance permanent.

Owners of single-family homes can rent out space in their houses in several ways. Operating as a boarding/rooming house or as a bed and breakfast requires a home occupation permit. Renting all or part of the home to individuals who meet the land use code definition of "family" does not require a permit, but is subject to the new ordinance.

More than four unrelated adult persons can live together in a home if they operate in a manner functionally equivalent to a family.

Factors to be considered include whether the group: shares the home or acts as separate roomers; includes dependent children; can produce proof of sharing household expenses including food, rent and utilities; and constitutes a permanent living arrangement.

Utility rate relief offered to low-income seniors, disabled

The City of Bellevue offers low-income seniors (62 and older) and low-income permanently disabled persons relief on their utility costs for water, wastewater and drainage.

Rate relief offers up to 75 percent off utility costs for seniors and permanently disabled persons who meet specific residency and income guidelines. The form of relief and household income guidelines depend on how utility costs are paid:

- If you pay a Bellevue utility bill directly, you may qualify for a rate reduction on your 2014 utility bills if your 2013 household income was \$30,370 or less for one person or \$34,720 or less for two persons.
- If your utility costs have been paid through rent or other third party, you may qualify for a rate rebate check on 2013 utility costs if your 2012 household income was \$30,070 or less for one person or \$34,370 or less for two persons.

Additional requirements apply. Complete program guidelines and application materials will be available in February at www.bellevuewa.gov/utilityrelief.htm or by calling Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

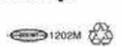
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Neighborhood Outreach launches 'Better Together' campaign

In the past year, the city's Neighborhood Outreach group has helped residents in several parts of the city to revitalize their neighborhood associations, encouraging new leaders to step forward.

Several neighborhoods have increased their level of organization recently, including Lake Hills, Downtown, Old Bellevue and Northtowne. To build on that success and continue to seek innovative ways to foster community, Neighborhood Outreach kicked off 2014 with a fresh theme called "Better Together."

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

The city's next Neighborhood Leadership Gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 27, at City Hall, Room 1E-108. The gathering will feature discussion on the city's budget process, neighborhood priorities and networking.

Active neighborhood associations form the backbone for a safe and vibrant community and provide a voice for neighborhood concerns. Here are some of the ways the Outreach team is supporting neighborhood associations and community clubs:

Workshops: New this spring, a two-part workshop called "Better Together: Sustaining a Successful Neighborhood Association" will be offered for neighborhood leaders who are newly forming or re-organizing their neighborhood associations. This course will be offered April 2 and April 30, 6-9 p.m. at City Hall. Session topics will include: formation of an

association, creating a leadership structure, volunteer recruitment, effective communications, planning events and projects, advocacy and how to lead a great meeting.

Organizing guide: For newly forming associations, an online organizing guide will be available that includes information on forming a core group, organizing effective meetings, choosing officers, membership recruitment, bylaws and more. It will also include information about funding that may be available for neighborhoods trying to launch or re-launch an association with a mailing or kick-off meeting.

Neighborhood Liaison staff are available to provide coaching and assistance:

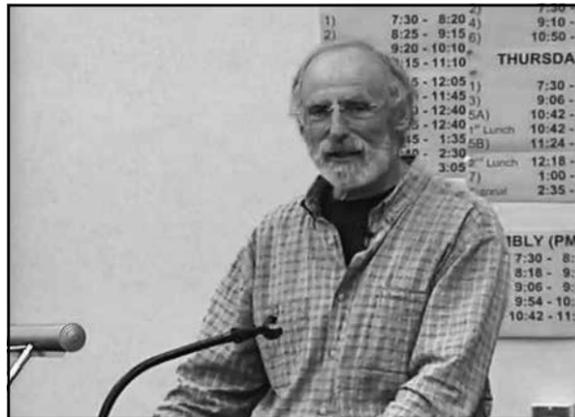
- Bridle Trails, Bel-Red, Northwest Bellevue, Northeast Bellevue, West Bellevue: Mike McCormick Huentelman, 425-452-4089, mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov;
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- Somerset, Newport: Ying Carlson, 425-452-4342, ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov; and
- Crossroads: Barb Tuininga, 425-452-2800, btuininga@bellevuewa.gov

For more information on any of these programs or to register for the April workshop, contact Julie Ellenhorn, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Community leaders lend vision to planning process

What's the secret to Crossroads' success? What's next for Bellevue Square? What will the new Spring District development in BelRed look like?

In an ongoing series of events, guest speakers are sharing their thoughts about Bellevue's history, recent development and the future of the city with the Bellevue Planning Commission. The city wants to hear from people in the community to better understand how to plan for the future.



Ron Sher

The speaking series is part of an update of the city's long-range plan, which examines how to address mobility, economic development, environment, community gathering places and other important issues. Speakers so far have included:

- **Kemper Freeman, Jr.**, whose family created Bellevue Square, discussed his plans for the next round of development near the mall.
- **Ray White**, Vice-president of Bellevue College, who described the college's comprehensive strategic planning process.
- **Jon Talton**, economics columnist for the Seattle Times, spoke about how Bellevue is competing for assets that can go anywhere.
- **Greg Johnson**, president of Wright Runstad Company, shared his plans for the new Spring District development in the BelRed area.
- **Ron Sher**, the owner of Bellevue Crossroads Shopping Center talked about how to make community gathering places successful.
- **Heidi Dean**, Newport Hills Community Club president, discussed how connectedness makes neighborhoods healthy.

Archived videos of the speaker sessions are available online (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/10887.htm>); upcoming speaker session dates and times also are listed online (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm>).

Recreational marijuana coming to Bellevue

It's been more than a year since Washington voters passed Initiative 502 legalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana in Washington. I-502 allows persons ages 21 and older to possess and consume small amounts of marijuana and marijuana-related products. I-502 also tasked the State Liquor Control Board to develop and implement rules to regulate and tax the three types of recreational marijuana operations allowed by the initiative: producers, processors and retailers.

Medical cannabis, which is regulated under a different law, the Medical Cannabis Act, is unaffected by I-502. In 2013, however, the Legislature directed the Liquor Control Board and the departments of Revenue and Health to develop recommendations to reconcile medical cannabis and the recreational marijuana regulations for the Legislature's consideration in 2014.

The state will issue 334 retail marijuana licenses. The number was determined based on the populations of cities and counties. The state allocated four retail licenses to Bellevue. There are no similar limits on the number of licenses for either marijuana producers or processors. By early January, the Liquor Control Board had received more than 60 applications for the four licenses allocated to Bellevue.

Because the number of retail applications

received for Bellevue exceeds the number of allocated retail licenses, the Liquor Control Board will conduct a lottery to determine which qualified applicants will receive the four licenses. State license investigators will pre-qualify the applicants before conducting the lottery. Recreational marijuana sales aren't expected to begin in Bellevue until mid-2014.

The regulation of the recreational marijuana industry is not only new to the state, but it's also new to the city. The City Council had previously adopted regulations addressing medical cannabis collective gardens, which generally allow up to 10 qualified patients to share resources to grow medical cannabis. These regulations, however, did not address the regulatory structure proposed under I-502.

With the state deadline for license applications approaching, the City Council adopted an emergency interim ordinance in October. The ordinance specifies where the three recreational marijuana uses are allowed in the city. The council also imposed security requirements and included provisions to address impacts from marijuana odor on adjoining uses.

No recreational marijuana uses are allowed in single-family neighborhoods. Recreational marijuana retail outlets are allowed in certain downtown and Bel-Red land use districts, some areas of Factoria, and the general commercial and

commercial business land use districts. Marijuana production and processing are allowed only in the light industrial land use district.

In addition to meeting zoning requirements, any proposed recreational marijuana use must meet the state's 1,000-foot separation requirements from elementary and secondary schools, playgrounds, recreation centers, licensed day care facilities, transit centers, libraries and game arcades.

Although the possession of marijuana remains a federal crime, the U.S. Department of Justice reiterated in August that the agency would focus enforcement on large criminal enterprises, provided states have implemented a robust regulatory system for state-legalized marijuana.

Details about the licensing process are available at www.liq.wa.gov.

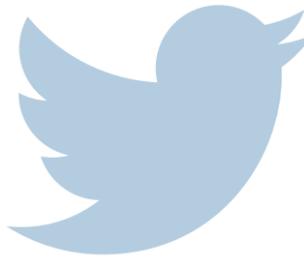
State license applications for recreational marijuana uses in Bellevue may be viewed on the Liquor Control Board's website (www.liq.wa.gov/records/frequently-requested-lists).

Information regarding how you may provide comments on pending applications to the Liquor Control Board is available at http://liq.wa.gov/mjlicense/public_comment_period.

Be instantly ‘in the know’ about roadway impacts with @BvueTrans

Do you need current information about lane or road closures in Bellevue? Or, are you concerned about whether roads are too slick because of snow or ice? The Transportation Department’s Twitter feed is for you.

Launched last year, “@BvueTrans” can be the quickest way to learn about construction impacts or find out which streets to avoid when there is snow or ice.



Through Twitter, Transportation offers quick, frequent messages or updates – “tweets” of 140 characters or less. The city also has a general Twitter account as well as

ones for Fire, Police and Emergency Management. Our tweets are posted to our profiles, sent to

followers and are searchable. It’s simple to set up a Twitter account and start sending and reading tweets.

If you need to get around Bellevue, whether you bike, drive, walk or ride the bus, @BvueTrans can provide useful information. Our Twitter guru, John Murphy, takes a few minutes almost every day to tweet.

To date, @BvueTrans has more than 300 followers.

“Ideally, I would like the following base to grow, but I also hope to instill some predictability in what sort of content is tweeted at @BvueTrans and when,” Murphy notes. “I value the open interchange the platform facilitates and hope to make users feel comfortable that their comments directed at @BvueTrans are answered in a timely manner.”

Over the past few months, Murphy has found that @BvueTrans followers are often great resources for real-time information about what’s

happening in the city.

“Oftentimes, we may not be aware of road conditions or some anomaly until someone tweets at us or is directed to us by another agency,” he said. “The fluidity of this conversation – between agencies and constituents – is unique and exciting in making government more accessible.

“In what may have been a one-on-one conversation between a resident and staff member (e.g. by phone or email) now becomes a conversation that anyone can witness and learn from, all while taking the bus to work or checking news at lunch,” Murphy pointed out.

@BvueTrans is active during regular work hours. As the followers increase, we’d like to remind people that the platform is growing and we are continually learning what works and what doesn’t. Ideally, @BvueTrans will feature content that our followers want to hear so, follow today and be “in the know.”

Moving forward with FileLocal.org, a portal for B&O tax filings

FileLocal



Bellevue continues its work with three other Washington cities to create a one-stop, online portal where businesses in Bellevue, Seattle, Tacoma and Everett can obtain business licenses and pay their business and occupations taxes.

Recently, the group unveiled the official name for the portal, FileLocal.

org. The portal will allow users to apply for and renew city business licenses and pay local B&O taxes at one convenient place – www.filelocal.org – even if a business operates across multiple participating cities.

It’s expected to save businesses time and money, reduce administrative costs for cities and improve access to information. And, for the first time in Bellevue, businesses will be able to pay their B&O tax with a credit card.

To operate FileLocal, Bellevue plans to be part of an interlocal agreement among the four cities. The portal agency will be governed jointly by Bellevue, Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, but each city will maintain control over its tax rates and policies.

The four cities have been collaborating on the project for about three years while seeking input from local businesses and other stakeholders on the portal’s design and function. Bellevue’s share of the portal agency’s operating cost is estimated at less than \$40,000 in 2014.

FileLocal.org is scheduled to go live in the fall of 2014.

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Comings and goings on the EBCC

By Gerald Hughes, EBCC Member

When the East Bellevue Community Council met for our first 2014 meeting on January 7, we welcomed a new member.

Elected in November, Betsi Hummer is a 20-year resident of Sunset Ranch. Betsi is a graduate of Bellevue High School, Seattle University and the University of Puget Sound, where she earned a master's degree in business administration.

The EBCC is pleased to have someone with her credentials and enthusiasm, and we are sure Betsi will represent our community well.

Betsi succeeds Ken Seal, who served on the community council for nearly 20 years. He has made a tremendous contribution to our community over this time, and we will miss his knowledge and historical perspective. We all wish him well and hope he will attend many EBCC meetings in the future.

Steve Kasner, another longtime member who served as chair, was not able to run for reelection to the EBCC because he was a candidate for City Council in November. Robert Adams was elected to Steve's seat, but withdrew prior to being sworn in due to other commitments.

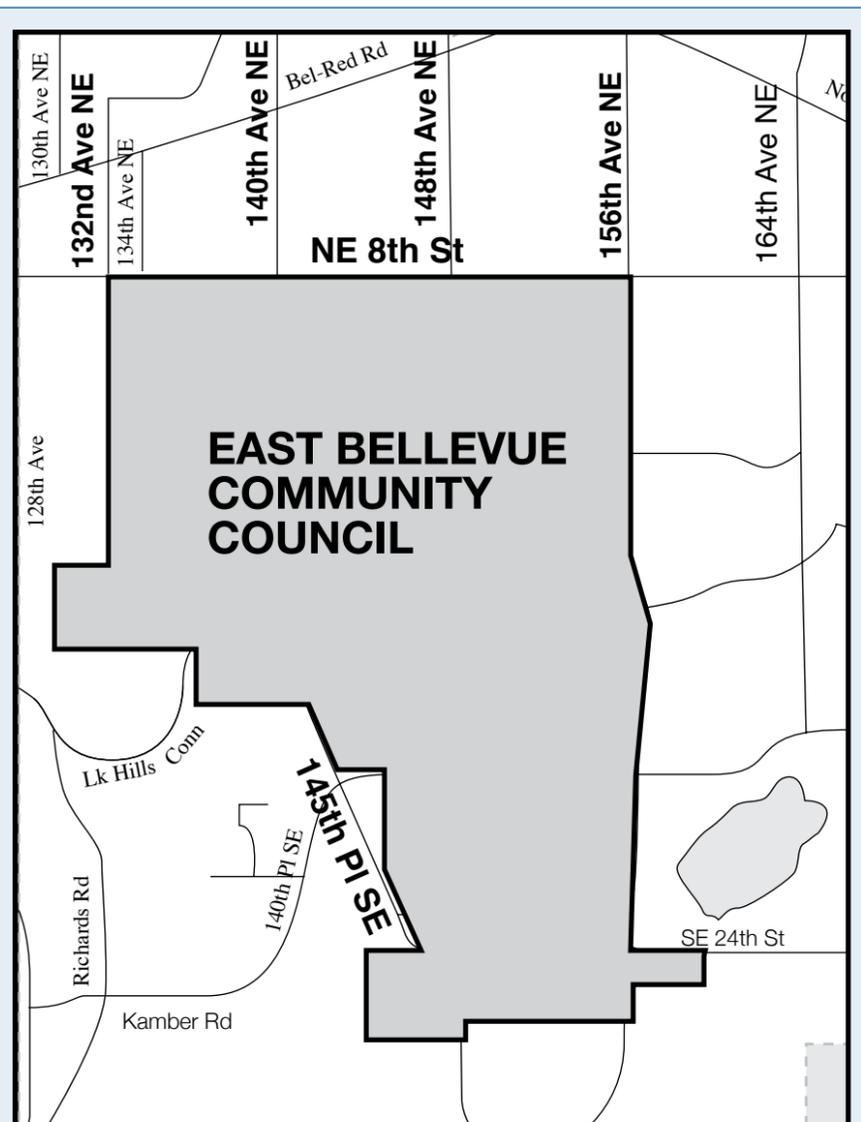


From left, Judge David Steiner, who swore in EBCC members on January 7, and the members, Betsi Hummer, Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding and William Capron.

We ran a recruitment through January 22, and re-appointed Steve Kasner back to that seat on February 4.

In addition to Betsi and Steve, the council includes Bill Capron, chair; Ross Gooding; and myself. We all won reelection in November.

Bellevue's new mayor, Claudia Balducci, attended the January meeting. She is a resident in the EBCC area, and we look forward to working with her and the other members of the City Council in the years ahead.



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo, 425-452-6466.

East Bellevue Community Council meets the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Members: Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Betsi Hummer, William Capron

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the Community Council via e-mail at EBCC@bellevuewa.gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.

Shoreline and comp plans on EBCC's 2014 agenda

By Gerald Hughes, EBCC member

We expect this year to be a busy one for the EBCC as we provide a sounding board for land use issues and other concerns for our community. We will offer input on two long-range Bellevue documents getting updates, the Shoreline Master Program and the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission is working on a draft of the new shoreline plan, and we will have public meetings to discuss the impact on East Bellevue.

The development of an update of the Comprehensive Plan is well under way, and there are meetings throughout the city to gather as much community input as possible. At some point the comp plan will be on the agenda for the EBCC and we encourage you to attend.

Issues covered by the plan – such as traffic solutions, park development, affordable housing and environmental concerns – are important to all of us, and the city wants to move in a direction that has community support.

Developments in the EBCC area where public hearings and informational meetings will be on the agenda include:

- traffic issues along 148th Avenue, specifically how they impact the Imperial East neighborhood;
- progress on two school remodels;
- the schedule and progress of redevelopment of the Lake Hills Shopping Center; and
- Puget Sound Energy power line enhancements.

We are pleased to see that the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association is being revitalized. A February 13 meeting was scheduled to select officers and to get community input on the Comprehensive Plan.

The next Lake Hills meeting, on March 6, will include a review of concerns about multiple renters in single-family homes in the Spiritwood neighborhood. Investors are modifying homes to serve students of Bellevue College and provide affordable housing to lower-income individuals.

In September the City Council passed an emergency ordinance with new requirements and to freeze the number of homes impacted until a complete review is completed. A significant land use code change reduced the number of unrelated renters allowed in a single-family home from six to four.

The conversion of single-family homes into rentals for multiple people will affect many areas of Bellevue, and it is generally accepted that a permanent ordinance needs to be implemented as soon as possible.

The EBCC is concerned that the emergency ordinance is complex and that the city will have to make a determined effort to enforce it. An ignored ordinance will not solve the problem.

Again, we encourage you to attend EBCC meetings, so your voice and ideas to make our neighborhoods great places to live can be heard.

Citywide Projects Update

Throughout the city, there are many projects in various stages of development. This update includes all projects with an estimated budget of \$100,000 or more, sorted by neighborhood. If you have questions, please contact the project manager.

Bridle Trails

Contact

Bridle Trails Park Levy Projects: Developing a park in the Bridle Trails neighborhood at the corner of NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE. Construction complete 2014. \$2.5 million bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway until 2015. \$6.5 billion bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm / wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile HOV system from Evergreen Pt. Rd. to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide a six-lane corridor; two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete Summer 2014. \$306 million wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
Pikes Peak Reservoir Structural/Seismic Modifications: Structural/Seismic rehabilitation to existing 1 million gallon steel reservoir. Construction 2015-2016. \$1-1.5 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Bel-Red

Contact

Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replace existing pump station to increase capacity for growth in Bel-Red zone. Construction for Mid lakes may be dependent on redevelopment rates in Bel-Red Corridor rezone. \$4 million est.	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 8th St - NE 12th St, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks; includes utility work. Construction June 2014. \$31 million bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 12th - Northup Way, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks, with utility work. 100% Design in 2015. \$19.2 million bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
NE 15th St (Zone 1): 116th to 120th Aves NE: Widening NE 15th St east of 116th Ave NE to a new roadway connection west of the existing Eastside Rail Corridor and a new four-lane roadway between 116th Ave NE and 120th Ave NE with a multimodal path. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.4 million bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
NE 15th St (Zone 2): 120th to 124th Aves NE: Adding a four-lane roadway with a center median, wider lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks, and on-street parking along the north side between 120th and 124th Ave NE. Designing to 30 percent. \$1.3 million bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
NE 16th St: 130th to 132nd Aves NE: Adding a new two-lane roadway by extending NE 16th St from 130th Ave NE to 132nd Ave NE. A future light rail transit station will be built in the center of the roadway. Designed to 30. \$740,000 bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: Proposed NE 15th St to Northup Way: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Project is only funded for construction between NE 14th and 18th streets. Design complete in Spring 2014. Construction 2015. \$8.9 million bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE 14th St: Completing preliminary design for the widening of 124th Ave NE to five lanes with bike path, sidewalk, and landscaping. Design is at 30 percent. This project will also construct streetscape enhancements on 124th south of NE 8th St. \$1.4 million bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Partnering with WSDOT to develop a report that will evaluate and investigate access to and from SR 520. Report complete mid-2014. WSDOT budget: \$2.2 million	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
130th Ave NE: Bel-Red Rd to NE 20th St: Widening roadway to a two-lane pedestrian-oriented street with on-street parking and bicycle lanes north of the future NE 16th St intersection. Includes sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, etc. Designed to 15 percent. \$423K bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads

Contact

Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 sq. ft. multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction underway through Fall 2014. \$8.8 million bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Ph. 1: Repair sanitary sewer defects in multiple locations within neighborhood. Pre-design phase. Construction expected Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Crossroads Mall Sanitary Sewer Rehab: Replacement/rehab. of existing sanitary sewer system in Crossroads Mall. Construction expected mid-to- end 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

East Lake Hills

Contact

SE 16th St: 148th to 156th Ave SE: Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Aves SE. Designing to 60 percent in 2014. \$250K bellevuewa.gov/se-16th-148th-to-156th.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

Contact

Lakemont Blvd & SE Cougar Mtn. Way/SE 63rd St Intersection: Designing a traffic signal at the Intersection of Lakemont Blvd SE and Cougar Mtn. Way. Construction expected Fall 2014 bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-cmw-intersection.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and standby generator. Planning, design, & permitting. Construction Spring 2014-Spring 2015. \$1.2-1.8 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Planning and pre-design. Construction 2015-2016. \$2.3-\$4.5 million	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Pressure Zone Interties: Installing two new pressure reducing valve stations. Planning, design & permitting. Construction Summer 2014. \$160-\$200K est.	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Reservoir Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. Construction underway. \$880K	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system in area. Construction Fall 2013. \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014 Ph1: Repair of sanitary sewer defects multiple locations within neighborhood. Predesign. Construction anticipated Spring 2014 through Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Way Sidewalk: 150th Ave SE to 152nd Ave SE: Adding a new sidewalk on the south side of Newport Way and bike lanes on both sides. Under design, with construction Summer 2014. \$1 million	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov



Newport Hills

Contact

Coal Creek Culvert Replacement, Ph. 2: This phase begins Spring 2014. In late Feb. traffic will again be reduced to one lane in each direction until construction is complete Sept. 2014. \$6.5 million bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 BJensen@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing sewer system in area. Construction Fall 2013. \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Drainage Dig and Repair 2013 - SE 66th St: 131st Ave SE and 131st Ave SE: Installing storm drain pipe to improve conveyance. Under construction. \$105K	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station Rehab: Existing wastewater pumping station assumed from Coal Creek Utility District to be rehabilitated to meet current standards. Predesign Spring/Summer 2014. Construction 2015. \$750K	Stephen Noeske PE 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Northeast Bellevue

Contact

Storm Drainage Dig and Repair 2013 - 179th Place and NE 10th St: Installing and replacing several storm drain pipes. Under construction. \$160K	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
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Northwest Bellevue

Contact

Hidden Valley Park: Constructing a multi-use gymnasium and improving the sports field in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Site work is underway. \$5 million for site work. bellevuewa.gov/hidden-valley-bgcb-partnership.htm	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 1 Development: Improving the park west of 99th Ave SE. Design estimated to start in March. Construction 2015 - 2020. \$11 million bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm	Robin Cole, 425-452-2881 Rcole@bellevuewa.gov
Northup Way: NE 24th St to 108th Ave NE Corridor Improvements: Adding a bike facility and improving sidewalks between NE 24th St and 108th Ave NE. At 108th Ave NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built. Final design Spring 2014. \$12 million bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Water Dig and Repair -2014: NE 12th St, west of 108th Ave. Replacing existing storm pipes. Construction expected Summer 2014. Est. \$100K	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement 2013, Phase 1: Replacing sections of sewer system. Construction through Winter 2014. \$1.4 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair of sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske PE 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Sammamish/East Lake Hills

Contact

Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Ph. 1 Design Spring 2014. \$1.6 million bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair of sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction expected Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset/Sunset

Contact

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Early design of 3.6 mile trail between Factoria Blvd SE and Lakemont Blvd SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, seating, landscaping and public art. Designing trail between Factoria Blvd SE and 150th Ave SE to 60 percent. \$430K bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system in area. Under construction. \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

Contact

Downtown Transportation Plan: Preparing multi-modal transportation alternatives to ensure mobility for residents, employees and visitors through 2030. Transportation Commission will review policy options in early 2014. Integrating policy and project recommendations with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in 2014. \$300K bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Replacement at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction Spring-Fall 2014. \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Lake Washington, Phase 2: Continue studying condition of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. 2014-2016. \$500-700K	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing sewer pump station at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE with larger station to meet increased future-projected sewer flows. Construction 2015. \$10 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
East CBD Sewer Trunk Line Improvements: Replacing 1,600 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipe to convey sewer flows from east side of downtown Bellevue to meet increased future projected growth. Construction 2015. \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair of sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction expected Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton

Contact

Bellevue Botanical Garden - Visitor Center Expansion: Constructing a new 8,500 sq. ft. visitor center with outdoor covered space, gift shop, meeting areas, classrooms, and restrooms. Construction underway until Fall 2014. \$10 million bellevuewa.gov/bbg_master_plan_update.htm	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
NE 4th St Extension: 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 4th St with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks, landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Ave NE. Project will be constructed in two phases. Phase I is from 116th to Eastside Rail Corridor. Construction through Fall 2014. \$31.1 million bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-extension.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
NE 6th St Extension: I-405 to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 6th St as an HOV/transit-only facility from the I-405 interchange east over 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE, with four lanes and a non-motorized path. Pre-design complete; Design: TBD. \$1 million (Pre-design only). Coordinating with Sound Transit. bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE – NE 4th St to NE 8th St (300 Block to 700 Block), Stage 1: Widening to five lanes with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and adding a traffic signal at NE 6th St. Construction complete June 2014. \$7.5 million bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,000 feet of sewer pipe with larger-diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re-development in Wilburton. Includes the following: SE 8th St between 112th Ave SE and 114th Ave; 114th Ave SE between SE 8th St and SE 1st St; SE 1st St to Main St along east side of I-405. Spring 2015. \$4.9 million	Brandon Cole, 425-452-4474 Bcole@bellevuewa.gov

Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Ph. 1: Repair sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction expected Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Woodridge	
East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications. Construction Summer 2014. \$420K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Richards Road Inlet Improvements: Improving an existing inlet and pressure reducing station at Richards Rd near SE 26th St. Construction Summer 2014. \$200K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Rock Creek	
147th Ln at NE 10th St Sewer Replacement Project: Replace existing sewer main in an existing swamp. Construction Summer 2014. \$250K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Factoria	
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction expected Spring-Summer 2014. \$1 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Various Locations	
East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance final design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. Construction 2015. \$2.8 billion bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm / www.soundtransit.org/eastlink	Nancy Lacombe 425-452-4382 nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Transit Master Plan: Developing a comprehensive 20-year look ahead to the type of transit system that will be required to meet transit needs through 2030. Plan complete Winter 2014. \$170K	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov
2013 Pavement Overlay Program: Paving resumes in April 2014 on the following streets: SE Eastgate Way and Factoria Blvd. \$4.4 million bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov
2014 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades: ADA Ramp upgrades and pavement overlay will begin in the Woodridge and Highland Drive areas this spring, followed by other sites in south Bellevue. bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main Replacement 2013, Phase 1: Replace 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement water main with ductile iron pipe. Construction 2013. \$1.4 million; Phases 2 & 3: Construction Summer/Fall 2013. \$3.2 million	Abe Santos, 425-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main Replacement 2014: Replacing 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement (AC) water main with ductile iron pipe. Construction Spring/Summer 2014 \$1.4 million	Abe Santos, 425-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2014: Upgrading a control-valve vault, a PRV vault and two commercial water meter vaults for improved maintenance access. Construction Spring/Summer 2014. \$200 K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2013: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in four neighborhoods. Construction Fall 2013. \$475K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2014: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in various neighborhoods. Construction Summer 2014. \$350K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals, Phase 4: Monitors traffic entering intersections and adjusts signal timing in real time. 45 intersections comprise Phase 4, including the 156th Ave NE, NE 20th St, Bel-Red Rd and Bellevue Way SE corridors. It includes 26 new Flashing Yellow Arrow left turns. Installation starts March 2014. \$500K	Fred Liang, 425-452-5361 Fliang@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repair 2014: Repairing several sanitary sewer defects at various locations by trenchless method. Construction Summer 2014. \$200K	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Large Commercial Water Meter Replacement - 2013, 2014: Replacing seven aging water meters at various commercial sites in Bellevue that no longer meet current standards. Construction underway until June 2014. \$600K	Dan Ross, 425-452-4362 Dross@bellevuewa.gov
2014 Guardrail Improvements: Install new guardrail in three locations. Construction Summer 2014. \$160K	Darek Jarzynski, 425-452-4277 Djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov

Parks programs keep kids active and healthy

Childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and tripled in adolescents in the past 30 years. According to the Centers for Disease Control, obesity now affects 17 percent of all children and adolescents in the United States.

Fortunately, Bellevue Parks & Community Services offers a wide variety of quality recreation programs to keep even the youngest members of your household active, fit and healthy throughout the year. Here's a sample:

- **Youth Basketball Leagues** – designed to help children learn the value of teamwork and strategy, as well as basic basketball skills. Ages 5-12;
- **Biddy Multi Sport Class** – a parent/child class that covers three sports: basketball, soccer and t-ball. Each class helps improve motor development, hand-eye coordination, and cardiovascular fitness. Ages 3-4;
- **Indoor Soccer with Michael Smith** – each session focuses on one soccer technique: dribbling, passing, and scoring goals. Children also learn balance, coordination, good habits and listening skills. Ages 4-6;
- **i-Ball Basketball Clinics** – helps children learn all aspects of basketball, including development of core fundamentals, offensive and defensive techniques and court awareness. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Ages 7-14;
- **Skateboarding** – Bellevue Parks & Community Services offers four skateparks for all ages,

including one indoor, supervised location at Highland Park;

- **Adaptive Recreation** – a variety of after-school activities to help children (ages 7-18) living with disabilities be fit and active;
- **Fitness Centers** at North and South Bellevue – state of the art treadmills, bikes, elliptical trainers and weights for ages 10 and older (at North Bellevue, children 10 and older can use the cardio equipment, but weights are for adults only);
- **Climbing Wall** at South Bellevue Community Center – climbers 4 and older can climb The Crag, a 33-foot tall wall featuring three belay ropes with at least five climbing routes of varying degrees of difficulty;
- **Guided nature walks and TRACKS Snowshoe Adventures** – enjoy a ranger-led tour of one of Bellevue's beautiful natural areas, or go on a snowshoeing trip with parks staff. Transportation and snowshoes are included;
- **ZUMBA, Group Cycling, Jazzercise, Boot Camp, Martial Arts and more** – fun group classes are available for ages 13 and older;
- **Drop-in fitness options** – community centers offer a variety of drop-in activities such as badminton, basketball and children's play time.

To register for a program, visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com. For more information, visit www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_connections.htm or call 425-452-6885.

Signs of scams

The Bellevue Police Department frequently shares crime prevention tips and reminders. Don't be a victim!

Financial scams often target senior citizens. Here are a few warning signs that you may be the target of a financial scam:

- A stranger asks you to do something involving large sums of money;
- A stranger claims they found money or lottery winnings, or they are a person from another country wanting help to place large amounts of money in a bank or charity;
- They ask you to show cash up front to prove you are trustworthy;
- An accomplice may pretend to be a stranger who happens to walk by at the time of the transaction. They act to reassure the target and will often pretend to participate by putting in additional money; or sometimes an accomplice will call someone who they claim to be their lawyer to lend credibility to the scam.

Remember, if someone wants you to give them large sums of your money to help them, or for the promise of more money, call 9-1-1 when it is safe. Or, if you go to your bank, have your teller call 9-1-1 for you.



Community Calendar

February/March

Nature Films

Feb 28, 5 to 6 p.m.

Blue Planet: Seasonal Seas, ages 5+
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565

March 2, 2 to 3 p.m.

North America: Born to be Wild, ages 12+
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center
425-452-4195

March 9, 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Dinosaurs and Other Creature Features, ages 3+
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center
425-452-4195

March 28, 5 to 6 p.m.

Blue Planet: Coral Seas, ages 5+
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565
Free. No pre-registration is required.

March Mania Plant Sale

Mar 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center
(one half block east of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
12241 Main Street
Featuring unique specialty plants and spring ephemerals.
www.n-p-a.org

Winnie the Pooh

Mar. 14-23
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way.
A touching story about a bear and his friends.
All ages. \$10-\$12
425-452-7155

Sleeping Beauty

March 28—April 6
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Tickets - \$10-12.
A classic tale of good vs. evil.
All ages.
425-452-7155

April

Bellevue Zip Tour Grand Opening Weekend

April 5&6
South Bellevue Community Center
Be one of the first riders to take a 2.5 hour tour on 6.5 zip lines and two suspension bridges. Ages 9+.
Pre-registration is required. Spaces are available until filled.
\$44/youth; \$69/adult
www.MyParksandRecreation.com
425-452-4240

The Tempest

April 17-20
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northup Way
Tickets - \$10-12.
Not pure Shakespeare; this adaptation
Includes some 60's rock music!
425-452-7155

May

Peter Pan

May 2-4
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th St.
Tickets \$10-12.
All ages.
425-452-7155

Earth Day-Arbor Day

May 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Volunteer projects in various locations, 9:30 to 11 a.m.;
Community celebration, 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park
Volunteer registration required by March 14
425-452-4195 or parks_stewardship@bellevuewa.gov

Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing

April 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm
410 130th Pl. SE
Sheep are shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor rides, pony rides and food. Free admission.
Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted.
425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

Mother's Day Social

May 11, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden
Details to be announced.
Free and open to all. Donations welcome.
425-452-2750 or www.bellevuebotanical.org

Seasonal

Snowshoe Introduction Series

Various dates through March.
Learn new skills and enjoy fun outdoors. Ages 11 & up.
\$40-\$50; showshoes and transportation included
9:30-5 p.m.
jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov
425-452-6883

Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course

Opens March 1
15801 NE 15th Street
An excellent beginner and family course that takes about an hour to play. The holes range in length from 63 to 107 yards.
425-452-4873
www.bellevuewa.gov

Spring/Summer Day Camps Registration

Register now for winter, spring and summer day camps.
www.myparksandrecreation.com
425-452-6885

Fresh Produce Stands

Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm and Bill Pace Fruit & Produce

April-October, hours vary.
Mercer Slough Nature Park
2380 Bellevue Way SE
425-467-0501

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm and Cha Family Farms

Lake Hills Greenbelt, 2 locations:
700 148 Ave. SE and 156th Ave SE/ SE 16th St.
Hours vary
425-260-2266

Bellevue Botanical Garden Tours

April - October, Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
425-451-3755

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walks

Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station
15416 SE 16th St.
Guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. Free. **Note:** No walk on May 3.
425-452-7225

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes

First Saturday of each month
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. All ages welcome. Free. **Note:** No walk on May 3.
425-452-4195

Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Env. Ed. Center
1625 118th Ave. SE.
Guided tour of the MSEEC and wetland walk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Meet at the Visitor Center. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. Free. **Note:** No walk on May 3.
425-452-2565

Snowcon Nights

First Monday of each month
Bellevue SkatePark, 4 to 7 p.m.
14224 Bel-Red Road
Various games, best trick contest and give ways for youth and families. Free, no registration required.
425-452-2722

2014 Picnic Shelter Reservations

Planning a special occasion or casual summer gathering at one of Bellevue's beautiful parks? Picnic shelters are now available for reservation. For more information, call 425-452-6914



Snowshoe introduction class. Call 425-452-6883 for more information.

Rhododendron Show and Sale

May 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main Street (1/2 block E. of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
Proceeds benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.
425-452-2750

Spring and Summer Recreation Programs Registration

(May through August)
March 10-Resident registration begins
March 19-Non-resident registration begins
425-452-6885 or www.myparksandrecreation.com

City Contact Information

Bellevue City Hall

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

Service First (general information): 452-6800

City of Bellevue website: www.bellevuewa.gov

City Council Office: 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.

East Bellevue Community Council Meetings

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 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, 6:30 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: 1st and 3rd 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 (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

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

City Manager: 452-7228

Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874

Highland: 452-7686

North Bellevue: 452-7681

South Bellevue: 452-4240

East Bellevue Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

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

Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 452-4570

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

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911

Business and Information: 452-6892

Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or www.bellevuewa.gov

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-4883

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 452-4200

Parks Information: 452-6885

Recreation Registration: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6885

Ballfields: 452-6914

Picnics/Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

Planning & Community Development: 452-7892

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

Emergency Only: 911

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

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

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-7658

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973

Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance and Emergency: 452-7840

Volunteering: 452-5375

Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

Allied Waste/Rabanco: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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Rooftop solar panels were installed on this Bellevue home in 2011. Photo: A&R Solar

Solar power installation gets easier

Continuing efforts to drive down the cost to install rooftop solar panels, the City of Bellevue is participating in a regional initiative to develop tools and electrical plan templates that make the permitting process easier and cheaper.

Bellevue has been a leader when it comes to promoting solar power, working with the cities of Edmonds, Ellensburg and Seattle and their utilities in 2012 to streamline regulations.

That initiative, called the Evergreen State Solar Partnership, has expanded to include more than 20 partners in Washington and Oregon. The cities are working together to make the permitting process easier within and between states.

Bellevue, Kirkland and Seattle are participating in the new effort, called Northwest Solar Communities, with a grant from the state Department of Commerce. The group of cities is one of eight teams nationwide working under a U.S. Department of Energy program (Rooftop Solar Challenge II), to cut the "soft costs" for solar installations, which include permitting and labor.

Rooftop solar installations in Oregon and Washington are growing at a rate of more than 30 percent annually, generating jobs and a small but growing share of distributed clean energy. Bellevue has seen increased permitting activity as well, with 19 rooftop installations in the past two years as the cost of solar energy continues to drop.

As residents increasingly choose to install solar electric systems, local jurisdictions and utilities are searching for processes to efficiently meet increased customer demand for permits and connecting solar systems to the existing electrical grid.

Work groups led by jurisdictions and industry partners will refine tools and templates to make installing rooftop solar easier and more cost-effective. As Bellevue and other cities showcase these tools, their efforts are expected to encourage further growth in the solar power industry.

Information about Bellevue's solar permitting process is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/solar_photovoltaic_systems_permitting.htm, or contact Heidi Bedwell, Land Use Planner, at 425-452-4862 or hbedwell@bellevuewa.gov.

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