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Bill and Marianne Pace stand in front of their cafe at the Newport Hills Shopping Center. His produce shop is next door.

Bill Pace now has a produce shop at the Newport Hills Shopping Center. He's set up a café there too, with his wife Marianne baking the pastries on offer.

If you don't read any more of this article, you still have all the information you need as far as Pace is concerned. More than anything, the veteran produce seller wants customers and potential customers, especially those in the neighborhood, to know Bill Pace Fruit and Produce is open for business near the corner of 119th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 56th Street.

"The people haven't found me," Pace laments. "I hope to hell I can hang on until they do."

Bill Pace Fruit and Produce has been in operation at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm since 2000. It's still open there, until displacement by the East Link light rail line sometime over the next few years.

That displacement went into Pace's decision to set up shop in Newport Hills. Neighborhood leaders invited him to relocate there after he had a stand at a community event in 2005.

Revitalizing Newport Hills

The café and produce market – which offers local ice cream, bread, milk and eggs in addition to produce – have certainly given the shopping center a boost, offering shoppers a reason to make regular stops and linger. The South China restaurant remains a draw and Cloud 9 Burgers will soon open at Newport Hills.

The City Council has considered how the city can facilitate revitalization of the shopping center.

The shopping center was built in the 1960s, an eight-acre collection of businesses straddling 119th Avenue. It started losing customers in the '90s to newer shopping complexes at Newcastle, Factoria and Eastgate, according to Tom Boydell, economic development manager for the city.

That competition, along with its age and outsized dimensions for an off-the-beaten-path location, have made it tough for Newport Hills to make a comeback, Boydell said.

Two other Bellevue shopping centers – Lake Hills and Kelsey Creek – appear to be finding new footing, and officials are looking at ways to help effect a long-term resurrection at Newport Hills. This is likely to take a partnership among the owner, the neighborhood and the City to really be effective, Planning Director Dan Stroh said.

In fact, the city made some accommodations to make it affordable for Pace to install drainage and water supply in the building he now occupies, which used to be a card shop and pharmacy. He opened at Newport Hills in late April.

Selling produce for decades

Moving here was a generous act for Pace, who's been selling produce in Bellevue since 1955, when he peddled peaches out of station wagon in the parking lot of Boise Cascade. For many years Pace, who had inherited a Yakima orchard, was sales manager at Boise Cascade by day, produce hauler and seller by night.

At 83, he still has energy for running a business and helping a community.

According to Boydell, Pace has taken a smart approach to his business at Newport Hills, setting up a niche shopping opportunity and having a café, which can be a community gathering place. Pace notes that Marianne is experimenting with a variety of pastries to see which sell fastest.

"We need this," Pace asserts, nibbling a donut at his café. "I don't need it. I could be sailing somewhere. But I love it. What is retirement? Doing what you enjoy. It's so enjoyable selling a box of peaches to a little old lady."

Pace wants Bellevue to thrive too. A finalist for state volunteer of the year for his labors for the city in the 1980s, Pace said, "I care about Bellevue. I love this city."

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Council Corner



'It's been a great ride'

By Don Davidson

Bellevue is a very different city than it was 30 years ago, the first time I was elected to the City Council, and I've had a driver's-eye view to watch the transition and help guide the changes.

Our city has transformed from being primarily a bedroom community of about 73,000 in 1983 to a diverse, urban hub with more than 132,100 residents today. It's also a regional employment center: the number of people who work in Bellevue on a weekday is about 140,000.

During my time of public service, I've been elected to the council six times, appointed twice to fill vacancies, served two terms as mayor and held office a total of 26 years. But in January I'll step away from the council and find new ways to serve our community. It's been a great ride.

Over the years there have been several issues I've been interested in and, thanks to support from the public, my fellow council members and city staff, I think we've made good progress on all of them.

When I started on the council, growth was a huge issue for Bellevue. People were divided into two basic camps – growth versus no-growth. To me, there was no question about whether we were going to have growth. The question was how we planned for it.

I supported the comprehensive plan process and wanted the public to be involved with it. As a former Chamber of Commerce president, I believed the business community should take part and I encouraged members to participate. I felt it was important as well for residents to be engaged to help protect neighborhood identity and prevent business districts from spreading into residential areas.

I'm also proud of the work we started way back in the 1980s to establish an effective and dependable water supply for the Eastside. Those efforts eventually led to the formation of the Cascade Water Alliance.

Salmon recovery is an issue that's dear to my heart. I grew up in Tacoma and did a lot of fishing and canoeing as a kid, so like many people in the Puget Sound region I'm interested in the environment. I've worked for many years to improve regional salmon runs and I look forward to maintaining my involvement in that area after I leave the council.

Another idea I've embraced is that our city should live within its budget and that we should limit the growth of government. As a small business owner on the council – I've had a dental practice in Bellevue since 1967 – I've also believed in the importance of maintaining a proper balance between property rights and government regulation.

Ironically, the last thing I expected to be was a politician and I never thought of myself as one – more like a dentist who served his community. I feel people should give back in a public way and I've tried to do that through



Dr. Davidson is proud of his efforts to prevent business districts from spreading into residential neighborhoods. Downtown high-rises are in the background behind a home in the Vuecrest neighborhood.

my involvement with youth sports, the school district and chamber of commerce.

I kind of see the city council as an extension of that civic service. It even seems like an extension of my day job, since I have what amounts to a public hearing every day in my dental practice. My patients are more than willing to let me know what they think!

That's OK, though, because I'm pretty plainspoken myself. I work for the public and I don't think I should shelter them from what I'm thinking. They have a right to know. Sometimes we get stilted in government; I want to be approachable. Folks may not always agree with me, but they almost always know where I stand.

My brother started calling me Donald Duck when I was a baby and later on it became Dr. Duck or just Dr. D. It turned out to be a pretty good nickname for me. When I get criticized – and let's face it, as an elected official that happens a lot – it runs off me like water off a duck's back.

Looking ahead, I think some of the top priorities for the council will continue to be ones that have interested me: living within the budget, protecting single-family neighborhoods, protecting the environment, as well as maintaining public safety in the face of increased urbanization.

My wife Sue and I have lived in Bellevue for 46 years and raised three kids here. It's been an honor to serve the public and a pleasure to work with some terrific colleagues and staff.

Bellevue is a great city with wonderful and involved residents. I look forward to the next part of our community journey.

Council Roundup

Emergency room rentals ordinance

Responding to concerns from residents in single-family neighborhoods near Bellevue College, the City Council on Sept. 23 passed an emergency ordinance to address a growing practice of room rentals in single-family homes.

Residents in the Spiritwood neighborhood raised concerns during the summer about investors planning to rent individual rooms in single-family houses. The emergency ordinance, approved by a 6-0 vote, gives city staff additional tools to address the emerging trend.

The council will hold a required public hearing on the emergency ordinance during its Nov. 4 meeting. Councilmembers thanked Spiritwood residents for bringing the issue to their attention.

Garbage hauler selected

The council on Sept. 9 selected Republic Services to continue to pick up garbage, recyclable material and organic waste, pending contract approval.

Two companies – Republic and CleanScapes – were competing for a seven-year contract, with an option to extend another seven years, worth up to \$20 million annually. The current contract expires next June.

While the council and city staff acknowledged that both companies were capable of providing the services to Bellevue residents and businesses, it came down to Republic's past performance and reputation for providing Bellevue customers with reliable and dependable service for more than 30 years.

City staff was to work with Republic to finalize the contract, then bring it back to the council in October for approval.



Rendering of Boys & Girls Club gym at Hidden Valley Park.

Partnership approved for new gym at Hidden Valley Park

The council on Aug. 5 approved an agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue that allows the organization to lease a portion of Hidden Valley Park to build and operate a gymnasium.

BGCB intends to build a \$5 million gym at the 17-acre park a few blocks north of downtown, on 112th Avenue Northeast. The 21,500-square-foot building will include three full-sized basketball courts and accommodate baseball batting cages and multiple sport courts, for sports including volleyball, badminton and pickleball.

The city has no financial obligation for the gym but would have access to it at no cost for community use, when it is not being used for BGCB activities.

BGCB will construct, own and operate the gym, and lease the land in the park for \$1 per year for 50 years. The city will continue to manage and schedule the use of Hidden Valley Park, and both the BGCB and the city will operate on-site programs and coordinate schedules to manage parking impacts and optimize community use of the gym and sports fields.

The council also agreed that the city will equally share the cost with BGCB to complete up to \$6 million in park improvements.

Funding for the city's share of the project (up to \$3 million) will come from the voter-approved 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy. Construction is expected to begin in early spring and be completed by the end of 2014.



Three council positions contested

Three City Council seats are being contested in the Nov. 5 general election. The information below is from the King County Voters Pamphlet, available on the King County Elections website (www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx).



Position 2
Lyndon Heywood –
Occupation: Graphic Artist;
Redmond Pedestrian and
Bicycle Advisory Board;
School Volunteer.



Position 2
Conrad Lee (incumbent)
– Occupation: Boeing
Engineer; Seattle Solid Waste
Manager; Small Business
Owner.



Position 4
Steve Kasner – Occupation:
Teacher, Kelly Educational
Staffing; Chair, East Bellevue
Community Council.



Position 4
Kevin Wallace (incumbent)
– Occupation: City
Councilmember and
President and COO of
Wallace Properties Inc.



Position 6
Lynne Robinson –
Occupation: Small business
owner; Bellevue Parks
Commissioner; Network on
Aging Member.



Position 6
Vandana Slatter –
Occupation: Senior Medical
Sciences Liaison at Amgen,
a leading biotechnology
company.

Sound Transit past midway on East Link design

Sound Transit is more than halfway through the design of the East Link light rail line, which will include six stations in Bellevue. With the project moving toward construction, the 60-percent design milestone is one of two final opportunities for the public to influence design choices.

“Hearing from the communities that East Link will serve is essential to our planning and design process,” said Luke Lamon, a Sound Transit community outreach specialist. “We are committed to being a good neighbor throughout design, construction and beyond, as we deliver and operate a 100-year system that people find accessible, efficient and convenient.”

On Sept. 10, Sound Transit hosted an open house at Highland Community Center regarding the Bel-Red segment of the light rail line. In early 2014, Sound Transit will invite the community to reconvene and provide feedback on the downtown and South Bellevue segments of the alignment.

Residents are invited to weigh in on design elements, landscaping and other aspects of East

Link during this phase of the final design process. While Sound Transit’s use of standard design features – such as station lighting, signage and bicycle storage – across the Link light rail system maintain a unified look amongst stations at a good value, designers strive to infuse unique character in each segment that reflects the neighborhoods it serves.

The art at East Link stations will be greatly influenced by the surrounding communities. “STart,” Sound Transit’s integrated public art program, has identified a lead artist and will be hosting “meet the artist” events in the near future.

At the 60-percent design milestone, the agency is more than halfway through finalizing the civil, mechanical and structural design of East Link. The selection of finish materials and landscaping are key components of taking the design to the 90-percent level.

The 90-percent design mark will include an additional set of public meetings where Sound Transit will show residents how each station will look once built.

“We have already heard a lot of community

interest in accessible station sites, sustainability and environmental stewardship, local job creation and context-sensitive station art and design choices,” Lamon said. “We’re working to build something that this community can be proud of.”

Sound Transit design teams are implementing sustainable approaches wherever possible; one example is the desire to use natural drainage planting beds at the 130th Station park-and-ride. At other East Link stations, existing structures will be disassembled and salvaged so that those materials can be reused and kept out of a landfill.

Project construction is targeted to start in 2015. Once complete, East Link will extend light rail an additional 14 miles from Seattle to Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond.

If you haven’t yet shared your perspectives, East Link community outreach specialists encourage you to visit the project website or attend a future public meeting. To learn more visit www.soundtransit.org/EastLink or subscribe to project alerts and information, www.soundtransit.org/Subscribe-to-alerts

All permits now available online



Rolls of construction plans cramming building plans examiner Behrooz Khorrami's cubicle may soon be a thing of the past.

It's finally over: the need for expensive printing of rolls of plans and lugging them to Development Services in City Hall. Electronic application is now available in Bellevue for all permit types.

Customers can submit applications, pay fees, upload plans, get them reviewed and receive approvals, all on their computers. Paperless permitting translates to less traffic on the roads, fewer customers in line and a lower cost of doing business for all.

JPC Architects in Bellevue has already submitted 10 applications online since paperless permitting was expanded in July.

"It's been quick and easy; it takes me about 15 minutes," said Mariko Kydd, JPC's interior designer. "I don't have to spend the time, energy and money to print and collate several sets of plans—and go through the same process with revisions. I don't have to take the time to carry them to City Hall and wait in line. Paperless permitting probably cuts our time and printing costs in half."

Didn't we already have paperless permitting?

Not for all permits. In late 2011 the city began allowing online application for three types of permits that require plan review: mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

In mid-July, the city expanded online permitting to include all 10 types of applications: building, clearing and grading, electrical, fire; mechanical, land use, plumbing, right of way, sign, and utilities. Applicants go to MyBuildingPermit.com, the application website Bellevue uses.

Currently, Bellevue is averaging about 5,600 plan review applications annually. The city anticipates that close to 65 percent of those will be

submitted and processed electronically during the next 12 months.

Staff from multiple departments had started planning for beginning-to-end electronic application processing, review, issuance, inspection and records storage in 2009.

"Development Services, which includes multiple departments, worked with the Information Technology Department and the City Clerk's Office to deliver what our customers and residents have been asking for," said Lionel Forde, the business team lead.

The online permitting system received a rave review from Burnham Nationwide, which submits permit applications all over the country.

"Just wanted to let you know that your electronic submittal is the most customer-friendly process that I have ever used!" a Burnham staffer wrote in an email. "I love your program and will always look forward to permits in Bellevue."

Multiple benefits

In addition to saving applicants time and money, paperless permitting enables them to apply on their own schedules—24 hours a day, seven days a week. And the city will no longer have to set aside space for paper plans.

Paperless permitting improves communication between the city and the customer, allowing the reviewer to place comments directly on the plans and the applicant and reviewer to clarify and resolve issues while looking at the plans together online. Also, revision requests are sent and received more quickly.

And the collaboration extends well beyond City Hall. The web portal that Bellevue uses for permitting – MyBuildingPermit.com – can be accessed by customers in 14 different jurisdictions and is the only such multi-jurisdiction permitting portal of its kind in the nation.

MyBuildingPermit.com was started in 2002 by building officials in Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland and Mercer Island who formed an organization called the eCityGov Alliance to create a consistent experience for their customers. At first, only a handful of simple permits that required no review were handled. Today, eCityGov has expanded beyond the Eastside, and the permitting services offered by MyBuildingPermit.com have increased dramatically.

The final phase of Bellevue's paperless permitting initiative is expected to launch next year when Development Services field staff go paperless, outfitted with mobile technology that allows them to perform their jobs more efficiently and effectively.

For more information about paperless permitting contact Angie Lillie, permit processing manager, at 425-452-4124; or Lionel Forde, business team lead, at 425-452-4478. Additional information is available online at www.MyBuildingPermit.com and www.eCityGov.net.

New workshops available for neighborhood groups

Are you looking for ways to connect with neighbors beyond the traditional neighborhood meeting? Would you like to bring your neighbors together in a learning environment? The city's Neighborhood Outreach team can help you host a workshop (day or evening) on a key topic customized for your neighborhood group.

The city has prepared themed presentations on nine topics important in Bellevue. Speakers are available on request. Choose one of the following topics or a series:

Building your Neighborhood Association: Whether you are just starting out, are established or looking to increase membership and involvement, Neighborhood Outreach can tailor a training to recharge or strengthen your association. 60 minutes, groups of 10+

The Changing Face of Bellevue: View the city's eight-minute video, "The Diversity Advantage" with your neighbors, then discuss challenges and opportunities and how to communicate in a multicultural world. 45-60 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Forming our Future: Learn about Bellevue's community, environment and economy, then add your group's ideas to help shape Bellevue's future. Comments received before the fall of 2014 will be included in the city's Comprehensive Plan update. 45-60 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety: Traffic and parking issues on residential streets can greatly affect your well-being. Learn how you and your neighbors can help protect neighborhood livability through education, enforcement and engineering. 30 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Life of a Transportation Project: Have you ever wondered how those roadway projects become reality? Join the journey from idea to actual construction, with all stops in between. Learn about codes, standards and outreach. 60 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Handling a Difficult Conversation with Neighbors: Got a conflict with your neighbor? The Neighborhood Mediation team will coach you toward finding mutually agreeable solutions. 60-120 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Resolving Group Conflicts: When neighborhood factions form, disputes can divide formerly happy communities. Strengthen your community by learning to identify mutual gains and use consensus decision-making. 60 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

Actions for a Greener Future: Learn what the city is doing to reduce greenhouse emissions and what you can do in your home and neighborhood to mitigate the impacts of climate change, such as rain gardens, pea patches and recycling options. 60 minutes, minimum 10 participants.

How to Get Prepared for an Emergency: During this presentation, we will discuss hazards and risks for Bellevue, how to build kits and make plans for your home and workplace and ways to get involved with your neighbors. 45-60 minutes, minimum 20 participants.

For more information or to reserve a speaker, contact Julie Ellenhorn (425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov). For full course descriptions, visit our website at www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood_events.htm. Programs can be customized in length and content for your group. Bookings are limited and a minimum two-week notice is required to ensure staff availability.



A July visit from Zhang Mei Hui, the first lady of sister city Hualien, Taiwan, was the occasion for a grand celebration at City Hall.



Lane reopens on improved West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Long-awaited improvements to part of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, including a multi-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists on the west side and a paved shoulder on the east side, were completed this month.

To the relief thousands of commuters, the southbound lane was reopened on Oct. 4, 10 months after the beginning of construction and seven months after the southbound detour was put into effect.

Back in 1996 the City of Bellevue, along with the City of Redmond and King County, identified potential improvements for the five-mile roadway with deteriorated concrete panels, no sidewalks and a lack of other pedestrian and bicycle amenities. In 2009, the City of Bellevue Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Update identified this corridor as a high priority because it is part of a recreational loop around Lake Sammamish.

The proposed construction plan for West Lake Samm breaks the arterial into five approximately mile-long segments. Phase 1, just completed, rehabilitated a 1.2 mile segment between Interstate 90 and Southeast 34th Street.

During design and construction, city staff worked closely with nearby residents, the French Immersion School of Washington, Sunset Elementary School, SAMBICA Camp and Retreat Center and Vasa Park Resort. Project priorities identified by residents of the community included addressing safety concerns

for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists and maintaining the distinct character of the area.

“The West Lake Samm community was instrumental in the success of this project,” said Transportation Director David Berg. “Not only did they help shape the project’s vision during the design phase, but they coped with the disruption, the southbound detour and resulting congestion during construction.”

Construction began in January, and was completed about a month ahead of schedule. The southbound lane was closed in that southern segment was closed from March to October.

Without the southbound detour, frequently changing lane closures and confusing detours would have created even greater traffic impacts and widely varying commute times,



A jogger uses the new multi-use path.

and the project would have taken 18 months to complete.

Sidewalk and curb ramps were upgraded at Southeast 34th and 38th street and Southeast 40th Place, and new pedestrian crossings were added near Southeast 38th Street and Southeast 40th Place. Along with roadway improvements, the city installed new storm drains and water mains.

More details of this project are available on the project website (www.bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_prkwy.htm).

Cut down on food waste—some families can save up to \$30 a week



PCC Natural Foods chef Jackie Freeman offers grocery shopping advice in a video for the “Food: Too Good to Waste” campaign.

Whether it’s moldy cheese, limp celery or long lost leftovers in the back of the fridge, chances are you’ve wasted food this week. And you’re not alone. Currently, Americans waste about 25 percent of all food purchases. But communities, families and individuals are working to toss less by making small shifts in how they shop, prepare and store food.

For the past two years the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum has been working to develop the “Food: Too Good to

Waste” program to help households waste less food. Bellevue is one of many cities supporting the program.

The average family could save more than \$30 a week (\$1,600 a year) by using a new toolkit on the Forum’s website at www.westcoastclimateforum.com/food.

When we throw away food, we’re also wasting all the water, energy and other resources used to produce, package and transport it to our plates. Food is wasted when we:

- Buy more than we need
- Store it incorrectly
- Throw away leftovers
- Cook too much

This toolkit includes strategies and tools that have been linked to a 25-percent reduction in household wasted food among pilot participants. The best results come when a group or community of households use it together.

Waste less food by following these five simple steps:

1. Get Smart: See how much food (and money) you’re really throwing away.
2. Smart Shopping: Make a shopping list with meals in mind.
3. Smart Storage: Keep fruits and vegetables fresh.
4. Smart Prep: Prep now, eat later.
5. Smart Eating: Eat what you buy.

The West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum is an EPA-convened partnership of cities, states and local governments that develops and shares way to integrate lifecycle materials management policies and practices into climate, sustainability and solid waste plans.

Prepare for ice and snow this winter

After a beautiful summer, it’s time to switch gears and prepare for the Pacific Northwest winter, which is predicted to be cold and snowy. To be ready for the inevitable snow, ice, wind and rain (sometimes all at once!), be in the know with these winter weather tips.

Stay informed

When extreme weather is forecast or hits Bellevue, the Extreme Weather Response page (www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm) will be updated with information about road closures and current conditions. There you can sign up for alerts that will notify you via email or text once the page is updated. Also, follow @BvueTrans on Twitter for real-time conditions and check the real-time traffic map (www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap/) before you set

out for your trip.

Reporting dangerous conditions

If you encounter a flooded road, do not attempt to drive through standing water. If you do encounter flooding, water main breaks or hazardous roads, report them by calling 425-452-7840. To report damaged or non-functioning traffic signals, call 425-452-6950. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Be prepared

If you must travel when inclement weather strikes, prepare your vehicle with traction tires or chains, a full tank of gas, have warm clothes, water and a cell phone in your car in case you get stuck. When driving, be steady in your steering, braking and accelerating, increase your following

distance, and know that bridges, overpasses and intersections can develop black ice. The safest way to travel in treacherous conditions is not to, unless absolutely necessary.

When the snow falls...

The City of Bellevue works around the clock to clear snow from streets, plowing designated citywide and neighborhood priority routes first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, as well as transit, school buses and commuter traffic. If snowfall is continuous, those arterials may require repeated plowing and sanding before crews can work to clear neighborhood streets (priority map: www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/SnowRoute_11x17.pdf).

'Best Ideas' help city plan for the future



Cyclists cross Main Street. Many residents suggest that better facilities for bikes and pedestrians would improve the city.

As work approaches the halfway mark in the city's effort to update its long-range plan, suggestions on ways to improve Bellevue over the next 25 years have streamed in thanks to a recently concluded "Best Ideas" campaign.

Six people who offered up their ideas won prizes, but ultimately everyone in the city is a winner. The 10-week campaign, conducted on a social media site called Ideascale, stimulated 126 ideas, 164 comments, 346 users and a total of 1,770 votes.

All submitted ideas were reviewed by the Planning Commission as part of an update to the city's comprehensive plan, which will guide city

development and vision through 2035. The ideas will help the city identify new policies and projects for the future.

Visitors to Ideascale (<https://bellevuebestideas.ideascale.com/>) posted their own ideas or voted on whether they agree or disagree with those of others. The ideas with the most "agree" votes bubbled to the top. The six winners, chosen at random, received gift certificates donated by Crossroads Shopping Center and the Microsoft Store.

The top vote-getter was a call for a performing arts center downtown, which drew 39 votes and several comments referencing the Tateuchi Center for which money is being raised. A variant of that idea, pushing the Tateuchi Center as a boon to the local economy, came in number five, with 28 up votes. Other popular ideas called for:

- fiber-optic, super-fast Internet connections;
- investing in early childhood and special education;
- a downtown children's museum; and
- vibrant neighborhood gathering places.

A call for improved transportation facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists and better managing traffic came in sixth, with 26 votes, but when all ideas focused on alternative transportation options are combined, that issue was paramount for many participants. Altogether, 20 different ideas concerning sidewalks, pathways, or bike facilities were posted, garnering a total of 150 votes. One of the most impressive came from two brothers, Victor and Oscar, age 11, who used a colorful poster to advocate for bike lanes on 108th Avenue Southeast.

Several ideas also seek to bring more in the way of theater, movies and outdoor theatrical events.

Work on Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan Update began in fall 2012 and the City Council is expected to sign off on a final version of the plan in December 2014. More information on the update, upcoming meetings, and a summary of the July 'best ideas' campaign is available at the city's website (www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm).

Getting ready for the rainy season

As the rainy season sets in, it's a good idea to think about flooding, which can cause property damage and stream bank erosion and destroy salmon eggs.

Who is susceptible to flooding? Properties located in floodplains or the land next to streams, lakes and wetlands are most vulnerable to flooding. Floodplains benefit the entire community by providing temporary storage of floodwaters until a storm subsides.

Bellevue's drainage system consists of these natural water bodies, but also of constructed systems like flood detention sites, pipes and ditches. Some parking lots and parks are even designed to fill with water during big storms. Properties located out of the floodplain can also experience flooding, such as when leaves and debris clog a storm drain. In fact, most flooding in Bellevue is caused by clogged storm drains.

What properties are in a floodplain? Floodplain boundary lines are shown on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. To find out if your property is in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-6977 or check Bellevue's floodplain maps at www.bellevuewa.gov/floodplan_map.htm. The city also keeps elevation certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplain.

Do you need flood insurance? Flood insurance is required for structures in the floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)—a federal program that provides flood insurance for all properties. Even if you don't live in a floodplain, flood insurance is recommended because a typical homeowner's insurance policy will not cover water damage unless the damage is caused by interior flooding, such as an overflowing toilet or a leaking sink. Ask your insurance carrier for information about the NFIP and keep in mind that Bellevue residents receive a 25 percent discount on NFIP policies due to Bellevue's floodplain management program. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

Where can you get information during extreme weather events? Sign up for email or text Alerts and find up-to-date information about emergency precautions and response, flooding, road closures and other safety tips at www.bellevuewa.gov/extreme_weather_response.htm.

What can you do?

- Make sure you have flood insurance.
- Report flooding, lack of water or water main breaks at your home or business, by calling the Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.
- Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves, so you can do so if your property floods. For information on gas and electric shutoff procedures, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. If you need help locating your main water shut off valve, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840.
- Move to higher floors or higher ground if you experience flooding. Never wade or drive through flooded areas. Even a small amount of



water can stall a car or cause a person to lose his or her footing. If your car stalls, abandon it and move to higher ground.

- Preserve natural drainage systems in streams, wetlands and ditches by leaving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes. Vegetation helps erosion by holding the soil in place and slowing down stormwater run-off. It is also important to keep these areas clear of any dumped material and free from yard debris that can block flow and cause flooding. Call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840 to report dumping.

If there are drainage problems near your property, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. Help Utilities maintain the drainage system by removing leaves from clogged storm drains near your property.

Protect your property by retrofitting, grading your yard, and using emergency measures such as sandbagging. Routinely clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from drainage systems on your property, such as private driveways, private road culverts, drainage ditches, swales, gutters, downspouts. Check the Internet or yellow pages for contractors who clean private drainage systems.

If your crawlspace floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, make sure to test it regularly.

For information on development projects near streams, wetlands or in floodplain areas, or for information on what qualifies as a "substantial improvement," call the city's Permit Center at 425-452-6864. These developments must meet setback requirements, such as being a certain distance from a stream bank. Report non-permitted activities to the city's Code Compliance Office at 425-452-4570.



Revival for two shopping centers

By Gerald Hughes, East Bellevue Community Council Member

These are exciting days for East Bellevue.

The jewel of our community, the newly renovated Kelsey Creek Center, is almost fully operational. Instead of a parking lot with an abandoned old Kmart, we have a vibrant center with new businesses, restaurants and a booming fitness center, with more to come. This wouldn't have happened without the efforts of the Bellevue City Council, the East Bellevue Community Council, citizen input and the full effort of Franklin-Murray Company.

Last month a new standalone Starbucks opened with a drive-through. EBCC chair Steve Kasner and I were the first customers. For the first time in my life I can actually say I was "number 1," which involved getting up at 4:30 a.m. to race another potential first customer to the door. He kindly acquiesced and took our picture. It was crazy but fun!

I understand the business at the new Starbucks has doubled over the old location, and there are now more than 30 employees.

The whole Kelsey Creek Center has created jobs and tax revenue for our city. Getting in and out can be a problem and takes a little patience at times, especially onto Main Street, but that seems a small price to pay.

And, Starbucks when busy, and it often is, can be deafening for customers and employees alike. With concrete floors, metal castors on the chairs, no sound baffling of any kind and no window blinds, conversations are difficult or impossible. Even placing an order requires a raised voice. Hopefully, Starbucks will recognize this problem and take steps to reduce the decibels. When the weather's nice, customers can sit outside..

This store must be viewed as a major success for Starbucks, and I suspect business will do nothing but increase now that students are back at Sammamish High School.

The last phase in the redevelopment of Kelsey Creek will involve the vacant lot at the corner of 148th Avenue and Main Street. That spot, where there was a fire, looks awful, still surrounded by a cyclone fence. Hopefully, this will move forward in the next 12 months.

Lake Hills redevelopment well underway

At this same time, the Lake Hills Shopping Center redevelopment is well underway. The new Lake Hills Library has been open for some time, and the old library is now the very active new Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

The Cosmos Company has started the next phase toward a modern commercial and residential development. When completed, there will be 90 apartments and town houses, new restaurants, a major grocery store, a children's play area and many service businesses. There will be green areas to relax and congregate, outside restaurant dining and parking, much of it underground, for more than 400 cars.

The Lake Hills Shopping Center should become a great destination and meeting place for our community. I can only admire the persistence of Oscar DelMoro, Cosmos Management Group, for working with the city and East Bellevue for nearly 13 years to finally get this amazing project under construction.

I suggest you drive by and see the progress being made at the corner of 156th Avenue Southeast and Lake Hills Boulevard. The underground garage is complete, the second story is under construction and the land is being prepared for the apartments. When this phase is complete, the Bank of America building will be torn down to free up this space to finish the project. It should be our second jewel and bring jobs and revenue to the city.

More rentals in East Bellevue?

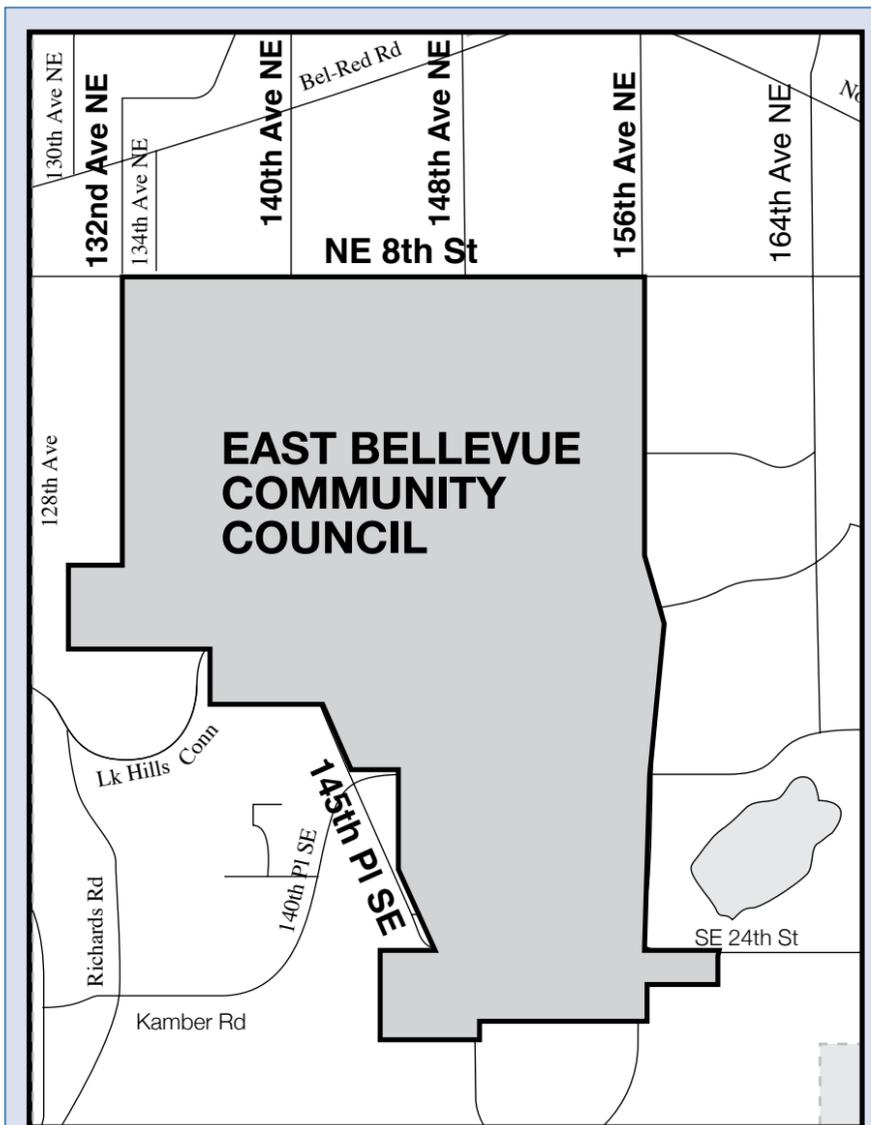
Meanwhile on a negative note, East Bellevue is following a nationwide trend. Investment groups are buying single-family residences and converting them to rentals. The number is in the hundreds of thousands nationwide. In Phoenix, Las Vegas and other cities that were overbuilt before the housing crash, the homes are remaining single-family rentals, generating cash flow and possible appreciation for the investors.

In East Bellevue it is a different story. Investment groups are buying single-family residences and converting them to rooming houses. Three-bedroom one-bath homes are becoming eight-bedroom homes, eliminating the garage and living rooms.

In addition, some homes are being torn down to be replaced by homes designed with 10 bedrooms and bathrooms to become student housing for Bellevue College students. This is changing the character of our single-family neighborhoods. This new business model is currently impacting the Spiritwood neighborhood, which is near Bellevue College, but the idea will spread to other neighborhoods.

Certainly, in our capitalist system, where there is a demand, we hope that investors and entrepreneurs will react to meet it with a reasonable return for themselves. We need low-income and student housing for Bellevue College students. At the same time, it is important to maintain the living quality of our single-family neighborhoods.

The City Council, EBCC City staff and residents of Spiritwood are working together to resolve this issue for everyone, including investors. I urge you to attend city council and community council meetings to voice any concerns you may have. Your input is essential and you will be heard.



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy, 425-452-6466, or contact Steven Kasner, Chairman for the EBCC.

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, Ken Seal, 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.



Keep that concrete cozy

A milestone was reached in August when slab was poured for the new Coal Creek Parkway Bridge. To prevent the concrete from drying too fast, crews cover it with wet "curing blankets." The new bridge will replace a 45-year-old culvert that runs under Coal Creek Parkway between Forest Drive and Southeast 60th Street. For details, see www.bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm.

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 neighborhood park in the Bridle Trails neighborhood at the corner of NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE. Construction Fall 2013 through Spring 2014. \$2.5 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
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. \$6.5 billion	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile HOV system from Evergreen Point 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 end of 2013. \$306 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/
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. Design Oct. 2013. Construction for Midlakes may be dependent on redevelopment rates in Bel-Red Corridor rezone. \$4 million est.	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
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Crossroads

Contact

Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction underway through Fall 2014. \$8.8 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm
Mid-Block Crossing NE 8th St at Crossroads Park: Constructing a crosswalk across NE 8th St west of 164th Ave NE, with safety features. Complete Dec. 2013. \$350,000	Darek Jarzynski, 425-452-4277 Djarzynski@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. \$250,000	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: Conducting a design analysis to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists at this intersection. Under design. \$1.5 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 • Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-cmw-intersection.htm
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 preliminary 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. \$160,000-\$200,000 estimated	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. \$880,000	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

Newport Hills

Contact

Coal Creek Culvert Replacement: Phase 1 to end Nov. 30, 2013. All four lanes of Coal Creek Pkwy will reopen, except for some one-lane closures. By March, traffic will again be reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 2014 when project is completed. \$6.5 million	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 BJensen@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm
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
Storm Drainage dig and repair 2013 - SE 66th Street between 131st Ave SE and 131st Ave SE: Installing storm drain pipe to improve conveyance. Construction Nov. 2013. \$105,000	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

Northeast Bellevue

Contact

Northup Way at 156th, 160th, and 164th Aves NE: Upgrading traffic signals to improve pedestrian safety at these intersections. Relocating crosswalk at 160th Ave NE. Complete Oct. 2013. \$700,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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Northeast Bellevue

Contact

Storm Drainage Dig and Repair 2013 - 179th Place and NE 10th Street: Installing new storm drain pipe and replacing several pipes. Construction Nov. 2013. \$160,000	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. Design and permitting underway. Construction early 2014. \$9.6 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/hidden-valley-bgcb-partnership.htm
Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase One Development: Improving the park west of 99th Ave SE. Construction 2015 - 2020. \$11 million	Robin Cole, 425-452-2881 • rcole@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm
Meydenbauer Marina Renovation and Dock Removal: Renovating Pier 3 to provide visitor moorage slips; developing a management plan to introduce public moorage to the marina; and demolishing four aging residential docks on city property. Construction complete Fall 2013. \$300,000	Bret Wilson, 425-452-2932 Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm
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 Fall 2013. \$12 million	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 • Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm



Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement 2013, Phase 1: Replacing sections of sewer system. Construction Fall 2013-Winter 2014. \$1.4 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
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Sammamish/East Lake Hills

Contact

Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Phase 1 Design Fall 2013. \$1.6 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 • Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm
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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. \$430,000	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm
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Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system throughout area. Construction Fall 2013. \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
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West Bellevue

Contact

Downtown Transportation Plan: Preparing multi-modal transportation alternatives to ensure mobility through 2030. Integrating policy and project recommendations with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in 2014. \$300,000	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 • Kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm
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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
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Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Lake Washington--Phase 1: Studying location and condition of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. Phase 1: complete; Phase 2: 2014-2016. \$500-700K	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
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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 2014-2015. \$10 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
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East CBD Sewer Trunkline 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 2014-2015. \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
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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. \$10.5 million	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 • kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bbg_master_plan_update.htm
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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 from 116th to Eastside Rail Corridor. Construction Fall 2013. \$31.1 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-extension.htm
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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. Design: TBD. \$1 million (Pre-design only)	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm
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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 underway. \$7.5 million	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm
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120th Ave NE, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 8th St to NE 12th St, with utility work. Construction Spring/Summer 2014. \$31 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm
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120th Ave NE, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 12th St to NE 16th St, with utility work. Design final in 2015. \$17.2 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm
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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 NE 116th St and 120th Ave NE. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.4 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm
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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 60 percent. \$1.3 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm
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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. Designing to 30 percent end of 2013 and 60 percent design Summer 2015. \$740,000	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm
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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	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm
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Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,000 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re-development in Wilburton. 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 Street along east side of I-405. Spring 2015. \$4.9 million	Brandon Cole, 425-452-4474 Bcole@bellevuewa.gov
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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 lanes, sidewalk, and landscaping. Designing to 30 percent by Fall 2013. This project will also include streetscape enhancements on 124th south of NE 8th St. \$1.4 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm
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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 early 2014. WSDOT budget: \$2.2 million	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
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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. Designing to 15 percent by end of 2013. \$423,000	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm
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Woodridge

Contact

East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications. Construction Summer 2014. \$420,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control & Habitat Improvement: Improving habitat along stream channel to provide a healthier aquatic environment. Construction complete. Landscaping Fall 2013. \$500,000	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. \$200,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov

Rock Creek

Contact

147th Ln at NE 10th St Sewer Replacement Project: Replace existing sewer main currently in an existing swamp. Construction Summer 2014. \$250,000	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
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Various Locations

Contact

East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. City and Sound Transit selected final alignment in April 2013. At 60% design. Construction 2015. \$2.8 billion	Maria Koengeter, 425-452-4345 • Mkoengeter@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm www.soundtransit.org/eastlink
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. \$170,000	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov
2013 Pavement Overlay Program: Paving began in June and continues until November on the following streets: 156th Ave SE, SE Eastgate Way, Factoria Blvd. \$4.4 million	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 • Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm
AC Water Main Replacement 2013, Ph. 1: Replacing 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement (AC) 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
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 Winter 2014. \$200,000	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. \$475,000	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. \$350,000	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 Dec. 2013-March 2014.	Mike Whiteaker, 425-452-4230 Mwhiteaker@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repair 2014: Repairing several sanitary sewer defects at various locations by trenchless method. Construction Summer 2014. \$200,000	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
West Operating Area Water Storage Reservoir: Based on an optimization evaluation of existing storage and transmission capabilities, this proposed project is transitioning into a transmission improvements project. A new reservoir site is not needed at this time.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Large Commercial Water Meter Replacement - 2013: Replacing seven aging water meters at various commercial sites in Bellevue that no longer meet current standards. Construction Dec. 2013-Feb. 2014. \$600,000	Dan Ross, 425-452-4362 Dross@bellevuewa.gov



Lt. Troy Donlin demonstrates how a smoke alarm works during a stovetop fire demonstration at the Oct. 5 open house.

Fire prevention tips

For Fire Prevention Month, the Fire Department opened the doors to its stations and offered presentations on Oct. 5. Here are some words to live by:

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove when children are present;
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from a stove while cooking;
- Open containers slowly after removing them from a microwave to avoid painful burns from escaping steam; and
- Maintain smoke alarms in working order, and create a family fire escape plan

Avoid identity theft

The Bellevue Police Department provides crime prevention tips throughout the year. Here are a few ways to guard against identity theft.

- Use a locking mailbox or post office box.
- Never leave outgoing mail in an unsecured container; a mailbox with red flag up is an invitation to thieves.
- Keep your credit cards or checks with you at all times; and secure your wallet or purse at work.
- When withdrawing money from an ATM, be aware of your surroundings.
- When you dispose of your old computer, get the hard drive wiped or destroy it.
- If you use Wi-Fi, secure your network, and be careful of unsecured hot spots.
- Check your credit report twice a year for fraudulent activity.
- Stop pre-approved credit offers; contact your bank or credit union.

City of Bellevue Presents

FREE! Green Cleaning Workshops!

The City of Bellevue is offering 3 green cleaning workshops this fall.

Attend workshops and learn:
how to choose and make green cleaners, how to avoid harmful products

Receive:
a free green cleaning kit, certificate.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Contact us at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6932 to register. Spaces are limited. First come, first served.

<p>October 29th 7:00-8:00PM Newport Way Library <small>Registration required.</small></p>	<p>November 7th 7:00-8:00PM Bellevue City Hall <small>Registration required.</small></p>
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Community Calendar

October

The Mummy's Revenge

Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and 2, 7 p.m.
Oct. 27, Nov. 2 and 3, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northrup Way
All ages. \$10pre/\$12 week of show
425-452-7155 or
byt@bellevuewa.gov

South Bellevue Spookfest

South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way

Haunted Miniature Golf

Oct. 25 and 26, 7-10 p.m.
\$5. Ages 7 and up. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Spookfest Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
With free round of miniature golf
Cost. \$5. Pre-registration required.

Drop-in Miniature Golf

Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Nine holes of miniature golf with a Halloween theme Ages: 5 & up. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost: \$3/resident and \$4/non-resident.
425-452-4240 or sbcc@bellevuewa.gov

Halloween Luncheon

Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Lunch, fun music; wear your favorite costume.
Ages 18+; Suggested donation \$3-\$6; Preregistration required by Oct. 21.
425-452-7681

Coat & Toy Drive

Donate a new or gently used coat to the Kids Care Coat Drive or a new, unwrapped toy or gift certificate to benefit infants, children and teens this holiday season
Crossroads Community Center.
425-452-4874

November

Website, Blog and Social Media Workshop

Thursday, Nov 7, 6:30-8p.m.
City Hall Room 1E-113
Guest speaker presentation and neighborhood panel offering tips for engaging neighborhoods through social media.
www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-events.htm

Veteran's Day Dance

Nov. 12, 2-4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Sound of Swing plays favorites of the swing era.
Ages 18+; \$3; No pre registration required.
425-452-7681

Twelve Dancing Princesses

Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 10, 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northrup Way
Suitable for the entire family.
\$10pre/\$12 week of show
425-452-7155 or email
byt@bellevuewa.gov

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. N.E.
Staff and volunteers will serve a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided.
Pre-registration required by Nov. 10. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services.
\$3-\$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681



Children in costume prepare for the Great South Bellevue Community Center Pumpkin Race at Spookfest.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location: TBD
Sponsored by Crossroads Community Center & Aldersgate Methodist Church
(Family Crafts: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6 p.m.) Free event for Bellevue families in need. No pre-registration required. All ages welcome.
425-452-4874

Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Classes

Nov. 28, 7, 8:15 or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
Free one-hour cycling class to benefit Eastside Domestic Violence, with suggested donations. Please request a list of requested donation items when you call to reserve your spot. Preregistration is required.
Ages 13+
425-452-4240

"Fit for the Feast" Masters Swim Workout

Nov. 28, 9-11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE.
Ages 19 and up. All abilities are welcome. Cost is \$10, includes t-shirt.
425-452-2806

Youth Appreciation & Safety Day

Nov. 29, 12-2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center
601 143rd Ave. NE
This event for children ages 12 & under promotes water safety and offers free swimming. Free raffle drawings throughout the event. Free admission and open swim for children 12 & under.
425-452-4444

It's a Wonderful Life

Nov. 29 and 30, 7 p.m.; Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre
11100 NE Sixth St.
Past performers, participants and parents reprise their roles from ten years ago, bringing this timeless tale to life on stage. Suitable for all ages.
\$10pre/\$12 week of show
425-452-7155

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

December 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7 p.m.;
December 8, 14 & 15 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16661 Northrup Way
Enjoy the story behind this classic poem, and embrace some holiday fun. Suitable for the whole family
\$10pre/\$12 week of show
425-452-7155 or byt@bellevuewa.gov

December

Hilltop Holiday Craft Show

Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Thousands of quality crafts from more than 80 of Northwest's finest artists and crafters. Free admission.
425-452-4106 or
Hilltop.Crafts@frontier.com

Holiday Ball

Dec. 7, 7-10 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE.
The Sound of Swing will perform.
\$3, ages 18+
Pre-registration is not required.
425-452-7681

Christmas Ship Festival

Dec. 5, Newcastle Beach Park
4400 Lk. Washington Blvd. SE,
8:50-9:10 p.m.
Dec. 15, Meydenbauer Beach Park
419 98th Ave. NE, 6:25-6:45 p.m.
See the ships from onshore and enjoy a beach fire to keep you warm! Free event. Pre-registration is not required.
425-452-4106 or
NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Youth Holiday Party

Dec. 10, 4:30-7 p.m.
Location: TBD
Bellevue infants, youth and teens in need can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy entertainment and refreshments and receive a gift. Child must be present to receive a gift. Free event for Bellevue families in need.
No pre-registration required.
425-452-4874

Celebrate Snow Dance

Dec. 10, 2-4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave NE.
Enjoy favorites of the Big Band era with the Sounds of Swing band.
\$3 per person at the door. Pre-registration not required.
425-452-7681

Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave NE.
Come to a festive holiday meal co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. Enjoy seasonal music preceding lunch. Pre-register by Nov. 5. \$3-\$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome.
425-452-7681

Bellevue Magic Season Events

Garden d'Lights "Construction Edition"

Nov. 30- Jan. 4, 5-10 p.m. nightly
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
The garden is undergoing major construction of new facilities, so this year's event will feature a shorter route and a new ticket booth location. Due to onsite construction, there is no on-site limited mobility parking or gift shop. \$5 per ticket. Children ages 10 and under are free. Advance tickets required and are available online beginning Oct. 15 at: www.gardendlights.org
425-452-6844

Chaplin's Bellevue Subaru Ice Arena by Bank of America

Nov. 29-Jan. 12; open daily, hours vary
Bellevue Downtown Park
NE First St. and 102nd Ave. NE
Partial open-air rink (the only one in the Seattle area) featuring a heated tent for spectators and larger rink surface (additional 350 square feet)
\$12 admission includes skate rentals.
425-453-3110 or
www.magicseason.com

Snowflake Lane

Nov 29-Dec. 24
Bellevue Way and NE Eighth St.
Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and winter characters, music, and a dazzling light show brighten the night.
425-454-8096 or
www.magicseason.com

The Theatre at Meydenbauer

A special holiday series of musical and dramatic productions by regional and local performance groups. For complete information, visit theatreatmeydenbauer.com or www.magicseason.com

Help with health insurance enrollment

More than 11,000 people in Bellevue are uninsured. Starting Oct. 1, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, uninsured or underinsured residents can shop for health insurance that fits their needs and budgets.

Public Health-Seattle & King County will offer several enrollment events in Bellevue in October and November. Residents can also make appointments to get help in several languages at Mini City Hall.

Free or low-cost coverage is available. Depending on how much you earn, you may qualify for free coverage or for tax credits or financial help to pay for copays and premiums. No one will be denied coverage because they are sick or have a pre-existing condition.

Washington residents can find, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder (www.wahealthplanfinder.org).

All health plans offered through Washington Healthplanfinder include basic benefits such as doctor visits, emergency care, prescriptions, maternity care and preventive care, including cancer screenings and vaccinations.

Enrollment began Oct. 1, and people have until March 31 next year to sign up for coverage during 2014.

The Bellevue kick-off event was Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Crossroads Shopping Center, 15600 NE Eighth St. At the event, health insurance providers answered specific questions about the plans they are offering. Public Health-certified customer service experts, who are trained to give unbiased information regarding insurance options, provided individual help with enrollment.

There are several additional enrollment events with certified customer service experts, currently scheduled in Bellevue:

For a calendar of all Bellevue events, visit: www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/coverage/calendar/Bellevue.aspx

Help in other languages

The state's multilingual call center offers help with enrollment in more than 175 languages. Call 1-855-WAFINDER or 1-855-923-4633 for help in your language.

A customer service expert from King County Public Health will be available in front of Bellevue's Mini City Hall inside Crossroads Shopping Center offering help in Spanish and English on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Customer service experts from International Community Health Services will be available for enrollment appointments in Vietnamese, Korean and English, two days a week at Mini City Hall.

In addition, city staff and cultural navigators from Chinese Information Services are available to help customer service experts provide scheduled individual assistance in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Spanish, Russian, Hindi, Urdu and Bengali. Call 425-452-2800 to schedule an appointment with a multilingual personal assistor.

Learn more at www.kingcounty.gov/coverage or visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org to enroll.

For help with enrollment

Public Health - Seattle & King County is helping residents get information about new health insurance options, now available under the Affordable Care Act. Find, compare and enroll in health insurance coverage with Washington Healthplanfinder. Enrollment began on Oct. 1 for coverage that begins Jan. 1. The King County multilingual call center offers help in more than 175 languages. Call 1-855-923-4633 for help in your language. Call 425-452-2800 to make an appointment for help with enrollment in your language at Mini City Hall.

Chinese

貝爾優市政府和金恩郡與西雅圖公共健康部門合作向市民推廣關於醫療保險的信息。得益於最新通過的《聯邦患者保護與平價醫療法案》，更多人將符合資格購買平價醫療保險。自2013年10月1日開始，華盛頓州居民可以在www.wahealthplanfinder.org網站上尋找、對比以及購買醫療保險，你所選擇的保險將於2014年1月1日開始承保。金恩郡的多種語言服務電話專線開設了175種語言的電話服務，其中包括國語普通話和廣東話。請撥打(855) 923-4633 並等候你所需的語言。如需預約面對面的中文服務，可撥打貝爾優微型市政廳的中文電話(425) 452-4342。

Spanish

La cuidad de Bellevue esta colaborando con el sistema publico de salud de King County para ayudar residentes recibir nueva informacion sobre seguro medico, que ahora es disponible a mas gente debido a la reforma de salud. A partir de este otoño, residentes de Washington tendrán una nueva manera de encontrar, comparar, y inscribirse en seguro medico con una herramienta de internet que le ayudara a elegir un plan de salud en el estado de Washington, "Washington Healthplanfinder". La inscripción comienza el 01 de octubre 2013 para cobertura que se iniciará el 01 de enero 2014. El centro de llamadas multilingüe de King County ofrece ayuda en más de 175 idiomas. Llame al 855-923-4633 para asistencia general en su idioma. Para hacer una cita con un asistente personal multilingüe, llame el mini ayuntamiento de Bellevue 425-452-2800.

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Russian

Муниципалитет города Бельвю вступает в партнёрство с органами государственного здравоохранения округа Кинг, чтобы помочь жителям получить новую информацию о медицинском страховании, которое сейчас доступно для большого количества людей вследствие Закона о доступности здравоохранения (Affordable Care Act). Начиная с осени этого года, у жителей штата Вашингтон появится новый способ узнать, сравнить и записаться на получение медицинского страхового покрытия через Washington Healthplanfinder (интернет-ресурс, который помогает выбрать план медицинского страхования в штате Вашингтон). Запись начинается с 1-ого октября 2013 года на страховое покрытие, которое начинается с 1-ого января 2014 года. Многоязычный центр телефонного обслуживания округа Кинг предлагает помощь более, чем на 175 языках. Позвоните по телефону (855) 923-4633, чтобы получить помощь общего характера на своём языке. Чтобы договориться о встрече с личным многоязычным консультантом, позвоните в мини мэрию Бельвю по телефону (425) 452-2800.

Korean

벨뷰 도시 보건 개혁으로 말미암아 (Affordable Care Act) 이제 더 많은 주민들이 의료보험에 대해 새로운 정보를 얻을 수 있도록 도와드리기 위해 킹카운티 공중보건소와 함께 일하고 있습니다. 올 가을부터, 워싱턴 주민들은 새로운 방법인 워싱턴 인터넷 도구를 사용해 (Healthplanfinder) 워싱턴주에서 의료 보험 커버리지를 찾고, 비교하고 등록할 수 있을 것입니다. 등록기간은 10월 1일 2013년부터 1월 1일 2014부터 커버리지가 시작합니다. 킹카운티 다중언어 콜센터에서는 175이상에 언어로 도움을 드리고 있습니다. 모국어로 일반적인 도움이 필요하시면 855-923-4633로 전화하십시오. 다중언어 사용자 업무 보조원과 예약하시려면 벨뷰 미니 시청 425-452-2800으로 연락하십시오.

Japanese

ベルビュー市はキング郡と協賛で、医療改革案、(Affordable Care Act) によって新しくより多くの人に利用可能になる健康保険制度についての新しい情報を住民にお知らせしています。この秋から、ワシントン州の住民はインターネットのサイト "ワシントンヘルスプランファインダー (Washington Healthplanfinder)" を使って利用できる健康保険を比較し選んで加入することができるようになりました。2014年1月1日から始まる新しい健康保険に2013年10月1日から加入できます。キング郡マルチリンガルコールセンターは175以上の言語に対応できる電話サービスを提供しています。ご利用したい方は855-923-4633にお電話ください。マルチリンガルで(日本語で)個人的に相談に乗ってほしい方は予約を入れるためにベルビューミニシティホール425-452-2800のほうにお電話ください。

Farsi

مهمی دروم رد ار یدیج تاحالطایتنک گنیک یومع تشادب یراکتمه اب ویولب یرادرش ار یرتشیب دارفا (Affordable Care Act) یتشادب تادمخ تاحالصا رطاخ بب نونکاک مک، یتمالس نتگنشاو نادنورمش، لاسما زیناپ لوازا دندی رارق نادنورمش رایتخا رد، دریگ یم رب رد رد یتشادب مهمی کفی رد ندرک مان تبث و ندومن مسیاقم، ندرک ادیب یارب ار یدیج شور دنک یم کفک اناب مک دشاب یم یتنرتنیا متسیس زا مدافتسا شور نآ. تشاد دنواوخ رایتخا یارب (Washington Healthplanfinder) دنیا من باخشنا نتگنشاو تلایا رد ار دوخ مهمی مازرب مک. دوشیم عورش ۲۰۱۳ ربتکا لوازا مان تبث، ددرگ یم زاغ ۲۰۱۴ هیوناژ لوازا مک مهمی ششوپ مفلتخم نابز ۱۷۵ زا شیب زا مدافتسا اب تسارداق یتنک گنیک ن نابز دنچ سامت زکرم ۸۵۰-۹۲۳-۶۳۳ مرامش اب دیناوت یم، ناندوخ نابز بب یمومع کفک یارب. دیان هئارا کفک امش یمو دننگ یم تبخ حص نابز دنچ بب مک یدارفا اب تقو نتفرگ تهج. دییاجر ف لصاح سامت (Bellevue Mini City Hall) ویولب یرادرش کچوک بب عش اب، دنیا من کفک و ییامن هار ار امش دنناوت دیریگب سامت ۲۸۰۰-۴۵۲-۴۲۵ مرامش بب (Hall)

Vietnamese

Thành phố Bellevue (City of Bellevue) đang hợp tác với Public Health của King County (King County Public Health) để giúp đỡ các cư dân có những thông tin mới về Bảo Hiểm Sức Khỏe, nay tiện lợi cho nhiều người hơn do đạo luật cải tổ y-tế "Affordable Care Act". Bắt đầu vào mùa thu này, các cư dân của Tiểu bang Washington sẽ có một phương cách mới để tìm, so sánh và đăng ký tham gia Bảo Hiểm Sức Khỏe cho mình bằng cách dùng Washington Healthplanfinder. Đăng ký tham gia bắt đầu vào ngày 1 tháng 10 năm 2013 và có hiệu lực vào ngày 1 tháng giêng năm 2014. Trung tâm gọi điện thoại nói nhiều thứ tiếng của King County sẽ giúp đỡ trên 175 ngôn ngữ khác nhau. Để được giúp đỡ và hướng dẫn chung tùy ngôn ngữ của quý vị, xin gọi (855) 923-4633. Để được làm hẹn với người trợ giúp cho từng cá nhân thuộc đa ngôn ngữ, xin gọi Bellevue Mini City Hall (425) 452-2800.

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