

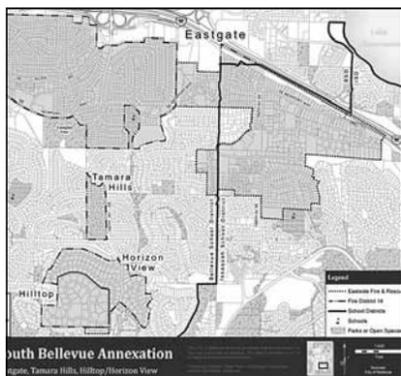
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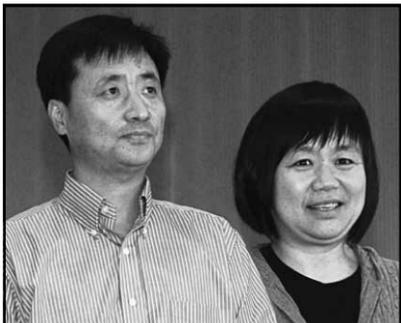
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## Minorities 41 percent of population

Jaikishan Jalan and his wife Sonam Agarwal live in a nice apartment downtown, just a block from his office at Microsoft. Evening sunlight comes through the balcony sliding-glass door; savory aromas of Indian cooking come from the kitchen.

When Jalan is not working, the couple, both 26, go on hikes or see movies.

"Bellevue is a beautiful place and the people are very friendly," Agarwal says of the city she and her husband have called home for a little over a year. The lakes and mountains around the city are a glorious contrast from the hot, sometimes dusty parts of India where Agarwal and Jalan were born and raised.

Like many in Bellevue, Jalan and Agarwal appreciate the city's urban flavor and low crime. Like a rising number of people here, they were not born in the United States. Moving from Iowa to Bellevue for a tech job, Jalan and his wife neatly represent the city's most notable population trends - surges in minorities and downtown residents.

According to the 2010 census, minorities now comprise 41 percent of Bellevue's population, up from 28 percent in 2000. Asians alone now account for nearly 28 percent of the city's population, the highest share of any city in the state.

The construction boom downtown, which included several high-rise condominiums and apartment buildings, transformed the neighborhood from a primarily commercial district to a home for more than 7,000 people, nearly triple the downtown population in 2000.

"Bellevue's continues to become more diverse and cosmopolitan," said Dan Stroh, planning director for the past 10 years. "People from many backgrounds moving to Bellevue expand our horizons socially and culturally. Plus, this situates us really well in today's global economy."



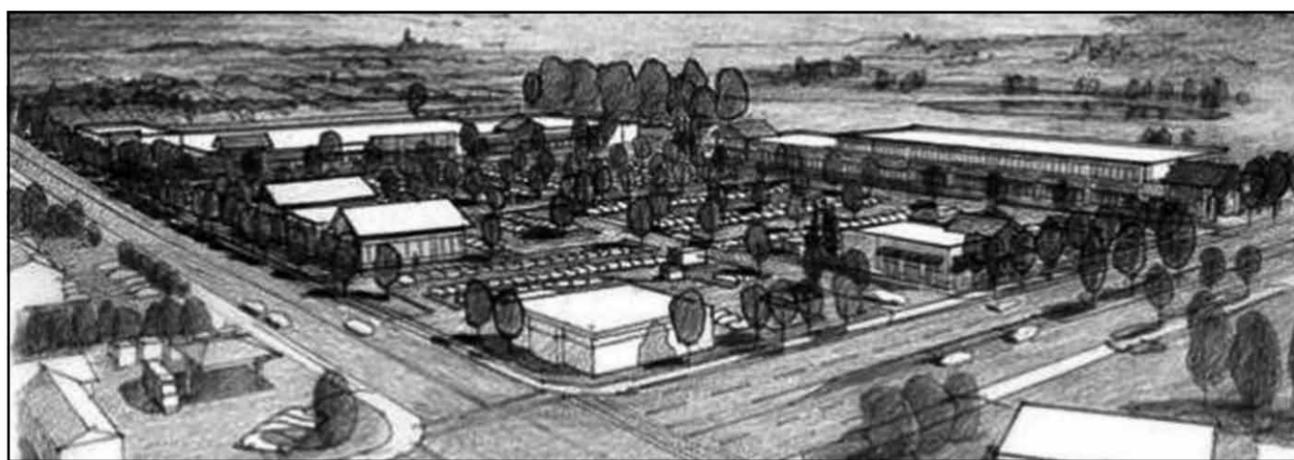
*Retirees Chijen and Shuangyu Lin at Crossroads Park.*

The statistics may be eye-popping, but the people behind them reflect more about the intersection of Bellevue's burst of high-tech jobs with a technically trained workforce from India and China than a yearning among Asians to move to the Northwest.

After earning a master's degree in computer science from Iowa State University, Jalan says he went to work for Microsoft because it offered the best possibility for career advancement. He was unfamiliar with Bellevue at the time.

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## Agreement eases way for Kelsey Creek Center rebirth



*Architect's sketch of a renovated Kelsey Creek Center*

To encourage new businesses at the Kelsey Creek Center, the City Council on June 6 approved an agreement that gives the owner a break on transportation impact fees.

Kelsey Creek Center LLC, which owns the shopping center on the 15000 block of Main Street, has plans to set up a health club and other businesses

in the former Kmart store there and add new buildings for retail and food service on the site.

Developers pay transportation impact fees to help mitigate traffic impacts from new construction. The owner in this case asked to pay \$182,000 in transportation impact fees rather than \$637,000. If some buildings at the shopping center are not leased by July 2012, Kelsey Creek Center will have to pay at least some of the \$455,000 in waived fees.

Kmart anchored the shopping center until it left in 2000. Since then the 106,000-square-foot building it occupied has remained vacant. Costco had leased the property, but abandoned plans for a warehouse store in 2008.

Until last year, redevelopment of the property required the opening or "daylighting" of Kelsey Creek, which runs through the shopping center in a culvert under the parking lot. The city lifted that requirement in exchange for off-site stream enhancements.

In May the council approved a conditional-use permit allowing renovation of the former Kmart building for a health club, which would occupy about half the building.



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# Council Corner



## Keeping up with change in Bellevue

By Mayor Don Davidson

As I was standing in the check-out line recently at the QFC store across the street from Bel-Square, I overheard the sort of conversation that I bet is familiar to many Bellevue residents.

My fellow shoppers were speaking Russian, and though I couldn't understand them, it got me thinking about how much our city has changed. When I moved

to Bellevue more than 40 years ago to open my dental practice, grocery shopping wasn't nearly so interesting.

In 1970, according to the U.S. Census, only about 14 percent of Bellevue residents spoke a language other than English at home, 5 percent were foreign born, and racially diverse groups made up just 2 percent of the population.

Our city sure has changed.

Today, 35 percent of Bellevue residents speak a language other than English at home, 30 percent of our residents were foreign-born (2009 American Community Survey), and racially diverse groups make up more than 40 percent of our population (2010 Census).

My colleague, Deputy Mayor Conrad Lee, the first and so far the only member of a racially diverse group elected to the Bellevue City Council, was born in China.

And while Bellevue has managed to evolve gracefully over time, the changes in our cultural and ethnic makeup do present challenges for city government.

For example, during a natural disaster, it's our responsibility as a city to let people know about emergency services, but that job can be pretty challenging when there are 84 languages spoken in our city (according to the Bellevue School District).

Here are some of the ways the City of Bellevue has responded to our changing demographics:

**Neighborhood Outreach programs:** This program serves the multicultural community from two locations - the Neighborhood Resource Center at City Hall, and Mini City Hall at Crossroads - offering translation assistance in nine languages. Neighborhood Outreach also maintains city web pages in five foreign languages and hosts cultural gatherings such as the popular Cultural Conversations series. Another group, Neighborhood Mediation, helps resolve community conflicts due to cultural differences; and a Strategic Planning division provides demographic information that helps guide services to the diverse community.

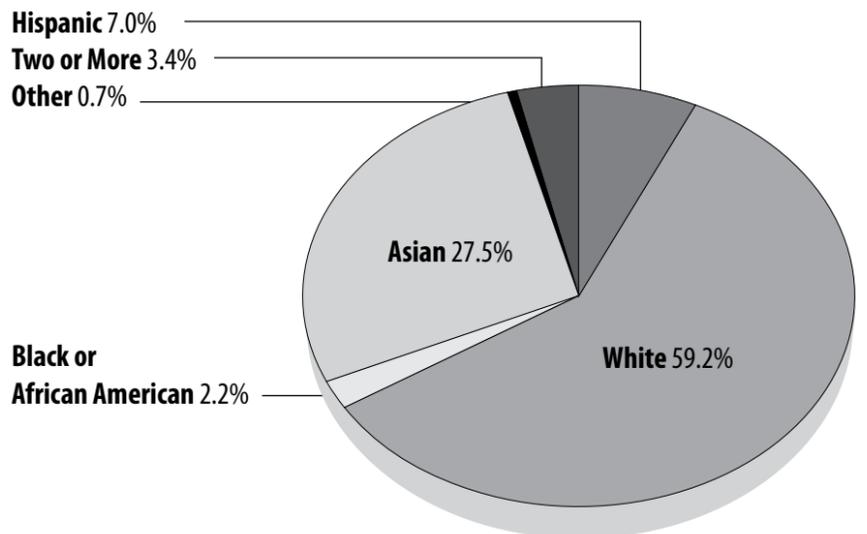
**Cultural Diversity program:** In 1994 the city created a program to provide information about diversity-related issues and promote community cohesion. Examples of what the program does include the Conversations about Race and Culture series; a radio show called Voices of Diversity, which highlights social and cultural issues; an ongoing series of cultural arts performances at city parks and community centers; and quarterly seminars providing tips on how local nonprofit organizations can connect with diverse audiences through the media.

**Wrap-Around Services:** A collaborative project between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District and United Way of King County, the Wrap-Around Services Initiative promotes healthy families and a healthy community through a single access point in public schools. Services include academic support, mentoring, recreation, mental health services and dental care for youth; it also provides parenting workshops, English language classes and crisis support for families. The program began in 2005

at Lake Hills Elementary and expanded to Odle Middle School in 2009.

**Emergency management:** Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides life-saving emergency information in multiple languages. Bellevue-specific material, including DVDs and YouTube videos, is now available in seven languages, and general emergency preparedness information is available in 17 languages. Following the March earthquake in Japan, OEM met with community members who have family in Japan to share information and provide emotional support. More recently, OEM hosted a cultural awareness event focusing on the experiences of Russian-speaking immigrants.

**Implementing anti-discrimination laws:** Bellevue works on several fronts to comply with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin under programs that receive federal assistance. Led by the Transportation Department, Title VI language is being incorporated into project newsletters, which in some cases are printed in multiple languages. Bellevue has also created a resource guide to interpretation and translation services for non-English speaking customers.



**Economic development:** In recent years the city's Office of Economic Development has worked to encourage trade opportunities, especially with India and China, countries with fast-growing populations in Bellevue. The office has promoted new cultural festivals, such as India Day at Crossroads Mall, and hosted a series of workshops on cultural aspects of doing business with Asia. Future plans call for the Office to receive trade delegations from China and India, create a multilingual website to promote trade with Asian countries, and host an event to place Japanese speakers with Bellevue companies.

I know that Bellevue's excellent schools, top-shelf employers and its location between two beautiful lakes, play a big role in attracting people from all over the world to our community. But I'd like to think the services and facilities provided by city government also contribute to our reputation as a great place to live.

Bellevue has transformed from being a predominantly white, bedroom community, to a city that's more metropolitan, more culturally diverse and more appealing.

When I take a moment to visit at the QFC check-out line, it's great to talk with folks who've lived all over the world. The conversation is different than it was, and it's getting more interesting all the time.

# Council Roundup

## Council reviews consultant's light rail route report

The council in May reviewed a consultant's report that found a recently analyzed light rail route to be a feasible alternative to a comparable one studied by Sound Transit - with improved ridership but a slightly higher cost.

The draft report, prepared by consultant Arup North America Ltd. for the council, compares a light rail alignment the council tabbed for further examination with a similar route studied by Sound Transit in a draft environmental review of its East Link line.

On June 29, Arup will present its final report to the public, in Council Chambers, 5:30-7 p.m. Both the B7-Revised route studied by Arup and the B7 route studied by Sound Transit roughly follow a path east along Interstate 90, then north along Interstate 405 to downtown Bellevue. However, B7-Revised includes of a park-and-ride garage adjacent to I-90 near Bellevue Way, while Sound Transit's B7 route locates one on 118th Avenue Southeast, near I-405.

Arup's report is part of a \$670,000 contract the council awarded to the firm to study the two B7 alternatives. The "conceptual design" report is the first of three possible work phases intended to produce an "apples to apples" comparison.

The council is expected to decide at a future meeting whether to proceed to the second phase, an environmental analysis, and later to a third phase that would produce conceptual engineering information allowing a comparison between B7-Revised and B2M, Sound Transit's preferred route.

**Feedback:** Maher Welaye, Project Manager, 425-452-4879, [mwelaye@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mwelaye@bellevuewa.gov)

## Downtown helistop permit approved

After more than two years of study, hundreds of pages of hearing examiner decisions and appeals, and multiple public hearings, the City Council on May 16 approved a permit allowing helicopters to land on a downtown office building.

The conditional-use permit allows up to five landings-takeoffs per week on top of the 21-story Bank of America Building, located at 10500 Northeast Eighth St. A maximum of four landings will be allowed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and one on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Council members voted 6-0 (Councilman Grant Degginger was absent) in favor of granting the permit to Kemper Development Company. The company of downtown property owner Kemper Freeman Jr. applied for the permit in 2009. The helistop was constructed in 1988, and temporary permits have allowed for limited landings since that time.

Approval came after the council tightened several permit conditions out of concern about potential impacts on downtown residents. Changes mean that helicopters must adhere to a strict flight path on freeways and Northeast Eighth Street only; Kemper Development must document deviations in hours or frequency of operation; and the city has a right to modify or revoke the permit.

**Feedback:** Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Attorney, 425-452-4616 or [mkberens@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mkberens@bellevuewa.gov)



## Diversity in Bellevue cont.

Although they are sold on the city now, and are open to other possibilities, ultimately they expect to move back to India.

Not so for Chijen and Shuangyu Lin, who live in a retirement center in Crossroads. They have no intention of leaving Bellevue.

"I am an American," Chijen says proudly in broken English, just weeks after gaining U.S. citizenship. "This is my honor."

The Lins, both 87, immigrated to Bellevue from Taiwan in 2006 to be with their son, Ho-Na, a civil engineer who moved to Redmond seven years

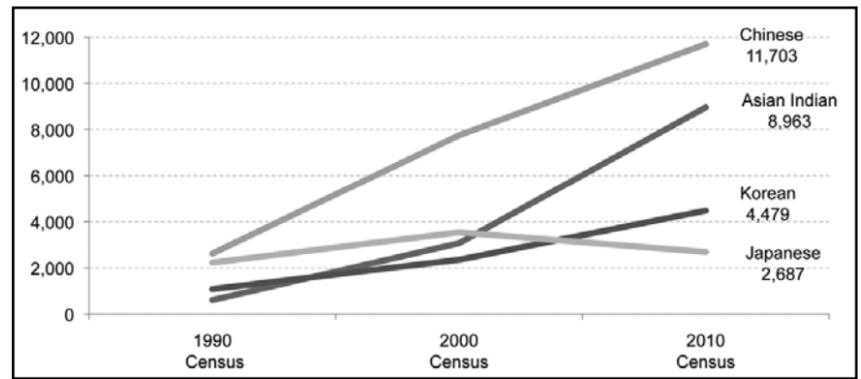


Asians constitute a significant part of the workforce downtown.

ago, after attending college in Maryland. He is married with two children, one a recent college graduate, the second, a freshman in college.

Chijen had his doubts about Bellevue, but found the city to be surprisingly diverse, with convenient facilities and transportation. He likes to take the bus to libraries around the area and his wife participates in events at the Asian Senior Concerns Foundation, an activity center in Crossroads for Asian retirees.

Generalizations about Asians in Bellevue are tricky. Just among those in high-tech jobs, some are here on work visas and may eventually return to their homelands, while others have established their careers and have become American citizens or are working toward that.



Graph of minorities trends

While some Asians live downtown, many are concentrated in the Crossroads or South Bellevue areas.

The 2010 census and the 2005-2009 American Community Survey, another Census Bureau document, offer a wealth of data that provide a good picture of Bellevue. Details, including population trends by neighborhood, are available on the city's website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/demographics.htm>.

Among the notable trends identified in the census and ACS:

- In 2010 Bellevue's population was 122,363, up 11.7 percent from 109,569 in 2000, in line with projections. Bellevue remains the fifth most populous city in the state.
- Bellevue's 2010 Asian population was 33,659, up from 19,011 in 2000.
- Echoing a trend throughout the country, the city's Latino population rose significantly, from 5,827 in 2000 to 8,545 last year.
- The percentage of Bellevue's adults with at least a bachelor's degree continues to grow, from 46 percent in 1990 to 54 percent in 2000 to about 60 percent in 2009.

Bellevue is expected to continue becoming more diverse. The trend, combined with an educated workforce, will attract a wide variety of businesses and economic growth to the city.

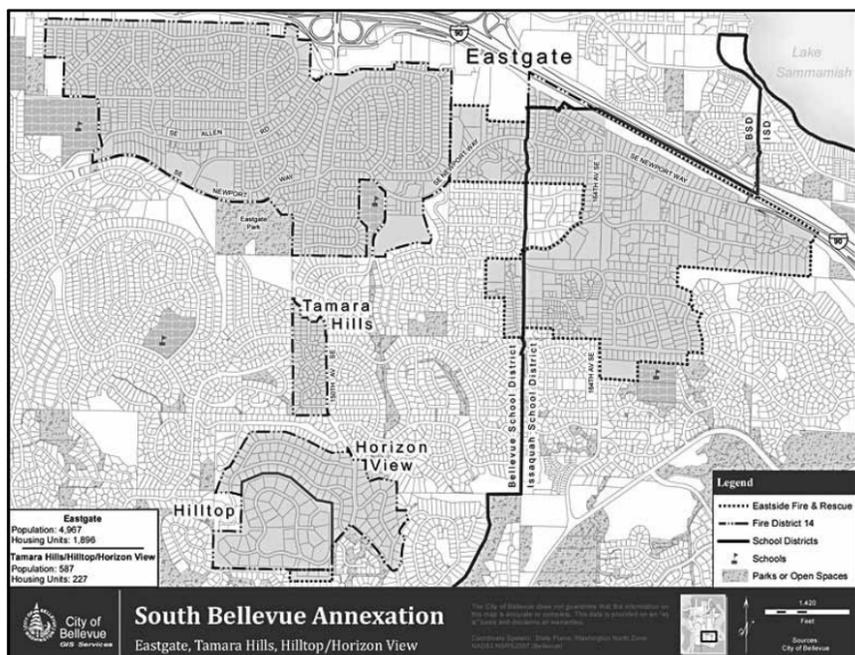
"It's got a big city touch, but little visible crime and traffic," Jalan said, summarizing the qualities that draw people of all kinds to Bellevue.

## South Bellevue annexation effort underway

A long-anticipated effort to annex the remaining unincorporated areas of South Bellevue is now underway. South Bellevue residents are working with the city and local property owners to bring Eastgate, Hilltop, Horizon View and Tamara Hills into the City of Bellevue.

All four communities in the "potential annexation area" are surrounded by Bellevue. Together they have 5,554 people, with 2,123 homes on 750 acres. Eastgate is the largest of the areas, with a population of 4,967, an area of 616 acres and 1,896 residences.

Residents of the potential annexation area are invited to a June 30 open house to learn more about the annexation process and about city services and programs. Bellevue department directors and key staff will be



The open house is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center. Staff also are available to meet with small groups of residents in their homes or neighborhood gatherings.

Residents in the South Bellevue area have expressed interest in annexation over the past few years. The City Council responded in February by approving a direct-petition annexation process. That two-step process requires an initial collection of signatures from property owners representing 10 percent of the assessed property value in each area.

Annexation is then affirmed when the city receives a second set of petitions for annexation from property owners representing at least 50 percent of assessed value in each area. If the necessary petitions are received, the four communities could be annexed by April 2012.

If annexed to Bellevue, property owners will pay less in taxes than they pay as property owners in unincorporated King County. Immediately upon annexation, residents in the four areas would receive Bellevue's high level of urban services, including fire and police protection, parks and recreation along with transportation, neighborhood, planning, building and development services.

Annexations have played a major part in Bellevue's growth since its 1953 incorporation - from 4.7 square miles to more than 31 square miles today. The last major annexation came in 2001, when the 523-acre West Lake Sammamish area was added to the city.

Serving the PAA will cost the city an additional \$1.1 million annually. Bellevue is able to consider the annexations, despite the increased cost, because of a state law allowing cities to make up annexation-related budget gaps with a 10-year state sales tax credit.

The credit has no impact on taxpayers, but reduces the state's revenue from the sales tax and directs it to the city. Designed to encourage cities to annex unincorporated urban areas and provide services, the law is set to expire in 2015.

Details about the annexation, including downloadable petition forms and maps and an online calculator of the fiscal benefits of annexation to a property owner, are available at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/south-bellevue-annexation.htm>.

Questions can be directed to Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner, 425-452-5371 ([nmatz@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:nmatz@bellevuewa.gov)), or Cheryl Kuhn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, at 425 452-4089 ([ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov)).

on hand to talk with participants and answer questions about all aspects of city operations and services.

## Summer outdoor movies return



### SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIES IN THE PARK

“Hey, hey, Boo Boo! How ‘bout we watch a free movie at Bellevue Downtown Park on July 5?”

This summer the 2011 Intelius “Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park” series returns with “Yogi Bear” starring Dan Akroyd and Justin Timberlake.

Over eight weeks, from July 5 to Aug. 23, films will be shown on a 40-foot screen in the east side of Downtown Park. The shows, all rated “G” or “PG,” will begin at dusk, between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

This is the third year for the popular series. Last year, almost 2,000

people attended each week.

With free movies and popcorn, attendees are asked to bring donations to benefit a local charity, with each movie night dedicated to a different local service organization.

Charities include Eastside Domestic Violence, Treehouse, Kinderling Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, Highland Community Center, Youth Care, Bellevue LifeSpring and Sophia Way.

This year, a limited number of “VIP” seats – featuring oversized inflatable furniture and popcorn, pizza, cupcake and beverage delivery service – are available for auction to help raise additional money for charity. For more information, email [summermovies@intelius.com](mailto:summermovies@intelius.com).

Parking is limited to the park’s lots and the streets, so carpooling is encouraged. If there is bad weather, that night’s movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way.

Intelius, a Bellevue-based company specializing in background checks, is the main event sponsor, along with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Support is also provided by Whole Foods, Cupcake Royale and Zeeks Pizza.

“It is just such a great atmosphere: Enjoying a fun movie with family or friends in a beautiful park in the heart of Bellevue,” said Brad Bennett, South Bellevue Community Center Manager and event organizer.

For more information, including information about needed donation items each week, visit <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies> or call 425-452-4240.

### Every Tuesday • July 5 – August 23

DATE	MOVIE	BENEFITING
July 5	Yogi Bear (pg)	Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue
July 12	Despicable Me (pg)	The Sophia Way
July 19	Letters to Juliet (pg)	Eastside Domestic Violence Program
July 26	Megamind (pg)	Treehouse
August 2	How to Train Your Dragon (pg)	Highland Community Center
August 9	Shrek Forever After (pg)	Kinderling
August 16	The Karate Kid (pg)	YouthCare
August 23	Gnomeo & Juliet (g)	Bellevue LifeSpring

## Neighbor Link picnic at Crossroads

The annual Neighbor Link picnic, hosted by the city to celebrate residents’ service to the community, will be Saturday, July 23, at Crossroads Park. In keeping with the theme of an old-fashioned picnic, the first 600 guests can buy a hot dog lunch for only a dollar.

In addition to the built-in playground and water spray play area enjoyed year-round, a host of games, sports and activities will be available for both young and old throughout the two-hour event, starting at noon. All activities are free and family-friendly, and prizes will be provided by Chipotle and the Seattle Mariners.

The Po’okela Street Band, a high-energy pop and reggae group will play a fusion of Top 40, R&B, pop, rock, rap and country. A volunteer fair will offer information on a myriad of volunteer opportunities throughout the Eastside.

The lunches, to include all-beef hot dogs, potato chips and drinks, will be supplied by the picnic sponsors, the Crossroads Bellevue shopping center and the Stone Gardens climbing gym, so lunch proceeds will be donated to the Eastside Human Services Fund.

A “Help the Babies” diaper drive to benefit Eastside Baby Corner will be in the north parking lot, with a drive-through drop-off for diaper and cash donations. Individuals and neighborhoods that donate at least 500 diapers will receive a special recognition certificate.



The Neighbor Link picnic last year at City Hall.

Neighbor Link is a project of the city’s Neighborhood Outreach program, which encourages community building and community service. The Neighbor Link picnic, at City Hall the last two years, is open to the public and Bellevue residents of all ages are encouraged to come.

Crossroads Community Park is located at 16000 NE 10th St. Parking is available at the park, with overflow parking at the east end of the shopping Center.

For more information on the picnic or other Neighbor Link programs, contact Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## New green gardening guides

A new series of natural gardening guides is available online to help home gardeners grow a little greener this year. The guides are an extension of the city’s Natural Yard Care program, which promotes healthy, environmentally-friendly gardening practices.

Also offered in neighboring communities, the program is sponsored in partnership with King County and the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Workshops are also offered each spring and fall to teach residents how easy and rewarding natural yard care can be. Hundreds of residents throughout the city have participated. By choosing the right methods, technologies and materials, these home gardeners are having a positive impact by creating yards that are both beautiful and environmentally responsible.

The new gardening guides, which feature a calendar with tips for applying natural yard care tasks seasonally, have been very popular with program participants. The guides also help gardeners save water, reduce waste and cut the need for chemicals by offering information on natural garden design, choosing plants, building healthy soil, home composting and smart watering.

Join your neighbors this spring and give natural yard care a try. The gardening guides are online at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/natural\\_lawn\\_intro.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/natural_lawn_intro.htm).

The website also includes a link to the Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, where you can see natural gardening in action or volunteer to learn hands-on about the plants and methods used there.

For a printed copy or information on the fall Natural Yard Care program, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.



## Businesses get help going green



Mayor Don Davidson speaks at the New York stock exchange.

Bellevue businesses seeking to make their operations more sustainable will get help setting targets with the city's new "Green Business Challenge." Bellevue was one of just four cities nationwide to receive a \$15,000 grant this spring to launch the program.

To celebrate winning the grant, Mayor Don Davidson helped ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange recently. The Green Business Challenge Implementation grant comes from Office Depot and ICLEI USA, an association of local governments promoting sustainable development.

The Eastside Sustainable Business Alliance, a partnership with neighboring cities and local companies, plans to launch the Challenge in November and recruit 100 Eastside businesses to participate.

## Couple help solve burglary

The burglar was armed and leaving their yard, but the Newport Hills couple wouldn't let him make a clean getaway. Even though the thief was pointing a gun at them as he got in his car and drove away, Zhiqiang Zhang and his wife Mingying Duan took down the license plate number.

When they called the police that September day, they were able to describe the burglar and his car, and supply that plate number. For helping Bellevue Police crack the case, which led to the arrest of a Redmond man responsible for several burglaries on the Eastside and in Seattle, Zhiqiang and Mingying have received a Citizen Law Enforcement Merit Award.

At the annual Police Awards Ceremony in May, the couple was among eight residents to receive merit awards for heroic actions last year.

"When it comes to fighting crime and saving lives, the citizens are our partners," Police Chief Linda Pillo noted at the awards presentation at City Hall. "We can't do what we do nearly as well without their help."

Saving lives was a recurring theme for the awards to citizens and police officers alike. In four separate incidents in 2010, citizens and police teamed up to apply CPR that saved a heart-attack victim's life. Police officers also received life saving awards for stopping someone attempting to commit suicide.

- Four employees at Highland Middle School - Maureen McDermott, Leslie Jaynes, Bill Clarke and Alexis Werth - received awards for helping when a fellow employee collapsed during an after-school soccer game last June. Officer Tom Moriarty was honored for helping them use the school's defibrillator as CPR was performed.
- Jorge Herrera-Huerta of Bellevue was honored for helping a woman administer CPR when her father had a heart attack in her car in September. Officer Craig Hanaumi, also named officer of the year for other good works, helped Huerta before medics arrived.



Zhiqiang Zhang and Mingying Duan accept their award.

## Volunteer of the year honorees

A high-school girl who spearheaded a coat drive that collected more than 3,000 jackets for needy families last year has been named city volunteer of the year. A man who gave hundreds of hours to a local nonprofit agency is the 2011 community volunteer of the year.

Gigi Jirapolchet, the Bellevue High student, and Bill Gill, who volunteers for Jubilee REACH Center, were honored at an April City Council meeting.



Gigi Jirapolchet

Thousands of volunteers provide service to the Bellevue community every day. In 2010, more than 5,895 people gave more than 135,000 hours to city programs. Even more volunteers serve dozens of local organizations that provide services to Bellevue residents.

"Volunteering is a very powerful, positive way to respond to today's challenges," City Manager Sarkozy said. "We invite all the citizens of Bellevue to consider volunteering, either with a city program or throughout the community. They make a huge difference."

Both awards recognize volunteers who go beyond the call of duty and show leadership, innovation, creativity and collaboration. Volunteers for both city and community programs are honored as the city's volunteer program embraces a communitywide approach to civic service.

Gigi, who was nominated by Bellevue Youth Link, took on the leadership of the 2010 Kids Care Coat Drive Action Team, leading the group to collect and distribute jackets and coats to needy families. Gigi is also involved in the Bellevue Youth Court and the Bellevue Youth Council and is president of the Bellevue High School Fashion Club.

Gill has volunteered for Jubilee REACH for years, participating in the Before School, Vibes Volunteer, ESL and the youth tutoring programs. He also helps families in crisis find needed resources, coordinates scout projects at the center and school supply donations.

Information about Bellevue's volunteer program, including the Community Volunteering Guide, is available at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteer.htm>, or contact the city's volunteer program coordinator at [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov).

- Aaron Aiu, a Bellevue Square security officer, was honored for performing chest compressions to a man who collapsed at the mall in November. Officer Andy Hanke ran to the scene with a portable defibrillator from his car and performed CPR.
- Officer Brenda Johnson and Corporal Andrew Popochock teamed up to assist a man in cardiac arrest outside Group Health Medical Center in March 2010. They were the first officers to use a portable defibrillator placed in patrol cars as part of a pilot program.

About twice a year, suicidal people try to jump from the highway overpasses in Bellevue. In addition to harming themselves, these people can injure motorists on the interstate below and the people trying to save them. Suicides are traumatic for all involved.

Officer Jacob Bement was honored for pulling a man from an overpass rail in October. Officer Scott Montgomery and Corporal Jason McElyea foiled a suicide attempt in December.

## Carbon Yeti wins EPA award

The city has received a 2010 Clean Air Excellence Award from the Environmental Protection Agency for a program that features a cartoon character teaching residents simple actions that reduce carbon emissions.

The Carbon Yeti is a large, hairy character who is wasteful of the planet's resources. An online pledge book shows the Carbon Yeti learning easy ways to reduce its carbon footprint around the home.

The city also has designed an interactive Carbon Yeti House with imbedded games that teach kids in a fun way how to reduce their carbon footprint. Targeted for grades 4-6, the musical, interactive games include puzzles and a calculator that shows a visitor's carbon footprint. Visit the house at [www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse).

The city takes the Carbon Yeti program into Bellevue's middle-school science classes through a partnership with Bellevue School District. The two-day program focuses on conserving resources through water conservation, waste prevention, recycling and pollution prevention.

Students can take home pledge books that suggest ways they can reduce their carbon footprint at home or they can go online to take the pledge. So far, residents from 880 households have sent in pledge cards listing what they are already doing to reduce their carbon footprint, as well as actions they pledge to start doing to further reduce their impact.

Bellevue residents who would like a Smaller Footprint Pledge book should call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932, or go online at [www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/yetihouse) to take the pledge.

## Time bank offers new way to give and get services

Ever wanted to learn how to play the guitar, but just couldn't afford it? Or maybe a babysitter to watch your kids for an hour would be a big help, but you don't have the cash for that either.

People now have a way to access specialized services without spending scarce dollars, by donating services to the community in return. "Eastside Timebank" is a new program offered jointly by the cities of Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland.

"Timebank can allow people in tight economic times to maybe have some luxuries they would be cutting otherwise," said Greta Climber of Kirkland, who participated in the program over the last year, when the City of Kirkland and the nonprofit organization Hopelink were testing it.

Climber has donated dog obedience lessons and was considering offering canning and sailing lessons. She had yet to draw on her "account" for a service.

Members earn hours by donating services in the community; they can spend those hours receiving services from other members. Although it's indirect, the time bank is similar to traditional bartering, where a person provides one service in exchange for another. It has a modern twist too, with an online database that allows members to post and screen service offers.

"Especially in this age of technology and computers, it's a great way to bring people together to exchange valuable services that they may not

otherwise be able to take advantage of," said Greg Stempson, who obtained dog training while donating window washing through the program.

Members of the time bank donate time doing something they would like to do for others, such as house painting, haircuts or dog walking. In return they can receive the same number of hours of service from other members.

Each hour of service can be exchanged for one hour from another member, regardless of the service. For example, a member may trade an hour of dog walking for an hour of computer assistance.

Joining the Eastside Timebank requires completing an application, a background check and attending an orientation.

The time bank formed from a collaboration of the cities of Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue, with fiscal sponsorship from Hopelink. In addition, funding for the pilot project was provided by United Way of King County and Eastside Community Assistance.

"The best benefit may be a sense of community, says Climber. "I think it's really a rich way of engaging with people. The community becomes more tightly woven and stronger and perhaps more like the communities our grandparents grew up in."

To join Eastside Timebank or learn more about it, visit [www.eastsidetimebank.org](http://www.eastsidetimebank.org).

## What makes a home green?

The word "green" in relationship to homes conjures up many images for us, including exterior paint color, solar panels and windmills. But what really makes a home green? And how will those features benefit the people living in the home?



Solar panels are a popular source of renewable energy.

The following criteria are well accepted within the green community, and are most frequently marketed in sales materials to increase the home's sales potential.

### Energy Efficiency

Green homes generally use less energy to heat and cool than traditionally built homes. Features include: denser insulation; fewer air leaks; and more efficient heating methods, such as heat recovery vents, which recirculate already heated air mixed with fresh air directly from the outside. Energy-efficient appliances, like those that are Energy Star-rated, add to the financial savings realized by the more efficient construction methods.

### Resource-efficient materials

The second thing commonly cited in green building literature, resource-efficient materials include those from renewable resources, such as bamboo, and those made from other recycled materials. For instance, fly ash can be added to concrete to increase the amount of recycled content in the material and reduce the amount of first-use materials in a building project.

### Renewable energy sources

Used to meet some or all a home's energy needs, sun and wind are two commonly used forms of renewable energy. In some cases these energy sources generate more power than a home needs, providing a surplus to sell back to the traditional energy company. For solar energy, photovoltaic panels have been upgraded dramatically in the last few years and are more efficient and accessible now than ever. Wind power is an efficient model for energy production, but windmills and other wind generators are not as prevalent as solar panels in Bellevue.

### Nontoxic materials

Because people are becoming more conscious of the impact of toxic building materials on their family's health, most green homes will feature nontoxic building materials. Formaldehyde-free cabinets and countertops are one way to "green" your kitchen. In addition to the countertops, there are many nontoxic paints with low or no VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Environmentally friendly sealants, caulks and adhesives, which do not have harmful effects for health, are readily available at your local hardware store.

### Landscaping

Often the last place addressed in a "green" home, environmentally friendly landscaping features native and other climate-tolerant plants that can survive on natural rainfall after initial establishment. Landscape irrigation can be a primary use of water for many residences in the summer months. By choosing plants with care, you can drastically reduce or even entirely eliminate water use, saving both natural resources and money.

There are many programs with standardized requirements to rate the "green" of residential projects and provide some sort of certification to builders and homeowners.

"Built Green" is the most common program in this region for residential green construction. Sponsored by the Master Builders Association, Built Green has strong support from the construction community. The second most popular in residential construction is LEED for Homes, sponsored by the United States Green Building Council.

Both of these programs have a proven track record of certifying homes that save energy and increase the occupants' comfort and health compared with other traditionally built homes.

Green building is a component of the city's environmental stewardship initiative. If you want to explore options to incorporate green features into your next building or home improvement project, visit the Development Services Center, or call Liz Stead at 425-452-2725.



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## Top commercial recyclers honored

Five businesses – La Tienda Grocery, Olson’s Tack Shop, Bellevue Healthcare, Pacific Bioscience Laboratories and Pro Golf Discount – are the top commercial recyclers in Bellevue.

The City Council presented awards in April. In addition to recognition from the city and Allied Waste, which handles garbage and recycling for Bellevue, each business will receive a month of free garbage service.

In the small business category, La Tienda and Olson’s both recycled 87 percent of their waste in 2010. La Tienda, a Latin food store that recycles large amounts of cardboard, has earned this award six of the past seven years. Olson’s, which sells horse-riding gear, implemented a “go green” initiative last year, which includes an all-email marketing system, eliminating plastic bags and reusing as many boxes as possible when shipping products to customers.

Bellevue Healthcare won in the medium size category, with an 80 percent recycling rate. The company, which sells, rents and services home medical equipment, reuses cardboard boxes, makes recycling bins easily accessible to staff and purchases office supplies made from recycled content.

Pacific Bioscience and Pro Golf Discount of Bellevue won in the large business category, both with a recycling rate of 83 percent.

Pacific Bioscience, which makes Clarisonic skin care products, trains employees in on-site recycling practices and gives them desk-side recycling bins instead of waste baskets. The company encourages suppliers to reduce packaging as much as possible.

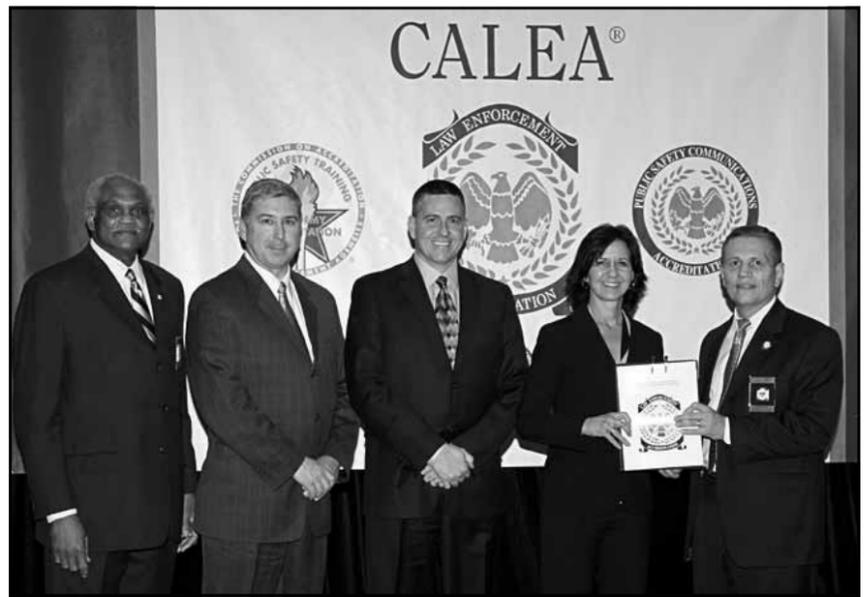
Pro Golf Discount, which ships golfing supplies all over the world, reuses boxes, paper, bubble wrap and wooden pallets as much as possible, and then recycles packaging material that is no longer usable.

The commercial recycling program is available at no additional charge to Allied Waste commercial garbage customers. The program allows all recyclables to be combined in the same recycling container. Cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, aluminum cans, plastic containers, plastic film and all colors of glass containers can be combined for recycling.

Allied Waste and the City of Bellevue began the Commercial Recycling Awards in 2005. If businesses would like to learn more about recycling, they should contact Allied Waste at 425-646-2492 or Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

For details about garbage and recycling services in Bellevue, please visit the city’s website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-businesses.htm>.

## Police rated flagship agency



Chief Linda Pillo accepts a plaque for accreditation from CALEA.

The Bellevue Police Department was reaccredited for the third time this year, and was named a “flagship agency” by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Only a small percentage of law enforcement agencies are given flagship status. They are cited as examples for other law enforcement agencies seeking accreditation. Flagship agencies are considered to demonstrate “best practices” on how to address compliance, policy development, file maintenance and other issues relating to the accreditation process.

On March 26, Police Chief Linda Pillo, along with Captain Pat Spak and Major Mike Johnson accepted the award at a CALEA conference in Bethesda, Md.

Initially accredited in 2005, the Bellevue Police continue to demonstrate a commitment to professional standards in policy and practice, and a continuous process of thorough, agencywide self-evaluation.

## Volunteer receives Governor’s Award

Khawja “Shams” Shamsuddin, a volunteer with the Bellevue Police Department for more than 12 years, received the Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. It’s the second time in three years a volunteer with the department has been given the award.



Khawja Shamsuddin

In addition to helping residents who come into the Factoria substation, Shamsuddin serves on the police department’s Diversity Focus Group, which helps the department respond to the needs of the city’s ethnic communities. He volunteers for other organizations as well, serving as a mediator, interpreter and fundraiser.

“Being of service to others is as instinctive to Shams as breathing,” Police Volunteer Coordinator Marjorie Trachtman wrote in an award nomination.

“(He) embodies the values this award seeks to recognize.”

The Governor’s Award, currently in its seventh year, goes to citizens who “effect real change in their communities through volunteer service.” Gov. Chris Gregoire presented the award to Shamsuddin at a reception on April 11 at the governor’s mansion in Olympia.

Shamsuddin has volunteered more than 2,600 hours for the police department. Among his other charitable activities, he raises money for the local Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Arab and Indian communities. He also is a sought-after speaker with the Islamic Speakers Bureau and an organizer for the Eastside Interfaith Group.

“We are so fortunate to have such dedicated citizens volunteering with our department,” Chief Linda Pillo said. “Their efforts are part of the reason we’re able to provide such a high level of service to the community.”

In 2009 long-time police volunteer Susan Allen received the same award for her contributions to the department and city.

## Wet lab donated for MSEEC

With a second wet lab opened in April, the expansion of the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is nearly complete. “Pond Lily,” as the new building is referred to on-site, allows up to 90 more students to experience hands-on study of wetlands plants and animals at the MSEEC each week.

The lab was donated to the community and constructed by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.

Pond Lily and “Dragonfly,” the other wet lab, are part of a complex of new facilities, including a visitor center, a community building, boardwalks and a “tree house,” which make for a dramatic gateway to



Interns at the donated wet lab

the 320-acre Mercer Slough Nature Park, Lake Washington’s largest urban wetland.

Most of the facilities were completed in 2008. Only a second classroom now remains to be built.

The City of Bellevue and Pacific Science Center partner to operate a wide variety of programs for youth and adults at Mercer Slough.

The programming at Mercer Slough, for adults and students from schools throughout the region, is designed to inspire lifelong awareness, understanding and appreciation for stewardship of the natural world.

Pacific Science Center, a private, not-for-profit educational institution, provides science-based education programs targeted to youth. The city provides environmental interpretive programs for adults and families, and maintains the property that serves about 14,000 students each year.

# Citywide Projects Update

## Introduction

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

### Bridle Trails

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Bridle Trails Park(s):</b> Developing two parks in the Bridle Trails neighborhood, with funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. Worked with residents to identify preferred park locations. \$2.5 million	Property negotiation	Master planning Fall 2011	Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 <a href="mailto:BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov">BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm">bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm</a>
<b>Bellevue Golf Course Improvements:</b> Replacing existing poles and netting on the driving range and installing new lights. \$210,000	Design	Fall 2011	Randy Leifer, 425-452-2850 <a href="mailto:Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov">Rleifer@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>SR 520 Bridge Replacement &amp; HOV Program:</b> Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing interchanges and highway between I-5 and Medina, from four to six lanes, with new transit/HOV lanes in each direction. \$4.5 billion	Starting work near west end of the 520 bridge	Bridge Construction in 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm">bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm</a>
<b>Eastside Transit &amp; HOV Project:</b> Completing and improving the 8.8 mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Road to the SR 202 interchange, improving access and adding a pedestrian and bicycle path. \$306 million	Construction	Complete 2013	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/">www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/</a>

### Crossroads

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion:</b> Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park, to accommodate up to 150 seats. In cooperation with the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, who are actively fundraising for the project. \$8 million	Waiting for permits	TBD	Brian J. Krause, 425-452-6992 <a href="mailto:BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov">BJkrause@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Coal Creek Newcastle Trailhead Parking Lot:</b> To serve the Coal Creek Natural Area. \$300,000	Waiting for permits	Complete Fall 2011	Geoff Bradley, 425-452-2740 <a href="mailto:Gbradley@bellevuewa.gov">Gbradley@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:</b> Constructing a picnic area with two picnic shelters, restroom, pathways, and parking lot with funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$1.8 million	Construction	Complete end of 2011	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 <a href="mailto:kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov">kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Regional Detention Pond:</b> Improving the storm drainage runoff water quality before it's released into Lewis Creek. \$450,000-\$600,000	Design	Complete Sum. 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### Factoria

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Bannerwood Sports Field Lighting Replacement:</b> New energy-efficient sports field lighting, with new parking lot and security lighting. \$400,000	Out to bid	Complete Fall 2011	Bret Wilson, 425-452-2932 <a href="mailto:Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov">Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Factoria Multi-Use Path Connection:</b> Installing a 10'-wide pedestrian/bicycle path between 124th Avenue SE and the eastbound I-90 off-ramp in Factoria. \$1.4 million	Fall construction	Complete 2011	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 <a href="mailto:cmasek@bellevuewa.gov">cmasek@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>130th Avenue SE Sidewalk:</b> Installing a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of 130th Avenue SE, between SE 45th Place to SE 47th Street. \$150,000	Design	Complete Fall 2011	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov">vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### Newport Hills

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>SE 56th Street Sidewalk:</b> Installing six-foot-wide sidewalk with four-foot planter strip east of 119th Avenue SE. \$120,000	Design	Complete Fall 2011	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov">vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>119th Avenue SE Urban Boulevards Enhancements:</b> Adding gateway signage, landscaping features and public art at several locations. \$180,000	Planning and design	Complete 2012	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 <a href="mailto:Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov">Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Coal Creek Culvert Replacement:</b> Replacing a 30-year old pipe culvert with a box-culvert or bridge that will have more room for increased flow, debris and fish and wildlife passage. \$6.5 million	Design	Construction Spr. 2012	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 <a href="mailto:BJensen@bellevuewa.gov">BJensen@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### NE Bellevue

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Valley Greene Pressure Reducing Valve:</b> Replacing an aging valve to improve water pressure. \$400,000	Construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### Northwest Bellevue

	Current Status Est. Timeline		Contact/Department
<b>Bellevue Way NE Urban Boulevards Upgrades:</b> Enhancing the streetscape, retaining the natural vegetation, making minor rockery repairs and upgrading the irrigation system. \$180,000	Ready for construction	Complete in 2012	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 <a href="mailto:Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov">Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>I-405 / SR 520 WSDOT Braids:</b> Building multi-level "braided" ramps to separate vehicles entering and exiting northbound I-405 between NE Eighth Street and SR 520. A new bypass lane for I-405 traffic headed eastbound to SR 520. A new ramp from the NE 10th Street overpass will give drivers direct access to SR 520 from downtown Bellevue. \$107.5 million	Construction	Open Sum. 2012	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 <a href="mailto:Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov">Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE8thtoSR520/">www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE8thtoSR520/</a>
<b>Northup Way Corridor Improvements:</b> Adding a bike facility and sidewalk improvements along Northup Way between NE 24th Street and 108th Avenue NE, which will serve as an interim regional SR 520 trail. At 108th Avenue NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built as part of the 520 project, with WSDOT as lead agency. \$800,000	Preliminary design.	Preliminary design complete Fall 2011	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 <a href="mailto:Scosta@bellevuewa.gov">Scosta@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Bellevue Way &amp; NE 24th Street Traffic Signal Upgrade:</b> Replacing the existing span wire signal, updating the curb ramps and overlaying intersection. \$400,000	Design	Construction in 2012	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 <a href="mailto:Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov">Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>AC Water Main Replacement 2010, Phase 2:</b> Replacing existing AC water main with ductile iron pipe in this neighborhood. \$1.3 million	Construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Yarrow Creek:</b> Restoring the property and creating a surface stream channel and adding support to a sewer line. \$200,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 <a href="mailto:BJensen@bellevuewa.gov">BJensen@bellevuewa.gov</a>



### Sammamish/East Lake Hills

	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Phase I: I-90 to SE 34th Street:</b> Designing Segment 1 (of 5) to include an improved multi-use trail, retaining walls, landscaping, and improved roadway drainage. \$8.3 million	Design	60% Design this Sum.	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 <a href="mailto:Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov">Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_pkwy.htm">bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_pkwy.htm</a>
<b>Airfield Park:</b> Construct sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and stormwater improvements over an existing landfill with funding from the Parks and Natural Area Levy. \$5 million	Planning	TBD	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 <a href="mailto:Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov">Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### Somerset

	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>Coal Creek Stairs:</b> Constructing stairs and trail structures to Coal Creek Natural area. \$150,000	Construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Geoff Bradley, 425-452-2740 <a href="mailto:Gbradley@bellevuewa.gov">Gbradley@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Coal Creek Parkway – SE 48th Place Outfall Repair:</b> Repairing the drainage culvert to help prevent erosion at the stream. \$150,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 <a href="mailto:BJensen@bellevuewa.gov">BJensen@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Vasa Creek:</b> Repairing and restoring the stream. \$175,000	Ready for construction	Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 <a href="mailto:Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov">Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### West Bellevue

	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>102nd Avenue NE Mid-block Crosswalk just north of NE 8th Street:</b> Enhancing mid-block crosswalk island, creating an alternate route. \$500,000	Ready for construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 <a href="mailto:Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov">Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>108th Avenue SE:</b> Bellevue Way to I-90 Walkway/Bikeway Project: Improving pedestrian and bicycle access. \$3 million	Starting construction	Complete end of 2011	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 <a href="mailto:Scosta@bellevuewa.gov">Scosta@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/108th-se-pedbike.htm">bellevuewa.gov/108th-se-pedbike.htm</a>
<b>Downtown Transportation Plan:</b> Evaluating transportation alternatives, including potential new roadway capacity, non-motorized and transit facility improvements, to ensure mobility through 2030. \$175,000	Planning	Complete end of 2012	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 <a href="mailto:KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov">KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>I-90 Two-Way Transit/High Occupancy Vehicle Project, Stage 2:</b> Adding HOV lanes to the I-90 outer roadway between Seattle and Bellevue. Improve eastbound I-90 from Mercer Island and HOV access at Bellevue Way, in partnership with Sound Transit and WSDOT. \$187 million	Construction	Complete Fall 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/I-90_hov_intro.htm">bellevuewa.gov/I-90_hov_intro.htm</a>
<b>East Link Light Rail:</b> Working with Sound Transit to advance the planning, analysis and design of alignment through Bellevue. Sound Transit will select an alignment Summer 2011. \$2.3 billion	Design ongoing	Review complete in 2011	Bernard van de Kamp, 425-452-6459 <a href="mailto:Bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov">Bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm">bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm</a>
<b>Central Business District Sanitary Sewer Improvements:</b> Repairing sewer defects at various areas in downtown Bellevue. \$600,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 <a href="mailto:Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov">Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Emerald Ridge Wastewater Pump Station Replacement:</b> Replacing an almost 30-year old pump with a new pump station. \$1 million	Construction	Complete Fall 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 <a href="mailto:Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov">Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov</a>

### West Lake Hills

	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>145th Place SE and SE 22nd Street Improvements, Phase II:</b> Adding bike lanes and sidewalk/path on both sides, a center-turn lane, left-turn pockets, medians, landscape planters, stormwater and street lighting improvements between SE 16th and SE 24th streets. On SE 22nd Street, adding a sidewalk with curb and gutter on the north side, west of 156th Avenue SE and raised crosswalks. \$3.6 million	Construction	Complete 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 <a href="mailto:Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov">Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/145_improvements.htm">bellevuewa.gov/145_improvements.htm</a>
<b>Eastgate I-90 Land Use &amp; Transportation Project:</b> Evaluating land use and transportation alternatives for this regional employment corridor to help ensure the area continues to attract and retain employers, provides a mix of services, and contributes to Bellevue's economic health. A Citizen Advisory Committee has been meeting since late 2010. \$295,000	Under study	Complete end of 2011	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 <a href="mailto:Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov">Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm">bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm</a>

### Wilburton

	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>Bellevue Botanical Garden Ravine Bridges:</b> Constructing two pedestrian bridges, including a rigid lattice truss bridge and a suspension bridge. In cooperation with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, who are actively fundraising. Partial funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$1 million	Out to bid	2011/2012	Scott Vanderhyden, 425-452-6855 <a href="mailto:Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov">Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center:</b> Constructing a new 6,000 square foot visitor center and parking lot, including visitor services, administration meeting and educational facilities. In cooperation with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, who are actively fundraising. Partial funding from the Parks & Natural Areas Levy. \$1 million	Design	TBD	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 <a href="mailto:kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov">kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>130th Avenue NE Station Planning:</b> Planning redevelopment, including stream restoration, new parks and transportation facilities, in the area of NE 15th Street, where a new light rail station is expected. \$100,000	Evaluating station area	Final Station Area Plan by early 2012.	Paul Inghram, 425-452-4070 <a href="mailto:Pingram@bellevuewa.gov">Pingram@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm">bellevuewa.gov/130th_station.htm</a>
<b>NE Fourth Street Extension: 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE:</b> Extending NE 4th Street, with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. Includes landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Avenue NE. Project will be in two phases. \$38.4 million	Design	Phase 1 Construction Wtr. 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 <a href="mailto:Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov">Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/ne-fourth-street-extension.htm">bellevuewa.gov/ne-fourth-street-extension.htm</a>
<b>NE Fifth Street:</b> 120th Avenue NE to 124th Avenue NE: Working with a neighborhood traffic committee to address potential traffic impacts on NE 5th Street to east of 120th Avenue NE with Phase II of NE 4th Street. \$TBD	Under analysis	Construction Wtr. 2012	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 <a href="mailto:Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov">Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/NE-5th-traffic.htm">bellevuewa.gov/NE-5th-traffic.htm</a>
<b>NE Sixth Street Extension:</b> I-405 to 120th Avenue NE: Extending NE 6th as an HOV only facility, from the I-405 interchange to the east over 116th Avenue NE and ending at 120th Avenue NE, with two lanes in each direction. \$1 million (Pre-design only)	Preliminary design	NA	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 <a href="mailto:Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov">Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov</a>

<b>120th Avenue NE Improvements:</b> 300 Block to 700 Block, Stage 1: Widening to five lanes, with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, where missing. Adding a traffic signal at NE 6th Street. \$7 million	Design	Construction Wtr. 2012	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 <a href="mailto:Scosta@bellevuewa.gov">Scosta@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening.htm">bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening.htm</a>
<b>120th Avenue NE Improvements: NE 8th Street to Northup Way, Stage 2 &amp; 3:</b> Realigning the 120th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street intersection and widening 120th Avenue NE up to five lanes. Includes intersection improvements at NE 8th Street, Old Bel-Red Road, NE 12th Street, Northup Way. Also includes bike lanes, sidewalks on both sides, landscaping, storm drainage, and street lighting stage 2. \$21.5 million	Design	Construction Spr. 2013	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 <a href="mailto:Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov">Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening-phase-2.htm">bellevuewa.gov/120th-widening-phase-2.htm</a>
<b>NE 15th Multi-Modal Corridor, Seg. 1: 116th Avenue NE at NE 12th Street to 124th Avenue NE:</b> Designing two lanes in each direction, left-turn lanes at designated intersections, sidewalk on both sides, bicycle facilities, street lighting, and storm drainage and detention. \$5.4 million (Design only)	Conceptual design	60% engineering Spr. 2012	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 <a href="mailto:Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov">Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov</a> <a href="http://bellevuewa.gov/NE-15th-Street-construction.htm">bellevuewa.gov/NE-15th-Street-construction.htm</a>
<b>124th Avenue NE: Proposed NE 15th/NE 16th Street Extension to Northup Way:</b> Widening 124th Avenue NE between the planned NE 15th/NE 16th Street and Northup Way to five lanes. \$1.8 million (Design only)	Design	60% design by Sum. 2012	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 <a href="mailto:Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov">Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Lake Hills Connector and SE 8th Street Gateway and Signal Improvements:</b> Adding gateway enhancements by removing the deteriorating asphalt traffic islands and installing new irrigated planter islands. Relocating signal poles, rebuilding island curbs, replacing old signal wiring, poles, and lighting, and installing new asphalt pavement throughout the intersection. Installing new SCATS traffic adaptive signal system and a new flashing yellow left-turn arrows to reduce vehicle delay. \$425,000	Design	Construction in Sept.	Patti Wilma, 425-452-4114 <a href="mailto:Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov">Pwilma@bellevuewa.gov</a> Kam Szabo, 425-452-4346 <a href="mailto:Kszabo@bellevuewa.gov">Kszabo@bellevuewa.gov</a>

Woodridge	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>Sunset &amp; Richards Creeks Improvement Project:</b> Helping control flooding and improving the surrounding habitat. \$400,000-\$470,000	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>

Various Locations	Current Status	Est. Timeline	Contact/Department
<b>Pavement Overlay Program 2011:</b> Maintaining and repaving 20 lane miles of major streets in many neighborhoods before they need more costly repairs. Includes curb, gutters, and sidewalk repairs, new curb ramps, and pavement overlays. \$3.8 million	Ready for construction	Complete Fall 2011	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 <a href="mailto:Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov">Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>PRV Replacement 2010, Phase 2:</b> Replacing aging pressure reducing valves to improve water pressure in many neighborhoods. \$406,000	Construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>PRV Replacement 2011, Phase 1:</b> Replacing pressure reducing valves to regulate water pressure throughout seven major neighborhoods. \$500,000-\$580,000	Design	Construction Sum. 2011-Wtr. 2012	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 <a href="mailto:Asantos@bellevuewa.gov">Asantos@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2011:</b> Repairing sewer line defects with new PVC pipe in the NW Bellevue and West Bellevue neighborhoods. \$364,000	Ready for construction	Complete Sum. 2011	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 <a href="mailto:Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov">Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Storm Drainage Repair 2011:</b> Repairing storm drainage systems in several neighborhoods. \$210,000	Ready for construction	Complete Wtr. 2012	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 <a href="mailto:Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov">Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov</a>
<b>Storm Drainage Trenchless Repair 2011:</b> Repairing storm drainage pipes in several neighborhood locations. TBD	Design	TBD	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 <a href="mailto:Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov">Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov</a>

## Finding peaceful solutions to neighborhood noise

Saturday morning, around dawn, after a long, hard week, you're enjoying one of the great pleasures in life... sleeping in. Suddenly, a neighbor fires up his chainsaw. For awhile you vainly cover your head with the pillow. Then, discouraged and cranky, you get up to face the day.



Chronic noise problems often cause irritation and frustration. They can also be hard to resolve. Laws protect us from some noise disturbances. But many people are reluctant to call the authorities on their neighbors. And some bothersome noises may be within legal limits.

Code compliance officers, police and animal services may be able to help you, but negotiating with your neighbors, with or without a mediator, could be more appropriate and effective. The Bellevue Mediation team (425-452-4091) offers free services to help residents resolve disputes over a broad range of issues, including property boundaries, messy yards and noise.

If you want to call the authorities, it's important to know who to call. If the noise is from a stationary source, such as a generator, heat pump or compressor, you should call Bellevue Code Compliance (425-452-4570). If it's a barking dog, call King County Regional Animal Services (206-296-7387). For all other noise problems, you should call the police (425-452-6917).

If it's a stationary source noise problem, a code compliance officer will come to your property with a noise meter and measure the decibels at your property line. If the noise level exceeds the legal limit under the city's noise control ordinance, the officer can require the owner of the machine to mitigate the noise by moving it or building a sound-baffling fence around it. Officers will often try to get neighbors to negotiate a solution first.

If the disturbance is from a barking dog, King County Regional Animal Services may be able to intervene. Animal Services requires that pets be licensed and enforces regulations regarding the number of pets allowed on individual properties; it also has an intervention process for

dealing with barking dogs.

The police handle almost all other noise disturbances. The most common type of problem they handle is loud parties. According to Deputy Chief Cherie Baker, they do not typically use sound meters. Instead, they use the 75 feet rule: if a noise can be clearly heard from 75 feet away, then it is a noise disturbance, and the police will knock at the door. They have the power to fine violators in some cases.

In most residential areas, the permissible level of noise is significantly lower at night, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. — referred to as "quiet time." Construction noise between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. can exceed the standard noise levels under a special exception in the ordinance. However, if the construction is for "temporary repair, addition or maintenance projects on existing single-family homes," then the noise can continue until 8 p.m.

Going to the authorities over a noise problem can be tricky. Your neighbors may see your action as hostile. Even worse, your neighbors might retaliate, for example, by calling Code Compliance over that shed you constructed near the property line. Neighborhood feuds can rapidly snowball in this manner.

An alternative is to negotiate directly with your neighbor. We know this may not be easy — and we don't recommend trying this right after you've been awakened on Saturday morning. Nor should you wait through months and months of mounting frustration.

However, if you prepare yourself and carefully pick the time to speak with your neighbor, there is a good possibility that you can negotiate a solution that addresses your specific situation. Sometimes merely raising awareness can be helpful.

For suggestions on ways to open up productive discussions call Neighborhood Mediation for the publication "How to Resolve Conflict."

If negotiating with your neighbor doesn't work, or is too daunting a prospect, consider using Mediation's dispute resolution services — with highly trained, neutral conciliators and mediators who can help facilitate difficult discussions.

Mediation can be particularly helpful when the issues are emotional or complex. Through this process, mediators will help you and your neighbor articulate your concerns in a safe, neutral environment, then find a solution that works for everyone.

# Community Calendar

## **Smithsonian on Main Street at Crossroads**

Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center

15600 NE Eighth St.

through July 10

Eastside Heritage Center presents: Smithsonian's "Journey Stories," an exhibition showing how increased mobility keyed the nation's growth.

425-450-1049

## **Local Area Hikes with Park Rangers**

**June 25, 10 a.m. to noon, Lewis Creek to Lakemont Park** (Meet at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE.) Strenuous, five-mile hike on gravel trail that follows greenbelts.

**July 8, 10 a.m. to noon, Weowna Park**, 168th Ave. SE and SE 19th St. Challenging three-mile hike on soft-surface trails. Enjoy towering trees, waterfalls and old-growth mixed forest.

**July 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Mercer Slough Nature Park**, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Easy. A 2.1-mile hike on soft-surfaced trails and raised boardwalk into Bellevue's largest wetland. Great opportunities for wildlife viewing.

**Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to noon, Coal Creek Park**, (Meet at Redtown Trailhead, Cougar Mountain on Lakemont Blvd SE)

Moderately difficult. 5-mile hike on soft-surfaced trails that follow Coal Creek past waterfalls and provide evidence of the area's coal mining past.

**Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to noon, Kelsey Creek Farm Park**, (Meet at Kelsey Creek Farm Park main lot, 410 130th Place SE)

Moderately difficult. 3-mile hike on soft-surface and paved trail through forest and wetlands. Limited parking; carpooling encouraged. Dress for weather; bring water; wear sturdy shoes.

Free, donations accepted. No registration required

425-452-4195

## **Father's Day Pancake Breakfast & Fun Day**

June 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon

South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way

Climbing Wall, vertical playpen, disc golf, obstacle course. Kids and adults of all ages welcome. \$8. Preregistration required.

425-452-4240.

## **Bellevue Strawberry Festival**

June 25 & 26 (10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun)

Crossroads Community Park, 999 164th Ave. NE

[www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org](http://www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org)  
425-450-1049

## **B7 Revised Alternative Analysis Report**

Wednesday, June 29, 5:30-7 p.m.

Presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by a one-hour open house.

Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers

[www.bellevuewa.gov/b7-revised-light-rail-route.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/b7-revised-light-rail-route.htm) or 425-452-4789

## **Incredible Inflatable Fun**

Friday, July 29, 12-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, July 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.

Bouncy houses for children 3+.

Free admission, \$1-\$2/activity. Cash only.

[nwac@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:nwac@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106

## **Arts Fairs**

July 29-31(Fri & Sat 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun 9:30 a.m. -6 p.m.)

Throughout Downtown Bellevue.

**BAM artsfair:** [www.bellevuearts.org](http://www.bellevuearts.org) or 425-519-0770

**6th Street Fair:** [www.bellevuedowntown.org](http://www.bellevuedowntown.org) or 425- 453-1223

**Bellevue Festival of the Arts:** [www.bellevuefest.org](http://www.bellevuefest.org) or 206-363-2048

## **Kids' Show at Robinswood Park**

July 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Robinswood Barn, 2430 148th Ave. SE

Eric Odle presents a "Musical Mystery Tour" that the audience helps solve. Bring a blanket for lawn seating. Free.

425-452-7688 or [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov)

## **Charlotte's Web**

Aug. 12-14, Aug 12 and 13 at 7 p.m.; Aug. 13 and 14 at 2 p.m.

Meydenbauer Theatre, 11000 NE Sixth St.

Bellevue Youth Theatre. Suitable for all ages. \$10.

[byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7155

## **Shakespeare in the Park: "As You Like It"**

Aug. 15, noon to 1 p.m. at Kelsey Creek Park Amphitheatre, 41- 130th Pl.

Aug. 16, noon to 1 p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Aug. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.

Aug. 18, noon to 1 p.m. at Crossroads Park Plaza, 999 164th Ave NE

Aug. 19, noon to 1 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall Lawn, 450-110th Ave NE

Aug. 20, 6 to 7 p.m. at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Ave NE

Bellevue Youth Theatre presents a one-hour performance of this classic play. Ages 6+. Free.

425-452-7155

## **Eastside Fuchsia Society**

Plant Show and Sale

August 20-21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners.

[www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org) or 425-452-2750

## **Taste of Main**

Aug. 20, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On historic Main Street

Fundraiser for Children's Response Center

Sample fine cuisine from neighborhood's restaurants.

[www.childrensresponsecenter.org/taste\\_of\\_main](http://www.childrensresponsecenter.org/taste_of_main)

## **Art in the Garden**

August 26-28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Sculptures and garden art by 25 Northwest artists. Free.

[bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org](mailto:bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org) or 425-451-3755

## **Beach Park Lifeguards**

Meydenbauer, Newcastle

June 18 through Sept. 5, noon to 7 p.m.

Chism, Clyde, Enatai, Chesterfield  
June 25 through Aug. 28, noon to 7 p.m.

(Chesterfield will be guarded from 2 to 5 p.m. only, and will not open on days of inclement weather.)

425-452-4444



*A day hike through one of Bellevue's parks.*

## **Mountains to Sound Greenway's Summer Kickoff Weekend**

June 18-19, Event times and locations vary

Variety of activities, including guided hikes and scavenger hunts.

Free. <http://mtsgreenway.org/greenwaydays>

## **Bellevue Family 4th Celebration**

July 4, 2-11:30 p.m.

Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.

[www.bellevuedowntown.com](http://www.bellevuedowntown.com) or 425-453-1223

## **Live at Lunch Concert Series**

July 5-September 8

Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Free live music at various downtown sites.

[www.bellevuedowntown.com](http://www.bellevuedowntown.com) or 425-453-1223

## **National Night Out Against Crime**

Aug. 2, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Mall Parking lot, 15600 NE Eighth St.

Free event with games and prizes for the kids. Meet police officers and neighbors and learn how to organize your neighborhood to fight crime. 425-452-2891

## **Music in the Garden**

Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Pack picnic dinner and blanket to spread on the lawn. No alcoholic beverages or pets. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. All ages welcome. Free; donations are encouraged.

[bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org](mailto:bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org) or 425-451-3755

## **Celebrate Summer Dance**

Aug. 9, 2 to 4 p.m.

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE

"Sounds of Swing" performs favorites of the swing era. \$3.

425-425-7681

# 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](http://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.

## 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, 7 p.m.

Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.

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

Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Transportation: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 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/Aging Services: 452-7681

South Bellevue: 452-4240

Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services Center: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

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

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

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

Code Compliance: 452-4570

## 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](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)

## Information Technology: 452-4626

## Marina Hotline: 452-6123

## Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

## Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

## Parks & Community Services

Parks Information: 452-6881

Recreation Registration: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6887

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

## 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: 452-2977

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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## Monthly closures of SR 520 to continue through November

The recent closure of the State Route 520 bridge and roadway, from Montlake Boulevard in Seattle to Interstate 405 in Bellevue, was just the first of several monthly shutdowns scheduled to take place during the coming months.



Visualization of improved SR 520, looking east.

The state Department of Transportation (WSDOT) closed that stretch of highway the weekend of June 17-20 so crews could work on fish passage culverts, remove the pedestrian bridge between the Evergreen Point Road and 84th Avenue N.E. overpasses and perform other tasks.

WSDOT staff anticipate similar, around-the-clock weekend closures of the SR 520 corridor each month through November. Another big change, expected to begin this summer, will be the collection of tolls on the existing four-lane bridge, which will be replaced eventually by a new six-lane floating bridge.

Also part of the Eastside Transit and HOV project will be shifting the HOV lane in each direction from the outermost lane to the innermost one, with ramps and modifications to improve access.

Other improvements will include: landscaped lids with green space and walking trails, replacing overpasses at Evergreen Point Road, 84th and 92nd avenues; a new direct-access ramp for carpools and transit at 108th Avenue Northeast; and a new Bellevue Way bridge over SR 520.

Approximately 166,000 vehicles cross the SR 520 bridge on a summer weekend. Here are some travel tips for weekends when the bridge and highway are closed:

- Delay discretionary trips, especially between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- If you must cross the lake, check the WSDOT website for closure information: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/WeekendClosures.htm>; or call 511 for real-time travel information
- Take alternate routes, such as Interstate 405, I-5 and I-90, and plan for delays
- Carpool or use transit.

During these closures, Bellevue's Transportation Department will monitor traffic signals on main travel routes, such as 148th Avenue, and adjust the timing as needed.

For more information, please contact: Dan Galvin at [dan.galvin@gcinc.com](mailto:dan.galvin@gcinc.com) or call the WSDOT Construction Hotline at 425-998-5200. The SR 520 Program Infoline is: 1-888-520-NEWS (6397).