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RE: Bellevue Youth Performing Arts Theatre – Construction commences May 1, 2013

Bellevue Parks & Community Services is excited to announce the construction of the new Bellevue Youth Performing Arts Theatre in Crossroads Park. The new 12,000 square-foot theater is designed to nestle into a hillside, seat up to a 150 in a black-box “theater in the round”, and provide stages for both indoor and outdoor performances. Environmentally innovative, the theater has a natural green roof, which will reduce the costs of heating and cooling the building.

The Bellevue Youth Performing Arts Theatre construction project is scheduled to begin May 1, 2013, last approximately 18 months, and be complete by the summer of 2014. The Theatre construction will impact the Crossroads Community Center, which includes the reduction of parking slots in the front parking lot, the use of the main center entrance, and two partial community center closures.

The Community Center Parking lot will be inaccessible to parking for the majority of this summer (2013). Parking will be directed to the Park’s north parking lot located at 15801 NE 15th St. Customers will need to walk from the Par 3 Golf Course parking lot through the Crossroads Park to gain access at the side entrance of the Community Center. We will maintain ADA accessible parking and drop-off to the Community Center. The two Community Center closures are tentatively scheduled for May 25-June 16 and August 26-September 8. We are working to ensure your enjoyment, safety, and the continued availability of programs and services. As the construction proceeds, we will work to keep you updated on our progress and changes that may impact your visit to Crossroads Community Center and Park.

We appreciate your patience during this time and will work to ensure a smooth transition throughout the project’s construction phase. We look forward to the grand opening of the Bellevue Youth Performing Arts Theatre in 2014. We are excited for the cultural and performing arts the Theatre will provide to the Crossroads neighborhood and greater Bellevue community.

If you have any questions regarding programs or services please call Vicki Drake at 425-452-4874. If you would like more information regarding the construction of the Bellevue Youth Theatre, please visit the City’s website at: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm.

Sincerely,

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