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Kayaks and more at Enatai, Meydenbauer

By Christina Faine, Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

In partnership with the City of Bellevue, REI Co-op now operates boathouses at Enatai Beach Park and the new Meydenbauer Bay Park with classes, outings and rentals for standup paddle boards, canoes, kayaks and pedal boats.

REI will offer a range of organized outings, including a "Sunrise over the Cascades" Tour, sunset paddle board yoga and a Mercer Slough kayak tour. For those wishing to explore the lake and slough on their own, rentals are available by the hour, half and full day or for the entire weekend. [REI.com/enatai](https://www.rei.com/enatai) and [REI.com/meydenbauer](https://www.rei.com/meydenbauer) provide hours, programming, class and tour registration, and rental prices.

"We look forward to hosting locals and visitors at these beautiful locations and serving as a resource and gathering place for friends and loved ones for

their water adventures," said Erica Elder, manager of REI's Bellevue boathouse activity centers.

"We're excited to team up with REI to increase the public's access to the water," said Patrick Simmons, recreation supervisor for Parks & Community Services. "Like REI, we're in the business of providing opportunities for Bellevue visitors, workers and residents to get outside."

With over 2,700 acres of parks and open space and more than 80 miles of trails, Bellevue offers many options to get outside.

The city previously made canoe and kayak rentals available at Enatai Beach Park through another vendor.

In addition to the new boathouses and a retail store at 410 116th Ave. NE that opened in 2016, Bellevue's Spring District will be home to REI's headquarters starting in mid-2020.

Bellevue property crimes drop ... again

By Meeghan Black, Police Public Information Officer

Residential burglaries in Bellevue dropped by 21 percent and car prowls by 20 percent in 2018, according to 2018 FBI crime statistics.

As dramatic as those numbers are, they are part of an even more impressive five-year trend. Since 2014, burglaries in the city are down 40 percent and car prowls are down 33 percent. Bellevue residents enjoy one of the lowest crime rates compared to similarly sized cities.

If people committing property crimes feel particularly unwelcome here, Bellevue detectives say it's intentional.

Years ago, detectives noticed a spike in property crimes, so with the support of Police Chief Steve Mylett and the City Council, the police department's Special Operations Group made

property crimes a high priority. Investigators discovered that a small number of criminals commit most property crimes, and with some persistence they can be tracked down.

When a thief breaks into a car and steals someone's credit cards, they generally rack up charges on those cards right away. Detectives can identify suspects using store video surveillance and then arrest them. Even if thieves leave the area, Bellevue police will follow them and make arrests.

The same treatment applies to burglary suspects. A few groups of residential burglars commit the majority of break-ins. When those groups are caught and hauled off to jail, the crime rate drops.

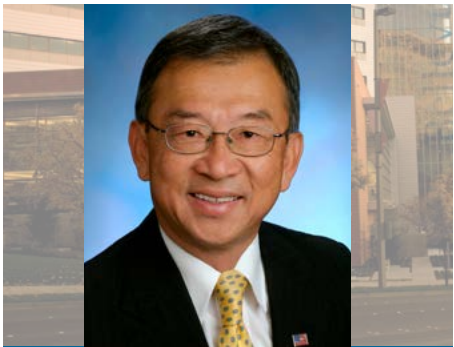
While we celebrate a decrease in property crime here in the community, detectives want all homeowners to stay vigilant.

As the temperatures increase, homeowners naturally open doors and windows to keep cool. Just make sure you lock up at night or when you leave the house. Improve the lighting around your home, as well. No criminal feels comfortable operating under a spotlight. Also, lock your car and don't leave valuables in plain sight.

Finally, maybe it's a good time to reintroduce yourselves to your neighbors. It helps if everyone keeps their eyes peeled and can report suspicious activity.

The Police Department attributes much of its success to the excellent relationship it has with the people who live and work in our community. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to use the MyBellevue app or call Crime Prevention (425-452-6915) for more ideas on how to stay safe.

COUNCIL CORNER



By Councilmember Conrad Lee

Transportation solutions through disruptive technology

A combination of new technologies will fundamentally change transportation, making it safer, smarter, cleaner, faster and more affordable. These new smart mobility technologies include automated, connected, electric and shared (ACES) vehicles.

In 2016 the City Council launched an initiative to help accelerate this transformation, to make Bellevue a recognized leader in new mobility and ready the system for autonomous and connected vehicles.

Transportation is one of the focus areas of the Bellevue Smart: Planning for a Smarter City plan adopted in 2017.

“Connected vehicles, self-driving and shared mobility services are transportation disruptors that have enormous promises if the city is aware, prepared and poised to take advantage of this rapidly changing sector,”

is a quote from the Bellevue Smart plan. “Bellevue will need to position itself to take advantage of grants, quickly create partnerships and pursue opportunities as they arise,” the plan notes.

The city hired Steve Marshall in 2017 as its first transportation technology partnership manager, charged with developing public-private partnerships in support of new transportation technology. The city’s 2018 Bellevue Smart Mobility Plan encourages widespread collaboration with the private sector to influence positive change in regional mobility.

Also noted in the plan, “This high-tech region, with an abundance of technology innovators, opens up partnership opportunities to help shape industries, services and technologies that can keep Bellevue in the forefront of innovation. The city already sustains an entrepreneurial and talented workforce with many innovation startups. This community influences how the city pursues technology to meet service expectations and fulfill the community vision. Bellevue has been and will continue to be a testbed for pilot projects.”

Bellevue is working with ACES-oriented companies, including those in the ACES Northwest Network. As one result, Cruise – the General Motors division developing autonomous vehicles – will open an office in Bellevue

this year. Google’s Waymo is testing its autonomous electric vans in Kirkland and Bellevue and PACCAR is testing autonomous trucks.

We continue to make progress. Bellevue has received national and international recognition for its leadership, with Marshall being selected to be on the executive advisory board to the U.S. Department of Energy’s Smart Mobility Consortium and to speak at the first International Smart Shared Mobility Congress in China.

The Bellevue region is the center of cloud computing and Big Data analytics. People continue to come here to live, work and raise

families because of our respect for the environment, support for education and excellent quality of life. Homegrown companies such as PACCAR and Concur, as well as Amazon, Microsoft and T-Mobile call this region home.

By being forward-thinking and developing innovative solutions, our lives will be better, not only in transportation, but generally more efficient, safer and greener. Taking advantage of the momentum we created in 2016 and preparing for thousands of potential new jobs in the development of innovative technologies will be a priority for the city.



Electric vehicles like this one charging downtown are among smart mobility technologies embraced here.

COUNCIL ROUNDUP

East Main plan amendments

The City Council on May 20 adopted comprehensive plan amendments for a transit-oriented district in the East Main neighborhood. A transit-oriented district is a new type of development that includes a variety of housing choices, offices and hotel and commercial services supported by transit.

Over the past two years, a resident advisory committee created a framework for the East Main area. Changing the city’s comprehensive plan was the first step in facilitating the new development type. A land use code amendment for East Main is next.

Councilmembers studied the proposed comprehensive plan amendment in December, January and April before adopting the ordinance.

Additional details about the transit-oriented district, search for “East Main Transit Oriented District” on BellevueWA.gov.

Parks director commended

The council on April 22 gave a warm commendation to Patrick Foran, who retired after 19 years leading the Parks & Community Services Department.

The councilmembers lauded Foran for his strategic vision and legacy of building a healthy community by

supporting exceptional parks, recreation and community services. Specific accomplishments included:

- Voter approval of the 2008 Parks Levy;
- Completion of Downtown Park, nearly 35 years in the making; and
- This year’s completion of Meydenbauer Bay Park, another multi-decade effort.

Environmental stewardship plan update

The council on Feb. 19 heard an update on progress made on the city’s Environmental Stewardship Initiative as outlined in the council’s 2018-2020 priorities.

Staff reported that most of the actions recommended in the ESI Strategic Plan 2013-2018 have been initiated or implemented. They covered greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water, mobility and land use, ecosystems and open space and materials management and waste.

The city begins the process of updating the Environmental Stewardship Initiative strategic plan this year. Information on the plan update, including outreach and engagement opportunities, is available at BellevueWA.gov/environment.



Patrick Foran

Bellevue-UW partnership yields out-of-the-box solutions

By Claude Iosso, It's Your City Editor

Always looking for ways to deliver better services, City of Bellevue staff had the opportunity this year to solicit fresh perspectives and in-depth knowledge from University of Washington students and faculty.

For the university's Livable City Year program, 285 students from multiple UW schools, colleges and campuses gave staff new planning and policy ideas for 30 projects. The City Council and residents got a chance to see all of the student findings at a celebration at City Hall on June 3.

"The knowledge, research and energy the university participants brought to bear on our civic challenges is invaluable," Mayor John Chelminiak said. "Their recommendations reflect solid research and out-of-the-box thinking."

Projects focused on livability and sustainability, such as a small business incubator, food truck permitting and neighborhood planning. Other projects included:

- For trail-oriented development, a team from UW's Community, Environment and Planning is recommending policies and code changes to could facilitate placemaking next to trails.



Students discuss their findings at the June 3 celebration.

- UW Urban Design and Planning developed an urban design image gallery permit applicants could consult for examples that meet city code requirements and stress livability for pedestrians.
- UW Landscape Architecture offered impressive ideas for a redesign of the Wetland Sun Terraced Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.
- A team from the UW Industrial and Systems Engineering program developed a model to make winter weather plow routes more efficient and cost-effective.

"The UW's Livable City Year in Bellevue has been a wonderful example of the good that comes from innovative and motivated students collaborating with a community to address real-world challenges," said UW President Ana Mari Cauce. "They've demonstrated how experiential and project-based learning helps students learn and honors our public service mission. We are grateful to the city of Bellevue for their engagement and partnership, and we can't wait to see how these proposals bear fruit in the future."

"This year's partnership with Bellevue gave UW students an opportunity to work on projects addressing a broad spectrum of topics that will have real impact on the city's residents. Bellevue was an outstanding partner," said LCY co-director Jennifer Otten, associate professor in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences.

The University of Washington Livable City Year program selected Bellevue to be its community partner for the 2018-2019 academic year, following partnerships with the cities of Auburn and Tacoma the previous two years.

At the June 3 event, posters summarized each project and results, with students and faculty on hand. Overviews are available at Washington.edu/livable-city-year.

Bellevue celebrates year of the pig with statue

By Yuriana Garcia Tellez, Diversity Outreach

The City of Bellevue is celebrating the lunar year of the pig by hosting a golden statue of the animal at City Hall.

Seattle artist Zuolie Deng created the life-size, fiberglass pig named Ju Ju (珠珠) for the Washington State Asian Pacific Education & Culture Foundation, Washington State Sichuan Friendship Association and Wing Luke Museum. Ju Ju, a sister to Rachel, the large bronze piggy bank permanently at Pike Place Market, is to be displayed at locations around Puget Sound. Ju Ju has red coins on her belly, calligraphy on her back and peonies on her cheeks.

The City Council adopted a vision in 2014 with the opening statement, "Bellevue welcomes the world." The city continues to welcome the world through cultural

programming and community engagement opportunities.

Ju Ju's exhibition at City Hall, sponsored by the city's Diversity Advantage Initiative and Arts and Culture program, celebrates diverse communities in Bellevue. Asian Americans represent a third of the city's population.

Ju Ju, which can be translated as "Golden Pearl," symbolizes prosperity, good luck and longevity. The lunar calendar, with dates celebrated in much of Asia, follows a 12-year cycle, with a different animal for each year. 2019 is the year of the earthen or golden pig.

Visitors can see Ju Ju on the first floor of City Hall any weekday through June 30. The pig arrived at City Hall in May, with a lunch reception featuring Deng, the artist, on May 30.



Seattle artist Zuolie Deng, who created JuJu, sketches at a reception at City Hall.

Private fireworks still dangerous, still illegal

By Ken Carlson, Bellevue Fire Marshal

Communities across the country come together on the Fourth of July to enjoy a variety of events, culminating with spectacular fireworks displays. Bellevue is no exception, with thousands every year enjoying the show at Downtown Park.

Fireworks, when used incorrectly, can cause great harm to us, our pets and our communities. Outside of permitted displays such as the Family 4th, the use of fireworks has been illegal in Bellevue since 1994, with fines of up to \$1,000 for violations.

Nonetheless, the city routinely

receives complaints about the use of fireworks throughout the year, particularly around Independence Day. Nationally,



thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. They cause fires, devastating burns, injuries and even death.

In 2018, 301 fireworks-related injuries and/or fires were reported to the state Fire Marshal's Office. July is usually dry, so fireworks are often the unfortunate and unintended cause of fires. Last year fireworks caused 92 reported fires, which resulted in \$161,475 in property loss in Washington. The National Weather Service is predicting drought conditions for the region this summer.

Bellevue Fire and Police recommend that people take advantage of the Bellevue Family

4th and other spectacular, free public displays around the region. Licensed professionals manage these displays in coordination with fire departments, with the safety of everyone as a primary focus.

The best way to protect you and your family is to not use fireworks – period. Please spread the word that fireworks are illegal in Bellevue. You can "host" a yard sign or ask fireinfo@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6995 to send a reminder to a neighbor who may not know the law.

Police officers and firefighters will conduct fireworks emphasis patrols throughout the area.

Andrew Singelakis named transportation director

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer



Andrew Singelakis, the new transportation director, brings more than 25 years of experience as an executive working at cities, counties and regional planning agencies. He started earlier this month.

Singelakis came to Bellevue from Washington County, Ore. where he had been director of land use and transportation since 2010. Before that, Singelakis worked at Tucson, Ariz.; the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in New Hampshire and as planning director for small cities and towns in New York, Vermont and Maine.

“We believe Andrew’s extensive experience is a great fit for the department and for our city,” City Manager Brad Miyake said in a May announcement. “He has the proven ability to help Bellevue plan for its booming growth, now and into the future.”

“Bellevue is a beautiful and unique city with a bright future,” said Singelakis. “As it continues to evolve as an urban center, our challenge will be to help people get where they need to go, while maintaining a high quality of life.

“I look forward to working on important issues such as making the transportation system safer through the city’s Vision Zero program and expanding the range of options – including light rail – for the community.”

Singelakis’ wide experience includes administering capital and operating budgets for a variety of organizations, working on large transportation capital projects and forming partnerships with regional organizations. Singelakis has a master’s degree in urban planning and masters degree in public health, both from Columbia University, and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of New Hampshire.

Miyake also expressed his appreciation to Paula Stevens, assistant transportation director, who served as the acting transportation director after the previous director, Dave Berg, retired in February.

Bellevue’s Transportation Department helps people travel around the city by providing a safe, predictable and balanced transportation network. The department plans, builds, operates and maintains approximately 1,100 lane miles of roadway, 325 miles of sidewalks, over 50 miles of bike lanes, 200 signalized intersections, 3,200 city-owned street lights and 17,000 street signs.

New chief communications officer hired

By Claude Iosso, It’s Your City editor

City Manager Brad Miyake has promoted Brad Harwood to lead the city’s internal and external communications efforts. Harwood, on the city’s public information officer team since 2015, was named chief communications officer in May, after nine months in the position in an acting capacity.

“Working for the city has been a wonderful experience and I appreciate the opportunity to lead the communications team,” said Harwood. “This is an exciting time for Bellevue. I look forward to strengthening our community engagement while exploring new ways we can connect with residents, businesses and visitors.”

Harwood serves as the city’s main spokesperson and oversees media relations, emergency public information and public outreach. He also leads a seasoned team of public information officers in the Development Services, Fire, Parks & Community Services, Police, Transportation and Utilities departments.

Miyake expressed appreciation for Harwood’s handling of citywide communications issues, many of them contentious, during two stints as acting chief communications officer.

“Brad knows Bellevue’s assets and challenges inside and out,” Miyake said. “He’s proven he can advocate for our community and ensure residents feel informed and engaged.”

Harwood joined the city as a public information officer. He served as acting chief communications officer for several months in 2016 before becoming deputy communications officer in 2017.

Prior to becoming a staff member, Harwood was a communications consultant and a legislative aide for the Metropolitan King County Council. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington and has a J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law,



Stay Connected



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Learn about civic engagement with Bellevue Essentials

By Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach

Fast facts about Bellevue:

- Coal Creek got its name from historic coal mining.
- Bellevue is a majority-minority city.
- The city manager runs the daily business of Bellevue.

If these details grab your attention, you should consider joining the 2019 Bellevue Essentials class!

In its seventh year, Bellevue Essentials begins Sept. 25, with eight weekly Wednesday evening sessions and a Saturday tour day on Oct. 5. Class size is limited to 35 students. There has been a waiting list every year. Participants engage with City Council members, staff and leadership, learning about

Bellevue’s past, present and future through presentations, interactive experiences and tours.

Over 200 graduates represent a broad range of cultures, backgrounds, occupations and perspectives. Many alumni now serve on neighborhood associations and city boards and advisory committees, as well as the boards of local nonprofits.

Ed Anderson, a 2018 graduate, said, “Overall, I feel worldlier. Viewpoints exchanged during dinners, class discussions and walkabouts were engaging, enlightening and impactful. My hopes for personal enrichment, knowledge and lasting connections were exceeded through Bellevue Essentials.”

Applications are available at

BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials. You can also contact Julie Ellenhorn (jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov). Tuition is \$125 per participant and financial waivers are available.

Tuition includes all classes and materials, and a light dinner at each session. The simple, one-page application, with two short essay or audio questions, is due Aug. 2.



The Bellevue Essentials class of 2018 participates in a discussion.

Bellevue continues to upgrade, add bike facilities

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

Bellevue was built for cars. The city incorporated in 1953, during an era often portrayed as the golden age for American automobiles. Bicycles were mostly for kids and not used much as a form of transportation.

Today, that’s changing. With more and more residents taking to two wheels and thousands indicating through surveys they want safer bike routes, Bellevue has added more bike lanes in recent years, regional trails are expanding and a bike share pilot program has been introduced. Here’s an overview of recent and planned improvements to the city’s bicycle system:

- **Downtown Bikeway:** Launched as a demonstration project in July 2018, the bikeway features Bellevue’s first continuous bike lanes downtown, on 108th Avenue Northeast between Main and Northeast 12th streets. In May, based on the results, the City Council decided to make the bikeway permanent.
- **New bike lanes restriping:** Bellevue also is taking a quick, low-cost approach to enhancing the bicycle system by painting new bike lanes on existing streets, sometimes as part of the city’s annual pavement preservation program. Today there are approximately 140 miles of bike facilities citywide, including bike lanes, multi-use paths, sharrow-marked vehicle lanes and shoulders striped for bicycle riding.

After adding an average of 3.4 miles of new bike facilities annually from 2012 to 2016, the city added 14.8 miles of facilities in 2017 and 12.4 miles in 2018. Many of the new bike lanes were funded by the 2016 Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.



New bike lanes have been added to increase safety.

- **Bike share pilot project:** Also launched last July was a pilot bike share program. Lime obtained a permit to operate a fleet of shared, electric-assisted bicycles in Bellevue. Data from the company shows that during the first six months of operation, 6,300 people took more than 28,000 bike share trips.
- **Upgrades to regional trails:** three multi-use trails that pass through Bellevue - the Eastside Rail Corridor, Mountains to Sound Greenway and the SR-520 Trail – will be improved this year.

Don’t be an easy target

By Meeghan Black, Police Public Information Officer

The sun’s out, temperatures are rising and it’s finally time to head out and enjoy all Bellevue has to offer. But this is also the time of year we see a spike in car break-ins. In fact, more than twice as many car prowls occur between May and August than other times of the year.

These are crimes of opportunity. If a criminal sees something they want, they’re going to try to get it. Don’t be an easy target! Here are a few simple precautions.

Plan ahead – If you know you’re going out, take everything valuable out of your car. If there’s nothing worth taking, a car prowler more likely to skip your car. If you don’t have a chance to remove your belongings, put them in the trunk or hide them. Of the 51 car prowls in 2018, 41 occurred when suspects smashed a window and grabbed items in plain sight.

Remove identifiable information – Keep the hard copies of your car registration and proof of insurance in your home rather than

your car. They have identifying information about you. If stopped by police, you can show pictures of the documents on your phone.

Lock your car doors – Again, criminals are looking for an easy take. They’re more likely to pick your car if the doors are unlocked, especially if you have stuff inside.

Take your keys with you – Often at trailheads, people don’t want to carry their keys, and will attempt to hide them. Don’t leave them behind! The same goes for your driver’s license, take it with you. Don’t leave it in the car where someone can take it.

Report it – If your car is broken into or you see another car prowl, report it! Even if nothing was taken, please report it through the MyBellevue app. Investigators need this information to track the crimes and track down the criminals

Finally, be aware and pay attention to your surroundings. If you see something suspicious, report it. Be safe and enjoy our beautiful weather and great city.

Bellwether continues to evolve

New venues and ‘taking root’ theme this year

By Scott MacDonald, Art Program Planner

Are you new to Bellevue or have you noticed change in your community? For this year’s rendition of Bellwether, an Sept. 13-22 event featuring commissioned art and experiences, artists are being asked to consider what it means to put down roots, blend and merge cultures, and immerse and engage with community.



Lydia Ramsey performs at Downtown Park in Bellwether 2018.

Bellwether is a free, annual, multi-disciplinary arts exhibition and festival produced by the City of Bellevue in collaboration with Bellevue’s arts community. For the second time in its 25-year history, Bellwether will be a curated event with a range of artworks, events and experiences.

For 10 days and nights, Bellevue will act boldly with vision and imagination, pushing the creative limits of the community through a series of contemporary arts experiences. Bellwether artworks and experiences will include a conversation series, short films, murals, curated arts markets, live music and two- and three-dimensional artworks. You can experience it at City Hall, along the Grand Connection, on the first floor of the Bellevue Arts Museum and, for two special nights, at the Meydenbauer Center Theatre.

From its beginnings in 1992 as the Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, Bellwether has attracted people and sculptors from around the region to contribute creative vitality to downtown Bellevue. Now that people live downtown and creative talent is growing in the city, the festival exists to harness this energy and build the capacity of the community to sustain a lively and diverse arts scene downtown.

An opening party is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, at the Bellevue Arts Museum at 6:30 pm.

Special thanks to the BAM and Meydenbauer Center for their partnership with this year’s Bellwether. For more information and updates on Bellwether see BellevueWA.gov/arts.

Making more crosswalks safer with flashing beacons

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

If you have the feeling there are more reeeeeeally bright, flashing lights at mid-block crosswalks around Bellevue, you’re right.



A pedestrian activates a flashing beacon on 116th Avenue Northeast.

And thanks to the 2016 Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy, you can expect that trend to accelerate.

Over the past seven years, the city has installed 30 crosswalk beacons at mid-block crossings. Between now and 2021, the goal is to add 35 more.

The city is building new crossings in some cases or enhancing existing ones with the latest generation of flashers. The new kind of beacons, which the city has been installing since 2012, flash brighter and more rapidly, in a more attention-grabbing pattern.

Flashing beacons typically are installed at mid-block crosswalks, often in conjunction with a pedestrian “refuge” island in the middle of the street to make crossing even safer. Pedestrians activate the flashers from the sidewalk using a button mounted on a pole.

It’s important to note, however, that motorists are obligated to stop for pedestrians at all crosswalks, whether it has a flashing beacon or not.

Crosswalks cost between \$75,000 and \$250,000, depending on whether an existing crosswalk is being upgraded or a new one that includes a refuge island is being built. Most of the crosswalk upgrades through 2021 will be funded by the levy. More information is available at BellevueWA.gov/transportationlevy.

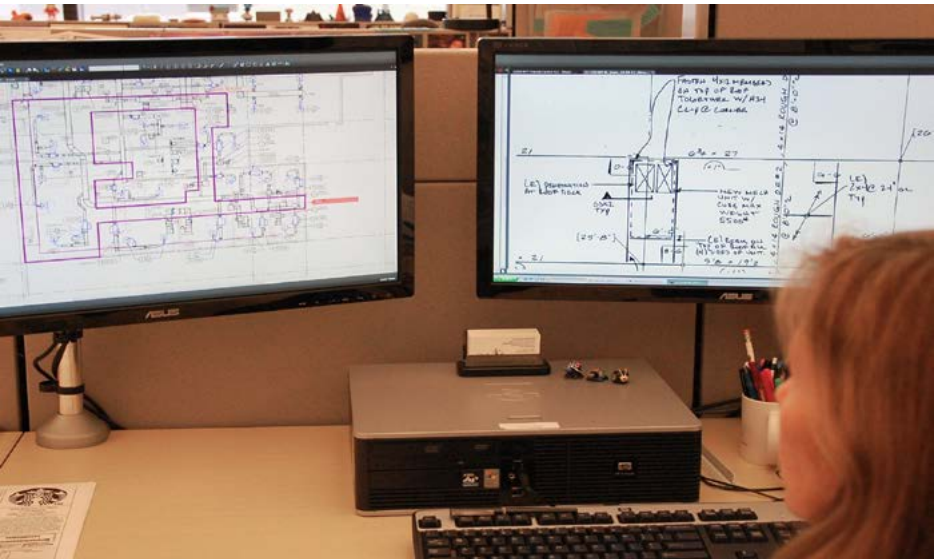
100% paperless permitting by fall

Completing a gradual transition over several years from paper permit applications, Development Services will require all permits to be processed electronically by the fall.

Building, fire, utilities and other construction permits switched to exclusively online in March. Land use and shoreline permits are still submitted with paper applications, but will go exclusively online this year, possibly by September.

Customers who want assistance using online permitting can view how-to videos at BellevueWA.gov/development/permits-and-inspections. In-person assistance is available at the permit center in City Hall. A workshop is also scheduled for Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

For more information about paperless permitting, contact Monica Brown (425-452-6128 or mgbrown@bellevuewa.gov).



Online permit applications include digital versions of plans.

Raising awareness about the 2020 census–why it matters and what to expect

By Gwen Rousseau, Senior Planner

The 2020 census – the 10-year count of every person living in the United States – is less than a year away, and the city is working to raise awareness

about the importance and value of filling out the questionnaire.

Why it matters

The U.S. Census Bureau has been counting residents every

decade since 1790 to determine how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also provides the basis for distributing federal and state dollars to cities and counties.

Washington state received an average of \$2,300 in federal dollars per person in 2016 alone, with funding going to schools, transportation, health care, nutrition, housing and energy assistance.

Since 2010, Bellevue has received over \$83 million in federal and state funds for transportation and parks projects based on the census count. These funds contributed to:

- Widening of 120th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast Fourth and 12th streets;
- Pedestrian safety improvements along Northup Way and 148th Avenue;
- Design and construction of portions of the Mountain to Sound Greenway trail, including a pedestrian bridge;
- Construction of Inspiration

Playground at Downtown Park;

- Construction of the Lower Coal Creek Trail; and
- Construction of Meydenbauer Bay Park.

An accurate census will also enable the city to plan programs and services that fit the needs of its growing and diversifying population.

How census will be taken

Next March, the Census Bureau will mail every household a postcard inviting them to go online to fill out the census questionnaire. If a household does not fill out the online questionnaire, the Census Bureau will mail them a paper one. Hundreds will also have the option to answer the questionnaire by phone. In May, Census Bureau staff will begin knocking on the doors of households who have not yet responded.

Stay informed

More information about the 2020 census is available at BellevueWA.gov/2020census.



State and federal funds that came Bellevue’s way as a result of the 2010 census, helped pay for Inspiration Playground at Downtown Park.



Tyler Roeksbutr of Bellevue plays at the new Surrey Downs Park.

Surrey Downs Park now open!

By Christina Faine, Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Surrey Downs Park, Bellevue's newest park located just south of downtown, opened on April 1. A grand opening took place on June 8.

The new park features a "Great Lawn" circled by a pedestrian path, a playground, basketball court, picnic shelters, a restroom and parking. Rolling hills and lookouts provide stunning views of Mount Rainier.

A large meadow area, separate from the Great Lawn, offers space for pickup soccer, throwing a Frisbee or picnicking.

The 10.5-acre property at 11177 SE Fourth St. was acquired from King County in 2005. As with many city parks, design and

construction of a park that would meet the community's needs took some time.

A master plan for Surrey Downs was adopted in 2009, with money from the 2008 Parks and Natural Areas Levy allocated for it. However, in 2013, before construction began, Sound Transit selected an alignment for East Link light rail that eliminated vehicular access to the park from 112th Avenue Southeast.

The city and community worked together to update the park plan to accommodate the change and better serve the neighborhood. The City Council approved the updated master plan in 2015. Construction of the park, coordinated with East Link construction, took about a year, from April 2018 to April of this year.

Code compliance officers promote attractive neighborhoods

By Tom Campbell, Code Compliance Supervisor

In a city as large and diverse as Bellevue, not everyone knows the community standards for safe, clean and attractive neighborhoods. As a result, the city receives more than 1,000 inquiries and complaints about violations of the city code each year.

Five code compliance officers work diligently to educate homeowners, renters and businesses on code requirements and to respond to complaints. Skilled, tenacious investigators, with more than a century of combined experience on the job, the officers achieve voluntary compliance more than 90 percent of the time there's a violation.

The Bellevue City Code and associated regulations address a wide range of building, land use, environmental, nuisance and noise concerns that code officers respond to, including:

- Remodels and new construction requiring building or land use permits;
- Rental housing conditions and fair housing laws (a majority of Bellevue residents are tenants);
- Vacant single-family homes and abandoned construction sites;
- Accumulated litter and junk, inoperable vehicles and RVs/boats/

trailers in driveways;

- Use of single-family homes for business (strictly regulated or prohibited, depending on the business or zone);
- Occupancy of single-family homes by more than four unrelated adults, and transient (less than 30 days) rental of single-family homes (think Airbnb);
- Clearing and grading at construction sites, including dirt eroding into the stormwater system;
- Development along the shoreline, including docks, retaining walls and vegetation.

Code compliance officers are called regarding tree removal too. Permits are required for removal of more than five trees from one's property (or just one "significant" tree in Bridle Trails). Permits are also needed to cut any trees in critical areas and their buffers. Pruning more than 25 percent of the live crown of a tree is considered removal of that tree.

Code officers investigate all reported violations. In most instances, the person voluntarily complies. Failure to comply by the deadline can lead to monetary penalties. Questions? Contact Code Compliance (codecompliance@bellevuewa.gov).

No-interest loans for earthquake retrofits



By Christina Faine, Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Are you prepared for an earthquake?

We can't stop earthquakes from happening in this region, but we can do something to reduce their impact. Strengthening homes by retrofitting is easy and makes them disaster-resistant,

helping them better perform in earthquakes.

Seismic retrofitting includes anchoring the house to the foundation, bracing unstable walls, connecting floor joists and strapping the water heater.

The city's Home Repair Program provides no-interest, free loans of up to \$50,000, as well as small grants. These funds can

be used for earthquake retrofit projects and other eligible home repairs such as insulation, roofs, plumbing, electrical and safety and health-related repairs. You must be a low or moderate-income Bellevue resident.

For more information on home retrofitting loans and grants, call 425-452-6884 or go to BellevueWA.gov/home-repair.

EAST BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EBCC offers stake in the future

By Hassan Dhananjaya, EBCC Member

The East Bellevue Community Council is one of only two community councils in the state. It provides a unique platform for community engagement and participation in land use matters. It gives us all a stake in the future.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program

The NEP offers Bellevue residents an opportunity to suggest ideas for city-funded improvements in their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the city’s 16 neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$5 million program allocation is distributed among each of the neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each.

This year Lake Hills residents have the opportunity to decide how to spend \$508,000. The process includes solicitation, preview, voting and implementation.

There was a kickoff on April 16. During the solicitation phase that wound up on May 31, residents submitted project ideas. After staff determine which are feasible, Lake Hills residents will have a chance to review them at an open house in the fall. They will then vote to determine which projects the city does.

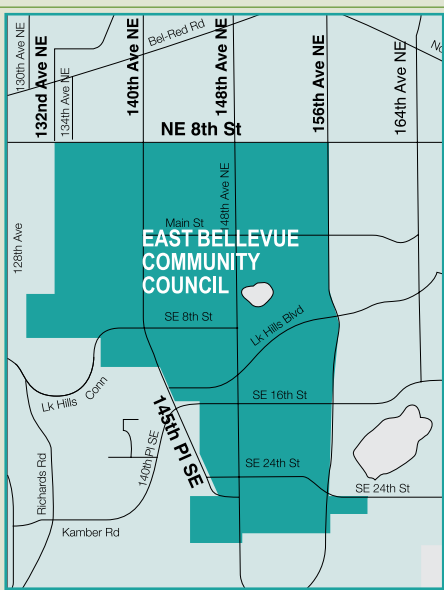
Transportation Facilities Plan

The Transportation Facilities plan is the city’s 12-year planning document, which includes pedestrian and bike projects. TFP-158 calls for a sidewalk and bike lanes on Southeast 16th Street between 148th and 156th avenues.

The EBCC, after a lot of deliberations and input from constituents, told the Transportation Commission it does not support TFP-158. The EBCC also provided a comment to the commission in opposition to the draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan.

Monthly Meetings

The EBCC’s monthly meetings have dedicated time for public comment when residents, activists and others can express their



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

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

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

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

opinions. City staff is also on hand to answer questions and provide input. Written communications are included in our online agenda packet.

Topics discussed in the past few meetings include a land use code amendment concerning homeless shelters, affordable housing, Bellewood School redevelopment and Puget Sound Energy’s Energize Eastside project.

We have active participation, including regular updates, from organizations such as the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association and 350 Eastside.

I am a longtime Lake Hills resident and was looking for opportunities to volunteer, when I was appointed to the EBCC early last year. Personally, it has been a great learning experience, including getting educated on parliamentary procedures. The passion and dedication shown by my fellow councilmembers and community participants is infectious.

I look forward to contributing to the balanced growth in East Bellevue and helping to maintain the quality of life my family and I have enjoyed for decades.

Orange flag: street closures ahead for summer

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

Summer means road construction, and in Bellevue the 2019 season will bring some noteworthy lane, street and highway closures. Here’s an early warning about projects that will have the biggest impact. As always, we appreciate your patience and we will strive to minimize the inconvenience and delay while maintaining safety in the construction areas.

The closures are needed to remove the temporary support structures from the aerial guideway. Details of the closures are being finalized but will include one weekend for the I-405 northbound lanes and one weekend for the southbound lanes. To receive details via text or email, sign up for Sound Transit alerts at SoundTransit.org/subscribe.

- **110th Avenue Northeast:** Sound Transit’s contractor will close a short

segment of 110th Avenue, south of Northeast Sixth Street, starting as early as mid-July through October. The closure is for repaving over the East Link tunnel. Access to visitor parking at City Hall will be available during the closure. Additional visitor parking is available after 4:30 p.m. in the East Garage (Level P2), accessible from 112th Avenue Northeast.

- **124th Avenue Northeast:** As part of the roadway improvements needed in the BelRed area to prepare for more intense development and completion of East Link, 124th Avenue Northeast will close in both directions, from Northeast 12th Street to Northup Way.

The 24/7 closure will start in late summer and last approximately nine months. The closure start date will be announced once finalized. During the closure, access to local businesses will be maintained, and a detour route will be in place.

- **Newport Way Southeast:** The long-awaited installation of a multipurpose path on the north side of Newport Way and a bike lane on the south side will necessitate lane closures. Set to begin in late summer or fall and take approximately 18 months, the project covers a 0.85-mile stretch from Somerset Boulevard to 150th Avenue Southeast. It will require detouring eastbound traffic from Newport Way to Allen Road near the Somerset Boulevard intersection, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Overall construction hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and flaggers will control travel in the work zones. Please expect delays and use alternate routes if possible.



Limited weekend closures of Interstate 405 are planned to allow for removal of support structures used in construction of the East Link overpass.

- **Interstate 405:** Sound Transit, in coordination with the state Department of Transportation, is planning two limited weekend closures of Interstate 405 through downtown Bellevue for work related to East Link construction.

segment of 110th Avenue, south of Northeast Sixth Street, starting as early as mid-July through October. The closure is for repaving over the East Link tunnel. Access to visitor parking at City Hall will

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

In addition to major projects, the city is working on smaller neighborhood projects such as trails, playground equipment replacements and lighting enhancements. Below are transportation and parks projects scheduled for construction in 2019, sorted by neighborhood area. Project funding comes from various programs, including the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSS); Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy (Levy); and Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). Construction schedules often change; for specific project information, please contact the project manager listed.

Bridle Trails

Cherry Crest Elementary Intersection Improvements

Enhancements to intersection at 124th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 32nd Street at the entrance to the school, including installation of a new streetlight on the southwest corner. Anticipated completion in September. NEP funding (\$40,755).
[Jeremy Chin, jchin@bellevuewa.gov](#)

130th Ave. NE Bike Lanes

Install bike lanes in both directions to improve the connection from Northup Way to Northeast 24th Street, in coordination with the 2019 pavement program. Levy funding (\$15,000).
[Daniel Lam, dlam@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Lakemont Blvd. SE Sidewalk

Construct a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the east side of Lakemont Boulevard Southeast, between the Lewis Creek Park Trailhead and Southeast 62nd Street. Anticipated completion this summer. NEP funding (\$246,000).
[Dave Rendle, drendle@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Crossroads

Crossroads Trail Improvements

Upgrade and extend the Crossroads Pedestrian Trail from Northup Way to Northeast 15th Street, repair or replace fencing along the walkway, and add plantings and lighting. Construction anticipated this summer or fall. Funding from Pedestrian Access Improvement Program and Neighborhood Partnerships Program (\$400,000).
[Mike Ingram, mingram@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Crosswalk Enhancements at Various Locations

Install pedestrian-activated, flashing crosswalk beacons at six crosswalks (five existing; one new) in northeast Bellevue near Interlake High and Sherwood Elementary schools and along Northup Way. Improve curb ramps, extend sidewalk and install speed radar signs. Construction start anticipated July to October. Funding from Levy (\$80,000) and a match from federal and state grants.
[Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov](#)



Eastgate Way is getting bike lanes and a pedestrian path.

Eastgate

Lattawood Park Lighting

Install low-profile lighting along the trail in Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Ave. SE, to enhance pedestrian access and safety. Project is combined with a public art project. Anticipated completion in August. Funding from the NEP and Public Art programs (\$105,000).
[Scott MacDonald, smacdonald@bellevuewa.gov](#)

SE 38th St. Gateway Landscaping

Landscaping enhancements along the north side of Southeast 38th Street include removing unhealthy trees and replacing them with native conifers and shrubs. Project completion anticipated this summer. NEP funding (\$100,000).
[Tom Kuykendall, tkuykendall@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Tyee Middle School Safety Project

New landscape-separated sidewalk on west side of 138th Avenue Southeast, from Southeast Allen Road to Southeast 40th Street. Upgrade traffic circle at Southeast 40th Street and 138th Avenue Southeast, adding mini-roundabout. New entry treatments on 136th Place Southeast and 146th Avenue Southeast. Anticipated completion in fall. Levy and NTSS funding (\$907,000).
[Vanessa Humphreys, vhumphreys@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Eastgate Way - Richards Road to I-90 Trail Bike Projects

Separated bike lanes from Richards Road to Southeast 35th Place; on-street pedestrian path adjacent to bike lane, from Richards Road to existing sidewalk west of 139th Avenue Southeast; conventional bike lanes from Southeast 35th Place to I-90 Trail entrance. Construction underway; anticipated completion in August. Funding from Levy and King County grant (\$500,000).
[Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov](#)

Lakemont Blvd. SE Repairs; Mini-Roundabout on SE Newport Way

Roadway repairs on Lakemont Boulevard Southeast at Newcastle Golf Club Road and at Lewis Creek crossing. Mini-roundabout at Southeast Newport Way and 164th Avenue Southeast intersection. Projects combined for better traffic control and to lower costs. Anticipated construction from July to November. Funding from the Levy, Major Maintenance Program, Pavement Program, Utilities Water Main Replacement Fund (\$1.35 million).
[Daniel Lam, dlam@bellevuewa.gov \(Lakemont repairs\)](#)
[Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov \(mini-roundabout\)](#)

150th Ave. SE Congestion Reduction Project

Add southbound right-turn lane at the intersection of 150th Avenue Southeast and Southeast Newport Way; add a new sidewalk on the west side of 150th Avenue Southeast; replace rockery with a block wall and build a new sidewalk on the east side of 150th Avenue Southeast. Construction is underway; anticipated completion by the end of 2019. Funding from Capital Investment Program and Major Maintenance Program (\$3.2 million).
[Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov \(right-turn lane\)](#)
[Daniel Lam, dlam@bellevuewa.gov \(rockery replacement\)](#)

Lake Hills

156th Ave. NE Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Install flashing beacons at existing crosswalks on 156th Avenue Northeast, at Northeast Fourth Street and Northeast Sixth Street. Build a new sidewalk on east side of 156th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast First Place and Northeast First Street. Install new flashing beacons at Northeast First Street crosswalk.
[Jeremy Chin, jchin@bellevuewa.gov](#)

158th Pl. SE Sidewalk; watermain replacement

Replace water main on 158th Place Southeast, Lake Hills Boulevard to Main Street; construct sidewalk on east side of 158th Place Southeast, Southeast Sixth Street to Main Street; replace traffic circle at 158th Place Southeast and Southeast Fourth Street; install flashing beacons at 159th Place Southeast and Lake Hills Boulevard crosswalk; resurface pavement on 158th/159th Place Southeast, Lake Hills Boulevard to Main Street. Construction underway; anticipated completion in fall. Funding from Levy, Neighborhood Sidewalk Program and Utilities Department (\$2.2 million).
[Mike Rodni, mrodni@bellevuewa.gov](#)



A new sidewalk is being added to 156th Avenue Northeast.

SE 16th St. Walkway

Add pedestrian pathway on south side of Southeast 16th Street, 160th Avenue Southeast to Southeast 16th Street cul-de-sac; raised crosswalk at 160th Avenue Southeast; school zone flashing beacons and radar signs, where appropriate. Construction anticipated fall through winter 2019. Levy funding (\$700,000).

[Mike Rodni, mrodni@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mrodni@bellevuewa.gov)

Newport

Trail Renovation on Lower Coal Creek Trail

Trail resurfacing and drainage improvements from the Southeast 60th Street trailhead to the 119th Avenue Southeast trailhead on lower Coal Creek Trail. Work by Well-KEPT (Kids Environmental Project Training) volunteers. Construction anticipated July through August (\$60,000).

[Chris Vandall, cvandall@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cvandall@bellevuewa.gov)

119th Ave. SE Sidewalk

Construct six-foot wide sidewalk on west side of 119th Avenue Southeast, from Southeast 56th Street to Newport Heights Elementary School. Replace existing pedestrian refuge island at the mid-block crosswalk in front the school with an enhanced refuge median. Construct a median on the north leg of Southeast 56th Street and 119th Avenue Southeast for traffic calming. Completion anticipated in the fall. Funding from Levy and Neighborhood Sidewalk Program (\$653,000).

[Vanessa Humphreys, vhumphreys@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:vhumphreys@bellevuewa.gov)

119th Ave. SE Bike Lanes

Install separated bike lanes on 119th Avenue Southeast, from Southeast 60th Street to Southeast 56th Street. Constructed anticipated to begin in summer or fall. Levy funding (\$50,000).

[Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cmasek@bellevuewa.gov)

Northeast Bellevue

Play Equipment Replacement at Ardmore Park

Replace play equipment, playground fence and entry landscape at Ardmore Park, 16833 Northeast 30th Street. Anticipated completion in June. Funding from NEP and Parks Renovation Fund (\$187,000).

[Lynde Wallick, lwallick@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lwallick@bellevuewa.gov)

Northwest Bellevue

100th Ave. NE Complete Streets Project

Construct a sidewalk, separated from the street by a planter strip, on the north side of Northeast 23rd Street, between 98th and 100th Avenue Northeast; install crosswalk flashing beacons at Northeast 24th Street and 100th Avenue Northeast. Anticipated completion by the end of 2019. Also, construct a mini-roundabout at 100th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 10th Street intersection and install flashing beacons at the crosswalk across 100th Avenue Northeast at Northeast 12th Street. Anticipated completion by spring/summer 2020.

[Daniel Lam, dlam@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dlam@bellevuewa.gov) (NE 23rd Street, NE 24th Street improvements)

[Darek Jarzynski, djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov) (mini-roundabout, NE 12th Street crosswalk)

Somerset

Play Equipment Replacement at Forest Hill Neighborhood Park

Replace play equipment and surface at Forest Hill Neighborhood Park, 13232 Southeast 51st Street. Anticipated construction September through October. Funding from Parks Renovation Fund (\$140,000)

[Kevin Vaughn, kvaughn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kvaughn@bellevuewa.gov)

West Bellevue

Comment Wanted: Meydenbauer Reservoir Property Alternatives

The city is considering the potential to expand reservoir storage at Utilities Department-owned properties at 9500 Southeast Seventh Street and at 601 96th Avenue Southeast. Public comment wanted on the current and future use of the properties. Costs and schedule are yet to be determined.

[Doug Lane, dlane@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dlane@bellevuewa.gov)

West Lake Sammamish

West Lake Sammamish Pressure Zone Improvements

Install private, individual pressure reducing valves at houses, as needed, to facilitate system water pressure increase that improves water quality and fire protection. Coordination with affected homeowners along West Lake Sammamish Parkway ongoing in 2019. Installation anticipated in 2020; water pressure will be increased in late 2020. Funding from Utilities (\$500,000).

[Doug Lane, dlane@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dlane@bellevuewa.gov)

Wilburton

Kelsey Creek Park Trail Improvements

Replacement of three boardwalks on the lower loop of the Kelsey Creek Park woodland trail, near 130th Avenue Southeast and Southeast Fourth Place. Anticipated completion in August (\$46,000).

[Chris Vandall, cvandall@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cvandall@bellevuewa.gov)



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FALL/WINTER 2018

Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk

July 4, 9 a.m.
Ashwood Park
10820 NE 10th St.
Noncompetitive 4K event for people and their furry friends that benefits Seattle Humane in Bellevue. \$20-60
425-453-1223 or Bellevuedowntown.com

Bellevue Family 4th

July 4, 2-10:30 p.m.
Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.
Family activities and evening fireworks set to music performed by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.
425-453-1223 or Bellevuedowntown.com

Live at Lunch Summer Concert Series

July 9-Sept. 12
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, noon-1:30 p.m.
Free live music at various locations downtown.
425-453-1223 or Bellevuedowntown.com

Downtown Movies in the Park

July 9-Aug. 27, Tuesday nights at dusk
Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.
Free movies on a 40-foot screen, free popcorn too!
July 9, "Hotel Transylvania 3"
July 16, "A Dog's Way Home"
July 23, "Smallfoot"
July 30, "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"
Aug. 6, "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part"
Aug. 13, "Ferdinand"
Aug. 20, "Wonder Park"
Aug. 27, "Back to the Future"
Movie will be canceled in the event of rain.
425-452-4240 or outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov

Arts and Crafts Fairs

July 26-28 (Hours vary)
Two art fairs all weekend throughout downtown.
Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair: 425-519-0770 or Bellevuearts.org
6th Street Fair: 425-453-1223 or Bellevuedowntown.com

Theatre on the Green

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Aug. 7, "Purrlie's Mission to the Milky Way"
Aug. 14, "The Tiger, the Rabbit and the Rescue of Spring"
Aug. 21, "As You Like It"
Bring a picnic and enjoy a night out with free performances presented by Last Leaf Productions. Free craft activities for kids start at 6 p.m.
425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads Movies in the Park

Aug. 1-Aug. 22; Thursday nights at dusk
16000 NE 10th St.
Family activities at 7:30 p.m.; movies start at dusk (around 9)
Free movies on a 40-foot screen, free popcorn, too!
Aug. 1, "Christopher Robin"
Aug. 8, "Ralph Breaks the Internet"
Aug. 15, "Incredibles 2"
Aug. 22, "Mary Poppins Returns"
Movie will be canceled in the event of rain.
425-452-4240 or Outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov

"Pippi and the Wayward Pirates"

Friday, Aug. 2, 9 and 16, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 and 17, 2 and 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.
Bellevue Youth Theatre presents a musical with pirates, a circus and Pippi Longstocking.
Suitable for all ages. \$12/person.
425-452-7155 or byt@bellevuewa.gov

Arts in the Garden

Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.
Artwork for sale presented in a natural setting, with the artists on hand. More than 30 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art. Live music, food and beverages.
Free. Prices vary for artwork.

Beach Park Lifeguards

Enatai, Meydenbauer and Newcastle: June 22-Sept. 2, noon-7 p.m.
Chism, Clyde and *Chesterfield: June 29-Aug. 25, noon-7 p.m.
(*Chesterfield will be guarded 2-5 p.m. only and will not open on days of inclement weather.)
425-452-4444

Ranger Hikes, Discussions and Movies

Times and locations vary.
Explore local wildlife and natural history with ranger-led tours, discussions and nature movie events.
Lewis Creek Park, 425-452-4195
Mercer Slough Nature Park, 425-452-2565
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 425-452-7225

SEASONAL

Day Camps and Recreation Programs

Register now for summer and fall recreation programs and day camps.
425-452-6885 or Register.bellevuewa.gov

Kayak, canoe, paddle board rentals

May 27-Sept. 2, Wednesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sept. 3-29, Weekends, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
REI Boathouse at Meydenbauer Bay, 9899 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, REI.com/meydenbauer
REI Boathouse at Enatai Beach 3519 108th Ave. SE, REI.com/enatai

Swim Meets with amplified sound

June 18-July 28
Tuesday and Thursdays, 6-10 p.m.
Multiple events July 20-28, including weekend days, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Swim clubs around Bellevue
Midlakes Swim League
Teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=reclmslwa

Lake Hills Farm Fresh Produce Stand

15550 156th Ave SE
Hours vary in June.
July-October, Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
425-233-1198

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm

700 148th Ave. SE
Hours vary in June.
July-October, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
559-274-5942

Picnic Shelter Reservations

Hosting a special occasion or casual summer gathering at a Bellevue park? Picnic shelters are available for reservation.
425-452-6914



Outdoor art for sale is featured at the Bellevue Botanical Garden's "Arts in the Garden" Aug. 24-25.

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425-452-6800

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BellevueWA.gov

City Council Office:

425-452-7810

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Mondays each month: study session 6-8 p.m.,
regular session 8-10 p.m.
2nd and 4th Mondays each month: extended study session 6-10 p.m.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 425-452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas
Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.
Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Library Board: 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Network On Aging: 1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Planning: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Transportation: 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

City Offices

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 425-452-6464
City Manager: 425-452-7228
Community Development: 425-452-7892
Conflict Resolution Center: 425-452-4091
Crossroads Mini City Hall: 425-452-2800
Development Services: 425-452-6800
 New permit applications: 425-452-4898
 Inspection requests, application and status, pay fees: 425-452-6875
 Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com
 Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com
 Code Compliance: 425-452-2047
Diversity Program: 425-452-7886
East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
 Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.: 425-452-6806
Fire Emergency Only: 911
Fire Non-Emergency
 Business and Information: 425-452-6892
 Inspection: 425-452-4254
 Fire prevention: 425-452-6872
Human Resources: 425-452-6838
Information Technology: 425-452-4626
Neighborhood Outreach: 425-452-6836
Northwest Arts Center: 425-452-4106
Parks & Community Services
 Aging Services: 425-452-4200
 Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 425-452-6885
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 North Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-7681
 South Bellevue Community Center: 425-452-4240
Marina Hotline: 425-452-4883
Police Emergency Only: 911
Police Non-Emergency
 Crossroads Station: 425-452-2891
 Factoria Station: 425-452-2880
 Complaints and Information: 425-452-6917
 Crime Prevention: Commercial 425-452-2979; Residential 425-452-6915
 Traffic Enforcement: 425-452-6940
Transportation
 Administration/Information: 425-452-6856
Utilities
 Administration/Information: 425-452-6932
 Billing/Customer Service: 425-452-6973
 Water, Sewer, Street, &
 Surface Water Maintenance & Emergency: 425-452-7840

Other Numbers (Not city government)

Regional Animal Services of King County: 206-296-PETS
Republic Services: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)
Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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Welcome to City Hall event draws 85

By Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach

Eighty-five Bellevue residents gathered at City Hall on May 17 to spend the day learning about local government and city services, and to meet their neighbors. “Welcome to City Hall!” drew newcomers to Bellevue from around the world, but was fully interpreted in Chinese for the 80 percent of attendees who spoke Mandarin as their first language.



Welcome to City Hall Event with participants.

A new outreach program designed to be a fun and informative experience for residents who never go to City Hall, the welcome event included an address from Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson, guided tours and lunch with bilingual hosts who facilitated table discussions.

Kaifang Gao, who lives in Somerset, said he learned about the event from his daughter and came to learn how the city operates. Niru Arcinima of South Bellevue said she wanted to attend even though she has lived in the city for 10 years.

“It’s been very informative and welcoming,” she said over lunch.

The lunch hour provided an opportunity for residents to share stories of how they came to Bellevue. The table hosts (city staff and volunteers) helped facilitate lively conversations.

Attendees posed for pictures with members of the City Council and a golden pig statue at City Hall for a celebration of the lunar year of the pig (see page 3).

An older resident shared a mobile phone photo with his family in Armenia, claiming he would “treasure it forever.” A young Chinese man was moved to tears as he exited the event. “Now I really feel Bellevue is my home,” he said.

Future City Hall welcome events are being planned and will be available in additional languages. If you would like to receive information on future dates and languages, please email Jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

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