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Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis and Mayor Lynne Robinson

Second term for mayor and deputy mayor

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

At the City Council's first meeting of 2022, Mayor Lynne Robinson and Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis were both re-elected. The council unanimously voted for Robinson; Nieuwenhuis won in a 4-3 vote.

While mayors have been tabbed for repeat terms six times over Bellevue's 70-year history, the city's scant records suggest this is only the third time (and the first since the '80s) both the city's mayor and deputy mayor are coming back for a second two-year stint leading the council together.

"I am excited to continue in a leadership position with this strong council," Mayor Robinson wrote in an email. "Each member is smart and passionate about the city of Bellevue and represents the community at large well."

"My goal for the next two years is to take advantage of the many opportunities, while preserving what we love about Bellevue," Robinson added. "I call that guided growth, and our success will rely on gathering vital input from our residents. I am looking forward to the process."

First elected to the council for a four-year term beginning in 2014, Robinson served as deputy mayor in 2018 and 2019 before her first two-year term as mayor starting in 2020. She was re-elected

to another four-year term on the council in 2021 prior to being selected by her peers to serve as mayor for a second term in January.

Prior to her election to the council, she held a seat on the Parks & Community Services Board for five years; chairing the body from 2011 to 2013. A physical therapist with her own business, Robinson holds a doctorate in physical therapy and has been a resident of Bellevue since 1997.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis was elected to the council for a four-year term beginning in 2018 and again for a term starting in 2022, after he, like Robinson, served on the Parks & Community Services Board. He manages marketing and communications for a Bellevue-based educational software company. An immigrant and son of Dutch-Canadian parents, he lives with his wife and daughter in the Lake Hills neighborhood.

Bellevue's mayor presides over council meetings and study sessions, helps set the meeting agenda, represents the city at public events, and acts as the primary spokesperson for the council.

Bellevue operates under a council-manager form of government, with the part-time council setting policy and hiring a city manager to oversee day-to-day city operations. The council is made up of seven members who are elected at large and serve staggered four-year terms. They select from among themselves a mayor and deputy mayor every two years.

City champions equity with MLK Day health fair

By MICHELLE DeGRAND
Deputy Communications Officer

The City of Bellevue champions community and health equity each year with a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and health fair. For a second year, the celebration was held virtually, and residents can stream it any time they want from [YouTube.com/bellevuewashington](https://www.youtube.com/bellevuewashington).

The Jan. 17 (MLK Day) event, co-sponsored by the Bellevue Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., offered opportunities for attendees to reflect, engage and take

action in building a beloved and thriving Bellevue in the spirit of the Rev. King's legacy of equity and community. Featured topics included mental health, youth empowerment, dealing with toxic stress, COVID-19 vaccine information and more. In addition, several attendees won door prizes from local businesses. Local musicians and performance artists were also featured.

A list of helpful health resources such as those featured in the program are at [BellevueWA.gov/mlk-health-fair](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/mlk-health-fair).

MLK staff awards

On Jan. 27, the city recognized staff who made special efforts in 2021 to advance equity and inclusion in Bellevue. For the MLK City Manager's Awards, established in 2016, staff nominate peers. More than 100 employees, a record for the awards, were nominated this year.

For being a bold, fearless, organizational change agent on behalf of equity throughout her 27 years at the city, Parks

United in making Bellevue a better place for everyone



By Deputy Mayor
JARED NIEUWENHUIS

When my colleagues on the City Council elected me deputy mayor in early 2020, I embraced the opportunity to support, collaborate and lead the council with Mayor Lynne Robinson.

What no one expected was that we would end up working to steer Bellevue through the unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic. The entire council rose to the challenge, leveraging federal relief programs and combining them with city resources to support struggling residents with increased human services programs that provide emergency assistance. We’ve also helped local businesses impacted by the COVID economy.

The good news is that Bellevue is emerging from the pandemic stronger than ever. The city continues to have it all: safe and attractive neighborhoods, outstanding schools, a thriving business community, great infrastructure and city services, and an emerging arts and cultural scene. But while we are thriving, there are still some major challenges ahead.

As we continue to contend with COVID-19, Lynne and I were trusted by our colleagues to continue leading the council for another two-years. We will be using this time to renew our focus on implementing the long-range goals for the city as we recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

It’s also an honor to be the first mayor and deputy mayor elected to second consecutive terms in decades. Consistent leadership has many benefits, including stability. But I’m most excited to serve with an effective council that can collaborate to get things done. Our council team is “seven strong,” with varying interests and priorities. But we know how to work together, how to compromise when

necessary and how to achieve good outcomes for our residents and businesses.

Coalition building, creating opportunities for consensus and engaging productively with groups who may not always see eye to eye is the most effective way to find the best solutions. This approach is vital to being effective elected leaders. Collaborative and meaningful policies cannot be successful if they don’t represent the varied interests of people living and working in Bellevue. The council is united in our efforts to advance the council’s 20-year vision for Bellevue and to keep Bellevue the most livable city in America.

Council Vision Priorities updated

The City Council’s Vision (BellevueWA.gov/council-vision) was first adopted in 2014, and includes priorities in seven key areas, including mobility, economic development, great places, and achieving human potential.

The vision leads with the statement: “Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting our past.” Consistent with that, we are working to ensure equity and inclusion in all of our services.

The individual priorities—all 22—cover a number of policy issues. By implementing and accelerating our affordable housing strategy, we strive to counter the fast-rising cost of homes here, making it possible for teachers, service workers and residents’ grown children to live in Bellevue. By supporting the state Department of Transportation’s I-405 Renton-to-Bellevue widening project—a part of WSDOT’s I-405 master plan that will facilitate bus rapid transit on the freeway—we intend to reduce congestion and expand multimodal options for everyone. These examples just scratch the surface.

Yes, we have a lot of work to do. But Bellevue’s best days, our brightest future and greatest triumphs are all ahead!

COUNCIL ROUNDUP

By MICHELLE DeGRAND
Deputy Communications Officer



Effective snowstorm response

The City Council received a briefing Jan. 10 about the city’s successful response to the blast of freezing

temperatures, snow and ice that hit Bellevue Dec. 25 through Jan. 6.

City plows running non-stop for 13 days were able to keep up with storm systems that dumped as much as eight inches of snow on the city, while shelters and warming centers accommodated 250 unhoused residents each day and night.

As part of its annual operations, more than 150 staff members from several departments were trained in winter weather response in October. After the initial snowfall on Dec. 26, plows cleared primary arterials the first few days and then turned their focus on neighborhood streets before the second snowfall, which turned icy due to freezing overnight temperatures.

Established partnerships with community-based organizations that serve unhoused residents played an important role in the

city’s response as well. Residents in need were able to access space in shelters and encouraged to seek out warming centers. In response to an appeal on social media, residents donated food, blankets and coats.

Testing new emergency response team for people in crisis

On Dec. 6, staff reported the results of a pilot program for a Community Crisis Assistance Team, which explored alternative emergency response services for people in behavioral or mental health crisis. Traditionally, police officers have responded to calls about or from these individuals.

From May 1 to Aug. 31, the team responded in three different configurations to calls about people having a mental or behavioral crisis:

- specially trained police officers not in traditional uniforms
- a trained police officer paired with a mental health professional from the Fire Department’s CARES (Citizen Advocates for Referral and Education Services) team
- once the scene is secured by police, adding two mental health professionals from Bellevue Fire CARES to the call

Overall, these teams engaged 239 individuals and made 1,785 contacts. Data collected over the four months of the pilot program showed an increase in people diverted from jails or hospitals after the emergency call when

using the CCAT teams and methods. The data also showed a decrease in the number of times force was used and an increase in the time spent on calls, something that was a key objective in the pilot as a way to build trust and relationships with families and individuals experiencing behavioral and mental health crises.

After a thorough analysis of the pilot data, the city will begin public engagement in early 2022 to ensure any changes to crisis response in the city meet the needs of the community.

Arts funding approved

Councilmembers on Nov. 22 approved recommendations from the Arts Commission for funding Eastside arts nonprofits and individual artists creating art that reaches underserved communities.

The city allocates funding for artists and arts organizations annually through the Eastside Arts Partnerships (for organizations), Special Projects (for artists) and Power Up (for arts organizations seeking to expand services) programs.

This year, the city received 46 applications, 12 of which were new applicants, for a total requested funding amount of \$272,530, compared with the available funds of \$145,000. The commission recommended funding for 32 Eastside Arts Partnerships, two Power Up grants and 11 Special Projects grants.

Iconic rock ‘n’ roll half-marathon to bring runners to Bellevue

By MICHELLE DeGRAND
Deputy Communications Officer

You already know this “city in a park” is a beautiful place. In September, runners from around the world will get the chance to experience Bellevue’s beauty in a whole new way. Half-marathoners participating in the 2022 St. Jude Rock ‘n’ Roll Running Series Washington event will race on a course that highlights the city’s unique features and warm community.

The event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4, with a half marathon, 5K run and a course for children. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is the event charity partner. Participants can raise funds for the hospital as they train and receive discounts on registration fees.

Mayor Lynne Robinson expressed excitement about having a Rock ‘n’ Roll Series running event come to the city, saying, “The opportunity to host this iconic event is an honor for the city, made even more significant by having St. Jude as a charity partner. We look forward to participating in and supporting this international gathering and celebration of health as we showcase our community.”

Rock ‘n’ Roll Running Series events, which take place in cities around the country, are characterized by live music and other performances from local talent along the race route.

While Bellevue hosted part of the Seafair marathon in 2007 and 2008, as well as All in for Autism 10-kilometer runs, this is the first time the city is hosting a Rock ‘n’ Roll event. The opportunity, in line with the city’s economic development strategy, increases tourism



Bellevue staff attended the Rock ‘n’ Roll Arizona event to pick up tips on the best way to support such an event here.

and arts and culture exposure for Bellevue as it continues its recovery from the pandemic.

Running routes will be determined in the months leading up to the race. Residents can find event details and how the community can participate in the event at BellevueWA.gov/rock-n-roll-running-events, which will be updated as event plans are finalized. Runners and walkers alike can register or find out more information by visiting RunRocknRoll.com/washington.

“We will be working closely with race organizers to fully prepare for this event in our community,” said Mac Cummins, director of the Community Development Department.

“We are eager to show the best of Bellevue and our region to runners and their families.”

Mediation, rental relief preventing evictions

While many Bellevue renters are still struggling to catch up with bills during the stuttering recovery from the pandemic, the city is helping prevent evictions via landlord-tenant mediation and rental relief.

The Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center has been busy helping renters settle on repayment plans with their landlords. As of Feb. 9, the office took on 432 eviction resolution cases since the state eviction moratorium ended Oct. 31. The volume of cases has been increasing since the beginning of 2022.

Landlords can’t start eviction proceedings until the CRC has certified that they tried to reach an agreement with the tenant first.

Both landlords and tenants can start rent repayment negotiations. To get help, please contact the Conflict Resolution Center (425-452-4091 or bcrc@bellevuewa.gov) and make an appointment with a conciliator. Interpretation services are available. Details at BellevueWA.gov/eviction-resolution.

The City Council also allocated \$7 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Bellevue’s Residential Rental and Mortgage Relief program. Local services agencies contracted by the city are providing rental, mortgage and move-in assistance to low- and moderate-income residents during the pandemic.

People can find and contact the agencies at BellevueWA.gov/rent-relief.

Utilities offers rate relief and emergency assistance

By JESSICA GUTHRIE
Utilities Public Information Officer

The City of Bellevue offers several programs to assist low-income residents with utility costs for water, wastewater and drainage. If you are or know someone who may benefit from these programs, please contact the Utility Rate Relief office at 425-452-5285 or utilityrelief@bellevuewa.gov. More information on program guidelines and applications can be found at BellevueWA.gov/utility-relief.

Rate Relief

Low-income seniors (62 and older) and low-income persons with permanent disabilities who meet residency and income guidelines are eligible for 70% off basic utility costs through Bellevue’s Rate Relief program. You may qualify for relief if your 2021 household income was \$40,500 or less for one person or \$46,300 or less for two.

The form of relief depends on how utility costs are paid:

- **Utility Rate Discount:** If you pay a Bellevue utility bill, you may qualify for a rate reduction on your 2021 utility bills. This program is open now through Oct. 28.
- **Utility Rate Rebate:** If your utility costs have been paid through rent or other third party, you may qualify for a rebate check on 2021 utility costs. This program is open April 1 to Oct. 28.

Emergency Assistance

If you pay a Bellevue utility bill directly and are not eligible for a rate discount, you may qualify for a 100% discount for up to four months of basic utility service (maximum benefit \$313 per utility bill), if you are experiencing a one-time financial shock that interferes with your household’s ability to cover basic needs. Customers must meet the program’s income guidelines for the past 30 days and not receive other Utilities financial assistance. This help is available once every three years.

Other Bill Assistance Options

Low-Income Household Water

Assistance: This federal program can provide an additional source of help to pay past-due utility bills for customers who meet the state’s low-income guidelines. To learn more about program eligibility and apply for assistance, customers can book an appointment with Hopelink at Hopelink.org or 425-869-6000.

Flexible payment plans: Utilities staff will work with customers facing past-due balances to set up payment plans that meet their needs. Our team is here to help. Please contact 425-452-6973 or myutilitybill@bellevuewa.gov to discuss payment arrangements and other available support options.

Bellevue readies for continued growth with Comprehensive Plan update

By **BROOKE BROD**
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Recent census data shows that King County is one of the fastest growing places in the country, with 1.8 million more people projected to arrive by 2050. Bellevue is planning to accommodate 35,000 housing units and 70,000 new jobs by 2044.

Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan is the city’s primary tool for addressing this growth, establishing a 20-year vision for the future and providing policy direction for how to get there. The city has just begun the process of updating the plan, the last version of which was adopted in 2015.

Residents will play an essential role as we explore the questions:

- Who are we today?
- Where do we want to be in the future?
- How will we get there?

The Comprehensive Plan is a central document, guiding decisions by the City Council, Bellevue boards and commissions, and city staff on housing, transportation, land use, infrastructure development and more. Other city plans, including the Parks and Open Space Plan and the Transit Master Plan, must align with the Comprehensive Plan.

Past updates of Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan have led to the creation of new, mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhoods in BelRed, the adoption of a citywide Environmental Stewardship Plan and partnerships on affordable housing.

Comprehensive plans are a requirement of the state’s Growth Management Act. This law creates a framework for cities to thoughtfully plan for the future and ensures that growth is directed to the places with the capacity and infrastructure to support it. Goals include reducing sprawl, encouraging an efficient transportation system, creating affordable housing, and protecting the environment and rural lands.

The first step in the planning process will focus on affirming the city’s vision for the future and identifying strengths and challenges. Then there will be opportunities to explore challenges and identify potential solutions. After that community members will get to discuss different approaches to accommodating growth. Finally, there will be opportunities to review and comment on draft policies.

This entire process will take place over the next two years, and there will be a variety of opportunities to participate. To get updates and stay in the loop, go to [EngagingBellevue.com/bellevue-2044](https://engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044).



Sheep shearing resumes at Kelsey Creek Farm

Sheep-shearing, the annual ovine shave ewe just can’t miss, resumes at Kelsey Creek Farm this year, Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The event will include spinning demonstrations, children’s crafts, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pony rides, heritage displays and food.

Proof of full vaccination or negative Covid test taken within previous 72 hours required to attend.



The City Council continues to meet virtually on Zoom during the pandemic.

Omicron spread impacts City Hall services

By **CLAUDE IOSSO**
It’s Your City Editor

With COVID-19 cases surging in December and January due to the omicron variant, the city renewed measures aimed at keeping the public and city staff safe.

As of Jan. 8, City Hall (and the police lobby) scaled back hours for in-person services to weekdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Records can be requested and supplied virtually. Mini City Hall at Crossroads Mall and the two police substations remain open with limited hours.

The City Council continues to meet virtually. Residents can tune in to the Zoom meetings and comment on issues by registering at BellevueWA.gov/city-council.

Virtual Permit Center a key option

While in-person permitting services continue to be very limited, the Virtual Permit Center provides customers scheduled time via video meeting with permit technicians and plan reviewers. Customers can ask questions and get real-time answers about the permit process from the convenience of their home, office or on the go.

Learn more and schedule at BellevueWA.gov/virtual-permit-center.

Our permitting is also completely paperless—customers can submit applications, upload plans and pay fees online at MyBuildingPermit.com.

Community centers at 50% capacity

Community centers and recreation facilities were open at 50% capacity as of late January, to people preregistered for in-person programming. Indoor rentals and events/gatherings were not being operated.

Infection rates dropping

As has been the case in other countries, COVID-19 cases driven by the omicron variant started to drop in King County from a high on Jan. 10 of 7,763, according to Public Health – Seattle & King County.

Although the omicron variant has spread to vaccinated people, Public Health reported that unvaccinated people remain much more likely to contract COVID-19, need hospitalization if they get sick and/or die from COVID. Visit VaccineLocator.doh.wa.gov to find locations for booster shots.

With COVID numbers continuing to drop steeply in Washington as of Feb. 10, plans for relaxation of mask mandates and other restrictions may be in place by publication of It’s Your City.

Somerset house damaged in landslide

By **BRAD HARWOOD**
Chief Communications Officer

Early the morning of Jan. 17, a landslide occurred in the Somerset neighborhood, pushing a house on 139th Place Southeast off its foundation and causing it to partially collapse. Bellevue police officers and firefighters responded; police

rescued a woman and dog from the house. Remarkably, there were no deaths or major injuries. More than a dozen homes in the neighborhood were evacuated; the city provided shelter for the impacted residents that morning at the South Bellevue Community Center. At this time the cause of the slide is

unknown; the investigation will take months. “Our number-one priority throughout this process is to keep people safe and to remove the dangerous structure as soon, and as safely, as possible,” said City Manager Brad Miyake. “We’re grateful to the Surdi family (owners of the

damaged home) for allowing the demolition process to begin. I also want to reassure the community that the city is deeply committed to helping the Somerset neighborhood recover from this unimaginable event.” The house was scheduled to come down Feb. 19-25.

The January landslide offers safety reminders including:

- Property owners who live near or on a steep slope should consult a geotechnical engineer before adding or removing fill material (soil, sand, rock, debris). They should also maintain vegetation on slopes to help stabilize soil.
- Keep an eye out for water leaks that could lead to or signal water main breaks, such as pooling water in the yard or water bubbling up from a street. Please contact the city’s 24-hour emergency line immediately at 425-452-7840.
- [Ready.gov](#) has information on disaster preparedness, including how to prepare an emergency kit or “go bag,” and what to do should you be impacted by a disaster.



WSDOT to replace Main Street bridge over I-405

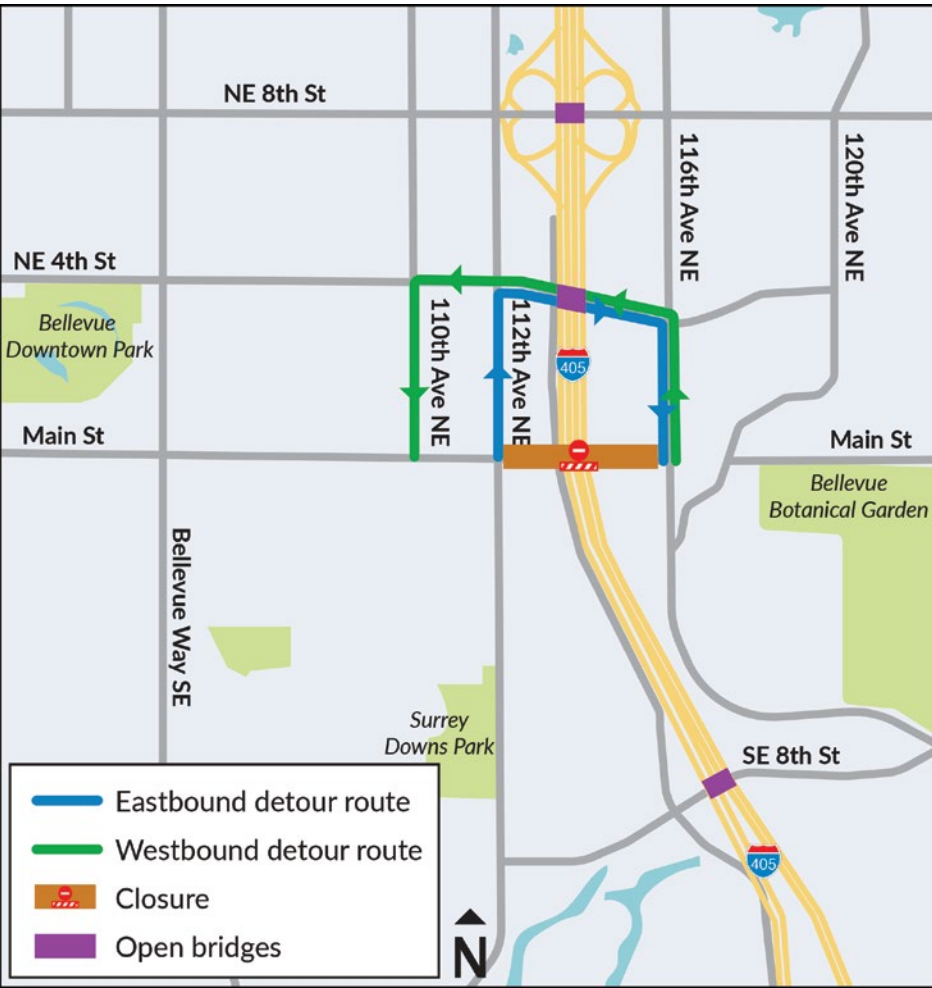
Project to require five-month closure of Main Street, weekend closure of highway

By **WSDOT and BELLEVUE TRANSPORTATION STAFF**

The state Department of Transportation will replace the Main Street bridge over Interstate 405 this spring with a span that will include a multipurpose path for people who walk and bicycle. The project will necessitate a five-month closure of Main Street between 112th and 116th avenues, as well as a weekend closure of I-405 in both directions through downtown. The timing of the bridge and highway closures depends on weather and other factors, but they are expected to begin sometime in late March or early April. City and WSDOT officials understand this closure will impact traffic around downtown and adjacent neighborhoods. Travelers are encouraged to use alternate routes and avoid traveling in the vicinity of the Main Street overpass during peak times. The overpass replacement is part of WSDOT’s I-405 Renton-to-Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project. The

project is building multimodal transportation and safety improvements along I-405 to offer more reliable travel choices and keep people and freight moving. The new bridge will span the new, wider I-405. Here’s what you need to know to be ready for the closures:

- The primary detour for Main Street will be on Northeast Fourth Street. The closure of Main Street will be followed by a 60-day period when one lane in each direction will be open.
- The detour route for the closure of I-405 will move traffic onto city streets between the highway ramps at Northeast Fourth and Southeast Eighth streets. Police will direct traffic on arterial streets.
- Additional I-405 weekend closures will be needed in the coming months to set girders for the new bridge, but those closures will be in one direction only, northbound or southbound lanes.



More information about the Main Street bridge replacement and all WSDOT closures on I-405 is at [WSDOT.wa.gov/I405Widening](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/I405Widening). Get the latest information on street closures citywide at [BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories](https://www.BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories).

Police authorized to use body cameras

By MEEGHAN BLACK
Police Public Information Officer

Bellevue police are one step closer to possibly wearing body cameras. The City Council on Jan. 18 unanimously voted to authorize the use of the cameras and related community involvement.

“This is a big step forward in our efforts to outfit our officers with body-worn cameras,” stated interim Chief Wendell Shirley. “We want the cameras, and we know our community demands more transparency and accountability. The cameras will not only help us achieve that, but also will protect officers and the public with the independent recording.”

Before Bellevue police officers start wearing body cameras, hopefully by the end of the year, the city is researching vendors and developing a policy that balances the public’s right to know with privacy concerns expressed by residents during public engagement. The council must also approve a budget for the body cameras.

“We take people’s privacy very seriously and will have redundancies in place that ensure protected images are not improperly released,” Shirley explained.

Body cameras are a compact tool officers wear to record police-public interactions during law enforcement duties. These recordings ensure transparency in these interactions and will allow the department to comply with new laws more easily regarding the audio and video recordings of custodial interviews of juveniles and felony suspects.

The police department will continue to seek out community feedback in preparation for requesting budget authority from the City Council. Learn more and provide feedback at [EngagingBellevue.com](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/engaging) (the Police Use of Force Policy Reform page).



Spring roster of Greener Living classes

By ERIN HISLOP
Utilities Conservation and Outreach

Bellevue Utilities is pleased to offer another round of free, interactive Greener Living classes this spring on a variety of environmental conservation topics. Classes will be virtual via Zoom. The city plans to offer additional classes later this year in both in-person and virtual formats.

Attendees will receive resources electronically after each class. **To register, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 206-949-1787.** All classes are first come, first served.

Classes include:

Safer Cleaning:

Learn how to shop for safer cleaning products and how to make your own non-toxic cleaners with common household items.

Plastics - Problems and Possibilities:

Deepen your knowledge about which plastics can be recycled and how you can help reduce global impact.

Responsible Reorganizing:

Explore how to declutter and downsize your stuff without putting it all in the garbage.

Super Sorter:

Learn which common items belong in recycle, compost or garbage. Find out how to handle unusual items and how to properly dispose of potentially hazardous ones.

Reduce Wasted Food:

Learn how to maximize your food through proper storage, label reading and innovative recipes.

Curbside Composting and Beyond:

Dig into how to identify compostable products and how to set up composting service for your house, apartment or condominium.

Former councilmember ‘Dr. D’ remembered fondly



Dr. Don Davidson

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It’s Your City Editor

Don Davidson, who served on the Bellevue City Council for 26 years between 1983 and 2013, including two stints as mayor, died Feb. 6, 2021. He was 81. Fellow councilmembers celebrated “Dr. D” around the anniversary of his passing.

“Bellevue lost an iconic public servant in Don Davidson,” Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis said. “He poured his heart and soul into public service. Bellevue is the amazing place it is today due to his contributions. The

city owes the Davidson family a debt of gratitude for sharing him with us. I will miss him greatly.”

“Don was the ultimate ambassador of Bellevue,” Councilmember Jennifer Robertson said. “He deeply loved this city and its people. His impacts on this city and the region are far-reaching, particularly regarding the environment. He dearly loved “the fishies,” as he called them, and worked to have clean water for all.”

“I remember Dr. Davidson for his sense of humor and directness on topics of great interest to him,” Councilmember John Stokes said in an email. Stokes credited Davidson for preparing him to represent the council on the King Conservation District. “Although we may have differed on some matters and political approach, we enjoyed working with each other and I miss him.”

Born in Portland, Oregon in 1939, Davidson and his wife Sue moved to Bellevue in the early ‘60s and he started dental practice here in 1966. Involvement in his kids’ activities sparked an interest in local politics for “Dr. D,” a variant of his brother’s nickname for him – “Donald Duck.”

Davidson was elected to the council six times and appointed twice to fill vacancies. His fellow councilmembers elected him mayor for 1994 and 1995, as well as 2010 and 2011.

“In and out of politics, he was always involved in the community and public service,” said Councilmember Conrad Lee, who was on the council with Davidson for nearly 20 years, between 1993 and 2013, and was his deputy mayor in 2010 and 2011. “During his many years as my colleague, my dentist and fellow Rotarian, we probably spent more time together than with our own families.”

“Don was as dedicated to figuring out how to solve our city’s problems as he was to solving his patients’ dental problems,” Lee added. “He loved to study and thoroughly understand the budget so we knew where and how taxpayers’ money was going.”

In a 2013 farewell column in It’s Your City, Davidson called his time on the council “a great ride.” He was proud of his efforts to support managed growth downtown, a dependable water supply for the Eastside with the Cascade Water Alliance, salmon recovery, and fiscal restraint.

People are invited to donate in Davidson’s memory to the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation at [BYTFFoundation.org](https://www.bytffoundation.org).

New hires for Diversity Advantage team

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

Continuing its efforts to deliver equitable services for all residents, workers and visitors in Bellevue, the city recently welcomed two new members to its Diversity Advantage team. Working for the city's new chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer Dr. Linda Whitehead are DEI community outreach and engagement administrator Justin Chan and equity coordinator Sara Boyle.

"Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength." These are the twin statements that lead the City Council's long-range vision for Bellevue. While diversity and equity have been focus areas for the city since the 1990s, they were officially introduced as

city council priorities after the adoption of the Diversity Advantage Initiative and creation of the Diversity Advantage team in 2014. The council further recognized the importance of this work after the 2020 murder of George Floyd in Minnesota, which spurred a national movement toward identifying and addressing racism.

Mayor Lynne Robinson noted during a State of the City Conversation in mid-2021 that equity and inclusion now permeate the city's guiding principles.

"It's not just that we welcome people, it's that people feel they belong," Mayor Lynne Robinson said. "Everything we do should make anyone who comes into Bellevue feel comfortable here, that they belong here."

In August, the city hired Dr. Whitehead, its first chief DEI officer. She, in turn, brought Chan and Boyle on board in December to support the city's equity-related initiatives.

Justin came to Bellevue from the state Department of Social and Health Services, where he led DEI programs for the Developmental Disabilities Administration. Sara brings nearly a decade of professional experience working to advance equity in King and Snohomish counties. The last two years she was director of Connect Casino Road, a partnership of nonprofits and government organizations serving immigrant families in South Everett. Learn more about the city's DEI work at BellevueWA.gov/diversity-advantage.



JUSTIN CHAN
DEI community outreach
and engagement administrator



SARA BOYLE
equity coordinator

Five ways you can prevent stream pollution at home

By LAURIE DEVEREAUX
Stream Team Program Administrator

Our everyday activities can pollute—or protect—our local streams and lakes. As it runs off hard surfaces, rainwater picks up whatever it touches, such as oil, fertilizer and pet waste. Polluted runoff that flows into storm drains feeds directly into streams and lakes, where it can harm water quality and wildlife habitat.

To help protect our local waterways, here are five positive actions you can take at home.

1. **Sweep up** driveway dirt and debris regularly to keep them out of storm drains and prevent buildup of moss.
2. **Divert** pressure washing water into landscaping or use a sump or wet vacuum to divert it to a utility sink. Avoid soap or hot water when pressure washing.
3. **Wash** your car at a commercial car wash. Car washes send the polluted wash water to the sewer for treatment.
4. **Check your vehicle** for leaks to make sure you don't "drip and drive." Visit fixcarleaks.org for tips to prevent, diagnose, and fix car leaks.
5. **Redirect roof downspouts** to landscaped areas when cleaning your roof with chemicals. Reconnect your downspouts after a couple of rain cycles to prevent polluted water from reaching storm drains.

Call the Bellevue Utilities 24-hour hotline at 425-452-7840 to report water issues, including stormwater pollution or stream concerns.



A great heron eating a peamouth minnow at Kelsey Creek is an example of the wildlife that thrives in Bellevue streams.

EQUITY

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& Community Services business systems manager Angela Ferguson received a "Lifetime Achievement" award. Norm Dalire also received a Lifetime Achievement award for making Bellevue Youth Theatre day camps, policies and hiring practices welcoming to diverse young people.

Winners of the "Leading From Where You Are" award were Blayne Amson, the city's ADA and Title VI civil rights administrator, and Colton Hattersley, a performance and process analyst. Amson was nominated for developing new and innovative programming that facilitate increased access and engagement for people with disabilities. Hattersley was nominated by several peers for spearheading an equity team in his department and special events for Pride Month and Transgender Remembrance Day.

The Distinctive Achievement award, which honors teams that demonstrate significant and innovative achievements in building a more diverse and equitable city, went to Bellevue's park rangers and the Community Crisis Assistance Team, a combination of specially trained police officers and mental health professionals who assist residents having behavioral and mental health crises.

'My View from the Back of the Bus' author speaks

Finally, the city kicked off Black History Month with the presentation to staff on Feb. 1 from Merritt D. Long, who wrote "My View from the Back of the Bus," about growing up in the segregated South.

Long witnessed and experienced discrimination in both his personal and professional life, and shared those experiences with the audience. In a virtual question-and-answer session with city employees, the Olympia author shared how he battled racism and used his experiences to forge a career that included appointments by the governor of Washington to top roles in multiple government agencies in Olympia.



DianaStarr Raynell Robinson
performs at the virtual health fair.

City takes next step to make streets near schools safer

By DAVID GRANT
Transportation Public Information Officer

In March, as part of its Vision Zero transportation safety efforts, Bellevue will launch the second in a series of six road safety assessments to help make walking and bicycling safer on routes near schools. This assessment will focus on streets close to Highland Middle School; students, parents and neighbors are invited to take part.

Those interested in helping can respond to a short online questionnaire or sign

up to participate in a “walking audit.” Information on both opportunities can be accessed at BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments.

The city is coordinating with the Bellevue School District on road safety assessments, which are used to identify safety issues, especially for vulnerable travelers such as pedestrians and bicyclists. Assessments are part of Bellevue’s Vision Zero effort to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030. The Transportation Department will

use results from the assessments and walking audits to make safety improvements on the streets.

The first walking audits took place in January on streets near Sherwood Forest Elementary School and Interlake High School. More than a dozen people participated.

In April, combined walking audits are anticipated near Sammamish High School, Stevenson Elementary School and Odle Middle School. In 2023, three more walking audits are planned—for International High School and Newport High School, along with a combined audit for Big Picture School, Lake Hills Elementary School, Phantom Lake Elementary School and Tillicum Middle School.



Part of the walking audits includes the use of a computer mounted on wheels that takes video of sidewalks and identifies potential hazards.



New 520 off-ramp to reduce Overlake congestion

By WSDOT STAFF

To reduce congestion in the Overlake Village area and provide more options for travelers, the state Department of Transportation is adding a 148th Avenue off-ramp from eastbound State Route 520.

The work will require up to four weekend-long closures of the northbound or southbound lanes of 148th Avenue Northeast, and up to four weekend closures of the eastbound SR 520 off-ramp to 148th Avenue. Construction begins later this year, and WSDOT will provide closure dates and times on the project webpage once they’re scheduled (search for “WSDOT Overlake ramp”).

The eastbound SR 520 off-ramp to southbound 148th Avenue Northeast will be shifted and a new ramp will be built that goes under 148th Avenue to Overlake Village. The new ramps will reduce backups on southbound 148th as well as on the eastbound SR 520 off-ramp.

In addition to improving vehicle traffic, the project will provide upgrades for people who walk and roll:

- Sidewalks with spaces for people in wheelchairs to pass each other on NE Shen Street.
- Raised pedestrian crossings near Safeway
- Narrowing the ramp connection from SR 520 to 148th Avenue, reducing the width of roadway pedestrians must cross.

If you have questions, please contact Adrienne Hatmaker at adriennehatmaker@wsdot.wa.gov.

Way clear for transit-oriented development by East Main station

By DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF

In 2023, the East Link light rail line will begin providing service to the Eastside, with six stations opening simultaneously in Bellevue. Over the last nine years, in preparation for this significant and historic transit system expansion, the City of Bellevue has engaged in extensive planning to optimize the benefits of light rail and incorporate the stations into their respective neighborhoods.

A vital part of this effort is supporting transit-oriented development around the East Main station. New zoning creates the opportunity for a

new vibrant, livable and unique neighborhood in Bellevue.

In 2014, as part of extensive community outreach, the council appointed a group of residents and business owners to develop a vision for transit-oriented development in East Main. That committee’s recommendations led to changes to the city’s Comprehensive Plan.

In December, the City Council unanimously adopted a land use code amendment to support transit-oriented development east of the East Main station. The amendment allows increased density, with taller buildings and the potential for a compact, walkable mixed-use

neighborhood where people can live, work, shop, dine and pursue arts and cultural offerings.

The newly adopted zoning includes two different land use districts responding to the immediate proximity to the East Main Station and Mercer Slough’s natural environment. There are no code changes for Surrey Downs, the residential neighborhood west of the new station, but residents there will be able to access the open spaces and other amenities around the East Main station.

The area across 112th Avenue Southeast from the future light rail station is currently underutilized, largely made up

of parking lots, hotels, office buildings and a few restaurants, in addition to the Bellevue Athletic Club.

When the 60-acre area between Interstate 405 and 112th Avenue Southeast becomes more residential, people moving there will be able to rely on public transit as their primary mode of travel. Redevelopment in this neighborhood will feature more housing, including affordable units, smaller blocks and connected pathways to promote access to the light rail station. Ample landscaping to help create a safe and attractive environment along 112th Avenue Southeast.

Tips for spring cleaning

By ERIN HISLOP
Utilities Conservation and Outreach

Spring cleaning is a common tradition as we emerge from a soggy winter. Here are tips to help refresh your living space while making the most of the items you no longer want.



- 1. Use non-toxic cleaners and properly dispose of toxic ones.** Avoid cleaners with the words “poison” or “danger” on the label. If you are getting rid of toxic cleaners, they must go to the hazardous waste collection at the Factoria Transfer Station (13800 SE 32nd St.) for proper disposal. Find recipes to make your own safer cleaners at home along with information on proper disposal at BellevueWA.gov/hazardous-waste.
- 2. Fix or donate usable items.** Visit RepairEconomyWA.org to find locations that can help you repair broken items you want to keep using. Consider donating usable items to a local nonprofit or giving to neighbors through apps like “Buy Nothing.”
- 3. Properly recycle or dispose of items that are not usable.** Looking to recycle unusual items such as propane tanks or mattresses? Bellevue Utilities has compiled a complete list of locations that will take such items at BellevueWA.gov/recycle-more. Learn which items you can recycle at home at BellevueWA.gov/recycle-at-home.
- 4. Take a free Greener Living Class.** Bellevue Utilities is offering a number of free, virtual classes this spring to provide assistance with cleaning and reorganizing. Topics include safe cleaning (how to make nontoxic cleaners); proper sorting of garbage, recycling and compost and responsible reorganizing (strategies for simplifying). For a complete class schedule visit BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes.

Republic Services ready to help you recycle right

By ERIN HISLOP
Utilities Conservation and Outreach

Bellevue residents continue to benefit both the environment and the economy by recycling their plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal cans, and by composting their food scraps. That said, aspirational or “wishcycling” by even the most well-intentioned recyclers creates contamination.

Items that don’t belong in your recycling container can lower the value of the legitimate recyclables in the bin, occasionally getting them sent to the landfill instead.

Use Republic Services’ recycling guide, available in multiple languages at RepublicBellevue.com, to become familiar with the basic rules of recycling.

Republic Services, our solid waste service provider, also offers many options to dispose of your household waste sustainably. At no additional cost, you can recycle:



Kitchen food scraps and food-soiled paper:

Get your free compost container from Republic Services at 425-452-4762, line with a paper or compostable bag, and place in your compost cart when full.



Old textiles:

Donate or dispose of clean, used clothes in an earth-friendly way at Republic’s drop-off center, or call Republic for pickup at your home.



Small appliances and electronics:

Bring out those non-working computers, coffee pots, microwaves and more to Republic’s Drop-Off Center, or call Republic for pick-up.

If you have any questions about your recycling options, or if you need to report a missed garbage, recycling or compost collection, please contact Republic Services at 425-452-4762 or visit RepublicBellevue.com.

EBCC to focus on Comprehensive Plan update this year

By BETSI HUMMER
EBCC Chair

An update of Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan is getting underway, and that will be a major focus for the East Bellevue Community Council this year. We’ll closely follow presentations from the city and Planning Commission deliberations to make sure the updates are good for the EBCC jurisdiction.

We are grateful for the support of residents in the EBCC area, after 82% voted for in the November general election for the EBCC to continue. Residents of the area vote on whether the council should continue to exist every four years.



Chiho Lai

The EBCC also welcomes a new member, after Chiho Lai defeated incumbent Ross Gooding with 56% of the vote over Gooding’s 43%. We thank Ross for his 14 years of service on the EBCC.

At the Feb. 1 meeting, the EBCC voted for Steve Kasner to serve as chair, Hassan Dhananjaya as vice chair and Ron Epstein as alternate vice chair. It’s been an honor for me to serve as chair the last four years.

Limits on unrelated people sharing homes eliminated

At its Dec. 7 meeting, the EBCC approved a city ordinance that removes limits on the number of unrelated people who can occupy a home. The ordinance was necessary for Bellevue’s land use code to comply with a new state law prohibiting occupancy limits for residential uses.

EBCC members let city staff know of their concerns about safety and crowding in homes. The new ordinance removes Bellevue’s 2015 single-family room rental ordinance allowing a maximum of four unrelated adults to share a single-family home.

Courtesy hearing regarding supportive and emergency housing

At our Feb. 1 meeting, we held a courtesy hearing regarding a draft land use code amendment that would allow supportive housing and homeless shelters in all residential neighborhoods where hotels and motels are allowed.

The Planning Commission is processing the code amendment, which is based on a recently passed, state-mandated, interim official control. The code change will come before the EBCC again for a public hearing and vote, after action by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Save Our Scale discussion

Since September, the EBCC has been hearing from a group of residents called Save Our Scale. SOS is concerned about megahomes in Bellevue and wants stricter limits on the size of new or remodeled houses in older neighborhoods.

EBCC members overall are reluctant to endorse the group.

Virtual visit from Houghton Community Council

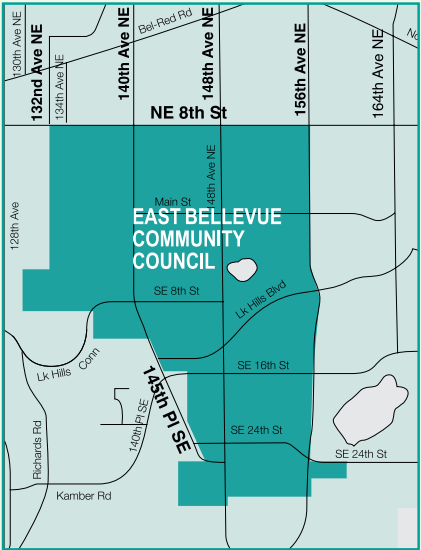
The EBCC also heard from the Houghton Community Council Jan. 4 about a bill in the Legislature to sunset community councils such as Houghton, in Kirkland, and the EBCC.

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.

Members: Hassan Dhananjaya, Ron Epstein, Betsi Hummer, Steve Kasner, Chiho Lai

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.



Design underway for improvement projects

How a transportation, parks or utilities improvement project ultimately gets built is a progression. In simple terms, a concept advances to a comprehensive design and then to construction. There is a great deal of detail, analysis and coordination in the planning, design and construction phases of an improvement project such as a new sidewalk, crosswalk, park or sewer pump station.

Project design is often done by city engineers and designers but also can be contracted. Design work typically advances in 30 percent increments—30%, 60% and 90%—progressing toward plans that can be advertised for construction companies to bid. A fully designed project also allows managers to estimate engineering, labor, permitting, property acquisition and other costs.

The list below features transportation, utility and park projects currently in the design phase—listed by neighborhood. Because project cost projections change during the design process, estimates are not provided below. Look for updates, including cost estimates, for these and other projects expected to be in construction this year in the June edition of It’s Your City. For more information about projects, please contact the project manager listed.

BelRed

116th Ave NE Crosswalk

New crosswalk, median and rapid rectangular flashing beacons to be installed north of Northeast 20th Street in 2023.
Rebecca Lilliquist, rlilliquis@bellevuewa.gov

120th Ave NE Multimodal Improvements: NE 16th Street (future street) to Northup Way

Widen roadway, install pedestrian and bicycle facilities, replace culvert and develop urban design features. Construction not yet funded. Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov

124th Ave NE Multimodal Improvements: Ichigo Way (future street) to Northup Way

Widen 124th Avenue Northeast to five lanes, build a multipurpose path on the west side of the road and install sidewalk. Pending right of way acquisition, construction expected in spring 2022 through 2023. Marina Arakelyan, marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

130th Ave NE Multimodal Improvements: Bel-Red Road to NE 20th St

Add protected bike lanes, sidewalks and mid-block crossings, on-street parking, signal modifications, streetlights, landscaping and utility improvements. Construction anticipated in 2022 through 2023. Greg Lucas, glucas@bellevuewa.gov

Valley Creek at NE 21st St Flood Control

Replace and enlarge culvert at Northeast 21st Street and restore Valley Creek, between Northeast 20th and 21st streets, to mitigate flooding recurrences. Construction expected in 2023.
Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Bridle Trails

NE 40th St Sidewalk

Construct 6-foot sidewalk and planter strip where feasible on the north side of Northeast 40th Street, between 140th and 145th avenues. Construction expected in 2023. Rebecca Lilliquist, rlilliquis@bellevuewa.gov

New neighborhood park, 4432 140th Ave NE

New 1.4-acre park will feature playground, picnic shelter, restroom, walking trails and natural areas. Construction expected in spring 2023. Scott VanderHyden, svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
(rendering shown on right)

City Wide: Pavement Preservation

Pavement condition data is collected for all 1,100-plus lane miles of public streets biennially. It’s used to predict needed preservation work and determine the best timing to maximize resources. A five-year pavement preservation plan is used to coordinate with other public and private projects. Work done under this program includes routine street sweeping, pothole repairs, resurfacing stretches of roadway with fresh asphalt, new pavement markings, upgraded curb ramps and new sidewalks. Repaving is typically done between April and October. A map of 2022 resurfacing projects is at BellevueWA.gov/pavement.
Kyle Potuzak, kpotuzak@bellevuewa.gov

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Cougar Mountain Pump Station Rehabilitation

Replace aging pumps and obsolete electrical equipment, upgrade site piping and evaluate seismic requirements. Construction expected in 2023. Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Horizon View 2 Reservoir and Pump Station Replacement

Replace pump station building and aging 150,000-gallon steel reservoir and with a 400,000-gallon concrete reservoir to improve system operation and reliability. Construction anticipated in 2023-2024. Jay Hummel, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Lakemont Blvd at Red Town Trailhead Crosswalk Improvements

Install new marked crosswalk with flashing beacons for the trail where it crosses Lakemont Boulevard. Construction anticipated in 2022. Kurt Latt, klatt@bellevuewa.gov

Downtown


110th Ave NE Crosswalks

Install new crosswalks with medians and flashing beacons at the intersections of Northeast Second Place, Northeast Ninth Street and Northeast 11th Street. Construction anticipated in fall 2022. Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Transit Center Intersection Improvements

Build new raised intersections on Northeast Sixth Street at 108th and 110th avenues to improve pedestrian safety and transit accessibility. Construction anticipated in summer 2022. Daniel Lam, dlam@bellevuewa.gov

(photo below)




Main St Off-Street Trail – 108th Ave to 112th Ave

Construct a multipurpose path with planter on the south side of Main Street, including upgraded ramps, raised crosswalks at 110th Avenue Southeast and 110th Place Southeast. Benjamin Wright, bmwright@bellevuewa.gov

NE 8th St Pedestrian Enhancements over I-405

Improve safety for pedestrians crossing the I-405 ramps along Northeast Eighth Street by adding flashing beacons and a signal to crosswalks. Construction anticipated in winter 2022. Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov




Eastgate	
150th Ave SE Congestion Relief Improvements Intersection improvements at Eastgate Way/148th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 37th Street/150th Avenue Southeast to accommodate a new third southbound lane and additional turn lanes. Funding for design only; construction funding not yet identified. Paul Krawczyk , pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov	
Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan Update Update the 2012 master plan for the 28-acre park at 2997 160th Avenue Southeast to include a potential site for an indoor pool facility. Public outreach planned for summer 2022. Environmental review to take approximately two years, concluding with City Council’s adoption of an updated plan. Ken Kroeger , kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov	
Bellevue College Connection Convert Snoqualmie River Road to a new public transit connection, providing stops to the Bellevue College campus and a new multi-use walkway from Southeast 24th Street to Southeast 32nd Street. Project is currently funded by the city, King County Metro and Bellevue College to the 30% design level. Paul Krawczyk , pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov	
Factoria	
Factoria Blvd Stormwater Conveyance Improvements Improve stormwater system capacity along Factoria Boulevard, between Southeast 38th Street and Richards Creek inlet, to reduce risk of flooding during large storms. Construction expected in 2022-2023. Birol Shaha , bshaha@bellevuewa.gov	
Lake Hills	
Crosswalk improvements: 140th Ave SE and 145th Place SE Install flashing beacons at three crosswalks: 140th Avenue Northeast (midblock south of Southeast 10th Street; 145th Place Southeast at 144th Avenue Southeast; and 145th Place Southeast at Southeast 22nd Street. Construction expected in 2023. Rebecca Lilliquist , rlilliquis@bellevuewa.gov	
Kelsey Creek Culvert Replacements at Lake Hills Blvd Replace deteriorating Kelsey Creek culverts at Lake Hills Boulevard. Construction anticipated in 2024. James B. Nicolls , jbnicolls@bellevuwa.gov <i>(photo right)</i>	
Lake Hills Blvd and 156th Ave SE Improvements Remove all-way stop and add a traffic signal. Project will replace accessible (ADA) ramps and repave the roadway. Construction anticipated in fall 2022. Daniel Lam , dlam@bellevuewa.gov	
Main St Pedestrian Safety Improvements Upgrade crosswalks with accessibility improvements and add flashing beacons at trail crossing near Sammamish High School and 145th Place Northeast. Install flashing beacon at crosswalk at 153rd Place Northeast. Construction anticipated in fall 2022. Kurt Latt , klatt@bellevuewa.gov	
Main St and 156th Ave Signal Replacement Remove and replace traffic signal. Project includes accessible (ADA) ramp upgrades and repaving. Construction anticipated in fall 2022. Daniel Lam , dlam@bellevuewa.gov	
Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement Rehabilitate three segments of sewer pipeline (bogline) along backyards of private property (in public easements) and on public streets in the vicinity of 158th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 11th Street. Construction anticipated summer 2023. Vanaja Rajah , vrajah@bellevuewa.gov	
Newport	
119th Ave SE Speed Cushions - Phase 2 Add four sets of speed cushions (rubber speed humps across a street) on 119th Avenue Southeast, between Southeast 56th Street and Southeast 48th Street. Construction expected in 2023. Rohit Ammanamanchi , rammanaman@bellevuewa.gov	

Newport Continued
123rd Ave SE Sidewalk Segments Complete missing segments of sidewalk along the west side of 123rd Avenue Southeast, from Southeast 60th Place to Southeast 65th Place. Construction expected in late 2022 into 2023. Mike Rodni , mrodni@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Sewer Capacity Improvements Build sewer force main along Cascade Key and rehabilitate Newport lift station and Newport pump station. Construction expected in 2022. Birol Shaha , bshaha@bellevuewa.gov
Northeast Bellevue
Cedar Terrace Pump Station Rehabilitation Replace the pump station at 3205 115th Avenue Northeast with a gravitational discharge pipe to connect to existing sewer pipe downstream. Construction expected in summer 2023. Vanaja S. Rajah , vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
NE 28th St Traffic Calming Install roadway narrowing and traffic calming measures on Northeast 28th Street, from 164th Avenue Northeast to Ardmore Park. Construction expected in 2023. Rohit Ammanamanchi , rammanaman@bellevuewa.gov
Northwest Bellevue
112th Ave NE Lighting Improvements Improvements to streetlights along 112th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast 12th and 24th streets. Construction anticipated in 2023. Ellen Webster , ewebster@bellevuewa.gov
Northwest Bellevue Walkways Construct new sidewalk on the north side of Northeast 18th Street (98th Avenue Northeast to 100th Avenue Northeast), east side of 98th Avenue Northeast (Northeast 18th Street to Northeast 20th Street), north side of Northeast 21st Street (98th Avenue Northeast to 100th Avenue Northeast) shared used walkway on the east side of 100th Avenue Northeast (Northeast 17th Street to Northeast 24th Street) and raised intersections on 100th Avenue Northeast at Northeast 14th, 18th and 21st streets. Enhanced decorative crosswalks will be installed on 100th Avenue Northeast at Northeast 15th Street and Northeast 23rd Street. Construction expected in fall 2022. Daniel Lam , dlam@bellevuewa.gov
Somerset
Amherst Water Service Replacements Analysis of failing water service lines serving the Amherst neighborhood. Proposed solutions could include replacement of service saddles and lines, and possibly full water main replacements. Final design in 2023; construction anticipated in 2024. Jay Hummel , jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Somerset Blvd SE Pedestrian Enhancements Evaluate alternatives to improve safety and provide a preferred option along Somerset Boulevard Southeast, between Southeast Newport Way and Southeast 43rd Street. Improvements may include constructing sidewalk, crosswalks and traffic calming. Sara Haile , shaile@bellevuewa.gov
West Bellevue
110th Ave SE Sidewalk Add sidewalk on the west side of 110th Avenue Southeast between Southeast First Street and Main Street. Construction expected in 2023. Olivia Aikala , oaikala@bellevuewa.gov
West Lake Sammamish
170th Place SE Water Pressure Improvements Install 1,500 linear feet of new 8-inch water main and a pressure relief valve to increase system pressure to required level. Construction anticipated in 2023. Jim Stockwell , jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov
Wilburton
Lake Hills Connector and SE 8th St Intersection Improvements Widen roadway and add a second northbound left-turn lane along Lake Hills Connector at the Southeast Eighth Street intersection to relieve traffic congestion and delays. Construction expected in 2023. Sara Haile , shaile@bellevuewa.gov

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Many city facilities remain closed at this time.

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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:	425-452-6806
1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m. Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.	
Fire Emergency Only	911
Fire Non-Emergency	
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Administration/Information	425-452-6932
Billing/Customer Service	425-452-6973
Water, Sewer and Street Maintenance & Emergency	425-452-7840
Other Numbers (Not city government)	
Regional Animal Services of King County	206-296-PETS
Republic Services (recycling, yard debris, garbage)	425-452-4762
Metro Transit/Sound Transit	206-553-3000

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‘Experience Bellevue!’ neighborhoods conference set for May 14

By JULIE ELLENHORN
Community Relations Coordinator

Don't miss this opportunity to "Experience Bellevue!" at interactive workshops inside City Hall and/or outside at sites around Bellevue and its neighborhoods. "Experience Bellevue" is for residents, workers and visitors who want to experience the treasures of a growing and exciting city.


At "Experience Bellevue!" participants will be able to choose guided walking tours, site visits, neighborhood bus tours, park tours and more at multiple locations around town—all taking place on Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. At City Hall you will find a range of skills workshops, live demonstrations and community engagement opportunities. Mix and match, inside or outside, all within public health COVID-19 guidelines.

At City Hall, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team will help residents tackle the tough topic, "Talking About Race." Marci McReynolds, manager of the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center, will present her popular workshop, "Active Listening." A session on the "Why and How Behind Civic Engagement" will help you understand how your involvement can make a difference.

If you prefer to get outside, choose from guided walking tours of downtown development, the Wilburton district and Bellevue's newest neighborhood, the Spring district.

These are just a few highlights of the nearly two dozen interactive workshops, tours and activities available at "Experience Bellevue!" Grab a friend, meet new neighbors and explore YOUR city inside and out.

The full catalog of experiences, along with registration details, will be available at BellevueWA.gov/neighborhoodsconference beginning April 1. For more information or to receive an email when registration opens, contact conference manager Julie Ellenhorn (jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372).



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