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Fortunately, this accident is staged.

Gory lesson about impaired driving

The white sedan and green pickup truck have collided. The teenagers in both vehicles are screaming in pain or worse, silent in death. The girl in the front passenger seat of the car has been thrown through the windshield, and lies across the hood of the car.

Yes, there is blood everywhere.

Fortunately, this wreck is staged, the accident scene in the middle of a parking lot at Interlake High School one morning in late May. About 700 students sit or stand behind yellow crime tape, watching as their made-up classmates play their parts as accident victims or hysterical witnesses.

It's prom season - a great time for a gory lesson about the consequences of driving while impaired.

Firefighters and police arrive with sirens wailing, demonstrating what they do in the case of a bad accident like this.

"This is not a re-enactment," Firefighter Brian Snyder says into a microphone. "This is not a drill. This happens to people just like you every day."

A teacher, playing the part of the slain girl's mother (a role she plays in real life), walks onto the scene, sobbing and screaming. Police begin to question the driver of the pickup, who has only minor injuries and appears disoriented. Despite the theatrical aspect of the presentation, it is chilling.

The students, juniors and seniors at Interlake, look on gravely for the most part. A girl near the front row appears to be a little revolted. For good reason too. In addition to all the blood, bone pops through the skin of some injuries; the fingers of the dead girl's right hand appear severed, the tips dangling by shreds of skin.

"I was actually really worried before the drill that no one would take us seriously and people would just think it was stupid," said Olivia Berlin, a junior who played one of the witnesses. "But I remember looking out at the audience partway through, and everyone was absolutely silent and staring... a number of them were actually crying because of us."

"I thought the presentation was incredibly powerful, and I really think that it will make people think twice before they drink and drive," Berlin added.

The Bellevue police and fire departments present staged crashes about three times a year, rotating among the city's public high schools, as part of an effort to educate teenagers about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Over a two-year rotation, nearly every senior in the Bellevue School District has the chance to view the drill. The drill at Interlake is coordinated to occur right before the school's senior formal, a night when teen drinking choices commonly get put to the test.

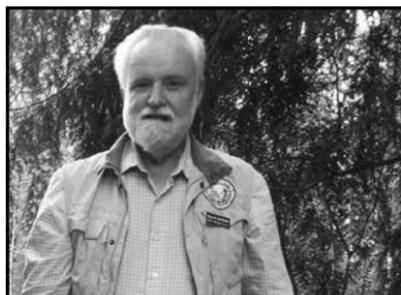
The assembly moves from the parking lot to the gymnasium, where Snyder, the firefighter, and police officer Seth Tyler talk about choices and then allow time for a powerful talk from former state patrolman Mike Buckingham, himself a victim of a car crash involving a drunk driver.

Alison Pendlebury, an English teacher, has seen four DUI presentations in all.

"I get teary-eyed every time," Pendlebury said. The fact that students participate in the presentation makes the exercise more real, she thinks. "There's a lot of shock value" about the exercise, she added.



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New residents note benefits year after annexation

On June 1, 2012, Bellevue grew by more than 5,400 new residents with the annexation of the Eastgate, Horizon View and Tamara Hills neighborhoods in south Bellevue.

With the addition of the Hilltop neighborhood a few weeks later, it marked the last major annexation for Bellevue, which incorporated 60 years ago with

a population of about 5,900. Today Bellevue boasts a population of more than 130,000, and much of its growth has come in the form of annexations.

Over the past year, many of the benefits anticipated during the petition drive that led to annexation have come to pass. They include lower property taxes, more frequent police patrols, lower fees at the South Bellevue Community Center and improvements to the transportation system.

"My real estate taxes went down a bit, which reduced my mortgage payment," noted Wendy Britton of Eastgate. "In all my years I have never had anything go down in price when it comes to taxes. Hurray! My garbage bill also went down by a couple of bucks each month. Nice! I do see more cop cars around, and I always wave hello to them."

All Bellevue residents, including those in the annexation area, are invited to contact Neighborhood Outreach (425-452-6836 or NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) any time they have a question, suggestion or concern about residential life in Bellevue.



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Council Corner



East Link light rail alignment 'huge win' for Bellevue

By Deputy Mayor Jennifer Robertson

We live and work in a fast-paced world, and City Hall is no exception.

For the past several years one issue has significantly dominated City Council agendas: light rail and how it will be routed through our city. East Link light rail is the biggest project ever to be constructed in Bellevue. It will pass through many different areas, including critical wetland habitat, parks, single-family and multi-family residential neighborhoods, high-rise commercial, hotel districts, the Overlake medical district and lower intensity commercial. This work has been especially challenging because light rail is an "essential public facility." As a result, the city has limited control over the project. Stakeholders on all sides have been passionate advocates for sometimes divergent interests.

It is my great pleasure to write that the bulk of the policy work is now complete. As a result of the council's persistent advocacy, we will have a light rail system in Bellevue that is vastly superior to the original proposal. This is a huge win for Bellevue and the region!

In November 2011, the city reached agreement with Sound Transit to share the cost of a downtown light rail tunnel. As part of that agreement, Sound Transit and Bellevue agreed to partner on a process to improve the route and reduce Bellevue's share of the tunnel cost. During the past 18 months, the city and Sound Transit have worked closely through a "collaborative design process." This process involved finding savings of up to \$60 million on the light rail route to reduce the burden on Bellevue's taxpayers. But the collaborative design process was about much more than money. It was about ensuring ample public engagement in order to improve the route and make it safer and better for riders and system operations while reducing the impacts on the homeowners and businesses located near the tracks.

In addition to the collaborative design process, the City Council implemented a new land use code to address light rail. This new code ensures that "best practices" established by the city are followed, creates contextually-sensitive design standards along the alignment, and requires that the impacts of the system will be fully mitigated. In short, the code will help to ensure that the development of the light rail system will fit in well with the communities that it serves. Both of these processes involved robust public engagement, intensive council work, and close working relationships with Sound Transit.

Instrumental to these processes over the past three years was the three-member Council Leadership Group. I had the privilege to serve on this Leadership Group, which successfully engaged with Sound Transit on the collaborative design process, the land use code changes, and the



To save money, the downtown East Link station will be on Northwest Sixth Street.

final light rail alignment. The other members of the Leadership Group are Councilmembers Kevin Wallace and John Stokes. Both of these colleagues were very effective in helping Bellevue get this process "across the finish line." The votes on the final alignment were unanimous by both the City Council and the Sound Transit Board - a significant accomplishment for our city and the entire region.

As a result of the advocacy of the Council Leadership Group and the full City Council, the East Link light rail route is fully separated from other traffic and pedestrians from Seattle's Rainier Station all the way to the Bel-Red Corridor. This means that pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles will not interact with the train. This will improve the safety, speed and reliability of the light rail system as a whole, as well as avoiding train delays due to traffic congestion. This separation also means that visual and noise mitigation measures such as dense landscape buffers and noise walls can be located for maximum effectiveness for the homes and businesses along the route.

Although the bulk of this work is behind us, the council will now appoint various citizen advisory committees in the coming months to help ensure "context sensitive design" of the light rail system and to study potential land use code changes around certain light rail stations.

Community engagement is critical to the council's role in making our city more liveable. I look forward to hearing more from you as we move forward with bringing Light Rail to the Eastside.

If you want to keep informed about this project, please go to the Bellevue website and sign up for email alerts at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm>.

City manager resigns after 12 years here



Steve Sarkozy, then City Manager, speaks at the opening of City Hall in 2006.

The City Council on April 1 accepted City Manager Steve Sarkozy's resignation, effective May 15, and appointed Brad Miyake, the deputy city manager, to take over as acting city manager as of May 16.

Sarkozy was city manager for 12 years.

The council presented a commendation to him at its June 17 meeting and hosted a public reception celebrating his tenure here that evening in City Hall.

An RFP will be issued for a national search firm to find a new city manager who

can forge a joint vision with the council.

Miyake said that as acting city manager he aims to maintain stability and continuity at the city during the transition period.

Under Sarkozy's leadership, one of the longest tenures of current city managers in the state, the city accomplished much, including:

- Developing City Hall as a centerpiece downtown and home to most of the city's administrative operations,
- Bringing together community and business leaders to transform downtown, through the commitments of Symetra and Microsoft, to name a few,
- Planning and executing a plan for redevelopment of the Bel-Red area as new, mixed-use neighborhoods with light rail, new streets, parks and open space;
- Earning national accreditation of all departments and numerous professional awards for innovation and excellence in program delivery, and
- Driving down the city's property tax rate to be the lowest for any major city in the state.

Bellevue is the fifth largest city by population in the state, second in the number of jobs in the Puget Sound region and has the second highest property valuation in the state.



Planning for East Link station neighborhoods

With the East Link route decided, residents can now think about how light rail can be best integrated with their neighborhoods.

The city is kicking off a planning process to establish a collective vision for each station area. City planners want to ensure a compatible fit, capture the value of transit and optimize neighborhood and community connectivity to the stations.

- There will be six light rail stations in Bellevue:
- South Bellevue, where the park-and-ride now is;
- East Main, on 112th Avenue Southeast, south of Main Street;

- Downtown, on Northeast Sixth Street;
- Hospital, in the Medical District; and
- 120th Avenue Northeast and 130th Avenue Northeast, both in the Bel-Red area.

The station area planning will focus on the area within a quarter- to a half-mile radius of a station. Each station area has unique opportunities that can be addressed through this planning effort. This planning is distinct from the design and construction of the light rail facilities themselves. These are addressed through the city's separate design and mitigation permitting process.

While the city and Sound Transit will collaborate on the design of the East Link

facilities, the city plans the areas around the stations, according to city policies and objectives, with guidance from residents. Pedestrian and bicycle access, land use and development are the kinds of things to be addressed with station area planning.

City policy precludes land use changes in the single-family residential and environmentally sensitive areas around the South Bellevue and East Main stations. Planning and zoning is already in place for transit-oriented development (TOD) around the downtown, 120th Avenue and 130th Avenue stations.

Additional analysis will refine plans for specific sites such as the proposed park-and-ride lot at the 130th Avenue station and to explore opportunities for catalyst projects that will promote TOD. There is considerable redevelopment potential for the Hospital/Wilburton area.

There will be public involvement at all phases of the process, including open houses, workshops and community walking tours, in addition to the use of social media and the city's website (www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm) for communication. Citizen advisory committees or ad hoc groups may be formed for each station area where broad or complex issues need to be addressed.

The City Council approved the overall station area planning work program in May. During the coming months, staff will continue with outreach and scoping with stakeholders as well as ongoing background research and analysis. Station area planning for the South Bellevue station will also start during the summer.

The overall station area planning program will continue through 2015, with the focus of planning for different stations varying, depending on the range and complexity of issues to be addressed.



Transit-oriented development is envisioned at the 130th Avenue Northeast station.

New residents note benefits (continued)

Here's what a few people in south Bellevue had to say recently in response to questions about the benefits and expectations of being a city resident a year after annexation (the emailed comments have been edited for length):

"I feel much safer now with police protection. I like the services the city offers like texting emergency news, training, updates to facilities and the discussions about adding sidewalks on Newport Way. I can't think of any drawbacks and am very happy we annexed into Bellevue."

- Dave Isaak

"The biggest change I've noticed since annexation, and the one I've appreciated the most so far, is the drop in taxes. Aside from that, I've noticed some neighbors have moved their RVs and nonfunctional cars, presumably in compliance with city code. As for anticipated changes that have yet to take place, the biggest would be extending a sidewalk along Newport Way."

- Jonathan Miller

"The clearest sign or difference annexation has provided is lower real estate taxes. The one I am waiting for, that will be another clear sign, is infrastructure improvements based on community input."

- Bill Grace

"Our house is on a private, one-lane road at the very top (of a steep, winding road). We requested a sign be put in front of our house, which says, 'fire hydrant 60 feet,' so the fire department can find it. We spoke to the Bellevue Water (Utilities) Department last year and they put in a gravel path all the way to the hydrant!"

- Mary Ellen Demrose

"I do notice a pleasant level of police presence - just cruising the area. I also notice that neighbors feel more connected now. Perhaps this is a result of us banding together during the incorporation push." The biggest benefit is "paying the resident rate for Parks and Rec. classes."

- Micki Larimer Kinney



Tim Auld speaks at his Eastgate neighborhood home.

"The most significant difference we've seen is the simple fact we have someone we can call who cares and will listen. The City of Bellevue has been great about neighborhood concerns about traffic, revisions and a police presence."

- Tim Auld

Finding ways to take advantage of city's diversity



Bellevue's increasing diversity is an advantage, with a broad range of races, cultures and ages enriching life in the city. The city has launched a formal effort to better engage its varied residents.

As part of its "Diversity Advantage" initiative, the city this month invited people who live and work here to participate in a series of conversations directly with department directors and management staff – one in Spanish and English and another in Chinese and English – exploring diversity in economic development, human services, education, public safety and other aspects of life here.

Over the last several decades, Bellevue has

become increasingly diverse, with minorities comprising 41 percent of the population according to the 2010 census. The city is also diverse in age and culture, and the people who live and work here possess a unique range of skills, assets and capacities.

In the early 1990s, the City Council acknowledged Bellevue's changing population by starting a Cultural Diversity program. In recent years the city has renewed its efforts to leverage Bellevue's growing diversity to increase engagement in neighborhoods and the business community. By taking a leadership role on the topic, the city will make adjustments necessary to keep services matched to the needs of a rapidly

changing community.

Residents, community leaders and staff participated in roundtable discussions about diversity on June 7, 11, 19 and 20. If this newsletter reaches you in time, the June 20 meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way, with discussion tables in English and Chinese.

At the roundtables, participants discussed the benefits and challenges that a diverse community brings and how those benefits can be maximized. Participants were asked to share their own personal insights about how the city can best serve its diverse citizens in the most culturally competent way.

Those who were unable to participate in the roundtables can forward comments to Diversity Program Manager Kevin Henry, at khenry@bellevuewa.gov.

One goal of the Bellevue Diversity Initiative is to help define what role the city, local organizations, businesses and the community as a whole can play to facilitate and promote civic engagement among all members of our community. All of the feedback collected at these events will be assessed by the city's department directors. It will guide how the city defines its own role moving forward in the future. Results will be published later in the year.

Innovative website engages residents on sustainable living

There's a lot of talk these days about going green, yet it can be challenging to find the right resources at the right time when trying to lessen your environmental impact. A new website launched this month by the City of Bellevue in partnership with Bellevue College and other community partners is helping residents chart a path to sustainability, by putting local resources and features on the map – literally.

Bellevue's GreenWA.org website engages users with vibrant interactive maps, videos and information that showcase a variety of options for more sustainable living on the Eastside. From learning how to produce clean energy at your home, to driving cars without gas, finding local farmers markets or learning the right time to visit local streams to see them full of fish – GreenWA helps users visualize and implement a path to healthier and more locally engaged living.

Users of GreenWA can use a tablet device, smart phone or personal computer to navigate the site's many features. The site is organized into six main subject categories – Natural Environment, Mobility, Green Building, Local Economy, Culture & Community, and Reuse & Recycle.

Visitors can surf through a "Maps" section, which uses icons to display resources, infrastructure and engagement opportunities; a "Tours"

section comprised of videos clips on the topic; and a "Knowledge" section with written content, links and additional learning opportunities.

"We wanted to create a fun, easy, way for people to become aware of the sustainability value of these wonderful assets in their community, and to make the connections between the social, economic and ecological assets and their quality of life and community," said Sheida Sahandy, director of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Initiative. "And the really exciting part is that we want to grow the site to allow active community participation so that, for example, a school could do a project with students geo-locating their favorite trees and posting them on our maps."

The website's "Get Involved" page encourages users to contribute to a Public Tree Map, posting noteworthy trees, and sharing the stories behind them.

Other community partners contributing to the site include the 12,000 Rain Gardens for Puget Sound campaign, Northwest SEED, Cascade Bicycle Club and Cascade Water Alliance – organizations that are the fabric of today's efforts to make our communities cleaner, happier, healthier and more economically competitive. Additional partners and user feedback will be welcome contributions as the site continues to grow.

'Third places' vies for first place in 'Bellevue Best Ideas' forum

Making downtown streets easier for cyclists and pedestrians to navigate was the top vote getter as of June 10 in a "Bellevue's Best Ideas" online forum. With 18 voters in agreement, the idea was edging a proposal to invest in vibrant gathering places or "third places," which had 16 votes.

What about your ideas?

The forum, launched May 1, gives residents and others a chance to suggest how they would like to see the city develop over the next 20 years, as well as vote and comment on other people's ideas. Tied to an update of the city's comprehensive plan, Bellevue's Best Ideas will be open for more ideas and votes through July 4.

In early June, 47 ideas had been posted, with 85 users casting nearly 500 votes and posting comments. Bellevue planners are hoping for more than a 100 ideas, so people who live and/or work in the city shouldn't be shy about posting a thought at <https://bellevuebestideas.ideascale.com>.

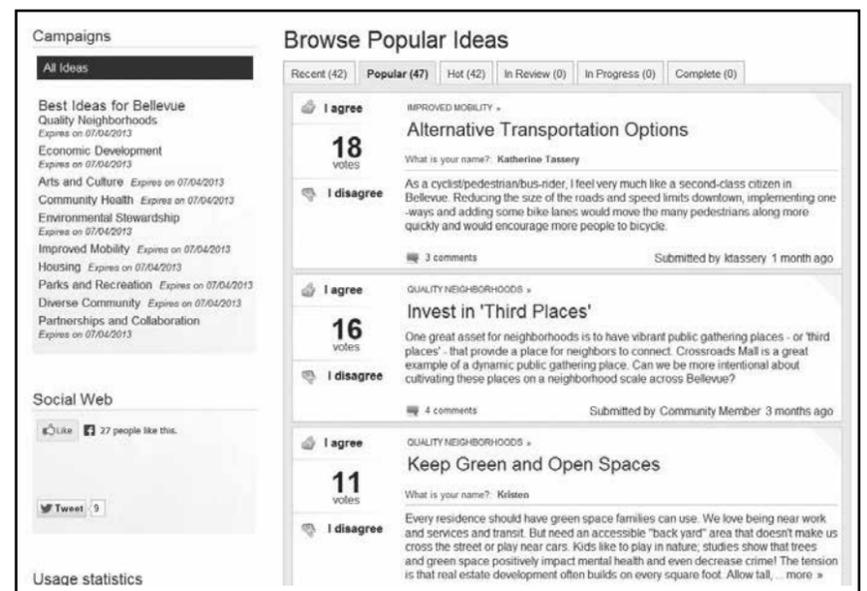
On Friday, June 21, people are invited to engage in casual conversation with city planners while submit their "best ideas" – noon-2 p.m. at the Crossroads Shopping Center and 6-8 p.m. at the Microsoft Store at Bellevue Square. Up to 10 interactive computer stations will be available and refreshments will be served at the evening event.

Other top vote-getters in early June included proposals for:

- installing super-fast fiber-optic cable for computer connections;
- zoning that would encourage more green space on residential lots;
- quarterly city-hosted televised discussions on important issues; and
- streets that accommodate family bike riders as well as bike commuters.

Participants are eligible to win prizes, including gift certificates for Crossroads Bellevue and the Microsoft Store.

The city is giving the comprehensive plan a 10-year update, in a



The screenshot shows a web interface for the "Bellevue Best Ideas" forum. On the left, there's a "Campaigns" sidebar with a list of categories like "Best Ideas for Bellevue", "Economic Development", "Arts and Culture", etc. The main area is titled "Browse Popular Ideas" and shows a list of ideas with their vote counts and descriptions. The top idea is "Alternative Transportation Options" with 18 votes, submitted by Katherine Tassery. Below it is "Invest in 'Third Places'" with 16 votes, submitted by a Community Member. The third idea is "Keep Green and Open Spaces" with 11 votes, submitted by Kelsten. The interface includes "I agree" and "I disagree" buttons for each idea, and a "Social Web" section at the bottom left.

process expected to wind up next year with the City Council's approval of a new document that will guide development here through 2035.

All ideas submitted for the Best Ideas campaign will be added as public comment in the comprehensive plan, and some may be included with amendments to the plan.

Complete information about the comprehensive plan update is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm.



Park trails are his beat—a volunteer’s story



Trail steward Russell Westmark (right) checks Bellevue’s trails with his grandson Zane and dog Molly.

Russell Westmark is no stranger to the woods. Prior to volunteering for Bellevue Parks as a trail steward, he worked for nearly four decades as a timber buyer on the Olympic Peninsula.

Now retired in Bellevue, Westmark regularly surveys Bellevue’s extensive trail system, reporting where upkeep may be needed. His dog Molly is a trusty sidekick and his grandson Zane often joins him too.

As a trail steward, Westmark acts as an extension of the city’s Parks & Community Services Department.

“I walk the trails, look at the condition of them, train Zane on native tree species, walk the dog, inspect trees, etc.,” Westmark says. “I feel like I give back to the community and I enjoy doing it.”

Residents who enjoy the outdoors have a number of opportunities to volunteer for the city, and can apply to be canoe guide naturalists, habitat stewards or to join the city’s Stream Team. Trail stewards volunteer to patrol city parks two hours each week, year-round.

Trail stewards hike trails at their leisure, complete patrol log forms and submit them to back to the Parks Department. Westmark has been walking trails and collecting data for the Parks Department over the last year.

“It is really great having volunteers assist with monitoring our parks,” said Alexandra DySard, a Bellevue park ranger. “There are often places that we don’t get a chance to visit too often, and having community members who frequently walk these trails and report their findings to us has been a great help.”

Westmark also interacts with park patrons, answers questions and can be seen hiking Bellevue parks in his tan volunteer vest. Be sure and say hi when you see him.

Additional information about the trail steward volunteer position and other Environmental Stewardship opportunities with the city is available at www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental-volunteering.htm or contact Alexandra DySard at 425-452-4195.

You have the tools to stop burglaries

It is a weekday at about 10 a.m. I walk up to a home and knock loudly at the front door. I wait for a response and I get none. I walk to the back door where I am hidden by overgrown shrubs or a privacy fence. I kick in the door and steal your jewelry and electronics.

Unfortunately, too many burglars targeting Bellevue homes can tell this story. Residential burglaries in Bellevue rose 8 percent last year compared to 2011. Suspects with criminal lifestyles and/or drug addiction and the high market value of precious metals help account for a spike in the number of burglaries across the state.

Bellevue police are working hard to investigate crime scenes and identify burglars. When a suspect is arrested, the likelihood of recovering the victim’s goods back increases. So far this year Bellevue police have arrested 38 suspects for burglary and possession of stolen property.

Still, there are many things residents themselves can do to prevent burglaries.

Neighbors can start a block watch. A block watch is about getting to know and watching out for your neighbors, and communicating with them about suspicious behavior. With the use of email and social networking, communicating with your neighbors is neither difficult nor time-

consuming.

Bellevue’s Neighborhood Outreach team has joined forces with the police to offer a new crime prevention tool, Neighborhood ACTS (assessment, community, tips and services). The program will help residents learn not only how to prevent property crimes, but also about a whole range of city services that strengthen neighborhoods.

Neighborhood ACTS will provide neighborhood association leaders with a detailed assessment of how their communities can improve efforts to prevent crimes. The program includes the following components:

- **Assessment** of property crimes in neighborhood and identify commonalities;
- **Community** audit (a walking tour of the neighborhood with police officers, neighborhood liaisons and neighborhood association leadership to identify vulnerabilities);
- **Tips** for crime deterrence; and
- **Services** to support neighborhood action to deter property crime.

This service will be provided once or twice a month, and scheduled in the order requested.

If you have any questions about preventing crime, including Neighborhood ACTS or starting a block watch, please contact Detective Richard

Chinn (425-452-6915 or rchinn@bellevuewa.gov).

To prevent burglaries, you can take some easy steps, including:

- Record the serial numbers of electronics, especially the newer models. If your items are stolen, the serial number increases the chances of getting your belongings back because the information is put in a statewide and/or national database. If someone pawns your property, the police will get a match on the database. And, this may lead us to a suspect.
- If you have an alarm, use it. Post alarm signs in the front and back of your house.
- Take pictures of your jewelry, and do not store it in your master bedroom. Consider a safe deposit box and/or be creative where you store your jewelry at home.
- Cut back shrubbery around windows and doors.
- Lock your doors and windows. With warm weather coming, even a second-story open window can be used as an entrance for a burglar. Safely store your garbage bins. A recycle bin can be used as a step ladder that can reach the low part of your roof.
- When someone knocks at the door answer to show that someone is home. You do not need to open the door.



Bellevue police officer Seth Tyler (third from left) receives an award after nabbing burglary suspects two days in a row.

Expanded online permitting coming soon

It’s coming soon: the convenient, time- and-paper-saving way to get ALL Development Services permits. Starting in late July, you’ll be able to apply online through MyBuildingPermit.com.

The current offerings of mechanical, electrical, plumbing and single-family reroof permits will be joined by all building, clearing and grading, fire, land use, sign, right of way use, and utilities applications.

MyBuildingPermit started in 2002 with simple permits that did not require review by city staff. Phase 1 of the “Paperless Permitting Initiative,” launched in October 2011, allowed online application for those same types of applications requiring review. July’s Phase 2 launch includes the remainder of the application types, both those that can be issued without review and those requiring review.

Valuable plants saved with change of address



Russ Adelson loads several large ferns that were relocated to Chism Beach Park.

Prior to starting construction for the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center expansion project, Bellevue Parks & Community Services crews relocated several small trees and shrubs valued over \$40,000. The majority of the plants were moved from the BBG to Chism Beach Park and North Bellevue Community Center.

“Thanks to everyone’s hard work, we managed to transplant more than 10 large specimen trees, 25 large specimen shrubs and over 50 smaller shrubs, grasses and perennials to new homes at Chism Beach Park, Wilburton Park, and the North Bellevue Community Center,” said Rick Bailey, grounds contract administrator with Parks Resource Management Division.

In addition to salvaging the plant materials, a portion of the Bellevue Botanical Garden’s large cedar trellis was removed and will be relocated to Chism Beach Park.



Crews move several plants including dwarf fothergilla.



Parks maintenance worker, Jordi Henderson, prepares plants for transplanting.



A Japanese maple is ready to roll.



John Paul Likes, Ryan Smith and Kevin Isackson help with the project.



Summer paving has begun

With the start of Bellevue's annual paving overlay program, the city road construction season unofficially kicks off early next week. This will be the 27th year of the paving overlay program.

Over the next five months, at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million, the city will repave more than 22 miles of several major roadways in Bellevue. The work will also include restoring streets that had water main repairs in 2012 and replacing curbs and sidewalk ramps. It's going to be a busy paving season in several areas of Bellevue.

In June, the major street locations for paving will be in the south part of Bellevue:

- 112th Avenue Southeast: Bellevue Way - Southeast Eighth Street
- Southeast 38th and 164th Avenue Southeast: West Lake Sammamish Parkway - Southeast 34th Street
- Southeast 60th Street: Cougar Mountain Way - the east city limits
- 164th Avenue Southeast: Lakemont Boulevard - Southeast 46th Way

In July, paving and repair will take place in Bellevue's central business district

In August, paving will take place in the northern part of Bellevue and then return to the south:

- Northeast 20th Street: 140th Avenue Northeast - 148th Avenue Northeast
- Northeast 20th Street: Bel-Red Road - 156th Avenue Northeast
- Northup Way: 164th Avenue Northeast - Northeast Eighth Street
- Eastgate Way: 148th Avenue Southeast - Phillips Hill Road
- 156th Avenue Southeast: Eastgate Way to Southeast 24th Street

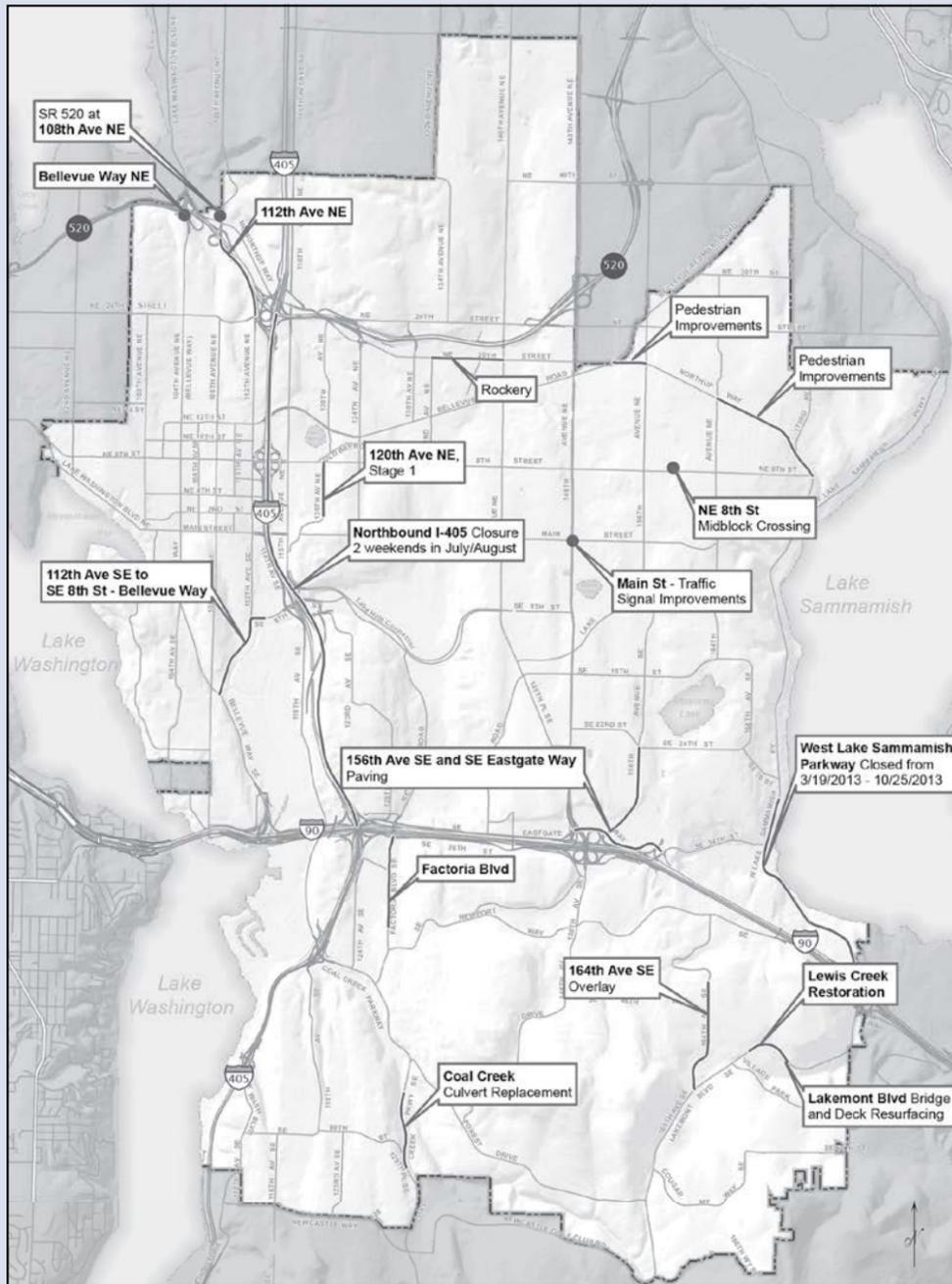
For cost savings and effective collaboration with other departmental plans and programs, Eastgate Way and Northup Way will be restriped to add new westbound bike lanes when the paving is completed.

For the best indication that paving will happen soon near you, watch for the electronic variable message signs. The orange lit messages with a black background will alert drivers to upcoming construction impacts on the street throughout Bellevue.

The overlay program is a very cost effective means of maintaining Bellevue's city streets. If a street is neglected too long, all of the old asphalt must be removed and rebuilt, which could cost up to three times as much or more than a pavement overlay project.

To obtain up-to-date weekly construction information, please refer to: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm. For more detailed information about the 2013 Overlay Program, please refer to: <http://bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm> You are also able to receive up-to-date construction impacts around the city on Bellevue's Transportation Department Twitter: @BvueTrans.

Brace for traffic impacts at these locations



Construction projects around the city will mean traffic delays this summer.



As part of its Sister City relationship with Hualien, Taiwan, the City of Bellevue will install a pair of marble lions (one of them pictured above) outside City Hall. A public dedication ceremony, with Hualien officials in attendance, is planned for July 29. The marble statues, known as Fu Dogs, each weigh approximately 1.8 tons and were a gift from the City of Hualien. In addition to Hualien, Bellevue and the non-profit Bellevue Sister Cities Association maintain relationships with Kladno, Czech Republic; Liepaja, Latvia; and Yao, Japan.

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bellevuewa.gov/parks-community-services.htm

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 yoga • tai chi • jazzercise • line dance • tap • enhance fitness • other programs available
bellevuewa.gov/parks-community-services.htm

Community vision takes shape

By Steve Kasner, East Bellevue Community Council Chair

There is a lot going on in East Bellevue neighborhoods these days, much of it facilitated by the East Bellevue Community Council. You may have noticed the white structure slowly growing each day at Kelsey Creek Center, which will soon be our very own Starbucks with a drive-through, so we can get our morning caffeine without even leaving our cars.

Now of course there are many other great things to do at Kelsey Creek Center. In our May meeting we heard a presentation about even more services that will be possible after the land use changes work through the process. These changes will allow more service businesses – such as dry cleaners, accountants, insurance brokers and health and beauty providers – within walking distances of our homes.

The Lake Hills Shopping Center is moving along as construction has begun on the 450 spaces of underground parking that should be completed this fall. After the parking is complete, construction will begin on the

residential portion of the project, which will include 90 apartments along the northern edge of the project.

The redevelopment at Lake Hills represents the fulfillment of the community vision the EBCC helped forge almost 10 years ago. Project boards in the Lake Hills Library show scale drawings of all of the exciting improvements to be completed over the next three years.

Hopefully you had a chance to go see the Lake Hills history exhibit that was at the Winters House, but if you missed it you are in luck. The exhibit will be set up at the Lake Hills Shopping Center soon.

Thank you to all of you that have been providing feedback at the East Bellevue Community Council meetings the first Tuesday of every month at the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club at 6:30 p.m. You can check agendas and minutes at our website, www.bellevuewa.gov/ebcc_agendas.htm.

Enjoy your summer and I will talk to you again in the fall.

Neighborhood Match grants double to \$10,000



Volunteers work on a retaining wall.

What can you do with \$10,000 in your neighborhood?

Residents are encouraged to think about this question, as the Neighborhood Match Program is getting a mini make-over this summer. The maximum grant has doubled from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project, and the construction management process is streamlined.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) finished its last cycle in 2010, after 24 years. The Neighborhood Match Program, in which the city matches cash, professional services, building materials and labor provided

by residents of a neighborhood with a grant, now occupies a bigger role, to fund projects that build a strong sense of community.

The Neighborhood Match is the only neighborhood program that builds projects initiated by residents, and for which the matching funds are directly accessible by residents.

The grant amount has been increased to \$10,000 to accommodate rising construction costs and allow neighborhoods to pursue larger projects. Rather than community mailboxes, think neighborhood entry signs and community art projects.

Staff at the city will provide assistance and guidance for permitting and construction management for neighborhoods.

Each year neighborhood groups have from January through March to apply for Match grants, which can fund projects in the spring and summer. Another deadline, June 1, has been added for the program, to give neighborhood groups a chance to apply for grants for projects later in the year.

Groups that miss this year's cycle can still apply for grants if there is money left over in the program.

Neighborhoods will also be encouraged to partner with local business, schools and other organizations for their projects.

The Neighborhood Match program was created in the 1990s as a response to residents who requested small local projects to improve their neighborhoods. Last year alone, the program funded more than 30 projects, including a Vuecrest walkway enhancement, a neighborhood entry treatment for Forest Ridge and a fence in Vuemont Meadows.

All of the projects helped the neighborhoods become more active and cohesive, with neighbors getting to know one another by building a project together.

The city website (www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood_match_requirements.htm) offers more details about the Neighborhood Match and its criteria. Or you can discuss your project with the program manager, Ying Carlson (425-452-4342 or ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov).

Citywide Projects Update

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

Bridle Trails

Contact

Bridle Trails Park Levy Projects: Developing a neighborhood park in the Bridle Trails neighborhood at the corner of NE 24th St and 134th Ave NE. Construction late summer through Spring 2014. \$2.5 million	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm
SR 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway. \$6.5 billion	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sr520_bridge_intro.htm wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile HOV system from Evergreen Point Rd to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide a six-lane corridor; two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete end of 2013. \$306 million	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/
Pikes Peak 4.5-Million-Gallon Reservoir: Replacing 1-million-gallon reservoir in Bridle Trails State Park with a new 4.5-million-gallon reservoir. Estimated construction 2014-2015. \$8 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov



Crossroads

NE 20th St Rockery Replacement: Replaces an existing defective rockery on NE 20th St approximately 700 feet west of 148th Ave NE with an engineered block wall. Construction 2013. \$400K	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 square-foot multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction underway now through Fall 2014. \$8 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehman@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm
Mid-Block Crossing NE 8th St at Crossroads Park: Constructing a pedestrian crosswalk across NE 8th St west of 164th Ave NE, with safety features. Complete December 2013. \$350K	Darek Jarzynski, 425-452-4277 Djarzynski@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

East Lake Hills

SE 16th St: 148th to 156th Ave SE: Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Aves SE. Designing to 60 percent in 2013. \$250K	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
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Contact

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

Lakemont Blvd & SE Cougar Mtn Way/SE 63rd St Intersection: Conducting a design analysis to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists at this intersection. Under design. \$1.5 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
Lewis Creek Tributary Restoration at Lakemont Blvd. SE: Fixing an on-going erosion problem in the unnamed tributary to Lewis Creek. Also, improving bridge. Construction complete August 2013. \$400K	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and a standby generator. Planning, design, & permitting. Construction: Fall/Winter 2013 - Spring 2014. \$1.2-1.8 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Newport Reservoir Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and adding a standby generator. Construction underway. \$880K	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system throughout the area. In planning and design. Construction Summer/Fall 2013 \$1.2 million	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
South Bellevue Community Center Challenge Course Expansion Project: Expand the current challenge course including two foot bridges and a series of six zip lines. Construction begins Summer 2013. Opening TBD \$150K	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 • Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/sbcc-challenge-course-expansion.htm
150th Ave SE and Newport Way Interim Improvements: Installing a new lane for the north to west left turn to reduce traffic delay in the AM and PM commute times. A new SCATS traffic adaptive signal will coordinate with 150th/SE 37th & 38th St Intersections. Construction Summer 2013.	Mark Poch, 425.452.6136 mpoch@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

Newport Hills

Coal Creek Culvert Replacement: See page 5. Phase 1 construction: April to November 2013. Coal Creek Parkway will be reduced to one lane in each direction. \$6.5 million	Bruce Jensen, 425-452-7240 BJensen@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/coalcreekbridge.htm
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system through-out the area. In planning/design. Construction Summer 2013. \$1.2 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

Northeast Bellevue

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

Northwest Bellevue

Hidden Valley Park: Constructing a multi-use gymnasium and improving the sports field in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Design and permitting underway. Construction to begin Fall 2013. \$9.6 million.	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 • Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/hidden-valley-bgcb-partnership.htm
Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase One Development: Improving the park west of 99th Ave SE. Construction begins in 2015 - 2020. \$9 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 • pfehman@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm
Meydenbauer Marina Renovation and Dock Removal: Renovating Pier 3 to provide visitor moorage slips; developing a management plan to introduce public moorage to the marina; and demolishing four aging residential docks on city property. Construction Summer through Fall 2013. \$300K	Bret Wilson, 425-452-2932 Bwilson@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm
Northup Way: NE 24th St to 108th Ave NE Corridor Improvements: Adding a bike facility and improving sidewalks between NE 24th St and 108th Ave NE. At 108th Ave NE, a new regional pedestrian/bike path will be built. Final design Fall 2013. \$12 million	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm

Contact

Sammamish/East Lake Hills

West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Segment 1: Currently, building the first phase (of five) between I-90 to SE 34th St. Project includes a multi-use trail, retaining walls, landscaping, and improved roadway drainage. Parkway closed to southbound traffic until September 2013. \$6.56 million.	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_parkway.htm
Main St and 148th Ave, Traffic Signal Upgrade: Replacing traffic signal, curb ramps with new ADA Accessible ramps. Construction Summer 2013. \$500K	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Airfield Park: Constructing sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Phase 1 design and permitting begins Fall 2013. \$1.6 million	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehman@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

Somerset/Sunset

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Early design of 3.6 mile trail between Factoria Blvd SE and Lakemont Blvd SE. Project includes lighting, crosswalks, seating, landscaping and public art. Designing trail between Factoria Blvd SE and 150th Ave SE to 60 percent. \$430K	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2013, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system throughout the area. Planning and design. Construction Summer to Fall 2013. \$1.2 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

West Bellevue

Downtown Transportation Plan: Evaluating transportation alternatives for new roadway capacity, improving non-motorized and transit facilities to ensure mobility through 2030. Integrating with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in early 2014. \$300K	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 KmcDonald@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm
Sewer Lake Line Replacement at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing existing sewer lake line with 1,200 lineal feet of new sewer line on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction starts Fall 2013. \$2.9 million	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

Contact

Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Ph. I - Lake Washington: Studying location and condition of about 13 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. Phase 1 study complete early 2013. \$450K	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Wilburton	Contact
Bellevue Botanical Garden - Visitor Center Expansion: Constructing a new 8,500 sq ft visitor center with outdoor covered space, gift shop, meeting areas, classrooms, and restrooms. Construction underway until Fall 2014. \$10.5 million	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 • kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/bbg_master_plan_update.htm
NE 4th St Extension: 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 4th St with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks, landscaping, storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Ave NE. Project will be constructed in two phases. Phase I from 116th to BNSF- Summer 2013. Phase II- Complete the connection to 120th and open early 2015. \$31.1 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
NE 6th St Extension: I-405 to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 6th St as an HOV/transit-only facility from the I-405 interchange east over 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE, with four lanes and a non-motorized path. Design: TBD. \$1 million (Pre-design only)	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE - 300 Block to 700 Block, Stage 1: Widening to five lanes with center-turn lane, bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and adding a traffic signal at NE 6th St. Construction underway. \$7.5 million.	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 700 Block to NE 12th St, with utility work. Construction Spring/Summer 2014. \$31 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks from NE 12th St to NE 16th St, with utility work. Design final in 2015. \$17.2 million	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
NE 15th St (Zone 1): 116th to 120th Aves NE: Widening NE 12th St east of 116th Ave NE to a new roadway connection west of the existing BNSF corridor and a new four-lane roadway between NE 12th St and 120th Ave NE. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.4 million.	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
NE 15th St (Zone 2): 120th to 124th Aves NE: Adding a four-lane roadway with a center median, wider lanes for shared non-motorized use, landscaping, sidewalks, and on-street parking along the north side between 120th and 124th Ave NE. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.3 million.	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
NE 16th St: 130th to 132nd Aves NE: Adding a new two-lane roadway by extending NE 16th St from 130th Ave NE to 132nd Ave NE. A future light rail transit station will be built in the center of the roadway. Designing to 15 percent end of 2013 and 60 percent design Summer 2015. \$740K.	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: Proposed NE 14th St to Northup Way: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Project is only funded for construction between NE 14th and 18th streets. Design complete in 2014. \$8.9 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: Bel-Red to NE 14th St: Completing preliminary design for the widening of 124th Ave NE to five lanes with bike lanes, sidewalk, and landscaping. This project will include streetscape enhancements south of NE 8th St. Designing to 30 percent by fall 2013. \$1.4 million	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Partnering with WSDOT to develop a report that will evaluate and investigate access to and from SR 520. Report complete end of 2013. WSDOT budget: \$2.2 million	Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov
130th Ave NE: Bel-Red Rd to NE 20th St: Widening roadway to a two-lane pedestrian-oriented street with on-street parking and bicycle lanes north of the future NE 16th St intersection. Includes sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, etc. Designing to 30 percent by end of 2013. \$423K	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Woodridge	Contact
East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications. Construction Summer 2013. \$420K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control & Habitat Improvement Project: Improving habitat along the stream channel to provide a healthier aquatic environment. Construction Summer 2013. \$620K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Various Locations	Contact
East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. City and Sound Transit selected final alignment in April 2013. Construction starts in 2015. \$2.8 billion.	Maria Koengeter, 425-452-4345 • Mkoengeter@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm • www.soundtransit.org/eastlink
Bellevue Transit Master Plan: Developing a comprehensive 20-year look ahead to the type of transit system that will be required to meet transit needs through 2030. Plan complete Winter 2013. \$170,000	Franz Loewenherz, 425-452-4077 Floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov
2013 Pavement Overlay Program: Paving began in June and continues until November 2013 on the following streets: Northup Way, Bel-Red Rd, 156th Ave SE, SE Eastgate Way, Factoria Blvd & 164th Ave SE. \$5,393K	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 • Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm
AC Water Main Replacement 2013, Ph. 1: Replacing approximately 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement (AC) water main with ductile iron pipe. Construction 2013. \$1.4 million; Phase 2, 3, & 4: Construction Spring/Fall 2013. \$4.5 million	Abe Santos, 425-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing existing sewer pump station with one that is larger at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE. Construction 2014-2015. \$10 million.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2013: Upgrading a control valve vault, a PRV vault and two commercial water meter vaults for improved maintenance access. Construction Fall 2013. \$200K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2013: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in three neighborhoods. Construction Fall 2013. \$290K	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement 2013, Phase 1: Replacing sections of sewer system, using either trenchless technologies or standard open cut excavation methods. Construction Fall 2013/Winter 2014. \$1.04 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
SCATS Traffic Adaptive Signals Phase 4: Monitors traffic entering intersections and adjusts signal timing in real time. 45 intersections comprise Phase 4, including the 156 th Ave NE, NE 20 th St, Bel-Red Rd and Bellevue Way SE corridors. It includes 26 new Flashing Yellow Arrow left turns where green arrow only exists. Installation July to December 2013.	Mike Whiteaker, 425-452-4230 Mwhiteaker@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2012, Phase 2: Repairing existing sewer system at many locations. Construction through Winter 2013. \$305K	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov



Community Calendar

Community Conversations: Diversity Advantage

June 19, 6:30-8 p.m., City Hall
June 20, 6:30- 8 p.m., South Bellevue Community Center
Community conversation about Bellevue's diverse community. In English on June 19, and in English and Chinese on June 20.
425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov

Strawberry Festival

June 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
June 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Crossroads International Park.
Entertainment, auto show, vendors, food. Presented by Eastside Heritage Center with support from the City of Bellevue.
www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

Symetra Bellevue Family 4th Celebration

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

Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park

July 2-Aug. 20, Tuesdays at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.
Free on a 40-foot screen
Free popcorn (subject to change without notice)
July 2—Hotel Transylvania (PG)
July 9—Thunderstruck (PG)
July 16—Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG)
July 23—ParaNorman (PG)
July 30—Life of Pi (PG)
Aug 6—Parental Guidance (PG)
Aug 13—Chasing Mavericks (PG)
Aug 20—Won't Back Down (PG)
Donations accepted for a different charity each week.
In case of rain, movies will be held at South Bellevue Community Center. 425-452-4240 or
www.inome.com/summermovies

Live at Lunch Concert Series

July 9 -September 12, noon-1:30 pm
Tuesdays through Thursdays, noon - 1:30 p.m.
Free live music at various downtown sites.
425-453-1223 or
www.bellevuedowntown.org

Eric Ode presents The Big Dip Concert

July 25, 11 a.m. to 12 noon
Robinswood Barn
2430 148th Ave. SE
High-participation music and poetry program featuring songs about underground critters, buried treasure and all things muddy. Presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. All-ages family event. Free.
425-452-7688 or
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov

Weowna Park Hike

July 20, 10 a.m.-noon
Weowna Park
168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Park Rangers lead the hike, approx. three miles. Free. No preregistration required, but parking is limited. Moderate (200 feet) elevation. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.
425-452-4195

National Night Out Against Crime

Aug. 6, noon-6 p.m.
Crossroads Farmer's Market at Crossroads Shopping Center Parking Lot
15600 NE 8th Street
A free community event with games and prizes for the kids. Meet your local police officers and neighbors and learn how to organize your neighborhood to fight crime.
425-452-2891

Celebrate Summer Dance

Aug. 13, 2 - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
"Sounds of Swing" plays favorites of the swing era. \$3. 425-425-7681

End of Summer Picnic

Aug. 21, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center
4063 148th Ave. NE
Lunch served indoors. Outdoor and indoor fun, including a cupcake walk, croquet, crafts and bingo. \$3. Preregistration is required by Aug. 14. 425-425-7681

Cycle the WAVE

Sept. 15 A variety of routes/distances that span Issaquah, Bellevue, South King County, Renton and Newcastle. 100 percent of net proceeds benefit domestic violence prevention programs.
www.cyclethewave.org

Beach Park Lifeguards

Meydenbauer and Newcastle
June 22-Sept. 2: noon-7 p.m.
Chism, Clyde, Enatai and Chesterfield, June 29-Aug. 24, noon - 7 p.m. (Chesterfield will be guarded from 2 to 5 p.m. only, and will not open on days of inclement weather.) 425-452-4444

Canoe the Slough

Saturdays and Sundays through September, 8:45 a.m. - noon
Enatai Beach Park
3519 108th Ave. SE
Park Rangers lead a three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Ages 5 and up only. One adult must be present for every two children. \$16-\$18 Preregistration is required. 425-452-2565

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

Day Camps & Recreation Programs

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

Fresh Produce Stands

Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm

2380 Bellevue Way SE
Hours vary. 425-452-2740

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm

700 148th Ave. SE
Open through October
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tues - Sun
Lake Hills Greenbelt
425-260-2266

Cha Family Farm Fresh Produce Stand

15550 156th Ave SE
Open through October
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday through Sunday. 425-260-2266

Picnic Shelter Reservations

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



Metal sculptures draw browsers at the 6th Street Fair.

Arts and Crafts Fairs

July 26-28 (Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)
Three art fairs all weekend throughout downtown.
Bellevue Arts Museum ArtsFair: www.bellevuearts.org or 425-519-0770
6th Street Fair: www.bellevuedowntown.org or 425-453-1223

Bellevue Festival of the Arts: www.bellevuefest.org or 206-363-2048

Cultural Family Films in the Park

Thursdays, Aug. 1-22, 8 to 11 p.m.
Crossroads International Park, 16140 NE 8th St.
Free movies will be preceded with music entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m. Movies will start at dusk or approximately at 9 p.m.
425-452-4165

Movie lineup:

Aug. 1-Karate Kid (PG-2010 version)
Aug. 8-Around the World in 80 Days (PG-2004 version)
Aug. 15-Remember the Titans (PG)
Aug. 22-Mr. Bean's Holiday (PG)

The Jungle Book

Aug. 15-18 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 17-18 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre
11000 NE Sixth St.
The Bellevue Youth Theatre presents the delightful classic story suitable for all ages. \$10-\$12.
byt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7155

South Bellevue Green Spaces Hike

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. - noon
Lewis Creek Visitor Center
Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Ave. SE
Ranger-led hike exploring little-known trails of South Bellevue. Free. No preregistration required, but parking is limited. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.
425-452-4195

Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale

Aug. 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main St., just half-block east of Garden
Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners.
425-452-2750 or
www.bellevuebotanical.org

City Contact Information

Bellevue City Hall

450 110th Ave. NE/P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

Service First (general information): 452-6800

City of Bellevue website: www.bellevuewa.gov

City Council Office: 452-7810

City Council Meetings

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

East Bellevue Community Council Meetings

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Board & Commission Meetings

Call 452-6466 for meeting locations/agendas

Arts: 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Civil Service: 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., Jan., Mar., July, Oct.

Environmental Services: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 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: 1st and 3rd 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 (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 452-6464

City Manager: 452-7228

Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874

Highland: 452-7686

North Bellevue: 452-7681

South Bellevue: 452-4240

East Bellevue Community Council: 452-6466

Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Development Services: 452-6800

New permit applications: 452-4898

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

Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 452-4570

East Bellevue Community Council: 1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911

Business and Information: 452-6892

Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or www.bellevuewa.gov

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-4883

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Aging Services: 452-4200

Parks Information: 452-6885

Recreation Registration: 452-6885

Youth Sports: 452-6885

Ballfields: 452-6914

Picnics/Rentals: 452-6914

Park Maintenance: 452-6855

Human Services: 452-6884

Cultural Diversity: 452-7886

Probation: 452-6956

Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

Planning & Community Development: 452-7892

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891

Factoria Station: 452-2880

Emergency Only: 911

Complaints and Information: 452-6917

Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-2979; Residential 452-6915

Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-7658

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973

Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance and Emergency: 452-7840

Volunteering: 452-5375

Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

Allied Waste/Rabanco: 425-452-4762 (recycling, yard debris, garbage)

Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000

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Partnership dollars add up



Grants support projects for controlling Coal Creek flooding like this.

Every year, road improvements, park enhancements and environmental protection projects abound throughout Bellevue, and Fire and Police utilize specialized training and equipment to foster a sense of security in the community.

To responsibly deliver these high-quality projects and services, the city is committed to stretch Bellevue's strong tax base with contributions from federal, state, county and private sources. This year, more than 40 planning efforts, equipment purchases, programs and capital projects will be made possible by more than \$55 million in partnership funding.

Funding any project requires creative budgetary planning. Depending on the project, pieces of the funding puzzle can come from one or more sources at varying levels. For example, it is not uncommon for projects – such as construction of a new Bellevue Youth Theater and the extension of Northeast Fourth Street – to combine multiple sources of funding to make these large projects affordable.

Additionally, private contributions spur purchases of equipment such as for the Bellevue SWAT team and renovation of the Hidden Valley Sports Park.

Federal grants support environmental stewardship, emergency planning for vulnerable populations and programs that encourage commuters to try carpools or transit. Partnership with King County provides for basic and advanced life support services, park property acquisition and vital conservation efforts.

Overall, partnership funding sources constitute nearly 40 percent of the total revenue supporting these projects in 2013. Many efforts, including the following, would not be possible without partnership funding:

- Support for motorcycle officers to dedicate extra time for special programs, such as "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" emphasis patrols;
- Lower Coal Creek flood control;
- Kelsey Creek knotweed eradication;
- Regional fiber optic network upgrades;
- A mid-block pedestrian crossing on Northeast Eighth Street near Crossroads Park; and
- Wayfinding signs along priority routes.

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