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Yingying Yu says a call from Mini City Hall opened a door for her just as another door was closing.

In 1994, opening a "mini" city hall in the Crossroads area may have seemed odd. Sure, a citizen survey found that residents wanted services in their neighborhood as an alternative to "maxi" City Hall, located a few miles away. But the idea of taking government to the people – putting it in a mall – rather than having people come to it, was, well, unusual.

Today, as Mini City Hall (MCH) celebrates its 20th anniversary, the idea of not having it in Bellevue's most diverse neighborhood seems odd. To mark the occasion, Crossroads Shopping Center and the city are throwing a community party on Wednesday, October 22, at 3 p.m. The free event will feature live music, beverages and bites from six Crossroads restaurants, giveaways, stories and a mayoral proclamation.

Attendees will include past and present clients, partner agencies that work out of MCH, city staff, volunteers and others. Also on hand will be former Crossroads Shopping Center owner Ron Sher and former Bellevue Neighborhood Outreach Manager Cheryl Kuhn, who were both instrumental in making MCH a reality.

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City pushes to make performing arts center a reality

Bellevue business leaders, elected officials and philanthropists have for decades recognized the value in building a world-class performing arts venue in the city.

After years of work, an organization called Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) was formed in 2006 to lead the effort to raise money and develop and build a 2,000-seat facility, with a 250-seat cabaret, on donated land at the corner of Northeast 10th Street and 106th Avenue Northeast.

So far, nearly \$65 million of the project goal of \$160 million has been raised. The planned building got a name in 2010, after the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation gave \$25 million for the project. While more than 90 percent of the contributions have come from the private sector through 10,000 individual donations, the City of Bellevue contributed \$2 million in 2010 for project design work. The county and the state also have contributed.

Want to know more?

The Bellevue Arts Commission and PACE representatives will be happy to give a presentation to your group and to take comments about the Tateuchi Center. Contact the Arts Commission at 425-452-4105, or mpbyrne@bellevuewa.

More information about the Tateuchi Center is available at <u>www.tateuchicenter.org</u>.

Earlier this year, the city and PACE entered

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The City Council asked the Bellevue Arts Commission to meet with community members to share information and answer questions about the Tateuchi Center and the benefits it will bring to the whole community; and to find out what residents think about the possibility of the city investing more money in the project.

In addition to civic-minded allies, two other groups also have a strong interest in seeing the Tateuchi Center become a reality: the performers who would appear onstage, and audience members who happily would fill the seats.

Julie Phillips has a foot in each of those camps. A former flutist for six years in the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, Phillips is now a BYSO board member and a staunch advocate for the performing arts.

"From a Bellevue Youth Symphony standpoint there are tons of young musicians on the Eastside and

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Council Corner _



Our vision: audacious and achievable

By John Chelminiak

In the last edition of It's Your City Mayor Balducci introduced you to the Council Vision. The City Council spent significant time early this year honing that vision, then expressing it on paper. I see it as an aspirational and achievable statement of what the city will be in 2035.

In this edition, I'd like to focus on two aspects of that vision: Achieving Human Potential and High-Quality Built and Natural Environment.

Achieving Human Potential



But what makes up a city? It's the people who live, work, play, shop and visit here. Our Council Vision

focuses on ways to help everyone who lives here realize their potential. Three areas that I focus on are education, institutions and compassion.

We have a remarkable education system in Bellevue, from kindergarten through the four-year degree programs at Bellevue College. The opportunity to achieve and prepare for the future is already here. We need only to build on those opportunities.

I see the city's role as being supportive to those educational institutions, helping to create a balanced and healthy individual. We do that through programs such as Lifewire, Hopelink, Youth Eastside Services, Jubilee Reach, Friends of Youth and many others. When those programs focus on the development of young people and the stability of family, everyone succeeds. A relatively new group, Eastside Pathways, concentrates on bringing those efforts together through a process called collective impact.

But there is, and will be, poverty and despair on the Eastside. In two months last summer, outreach workers for Congregations for the Homeless made almost 400 contacts with people living on the street in Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue. Eighty of those contacts were with women. Our winter shelters will open soon, one for men and one for women, but neither has a long-term home. We are working to establish a permanent shelter, along with programs that move people into stable housing. The need is real. The consequences of inaction can be life and death.



High-Quality Built and Natural Environment

This phrase means a lot to me, but when I use it with friends I get the same look my sheepdog gives me: "It sounds good, but really I have no idea what you are saying."

It's about the human realm, that area 12 feet around us and 12 feet above. Walking in a public space, how do you feel? Are you safe? Can you relax? Do you take pride in where you are? Is it a concrete jungle, or does it have a natural feeling?

If you want to see a great example of a high-quality built and natural environment at one location, visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The new visitor center helps focus you on the entrance to the gardens. You pass from the urban to the natural environment. And while you are there to enjoy the flowers and other plants, it's also about bringing people together. That connection of people to place is why we've earned our moniker, "City in a Park."

In the coming decades, we want to build on the green by connecting people with the blue waters of our beautiful lakes. Shortly, we will begin development of Meydenbauer Beach Park, another step in a long-standing vision of connecting Downtown Park to the waterfront. It is an audacious goal that is coming true. The city also owns a small piece of waterfront on Lake Sammamish, and I believe it's time to start a conversation about how we provide similar access there, while respecting our lakeside neighbors.

These are examples of the council's vision. What separates Bellevue from many cities is our ability to set a long-term vision that is audacious, but achievable. Long-term thinking got us here. It will also take the city to an even higher level.



The new vistor center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden has a nearby pond.

Council Roundup

Planning how to best serve a diverse population

On September 2, the council reviewed a draft plan detailing how the city can best support and take advantage of its increasing diversity.

The population has diversified in age, race and ethnicity, income, ability and other factors.

While that diversity provides the economy with competitive advantages and enriches the city's culture, it challenges residents and local institutions, including the city. Collectively, residents and city staff must learn to communicate across multiple cultures and languages and improve access to basic needs, such as public safety, education and human services.

In 2010 the council launched the Bellevue Diversity Initiative, asking staff to study the city's diversity and recommend actions to ensure "cultural competence" – the ability to interact effectively with people of different backgrounds – in the government, community and economy.

Staff from the Parks & Community Services and Planning &

to the draft SMP recommended by the Planning Commission.

The council will ultimately submit an SMP update, possibly in November, to the state Department of Ecology for approval. Information is available at <u>www.bellevuewa.gov/shoreline-master-plan.htm</u>.

Photo enforcement expanded

The council on July 21 approved an expansion of Bellevue's photo enforcement program, from three red-light cameras and two school-zone cameras to six red-light cameras and three school-zone cameras.

In an effort to improve traffic safety at busy intersections and school zones, the city in 2009 and 2010 installed cameras to catch red-light runners and school-zone speeders at two intersections on 148th Avenue and near Stevenson and Lake Hills elementary schools.

Cameras will be added at two major intersections along Northeast Eighth Street. One red-light camera will be installed at 116th Avenue and two will be placed at 112th Avenue, along with a school-zone camera at Sunset Elementary School on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Photo enforcement infractions result in a \$124 fine. There will be a one-month grace period for drivers caught by the new cameras, during which they will receive warnings in the mail rather than citations. The cameras are likely to be installed in December or January.

Community Development departments presented a draft diversity plan with more than 60 recommended actions the city can take to improve services for people of all cultures, and that the community can take to adjust to and make the most of living in a multicultural city.

"Our city has changed significantly, so this was really due," Mayor Claudia Balducci said. "It's a great, very thought-provoking and very meaningful piece of work."

Staff will make some additional changes to the plan, with input from the council and city boards and commissions, before bringing a final version to the council for approval, likely in November.

The draft "Diversity Advantage" plan is available at <u>www.bellevuewa.</u> <u>gov/cultural_diversity.htm</u>. Questions about the plan can be directed to Diversity Program Coordinator Kevin Henry (khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886).

Hearing on shoreline regulations

A public hearing on August 4 regarding new shoreline regulations drew about 30 speakers, many of them waterfront property owners. About 100 people attended. The council is considering an update of the city's Shoreline Master Program, which regulates development and use of the city's shorelines.

The current SMP was adopted in 1974 and has changed little since. The Planning Commission submitted a draft SMP update to the council last year. The council held the hearing to gather input as it considers variations

New transit plan for Bellevue

Following a two-year process, the council on July 7 adopted a transit plan that identifies strategies and projects that will foster a high-quality transit system to meet Bellevue's needs through 2030, connecting more people to more destinations in less time.

Mayor Claudia Balducci said the plan "presents a picture of a complete and fully functional bus system that would serve the city tremendously well."

The city does not operate its own transit system, but the Transit Master Plan can influence regional transit agencies to keep Bellevue moving. The plan envisions a public transportation system that serves diverse people and trip purposes. Public transit is the mode of travel for an increasing number of people who live, work, shop and play in Bellevue.

For more information about the Transit Master Plan, contact Franz Loewenherz in the Transportation Department (floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4077) or visit the new project webpage at <u>www.bellevuewa.gov/</u> bellevue-transit-plan.htm.

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Historic fire truck found, restoration planned

The Bellevue Fire Department's newest fire truck is its oldest. "Ms. Belle" is a rusty 1957 Maxim, which was in service with the department in its early years. The city established its own fire department in 1965, 12 years after incorporating, with King County Fire District 14 stations, rigs and firefighters.

Fire Truck 4 was at Station 1 in Old Bellevue, just off Main Street.

After many years of service the truck was sold as surplus, and ended up sitting in a warehouse in the Bellingham area. Brad and Kim Gilbert, owners of a fire sprinkler installation business, acquired her in exchange for some fire prevention work 10 years ago.

The truck was driven to the Gilberts' home near Custer (less than 1,000 feet from the Canadian border) and parked in their backyard. Over the years passersby requested parts of the historic rig, but the Gilberts had hopes of bringing the truck they called Ms. Belle back to life and kept her intact.

Fast forward to this past April. Lt. Richard Burke, community liaison officer with Fire, received a call about an old fire truck buried in sticker bushes in northern Washington. The caller, who apparently saw the truck while shopping garage sales, said "Bellevue Truck 4" was painted on the door.

After many phone calls and inquiries to Maxim, based in California, the city acquired the vehicle's specifications and purchase agreement. Local 1604 (the union representing the Bellevue firefighters) purchased the truck for \$3,500 and towed it more than 100 miles to Station 3 in Crossroads.

By happenstance, in collecting pictures and documents for the department's 50th anniversary next year, staff found a color photograph of Ms. Belle in her heyday. The photo was posted on Fire's Facebook page, and within days the pictured firefighters' children called the department with stories about their dads, and how much they loved being part of the Bellevue Fire Department. After removing a number of bee nests and mice from the rig, firefighters pressure-washed, scrubbed and shined up Ms. Belle for display at the department's annual open house on October 4.

Now Ms. Belle needs significant restoration for a return to her former glory, but over the course of the next year, the union hopes to raise the \$40,000 to \$70,000 necessary to make her a "rolling work of art."

Like historic fire trucks in other cities, Ms. Belle could serve as a centerpiece in parades and at community events including the Fourth of July.



Firefighter Richard Weldon cleans the truck with a pressure washer.

Police chief recruitment continues

The city is on target to have a new police chief in office by early January. Residents will have a chance to meet the finalists for the position at a City Hall reception tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 6-7 p.m.

The city hired Mercer Group, an executive search firm, to conduct a nationwide search for candidates. Input from staff, residents, local businesses and other stakeholders was collected at community meetings and via an online survey as the city considered the qualities the new police chief ideally will possess. Former Bellevue Police Chief Jim Montgomery has been serving as the interim police chief since Linda Pillo retired in April, after seven years as chief.

The job was posted in August, and Mercer Group screened applicants in September. Panels, which include staff, will interview finalists later this month the week of the public reception. City Manager Brad Miyake will appoint the new chief.

Information on the police chief recruitment can be found at <u>www.bellevuewa.gov/police-chief-recruitment.htm</u>.

Transportation project milestones this fall



Construction of the new signalized intersection is anticipated to start in January and continue until fall 2015.

Before the Northup Way Corridor project officially begins construction early next year, private utilities will do preparatory work, which will require intermittent lane closures. Sidewalk and bike lane construction will begin shortly thereafter. When complete, Northup Way will have bike lanes and sidewalks along both sides, connecting the existing 520 trail at Northeast 24th Street with the state's new 520 trail west of 108th Avenue Northeast.

Over the summer, parts of the Lake Hills Connector and Lake Washington Boulevard

Improvements to 120th Avenue Northeast between Northeast Fourth and Seventh streets are nearly complete. The stretch between Northeast Seventh and 12th streets is now underway.

It may be getting colder and wetter, but transportation projects are not slowing down. Several big ones will hit milestones this fall:

Stage I of the 120th Avenue Northeast Corridor Project, which widened 120th Avenue from the 300 block to the 700 block, is in its final weeks of construction. Construction on Stage II began in mid-October. Stage II will widen 120th Avenue Northeast between Northeast Seventh and 12th streets to five lanes, including a center-turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. Expect intermittent lane closures on Northeast Eighth Street and 120th Avenue Northeast during construction and watch for electronic message boards with pertinent construction and impact information. Design of the modified Lakemont Boulevard and Cougar Mountain Way/Southeast 63rd Street intersection was completed in September. were paved and curb ramps were updated as part of the Pavement Overlay Program. This fall, if weather permits, paving will occur on Coal Creek Parkway, Southeast 60th Street, Southeast 64th Street and 151st Avenue Southeast. Curb ramp work will continue through the fall and winter on Highland Drive and along 128th Avenue Southeast in Woodridge. On 123rd Avenue Southeast, utility work will take place in advance of spring 2015 overlay work.

There has been a Mountains to Sound Greenway study of a 3.6-mile trail between Factoria Boulevard Southeast and 150th Avenue Southeast. In September, a landscape architect was selected for landscape and urban design for the trail just north of Southeast 36th Street, from Factoria Boulevard to 150th Avenue Southeast.

To keep up-to-date on these city projects and others, visit the Projects in Your Neighborhoods interactive map at <u>www.</u> <u>bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm</u>.

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Bellevue nurtures startups, entrepreneurs



Bellevue is hitting the fast-forward button in its efforts to attract more startup companies and encourage the city's next generation of technology entrepreneurs.

In early September, Bellevue hosted its first "Tech Hive" at City Hall; later in the month city officials helped welcome the Biz-Tech Summit to downtown Bellevue. In October, plans call for two more tech-friendly happenings at City Hall: the CoderDojo youth computer programming club meets on October 18; and Startup Weekend Bellevue takes place October 24 to 26, featuring dozens of entrepreneur teams developing ideas.

The various events are part of a concerted drive by elected officials and the city's economic development team to raise Bellevue's profile as a destination for startups and entrepreneurs. It builds on Bellevue's track record of high-tech success. Bellevue is now home to more than 500 startups, as well as cutting-edge gaming companies such as Bungie.

"We're very optimistic," said Chris Salomone, the director of the Planning & Community Development Department, noting that startup companies create jobs and generate new revenue.

'We have the structure and we have the talent, with business clusters that already exist here, especially the IT community with software, gamers and telecom. We hope to broaden the spectrum of companies that come here."

In the economic development section of a vision for the next 20 years adopted in April, the City Council targeted actions such as creating an incubator environment and attracting a well-educated and talented work force. The city's new economic development plan, adapted in July, includes measures to cultivate Bellevue's next generation of technology entrepreneurs.

"Tech Hive is the first in a series of steps we're taking to encourage entrepreneurs to be here," said Councilmember Conrad Lee, who attended the event. "We need to develop an ecosystem, a culture that really encourages and cultivates these talents."

One of the entrepreneurs who attended Tech Hive was Parry Bedi, a Redmond resident and cofounder of SocialGlimpz, a marketing and technology company.

"I didn't know Bellevue was interested in startups," Bedi said. "Something like (Tech Hive) is really good, to get the name out, to tell them we're open for business, we want other innovative companies to come here. I think it's a great start."

In addition to laying out a broad vision for Bellevue's future, the council recently adopted a new economic development strategic plan that calls for the city to nurture the next generation of technology entrepreneurs and to position Bellevue as a gateway to the Pacific Rim.

Llance Kezner, co-founder of OneFarStar LLC, a Bellevue-based specialty foods business, said events such as Tech Hive "allow people, likeminded entrepreneurs, to connect and share resources."

The city also is investigating the possibility of facilitating a business incubator for startups, a space Kezner says would "give companies a running start and get them up and out into the broader the community."

A video featuring people included in this story has been posted to the city's YouTube channel (<u>http://www.youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington</u>). More information on Bellevue's economic development efforts also is available online (<u>http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/economic_development.htm</u>)

Bel-Red slated for Sound Transit train yard

The Sound Transit board has selected a site near the future 120th East Link station in Bel-Red as the preferred location for a new light-rail maintenance facility, despite objections from Bellevue city officials. The city is planning transitoriented development in the area, and the City Council expressed strident opposition to the two sites under consideration in the Bel-Red corridor.

The selected site is west of 120th Avenue Northeast and across the street from The Spring District, a planned mixed-use urban village under development by Wright Runstad and Shorenstein Properties.

The city remains concerned about locating a train yard in the Bel-Red corridor. Bellevue and Sound Transit officials will participate in a new negotiation process to comprehensively address

issues of concern related to East Link and the maintenance facility this fall. The city's goal is to maximize the public's investment in light rail and ensure that East Link fits harmoniously into its vision for well-planned, quality communities throughout Bellevue.

Sound Transit is expanding its light rail network from a 16-mile line from Sea-Tac Airport to downtown Seattle, to a 50-mile network taking riders to Bellevue and Redmond in the east, Lynnwood in the north and Kent/Des Moines in the south. A second maintenance facility is needed to service the additional cars for the expansion. For more information on light rail in Bellevue, please contact Kate March at kmarch@ bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2055.

East Main station area advisory committee

In other East Link news, the council in August confirmed the appointment of residents and business owners to a committee that will make recommendations on strategies to help integrate light rail with the area surrounding the future East Main station, which will be on 112th Avenue just south of Main Street.

The East Main CAC will hold an open house October 28 at City Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m., to solicit ideas from the public about what should be studied as part of the East Main station area planning process. For more information about the East Main CAC, which meets 4-6 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of every month at City Hall, please visit www.bellevuewa.gov/east-main-station.htm

More parking now available in Old Bellevue

The Old Bellevue neighborhood is changing and growing by leaps and bounds, with approximately 15 restaurants, 35 shops, a variety of personal services and offices and 692 apartments and condominiums, with more on the way, Bellevue Downtown Park remains a big draw.

Parking is an issue for residents and businesses in the area, and the city is considering how best to address that.

Responding to requests from the Old Bellevue Merchants Association, the city is adding 29 new on-street parking spaces to the area (two-hour parking, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., except Sundays and holidays):

- five on Main Street, west of 101st Avenue (completed in June);
- three on the south side of Northeast First Street, just west of 102nd Avenue (completed in August);
- 21 on the east side of 100th Avenue Northeast, between Main and Northeast Fourth streets (scheduled for completion in October).

The Transportation Commission identified the stretch of 100th Avenue, with parking currently only available on weekends and holidays, as a way to help address parking issues.

The City Council approved the new, two-hour spots in August.



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Mini City Hall

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Maria Sitzmann will be there, too. She wouldn't miss it. Mini City Hall and its staff impacted her life in a profound way.

"In 1997 I came to Crossroads and found Mini City Hall," said Sitzmann, who had moved to Bellevue from her native Colombia. "I just escaped an abusive relationship and I was looking for somebody to help."

Sitzmann, who still gets emotional when she talks about her experience, said MCH provided a safe haven, staff helped arrange for her to learn English, and she was able to connect with a wider community. "The most important thing I got from Mini City Hall that day was hope to fight for my life," she said. "I got empowered to continue fighting for me."

Barb Tuininga manages the MCH program as part of her job with Neighborhood Outreach. She splits her time between the 350-squarefoot office at the mall, and the 350,000-square-foot City Hall building downtown.

Tuininga said that while MCH assists the community in a variety of ways – including language services, housing referrals and human service needs – what sets it apart is its location and its welcoming atmosphere.

"The city created Mini City Hall to reach residents who would ordinarily have little opportunity to connect with city government," said Tuininga, adding that its location makes that possible. "For people who are doing their daily business, it's accessible."

"It's about having a safe place and a comfortable place in your neighborhood where you can ask any question," she continued. "That's a pretty unique and amazing service not offered everywhere. It really is about building a sense of community in this tiny little place."

For Sue Popma, marketing director for Crossroads Shopping Center, having Mini City Hall at the mall makes good business sense. It provides a service her customers want and the mall has provided strong support for Mini City Hall since its inception.

"I think it's a huge benefit having Mini City Hall here. It helps our customers think of Crossroads as their go-to place, whether to shop or eat or access community services," Popma said. "People think of this as the heart of the Crossroads neighborhood. Mini City Hall is really central to that."

Another client touched by Mini City Hall was Yingying Yu, who first visited for a job fair in 2013 after immigrating from China in 2011 with her husband and daughter. She spoke little English at the time.

As fate had it, Tuininga called Yu to offer her a volunteer position on the same day Yu learned she had suffered a miscarriage. Tuininga was able to provide much needed support during a difficult time.

"My first encounter with Mini City Hall changed my life a lot. I felt like one door closed but another door opened," Yu said of her conversation with Tuininga.

Community partners at Mini City Hall offer services. International Community Health Services and Public Health provide service in several languages. The Cultural Navigator program, managed by the Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC), provides help to immigrants and refugees on the Eastside.

"I tell people all the time, go to Mini City Hall," Sitzmann said. "It's like a mini-United Nations. I'm so grateful to be part of that. First being helped and then helping others. It's a chain I want to continue."

A video featuring some of the voices in this story is available online on the city's YouTube channel (<u>http://www.youtube.com/user/</u><u>BellevueWashington</u>). More information about Mini City Hall is available on the city's website (<u>http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mini-city-hall.htm</u>).

Reviewing Energize Eastside plans

Responding to concerns expressed by residents about a proposed electrical transmission line through Bellevue, the city will conduct an independent analysis of Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project.

In December 2013, PSE launched Energize Eastside, to site and build approximately 18 miles of new 230-kilovolt transmission lines from Renton to Redmond. PSE says the lines would deliver more power to Eastside cities, to keep up with mounting demand related to growth.

A reliable power supply is important to Bellevue residents, businesses and other stakeholders. The city has been engaging with PSE since May to ensure the public's questions and concerns are addressed.

The city is already managing an environmental review required for the project through an interagency agreement with other Eastside cities where transmission alignments are proposed.

While a number of questions about the project will be addressed in that environmental impact statement (EIS), the City Council agreed that an independent review analyzing project need specific to Bellevue would be appropriate.

The city issued a request for proposals to evaluate the need, growth forecast and demand for the project. The independent analysis will be completed in advance of the EIS.

Learn more about Bellevue's electrical facilities planning at <u>www.</u> <u>bellevuewa.gov/electrical-facilities.htm</u>. PSE offers information about Energize Eastside at <u>www.energizeeastside.com</u>.





Tateuchi

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tons of parents. The symphony is outgrowing its venues," said Phillips, who graduated from Bellevue High School and now attends the University of Washington.

In fact, when the symphony formally celebrates its 50th anniversary next year, it will celebrate at Benaroya Hall in Seattle because there's no comparable facility on the Eastside. Phillips noted that over the past 10 years BYSO has grown to six orchestras and three ensembles with more than 450 student musicians.

"It would be nice to have something like a Benaroya Hall on the

Help your favorite Bellevue nonprofit go solar

Solarize Bellevue, the community campaign helping to reduce the cost of solar panels and their installation for Bellevue residents and businesses, is striving to install 30 new systems across the city this year.

If 30 systems are sold, the campaign's selected contractor, Northwest Electric and Solar, will provide a free solar photovoltaic panel system to a local nonprofit organization selected by residents.

So far, 24 systems have been ordered. Learn more and see program updates at <u>www.GreenWA.org</u>. Vote for one of three nonprofits eligible for a free solar panel installation.

Eastside. Tateuchi Center would be a special place for BYS to perform. I think you would get a massive audience," Phillips said, adding that as a community resource it would expose kids and parents to excellent music from across the globe.

PACE officials say programming at Tateuchi Center will be diverse and appeal to a wide variety of local audiences. It will include: world-renoved performers in music, theater and dance from the United States and around the world; speakers; top arts organizations from Seattle, as well as local performers. And, Tateuchi Center will be an educational center, as well as a cultural one.

Goldie Tobin moved to a downtown condo in 2008, but has lived in Bellevue for 47 years. She is a committed patron of the performing arts – "I go to just about everything," she said – with subscriptions to the symphony, opera and Fifth Avenue Theatre, all in Seattle.

She believes it's time Bellevue had its own performing arts center and has contributed to the fundraising effort for Tateuchi Center. Tobin says the project would be convenient – "We wouldn't have to cross the bridge in all that traffic" – and positive for the community.

"I think it would put Bellevue on the map, culturally speaking. The Eastside is growing rapidly. I think it would appeal to many communities close by," Tobin said. "It would be a wonderful asset to our community. I really am excited about this."



New bicycling facilities coming soon



BIKE LANE CHANNELIZATION DETAIL

Bicycling is becoming a common travel mode for Bellevue residents, commuters and visitors, particularly downtown. A few additional bicycle facilities are coming to Bellevue, including green bicycle pavement markings and new bike racks.

Green bike pavement markings are brightly colored with bicycle symbols and are strategically located at key decision points, often intersections. They improve safety by raising the awareness of both motorists and bicyclists in potential conflict areas.

Bright green thermoplastic is placed directly on the roadway and is heated and pressed to adhere to the pavement surface. The finished material is slip-resistant and semi-reflective to increase visibility, and includes white stripes and bicycle markings. The material is durable and easy to maintain.

- This fall, green bike pavement markings will be installed on:
 112th Ave NE A northbound bike lane will run from the end of the path that connects 112th and 114th avenues, supporting the Lake Washington Loop. The bike lane will have a dashed green pattern as it approaches the Northeast 8th St and 112th Avenue Northeast intersection. The project will include median work at 112th. Construction will soon be underway.
- SE Newport Way About 250 linear feet of green bicycle lane will be located between travel lanes and the parking bay in front of Eastgate Elementary School. These will be part of new bike lanes that will run from 150th Ave SE to 152nd Ave SE. Construction is expected from this fall through next summer.

Early next year, anticipate green bike pavement markings on:

- The Northup Way Corridor Project Bike lanes will run on both side of Northup Way and will connect the existing SR 520 trail (which currently terminates at NE 24th Street) with a new trail at 108th Ave NE that is being built by WSDOT as part of the SR 520 bridge project. Green bicycle facilities will be used at four intersections along the roadway: NE 33rd Pl, NE 30th St, 116th Ave NE, and just past NE 24th St.
- **108th Ave NE** Just south of Main Street, southbound cyclists will have a new bicycle queueing area. The existing traffic island will be replaced with a new median extension. New landscaping will enhance the south gateway to downtown Bellevue and provide a transition between downtown Bellevue and adjacent neighborhoods.

When approaching a green bike lane, drivers should watch for bicycles, check blind spots and use signals when turning. Cyclists should approach the area with caution and use hand signals to alert drivers.

Do you want to see more bike racks? New bike racks are installed Bellevue through the Transportation Department's ongoing bike rack installation program, at the request of bicyclists and businesses.

High-priority locations for new bike racks are where bicyclists now lock their bikes to trees, sign posts or railings. Ideal sites are well-lit, adjacent to the street, in line with other street features such as benches and near entrances to popular destinations. They are installed along the sidewalk where they will not interfere with other sidewalk uses.

The location of downtown curbside bike racks, along with other commuter parking facilities, can be found online at <u>Choose Your Way Bellevue</u>. Bicyclists or business owners may suggest downtown bike rack locations to Kevin McDonald, Senior Transportation Planner, at <u>kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4558. Bike racks are provided at no cost.

To see what else is in the works for biking in Bellevue, visit <u>www.</u> <u>bellevuewa.gov/walking_biking.htm</u>. For resources about biking in Bellevue, visit <u>www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org/bike</u>.

City expands recycling in apartment buildings, condos

In an effort to reduce waste and improve services to the growing number of apartment dwellers in Bellevue, the city has expanded its recycling program, offering free weekly collection of unlimited recycling and up to 96 gallons of organics service (food scraps and yard debris) for apartment and condo building customers.

These expanded recycling options were recently rolled out as part of the city's new collection contract with Republic Services, which went into effect in June. To help apartment building and condo customers start or improve waste prevention and recycling in their buildings and complexes, Bellevue Utilities offers on-site consultations and no-cost tools through its Refresh Recycling program.

Refresh Recycling consultations include reviewing a customer's current waste stream practices, looking for opportunities to reduce waste and enhance recycling, helping to tailor the recycling program to a property's needs, and providing no-cost tools and training to maximize customers' benefit from the city's new organics collection service option. No-cost tools available with an onsite recycling consultation include:

- kitchen food scrap buckets for each tenant;
- one dispenser for compostable bags and a starter supply of compostable bags;
- recycling and organics instructions to post in key locations; and,
- recycling collection bags for in-unit recycling

For more information, call 425-452-6932 or email <u>recycle@bellevuewa.gov</u>.



Are you winter-ready?

City preparations and equipment include 14 large trucks that can be configured with plows and sanders to clear roadways of snow and ice and a meteorologist hired to provide Bellevue-specific forecasts at least daily through the winter.

The easiest and quickest ways to find out what the city is doing or what you should do in the event of extreme weather, is to visit the city website (<u>www.bellevuewa.gov</u>) and click on the Extreme Weather Response icon or go to the MyBellevue app on your phone – emergencies are a widget.

When there are weather-related emergencies such as flooding, wind storms or ice or snow-covered streets, the Emergencies and Extreme Weather page will provide helpful information about what the city is doing and you can do to respond. You can sign up for Alerts so that you will receive an email or a text when the city posts information for an emergency or weather event.

Tips for a safe Halloween

Soon, thousands of youngsters will be walking through Bellevue streets dressed in the hottest Halloween fashions. Bellevue Police offer the following tips to help ensure your Halloween activities are safe and not too scary:

- Children should always go out trick-or-treating accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have a group of kids going, the parents should choose two or three of them to go along and keep an eye on things.
- Wear bright colors that make you more visible to motorists. Some residential streets in Bellevue aren't brightly lit, so it's important to see and be seen! Carry a flashlight, glowstick or other light if possible.
- If you are a homeowner and you are expecting trick-or-treaters, turn on your exterior house lights so your visitors can see their way to your door.

If you are driving, pay extra attention to crosswalks, intersections and residential areas. Keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters, and don't use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving. Remember, kids aren't always looking out for cars.

Be aware that because of the increased foot traffic of trick-or-treaters, the chance of automobile-related accidents with young pedestrians increases fourfold on Halloween, according to a Center for Disease Control study.



Who to Call

For life-threatening emergencies, please call 911. The next most critical phone number to have on hand is 425-452-7840. This is a 24-hour response number for flooded, blocked or hazardous streets and sidewalks, fallen trees and damaged or down stop, yield or other traffic signs. Also, call this number for flooding at home or work, water main breaks, pollutants entering storm drains or waterways, or sewer overflows.

Social Media

To receive timely social media updates, please follow us on Twitter: @bellevuewa. For real-time conditions, check the real-time traffic map (<u>www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap</u>) before you set out for your trip.

East Bellevue happenings...

By East Bellevue Community Council Member Gerald Hughes

All in all, a lot is happening in East Bellevue. Here is a quick summary of all the action.



Mayor Claudia Balducci visits with residents at the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association picnic.

Lake Hills Picnic

On July 15 the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association held the first of hopefully many annual picnics at Evergreen Park. Over 150 people attended and enjoyed an afternoon of food, games and good conversation.

It was a chance for new and old neighbors to get to know each other better. When Lake Hills was first developed about 60 years ago, it was mainly a white, middle-class neighborhood with the majority earning their living working at Boeing. Some of these original residents were at the picnic, along with a wide diversity of others from many different cultures and countries. All have a similar desire, to live in a safe environment with the opportunity for their children to become educated and pursue a happy, healthy and fulfilling life.

Mayor Claudia Balducci and Carol Ross from Neighborhood Outreach attended, and thanks must go to Mindy Garner and her team for creating such a successful event. Next year will be bigger and better, I am sure.

Lake Hills Village Construction

The new Lake Hills Village is well into construction at 156th Avenue Southeast and Lake Hills Boulevard. Two apartment buildings with 72 residences of two, three and four bedrooms are complete. About half are leased and many are occupied. There are 18 rental town houses nearing completion, each with five bedrooms, and some are already leased.

In addition, several retailers are in the late stages of leasing including two restaurants, and there are several new leases near fruition in the commercial office buildings. The underground garage with 450 parking spaces will be fully operational by late October.

The building along Lake Hills Boulevard will be finished last, and the whole project will completed early in 2015. By next summer, it should be an exciting new destination for East Bellevue residents.

The above-ground parking square in now open and I encourage you to stop sometime, walk around and see the progress. It has taken almost 15 years to have this project come to this stage and it should make our community an even better place to live.

The East Bellevue Community Council is encouraging Oscar Del Moro, the developer, to give a complete update at one of our meetings before the end of the year. I hope you will attend.

Kelsey Creek Shopping Center Booming

The Kelsey Creek Shopping Center appears to be booming. There are six restaurants, along with a deli and Subway. There is a new Autozone store



For more information about the East Bellevue Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo, 425-452-6466.

East Bellevue Community Council meets the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd. **Members:** Gerald Hughes, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Betsi Hummer, William Capron

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the Community Council via e-mail at EBCC@bellevuewa. gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm.



and Wells Fargo bank now open and the center is almost fully leased.

The developer, the Franklin group, now controls the one remaining blight, the vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and 148th Avenue. There are currently negotiations to resolve zoning issues so that the completion of the development can proceed. Despite traffic concerns at times, caused by the success of the center, it has become a real jewel of East Bellevue.

Permanent single-family rental rules drafted

The Planning Commission has drafted a permanent ordinance to control the spread of individual room rentals in single-family neighborhoods. The City Council and EBCC will likely consider it for approval in November or December.

If you are concerned about a single-family residence having many rooms for rent, with commensurate noise, multiple cars on the street and general deterioration in your neighborhood's character, you would be able to file a complaint, and the city would then investigate.

Although there may be some modification by the City Council, at the time of the writing of this article, no more than four unrelated adults would be allowed to rent rooms in a single-family residence, per the draft ordinance. This ordinance is a direct result of the diligence of the Spiritwood neighborhood, and all of Bellevue should be thankful for their efforts.

The new Bellevue Youth Theatre's unique design is now apparent.

Several other construction projects

There are several other projects underway in East Bellevue at this time. The Bellevue Youth Theatre at Crossroads will be spectacular when completed, with its environmentally sensitive design. Sammamish High School is well into its remodel.

Odle Middle School is now a pile of rubble in preparation for a new school to be built. The students are attending Ringdall Middle School in South Bellevue at this time. At Eastgate, a new Nissan dealership is being built where the famous Candy Cane Motel once stood. The existing threelevel concrete garage will be part of the dealership.

Football Talk

By the time of the next It's Your City, with a bit of luck, the Huskies will have been in the Rose Bowl game and Seahawks will be Super Bowl Champions again.



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.

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Bridle Trails Bridle Trails David Louy Draigster Davidaning a naighborhood park in the Bridle Trails naighborhood at the server of NE 24th St and	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 complete end of 2014. \$700,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle_trails_levy.htm	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169 Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
5R 520 Bridge Replacement & HOV Project: Rebuilding the floating bridge and replacing highway and interchanges between I-5 and Medina. For SR 520 closures, refer to WSDOT webpage. Construction underway until 2015. \$6.5 billion.	Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
Eastside Transit & HOV Project: Completing and improving the 8.8-mile high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes from Evergreen Pt. Rd. to the SR 202 interchange. It will provide two general purpose lanes and one transit/HOV lane in each direction. Complete Fall 2014. \$306 million. www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR520Bridge/MedinaTo202/	Rick Logwood , 425-452-6858 Rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov
Pikes Peak Reservoir Structural/Seismic Modifications and Pump Station Replacement: Structural/Seismic rehabilitation to existing 1 million gallon steel reservoir, and replacement of Pikes Peak Pump Station adjacent to reservoir (joint project). Construction 2017-2018. \$5.7 million.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
el-Red	Contact
Mid Lakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replace existing pump station to increase capacity for growth in Bel-Red. Construction may be dependent on redevelopment rates in the Bel-Red Corridor rezone area. \$4 million (est.)	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 8th St - NE 12th St, Stage 2: Widening the roadway to five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks; includes utility work. Construction October 2014 through 2016. \$36 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE: NE 12th - Northup Way, Stage 3: Widening the roadway to four or five lanes with bike lanes, landscaping, and sidewalks, with utility work. Design complete in 2015. \$19.2 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/4th-and-120th-NE-corridor.htm	Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov
NE Spring Blvd (Zone 1): 116th to 120th Ave NE: Widening NE 12th Street to five lanes between 116th Ave NE and a new signalized intersection at NE Spring Boulevard. NE Spring Boulevard between NE 12th St and 120th Ave NE will be a new four-lane roadway with two travel lanes in each direction and a multimodal path along the north side. Coordinating with the Sound Transit East Link project. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.4 million. <u>http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm</u>	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@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 Avenues NE. Designing to 60 percent. \$1.3 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm	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 future roadway. Designed to 30 percent. \$740,000. <u>www.bellevuewa.</u> gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: Proposed NE 15th St to Northup Way: Widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes. Project is only funded for construction between NE 14th and NE 18th Streets. Design complete in Fall 2014. Construction 2015. \$8.9 million.	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE: NE 12th St to NE 14th St: 30 percent design complete for widening 124th Ave NE to five lanes with multipurpose path/ sidewalk. This project will also construct streetscape enhancements on 124th, between Main Street and NE 8th Street. Design complete Fall 2014, with construction starting Spring 2015. \$1.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements.htm	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
124th Ave NE and SR 520 Interchange: Partnered with WSDOT to complete a report that evaluated and investigated access to and from SR 520 at 124th Ave NE. Awaiting further direction by the State Legislature. WSDOT budget: \$2.2 million.	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@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. Designed to 15 percent. \$423,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/130th-Ave-and-NE-16th.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
rossroads	Contact
Sellevue Youth Theatre Expansion: Constructing a new 12,000 sq. ft. multi-functional theater in Crossroads Community Park. Construction underway through Fall 2014. \$9 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system within neighborhood area. Construction early Fall 2014. \$1.2 million.	
Crossroads Mall Sanitary Sewer Rehab: Replacement/rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewer system in Crossroads Mall. Project delayed for extended design analysis. Construction 2016. \$500,000.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
ast Lake Hills SE 16th St: 148th to 156th Ave SE: Adding sidewalks and bike lanes between 148th and 156th Aves SE. 60 percent design completion end of 2014. \$250,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/se-16th-148th-156th.htm	Contact Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
astgate/Cougar Mountain	Contact
Lakemont Blvd & SE Cougar Mtn. Way/SE 63rd St Intersection: Design underway for new traffic signal at the intersection of Lakemont Blvd & Cougar Mtn. Way. Construction expected late Winter 2015. \$1.5 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-cmw- ntersection.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #3 Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation: Installing new pumps and standby generator. Planning, design & permitting. Construction through Summer 2015. \$1.2-1.45 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Horizon View #1 Reservoir and Water Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation or Replacement: Planning and pre-design. Construction 2015-2016. \$2.3-\$4.5 million.	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
Pressure Zone Interties: Installing two new pressure reducing valve stations. Construction Fall 2014. \$160,000-\$200,000 (est.)	James B. Nicolls, 425-452-2869 JBNicolls@bellevuewa.gov
161st Ave SE & SE 33rd PI Crosswalk: Installing new crosswalk across 161st Ave SE near greenbelt trail and Spiritridge Neighborhood Park. Includes sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, lighting, and a flashing crosswalk system referred to as RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons). Construction Fall 2014. \$120,000.	Kurt Latt, 425-452-6020 Klatt@bellevuewa.gov
rashing beacons). Construction rail 2014. 3 120,000.	



lewport Hills Lake Heights Wastewater Pump Station Rehab: Existing wastewater pumping station assumed from Coal Creek Utility District to be	Contact Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271
rehabilitated to meet current standards. Predesign Summer/Fall 2014. Construction 2016. \$750,000.	Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
lortheast Bellevue	Contact
Hidden Valley Park: Constructing a multi-use gymnasium and improving the sports field in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of	Scott VanderHyden, 425-452-4169
Bellevue. Under construction. \$5 million (for site work). Estimated completion January, 2015. www.bellevuewa.gov/hidden-valley-bgcb-partnership.htm	Svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov
Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 1 Development: Improving the park west of 99th Ave SE. Design underway. Estimated construction	Robin Cole, 425-452-2881
2016 - 2017. \$11 million. <u>www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-park-projects.htm</u>	Rcole@bellevuewa.gov
Northup Way Corridor Improvements: NE 24th St to NE 33rd Place: Adding bike lanes and sidewalks between NE 24th St and NE 33rd Pl, connecting the SR 520 trail with a new regional trail at 108th Ave NE. Final design Fall 2014. \$11.5 million (est.) www.bellevuewa.gov/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
Storm Water Dig and Repair -2014: NE 12th St, west of 108th Ave. Replacing existing storm pipes. Construction January 2015,	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881
expected cost \$100,000.	Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair of sanitary sewer defects multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction early Fall 2014. \$1 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Way NE:NE 20 PI to NE 31 St Fence Replacement: Replacement of existing fences in the right of way along Bellevue Way. Construction Winter 2015. \$200,000.	Greg Lucas, 425-452-4550 Glucas@bellevuewa.gov
Bellevue Way NE – North of 103rd Ave NE Rockery Replacement: Replacement of an existing rockery with an engineered wall.	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619
Construction Winter 2015. \$350,000.	Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Vuecrest Side Sewers: This is the second phase of a previous project. It involves the replacement and/or rehabilitation of side sewers. Predesign late 2014 with construction anticipated 2015. \$470,000.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
ammamish/East Lake Hills	Contact
Bellevue Airfield Park: Design and permitting leading to the construction of future sports fields, trails, picnic facilities and storm water improvements over an existing landfill. Ph. 1 design and permitting 2014-2015. \$1.6 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate_area_properties_master_plan.htm	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Sunset Elementary School Sidewalk: Adding new sidewalk on east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway to connect neighborhoods to crosswalk serving Sunset Elementary. Construction Winter 2014/2015. \$300,000.	Vangie Garcia, 425-452-6103 vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Ballpark: Replacing and/or rehabilitating sanitary sewer south of Lake Hills Blvd and between 151st Ave SE and Lk Hills Greenbelt. Predesign/Permitting 2016. \$400,000.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Replacement – Bogline: Replacing or rehabilitating existing sanitary sewer. Predesign/Permitting to begin 2014-15 with construction anticipated 2015. \$300,000.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
omerset/Sunset	Contact
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail: Working with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to design a new trail from Factoria Blvd SE to the vicinity of 150th Ave SE. Includes lighting, crosswalks, urban design features and landscaping. Design to be completed in 2015. \$430,000. www.bellevuewa.gov/mts-greenway-trail.htm	Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 Cmasek@bellevuewa.gov
Vest Bellevue	Contact
Downtown Park "Complete the Circle": Design and construction to complete circular promenade and canal, and to expand the parking lot off of 100th Ave NE. Design 2014. Construction 2015-2016. \$5 million.	Ken Kroeger, 425-452-4624 Kkroeger@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Park Inspiration Playground: A partnership with the Rotary Club of Bellevue to build a new playground with universally accessible design. Design 2013-2014. Construction will depend on Rotary fundraising.	Pam Fehrman, 425-452-4326 Pfehrman@bellevuewa.gov
Downtown Transportation Plan: Preparing multi-modal transportation alternatives to ensure mobility for residents, employees and visitors through 2030. Transportation Commission recommended policy options in 2013 and prepared a project list in early 2014. Integrating policy and project recommendations with the Downtown Livability Initiative for Council consideration in 2015. \$300,000. Early implementation is proceeding with pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements on 108th Avenue NE and 112th Avenue NE. www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-transportation-plan-update.htm	Kevin McDonald, 425-452-4558 Kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Replacement at Meydenbauer Bay: Replacing 1,200 feet of sewer lake line on shore between Meydenbauer Beach Park and SE Bellevue Place. Construction on hold until 2017 (tbd). On-going coordination with Parks. \$2.3 million.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sewer Lake Line Condition Assessment, Phase 2—Lake Washington: Continuation of condition assessment of 14 miles of buried sewer pipe from Yarrow Point to Renton. 2014-2016. \$350,000.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements: Replacing sewer pump station at SE 15th St and 112th Ave SE with larger station to meet increased future-projected sewer flows associated with growth in downtown area. Construction 2015-2016. \$10 million.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
East CBD Sewer Trunk Line Improvements: Replacing 2,200 feet of sewer pipe with larger diameter pipes serving east side of downtown to meet future-projected sewer flows associated with growth. Construction 2015. \$3 million.	Jay Hummel, 425-452-4160 Jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system within neighborhood area. Construction early Fall 2014. \$1.2 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
Vilburton	Contact
NE 4th St Extension: 116th Ave NE to 120th Ave NE: Extending NE 4th St with five lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks, landscaping,	Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632
storm drainage, street lighting, and a new traffic signal at 120th Ave NE. Phase I is from 116th to Eastside Rail Corridor, under construction through Fall 2014. Construction of Phase II, from Eastside Rail Corridor to 120th Ave, is anticipated in Spring 2015. \$31.1 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-4th-extension.htm	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. Pre-design complete. \$1 million (pre-design only). Coordinating with Sound Transit. www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-sixth-street-extension.htm	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov
120th Ave NE – NE 4th St to NE 8th St (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 complete October 2014. \$8.3 million.	Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 Scosta@bellevuewa.gov



Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade: Replacing 4,400 feet of sewer pipe with larger-diameter pipe to meet sewer capacity for re- development in Wilburton. Includes the following locations: SE 8th St between 112th Ave SE and 114th Ave; 114th Ave SE between SE 8th St and SE 1st St; SE 1st St to Main St along east side of I-405. Construction Spring 2015. \$9.4 million.	Brandon Cole, 425-452-4474 Bcole@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repairing existing sewer system within neighborhood area. Construction early Fall 2014. \$1.2 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
123rd Ave SE Water Service Saddle Replacement: Replacement of existing water service lines and service saddles. Construction end of October 2014 to February 2015, 225K	Vanaja S. Rajah, PE vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
/oodridge	Contact
East Creek/Richards Creek Fish Passage Improvement & Stream Modification: Providing stable streambed control and channel and bank modifications. In Construction. \$560,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
Richards Road Inlet Improvements: Improving an existing inlet and pressure reducing station at Richards Rd near SE 26th St. Construction Fall 2015. \$200,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
123rd Ave SE Sidewalk: SE 20th St to 123rd PI SE: Adding sidewalk on east side of roadway. Working with residents to include traffic safety measures. Construction Spring 2015. \$1.2 million.	John Murphy, 425-452-6967 Jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov
ock Creek	Contact
147th Ln at NE 10th St Sewer Replacement Project: Construct new sewer main to replace an existing sewer main in a swamp. In Construction. \$400,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
actoria	Contact
Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2014, Phase 1: Repair sanitary sewer defects, multiple locations in neighborhood. Construction early Fall 2014. \$1 million.	Stephen Noeske, 425-452-5271 Snoeske@bellevuewa.gov
arious Locations	Contact
East Link Light Rail: Working collaboratively with Sound Transit to advance final design of the project from I-90 through the Bel-Red Corridor. Construction mid-2015. \$2.8 billion. www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm / www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm / www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm / www.soundtransit.org/eastlink	Kate March, 425-452-2055 Kmarch@bellevuewa.gov
2014 Pavement Overlay Program: Sidewalk ramp work continues ahead of the resurfacing project at Highland Drive, SE 63rd St and 128th Ave SE/ 123rd Ave SE on Woodridge. Complete Spring 2015. \$4.4 million. www.bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm	Teresa Becker, 425-452-7942 Tbecker@bellevuewa.gov
2014 Utilities Overlay and Pavement Restoration: Minor Overlay and Pavement restoration associated with utility pipeline projects. In Construction. \$250,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main Replacement 2014: Replacing 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement (AC) water main with ductile iron pipe. In Construction. \$1.4 million.	Abe Santos, 425-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
AC Water Main Replacement 2015 Phase 1 : Replacing 1.5 miles of aging asbestos cement (AC) water main with ductile iron pipe. Construction in January 2015. \$1.6 million.	Abe Santos, 425-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV & Commercial Meter Vault Modifications 2015: Upgrading a control-valve vault, a PRV vault and two commercial water meter vaults for improved maintenance access. Construction January 2015. \$200,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@bellevuewa.gov
PRV Replacement 2015: Replacing aging pressure reducing valve stations to regulate water pressure in various neighborhoods. Construction January 2015. \$350,000.	Abe Santos, 425-452-6456 Asantos@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 156th Ave NE, NE 20th St, Bel-Red Rd and Bellevue Way SE corridors. It includes 26 new Flashing Yellow Arrow left turns. Installation starts October 2014. \$500,000.	Fred Liang, 425-452-5361 Fliang@bellevuewa.gov
Sanitary Sewer Trenchless Repair 2014: Repairing several sanitary sewer defects at various locations by trenchless method. Construction Summer 2014. \$200,000.	Vanaja S. Rajah, 425-452-4881 Vrajah@bellevuewa.gov
Commercial Water Meter Replacement – 2014 Phase 1: Replacing four aging water meters that no longer meet current standards at various commercial sites in Bellevue. Construction through fall 2014. \$153,000.	Dan Ross, 425-452-4362 Dross@bellevuewa.gov

Prepare now for the rainy season

When rain storms are intense, the city's storm drain system can become overwhelmed and flooding can occur. It's a good idea to get prepared now and know what to do to protect your property and yourself.

Properties in floodplains or next to streams, lakes and wetlands are

Ask your insurance carrier for information about the NFIP and keep in mind that Bellevue residents receive a 25 percent discount on NFIP policies due to Bellevue's floodplain management program. There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy goes into effect.

most vulnerable to flooding. Floodplains benefit the entire community by providing temporary storage of floodwaters until a storm subsides.

Bellevue's drainage system also includes flood detention ponds, pipes and ditches. Some parking lots and parks are even designed to fill with water during big storms.

Of course, you don't need to be in a floodplain to experience flooding. Most flooding in Bellevue is caused by storm drains clogged with leaves and debris, espessially in heavy rains. Utilities crews inspect, clean and maintain the city's storm drain system, but there are more than 20,000 public storm drains around the city and resident's help keeping them free of debris is appreciated.

Floodplain boundary lines are shown on FEMA flood insurance rate maps. To find out if your property is in a floodplain, call Utilities at 425-452-6977 or check Bellevue's floodplain maps at www.bellevuewa.gov/ floodplain_map.htm The city also keeps elevation certificates on file for permitted construction within the floodplain.

Flood insurance is required for structures in the floodplain that also have federally-backed mortgages. Flood insurance can be purchased through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides flood insurance for all properties. Even if you don't live in a floodplain, flood insurance is recommended because a typical homeowner's insurance policy will not cover water damage unless the damage is caused by interior flooding, such as an overflowing toilet or a leaking sink.

- Report flooding, lack of water or water main breaks at your home or business, by calling the Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.
- Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves, so you can do so if your property floods. For information on gas and electric shutoff procedures, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. If you need help locating your main water shut off valve, call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-7840.
- Move to higher floors or higher ground if you experience flooding. Never wade or drive through flooded areas. If your car stalls in water, abandon it and move to higher ground.
- Prevent erosion and slow stormwater runoff by preserving trees, plants and grasses on steep slopes and near streams and lakes. Keep them clear of debris too.
- If there are drainage problems near your property, call Utilities at 425-452-7840. Help Utilities by removing leaves from nearby clogged storm drains.
- Routinely clear leaves, debris, sediment and rocks from driveways, culverts, drainage ditches, swales, gutters and downspouts.
- If your crawlspace or basement floods or has standing water, you may want to install a sump pump. If you already have a pump, test it regularly.

Community Calendar

Bellevue Essentials Resource Fair

Oct. 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m. City Hall, first-floor Learn about city programs and services such as Neighborhood Outreach, Mediation and Youth Link. 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@ bellevuewa.gov

The Phantom Tollbooth

Oct. 24 through Nov. 2 Bellevue Youth Theatre 16661 Northup Way All ages. \$10-\$12 per ticket 425-452-7155 or byt@bellevuewa. gov

South Bellevue Spookfest

South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way

Spookfest Zip Tour

Oct. 24-26 and 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: \$24/ages 16-17; \$39/ages 18 & up

Suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark

Pre-registration required.

Spookfest Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Costs vary for activities. All ages family event. No pre-registration is required.

Spookfest Great SBCC Pumpkin Race

Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon Free; \$18 for supplies, if needed Register and receive directions to prepare for race day.

Ages 6 & up; Pre-registration is required code #87027

Register at

www.MyParksandRecreation.com 425-452-4240 or sbcc@bellevuewa. gov

Pumpkin Pals

Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Art, music, snacks and a pumpkin relay race for ages 2 to 5. \$20/residents and \$30/nonresidents. Additional child \$5/ residents and \$6/non-residents. Preregistrion required. #85525 Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. 425-452-4106

Halloween Luncheon

Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. North Bellevue Community Center

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave. NE Staff and volunteers will serve a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided. Pre-registration required by Nov. 10. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. \$3-\$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome. 425-452-7681

Babes in Toyland

Nov. 28 & 29 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 29 & 30 at 2 p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre production Meydenbauer Theatre 11100 NE Sixth St. Adventure awaits as all your favorite characters come together to stop an evil plot. Suitable for all ages. Cost is \$12-\$14 per ticket. 425-452-7155



Kids prepare for the Spookfest Great Pumpkin Race at the South Bellevue Community Center.

Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Classes

Nov. 27–7, 8:15, or 9:30 a.m. South Bellevue Community Center 14509 SE Newport Way Free with donation of Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase socks and underwear for disadvantaged kids in the Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Preregistration is required. Ages 13+

425-452-4240

"Fit for the Feast" Masters Swim Workout

Nov. 27, 9 to 11 a.m. Bellevue Aquatic Center 601 143rd Ave. NE.

Bellevue Magic Season Garden d'Lights

Nov. 29 – Jan. 3, 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. nightly (last entry at 9) Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St. \$5. Free for children 10 and under.

Free parking also at Wilburton Hill Park and BSD office. \$5/premium on-site parking; free for limited mobility. Tickets are available online starting 10/15 www.gardendlights.org 425-452-6844

Bellevue Magic Season Ice Arena

presented by Bank of America

Nov. 28-Jan. 11; open daily, hours vary Bellevue Downtown Park

Hilltop Holiday Craft Show

Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Northwest Arts Center 9825 NE 24th St. Thousands of quality crafts from more than 65 of Northwest's finest artists and crafters. Free admission. 425-452-4106 or NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Christmas Ship Festival

Dec. 4, Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lk WA Blvd. SE, 8:50–9:10 p.m. Dec. 22, Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419-98th Ave NE, 8:25–8:45 p.m. See the ships from onshore and enjoy a beach fire to keep you warm. Free event. Pre-registration is not required.

425-452-4106 or NWAC@ bellevuewa.gov

Youth Holiday Party

Dec. 16, 4:30-7 p.m. Crossroads Community Center Bellevue infants, youth and teens in need can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy entertainment and refreshments and receive a gift. Child must be present to receive a gift. Free for Bellevue families in need. No pre-registration required. 425-452-4874

Celebrate Snow Dance

Dec. 9, 2 to 4 p.m. North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave. NE. Enjoy favorites of the Big Band era with the Sounds of Swing band. \$3 per person at the door. Preregistration not required. 425-452-7681

Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.to 1 p.m. North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE. Festive holiday meal co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. Enjoy seasonal music preceding lunch. Pre-register by Dec. 9. \$3 to \$6 suggested donation per participant. All ages welcome. 425-452-7681

The Theatre at Meydenbauer

A special holiday series of musical and dramatic productions by regional and local performance groups. For complete information, visit theatreatmeydenbauer.com or www.magicseason.com

4063 148th Ave. NE

Lunch and fun music, costumes encouraged. Ages 18+; Cost \$3 for adults 60+; \$6 for all others. Preregistration required. 425-452-7681

Peter Rabbit and Friends

Nov. 7-9 and 14-16 Bellevue Youth Theatre 16661 Northup Way \$10-\$12 per ticket 425-452-7155 or email byt@ bellevuewa.gov Ages 19 and up. All abilities are welcome. Cost is \$10, includes a T-shirt. 425-452-2806

Youth Appreciation and Safety Day

Nov. 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Bellevue Aquatic Center 601 143rd Ave. NE This event for children ages 12 & under promotes water safety and offers free swimming. Free raffle drawings throughout the event. Free admission and open swim for children 12 & under. 425- 452-4444 NE First St. and 102nd Ave. NE

Partial open-air rink (the only one in the Seattle area) Featuring a heated tent for spectators and larger rink surface. \$12 admission includes skate rentals.

425-453-3110 or BellevueDowntown.com

Snowflake Lane

Nov. 28-Dec. 24 Bellevue Way and NE Eighth St. Snow falls nightly as live toy soldiers and winter characters, music, and a dazzling light show brighten the night. 425-454-8096 or BellevueCollection.com/ SnowflakeLane The community calendar is in the MyBellevue app.

City Contact Information

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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 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 Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091 Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836 Parks & Community Services Aging Services: 452-4200 Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info: 452-6885 Youth Sports: 452-6885 Ballfield Rental: 452-6914 Picnics/Facility Rentals: 452-6914 Park Maintenance: 452-6855 Human Services: 452-6884 Cultural Diversity: 452-7886 Probation: 452-6956 **Community Centers:** Crossroads Community Center: 452-4874 Highland Community Center: 452-7686 North Bellevue Community Center: 452-7681 South Bellevue Community Center: 452-4240 Marina Hotline: 452-4883 Planning & Community Development: 452-7892 Police Crossroads Station: 452-2891

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Skate park ramps up for fundraiser



Photo credit Tim Urpman

The Bellevue Skate Park celebrated its 20th anniversary in style with a fundraiser that featured a huge ramp and some of the best skateboarders in the country.

The three-day event, EZ Rocks Skate for the Cure, raised awareness about adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), a rare, genetically-acquired, fatal disease that affects young boys.

Jono Schwan won the \$10,000 grand prize with a high twisting backflip maneuver, then promptly donated the money to the Zakes Foundation. For more information, visit <u>www.ezrocks.org</u>.

We got your best idea...

Now, the city is adding your ideas to a new Comprehensive Plan. In 2013 the city conducted a "Best Ideas" campaign, which drew hundreds of comments about what's important in the community and how the city should plan for the future.

We heard you, shared those ideas with the city's boards and commissions and used your comments to help draft changes to the city's policies that guide the future of the community.

The boards and commissions met 50 times over the last two years, working to bring the Comprehensive Plan up to date, anticipating changes expected in Bellevue over the next 20 years. Policy updates address issues such as homelessness, the environment, access to the Internet and economic





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growth.

A draft of the new plan will be ready for public review this fall and winter. We look forward to hearing from you.

More information about the city's Comprehensive Plan, including how to request a presentation on the plan at your neighborhood meetings, is available at <u>www.bellevuewa.gov/comp-plan-update.htm</u>.

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